

IMPACT REPORT 2025



Salesian Missions
AUSTRALIA

Helping Youth Build a Better Future

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Cover Image: Don Bosco Fatumaca, Timor-Leste, March 2026

Our Mission Image: Dominic Savio Orphanage, Venilale, Timor Leste, March 2026

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OUR MISSION

We support our partners in providing education and assistance that empowers vulnerable people and communities to overcome adversity and shape their own futures.



WE WORK TOGETHER

with local leaders that are passionate and agents of change within their communities.



Br. Marcel Lopes SDB and a student with installing a water pump in Maliana, Timor-Leste (March, 2025).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear friends,

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with gratitude and hope. This year has been a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when people come together with a shared commitment to supporting vulnerable young people.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, schools, parishes and wider Salesian family, Salesian Missions Australia raised an extraordinary \$2.33 million and supported 48 projects across 19 countries. Behind every dollar is a young person whose life has been transformed through education, healthcare, vocational training or emergency support.

Together, we have helped create opportunities that will shape futures for years to come:

- More than **14,300 students** in **Timor-Leste** accessed education through Salesian schools, while thousands more benefited from vocational training in areas such as construction, automotive technology and renewable energy.
- The **Venilale Clinic** in Timor-Leste provided care to **8,499 patients**, supporting the health and wellbeing of families and communities.
- In **Samoa**, a new school bus improved safety and access to education for students attending Don Bosco Technical College.
- In **India**, young people at risk, remote villages, street children and vulnerable families received education, assistance and pathways to employment.
- Across **Africa**, refugees and displaced communities gained access to food security programs, education and vocational training that restore dignity and independence.
- In **Ukraine**, we continued supporting students and teachers living amid conflict, ensuring education and psychological support remained available during incredibly difficult circumstances.

We also responded to emergencies across many countries including the Myanmar earthquake which destroyed many buildings. We continue to provide vital relief to communities affected by conflict, floods, earthquakes and displacement.

What inspires me most is that our work is not simply about delivering aid. It is about nurturing confidence, skills and hope in young people so they can build brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

Thank you for walking alongside us in this mission. Your compassion continues to change lives every day.

Tina Newton

Director, Salesian Missions Australia

OUR VALUES

As Salesians, we draw our inspiration from Catholic Social Teaching



Human Dignity	<i>Every person has inherent worth.</i>
Common Good	<i>We seek the wellbeing of all.</i>
Participation	<i>Everyone deserves a voice.</i>
Solidarity	<i>We stand together.</i>
Care for the Poor	<i>We prioritise the vulnerable.</i>
Economic Justice	<i>Work should support human dignity.</i>
Stewardship	<i>We care for creation.</i>

These principles guide our commitment to promoting and protecting the **human rights of all people** through equality, inclusion, non-discrimination and access to opportunity.

Fr. Bernie Graham SDB blessing the new school bus
in Alafua, Samoa (February, 2025).

CHAIR'S REPORT

Dear friends,

Reflecting upon our namesake, St. Francis de Sales, gentle and loving shepherd of the Church, we are now all called to imitate him. There is an obligation to manifest God's love in our lives and in the service of our neighbour; to work diligently in the mission to the young; and to seek every opportunity and circumstance of life to teach kindness, patience and active charity, so as to imbue with the Christian spirit the various areas of ecclesial, social, political, economic and cultural life.

Salesian Missions' focus is clear: supporting youth education, which is at the heart of the Salesian mission worldwide. Inspired by the Catholic faith and the charism of Don Bosco, this work is a proven path out of poverty for many young people in our care.

In 2025, our work in Samoa has been strongly supported by generous donors, resulting in the sponsorship of a new bus for the school in Alafua. This is a direct way to ensure not only suitable and reliable transport, but also safety and dignity for the students.

Our support for education has also extended to other nations, including Timor-Leste, Cambodia, India, Mongolia, Vietnam and more. We have responded to many emergencies and relief efforts in 2025, including in Myanmar, Ukraine, and Africa. In these difficult and challenging circumstances, the work of the Missions creates programs that directly support many young people to continue their education, nurture hope, and allow their families and communities to access essential needs and rebuild their living conditions.

We strengthen our international Don Bosco collaboration by working with the Don Bosco Network, an alliance of Don Bosco Missions Offices worldwide, to maximise the response in emergency situations and to continue the Salesian commitment of accompanying young people, especially the poor and most vulnerable.

We also farewelled Mrs Olga Elliott, who served faithfully in the Salesian Missions Australia Office for 46 fruitful years. We thank Olga for her remarkable contribution to our mission and wish her every blessing in retirement. I also wish to acknowledge and thank the dedicated staff of the Salesian Missions Australia Office, whose commitment, professionalism and faithful service ensure that our mission continues to reach young people in need.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors. We could not fulfil our mission without your trust and support. Together, as partners in the education and development of young people, we are helping to create opportunities and transform lives.

Let the unity of our faith in Jesus Christ be the light shining on our Salesian charism, which in turn gives us the forward-thinking and vision for our mission. May God continue to bless these efforts, and I pray and trust that this good work will continue to be effective and fruitful in the future.

Sincerely yours,



Fr. Peter Hoang SDB
Provincial
Australia-Pacific Province.

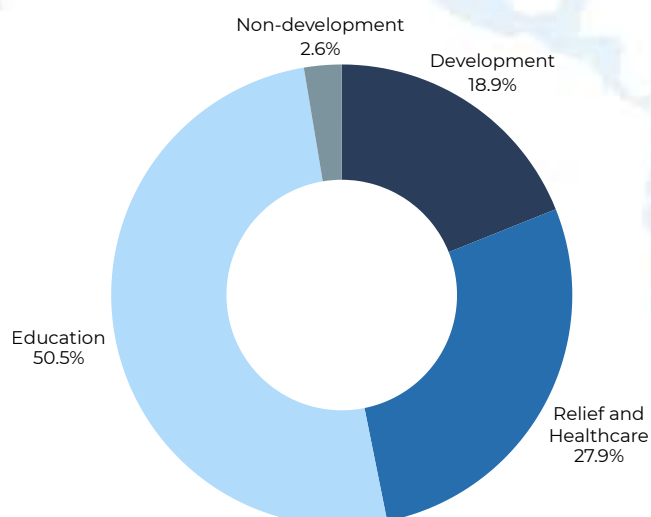
OUR WORK

Australia-Pacific Province
Overseas Partners Supported

\$1.2m
Distributed

19
Countries
received assistance

48
Projects
see breakdown below:



EDUCATION

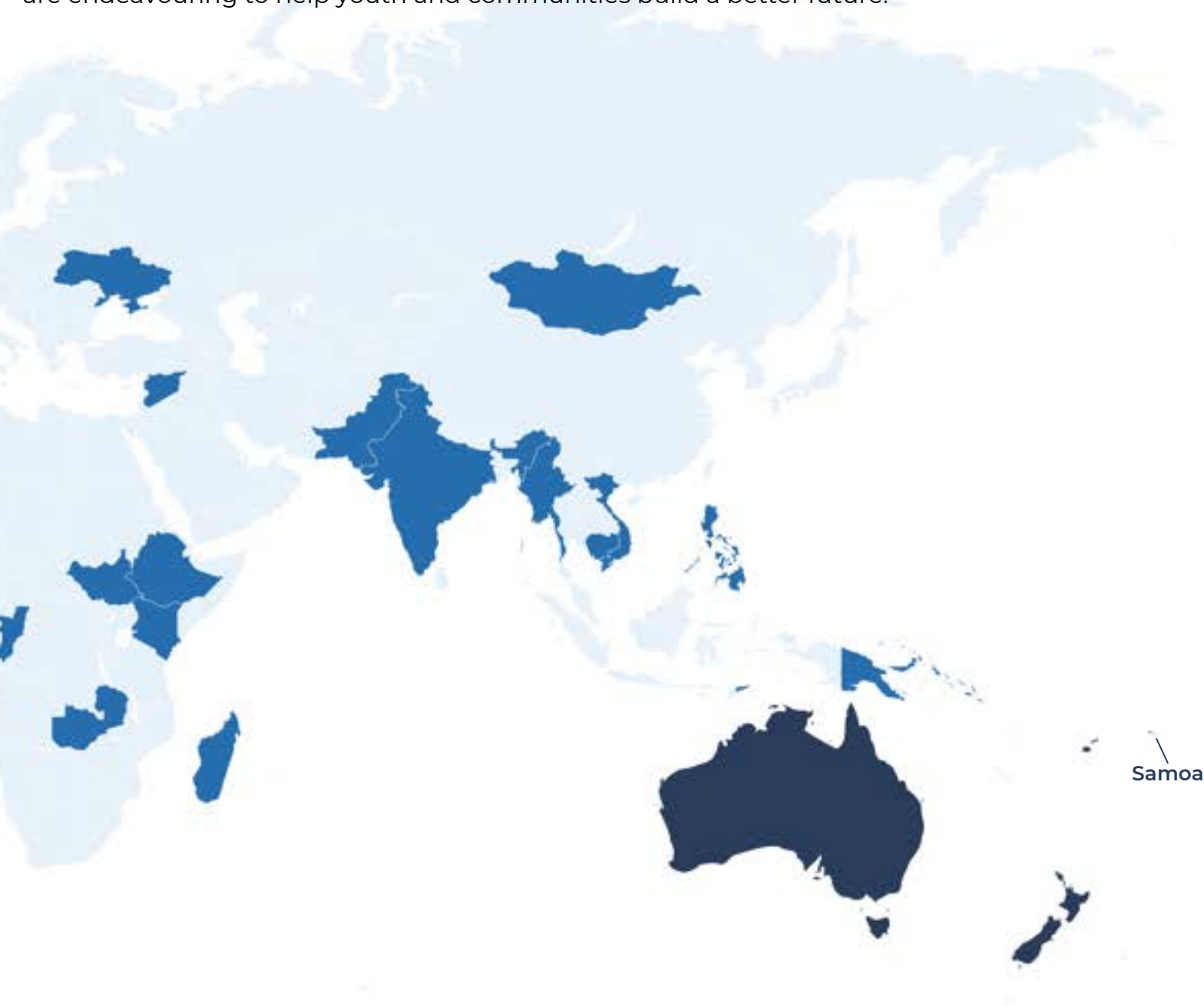
Education is at the heart of everything we do. Don Bosco schools, vocational centres, and training programs provide young people with the knowledge and practical skills needed to secure meaningful employment and build independent futures. By investing in quality education and vocational training, we help break cycles of poverty and create opportunities for long-term social and economic development.

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DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Our development projects strengthen communities through sustainable, locally led initiatives. We support schools, agricultural colleges, water projects, orphanages, family assistance programs, and community centres that respond to local needs. Because our Salesian partners live and work within their communities, projects are designed with a deep understanding of local challenges and opportunities, ensuring lasting impact.

The Salesians of Don Bosco are operating in **137 countries** which includes many of the world's poorest nations. With a large contingent of about 28,000 committed religious men, women, volunteers and others, through a focus on education and training programs they are endeavouring to help youth and communities build a better future.



RELIEF AND HEALTHCARE

We support vulnerable communities through healthcare services, medical outreach, nutrition programs, school meal initiatives, and access to essential supplies. Working with local Salesian partners, we help improve health and wellbeing while providing practical support to children, families, and communities facing hardship.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Salesian Missions Australia responds to humanitarian crises caused by natural disasters, conflict, and displacement. Our partners provide emergency relief, food assistance, temporary shelter, essential supplies, and recovery support to help affected communities rebuild and recover when disaster strikes.



Carpentry students at Don Bosco Technical School Fatumaca, Timor-Leste (March, 2026).

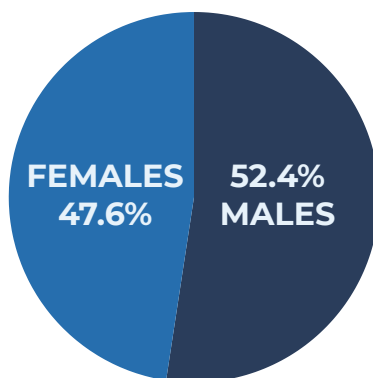
OUR WORK:

TIMOR-LESTE

Timor Leste, located just northwest of Darwin, is one of the youngest and poorest nations in Southeast Asia. Since gaining independence in 2002, the country has faced ongoing challenges in education, healthcare and economic development, particularly in rural areas where most families survive through subsistence farming.

In this context, the work of the Salesians of Don Bosco has become a transformative force. Their commitment to education, skills training and community care is making a dynamic impact on the future of the country and its youth.

14,300+
Students



70+
Schools

In Comoro, at the Don Bosco Technical Training Centre young people from across the country receive hands-on training in construction, automotive repair and office administration, skills that translate directly into jobs, especially in the capital, Dili.

In Maliana, a remote district, the Don Bosco Co-educational Technical School provides boarding and education in electronics and solar installation, with plans to expand into air-conditioning systems, a move that will increase employment opportunities in a country eager for renewable energy solutions.

In Fuiloro, The Don Bosco Agricultural College is equipping students with modern farming techniques, improving crop yields and livestock care. This empowers graduates to return to their villages as agents of change, helping boost family income and food security.

Girls and women who have had minimal chance of higher education are finding hope at the Madalena Morano Women Training Centre, where they receive training, support and opportunities to pursue meaningful careers.

“Your support has made a real and lasting difference in the lives of many students and communities across the country.”

Fr. José de Sá SDB
Rector, Don Bosco Fuiloro



Top: Patients waiting to be seen at the Venilale Clinic, Timor-Leste (January 2025).

Bottom: Sr. Carolina and the staff of the Venilale Clinic, Timor-Leste (March 2026).



OUR WORK:

TIMOR-LESTE

In Venilale, each day people arrive at the Auxiliadora Medical Clinic, some walking for hours from distant villages, seeking care they cannot find elsewhere.

Run by the Salesian Sisters, this small clinic has become a trusted place of healing for families across the region. Many travel from beyond the eight local villages, choosing to come because they know they will be welcomed and cared for.

Patients come with illnesses that can quickly become serious if left untreated, including malaria, pneumonia, tuberculosis, respiratory infections, and conditions linked to poor nutrition. Alongside treatment, the Sisters offer practical, life changing support such as vitamins for pregnant mothers, nutritional care for children, and milk for vulnerable infants.

The clinic is more than a place of treatment. It is also a place where people learn how to care for themselves and their families, building healthier futures across the community.

Even a small contribution helps sustain the clinic, but no one is turned away if they cannot pay.

What makes this place truly special is not only the care provided, but the trust it inspires. People share their experiences with others, and word spreads far beyond Venilale, drawing in families from even the most remote communities.

With the support of donors, the Sisters continue this work each day, offering care, restoring health, and bringing hope to families who might otherwise go without it.

***“We care in a holistic way... giving life to those who are sick.
Your support is very much appreciated.”***

Sr. Carolina Correia FMA
Director

Made possible with your support, in 2025:

8,499

Patients treated

40-70

Patients daily

1,400+

Students taught
health education

311

Couples supported
in family planning

80+

Young mothers
supported



Top: The new school bus taking students home at the end of the day (Alafua, Samoa May 2026).

Bottom: An overcrowded classroom at Don Bosco Technical College Alafua, Samoa (May, 2025).



OUR WORK:

SAMOA

Don Bosco Technical College (DBTC) in Samoa continues to provide vital educational opportunities to young people through quality technical and vocational training. Located on the island of Upolu, the Centre offers eight trade qualifications in areas such as plumbing, welding, electrical, automotive, mechanical engineering, sewing, hospitality and fine arts. In a country where approximately 50% of the population is under the age of 21 and youth unemployment is high, the work of the Salesians is more important than ever.

Recently, with generous support, DBTC was able to replace its aging pickup truck with a dedicated school bus. This was a critical improvement, ensuring students now travel safely to major bus terminals to catch connecting services particularly during Samoa's tropical rainy season. The service was introduced in response to rising concerns about student safety at public transport hubs, which have become hotspots for brawls and drug activity.

As enrolments grow, DBTC faces a serious challenge: classroom overcrowding. Aside from a small number of specialist spaces, the school has not seen significant infrastructure development since opening in 1988. The Centre is now seeking support for the construction of additional classrooms, including a multi-purpose room that will serve as the school's first ever library.

This expansion will alleviate overcrowding and improve learning conditions, allow for increased enrolment and sustainable growth, provide tailored support for diverse student needs, establish a dedicated space for reading, study and research and increase long-term employment prospects through improved English skills.

Importantly, students in the building and construction trades will be actively involved in the project, gaining practical experience and a sense of ownership over the improvements.

We extend our sincere thanks to our Australian partners who continue to support DBTC through their Feast Day celebrations and fundraising efforts. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the contributions of Salesian College Chadstone and Sunbury, St John Bosco Schools and Parish Engadine, St Joseph's Ferntree Gully, Dominic College Glenorchy, Nagle College Bairnsdale and Xavier College Gawler. Your commitment is helping us build not just facilities, but brighter futures for the youth of Samoa.

Fa'afetai tele lava.

Thank you for your continued support.



Top: Students studying in the Automotive Department of DBTC Mumbai (April 2025).

Bottom Left: Youth-at-Risk Centre near Kalaburagi Railway Station (March 2025).
Bottom Right: Students studying at Shelter Don Bosco in Mumbai (April 2025).



OUR WORK:

INDIA

The Salesians of Don Bosco in India extend heartfelt gratitude to all our generous supporters. Your kindness is not just a donation, it is an investment in dignity, opportunity and transformation. With your continued support, we are empowering thousands of young people from the poorest and most vulnerable backgrounds to reclaim their futures with confidence and hope.

Fr Edwin D'Souza SDB from Mumbai expressed,

“Our work is only possible because of compassionate donors like you. Together, we are not only meeting urgent needs but creating sustainable change for one child, one youth, one family at a time. Thank you for walking this journey with us.”

In Mumbai, our mission focuses on skill development, care for street children and legal empowerment:

- **Don Bosco Training Centres** equip youth with in-demand skills aligned with industry needs. Through corporate partnerships, we provide apprenticeship opportunities, career counselling and campus recruitment events giving trainees a real chance at employment.
- **Shelter Don Bosco** serves marginalized boys (ages 9–18), offering a safe home, education, and vocational training. For older youth (18–24), we provide transitional support, helping them move towards independent, stable lives.
- **Our Street Outreach Program** engages youth living on the streets, offering meals, hygiene support, counselling and access to addiction recovery and healthcare services.
- **The Advocacy and Legal Aid Program** defends the rights of migrant workers and girls at risk, offering legal support, awareness workshops and life-skills training.

In Bangalore and across Karnataka and Kerala, Fr. Francis Vattukulam SDB and the Salesian team work at the frontlines in slums and high-risk areas. Here, children face daily threats to their safety, education and wellbeing.

- We are establishing **Child Safety Nets** in slums, including supplementary education centres and creches that offer holistic care, education, counselling, career guidance and rehabilitation services.
- Key projects underway include:
 - A **Youth-at-Risk Centre** near Kalaburagi Railway Station to rescue and rehabilitate runaway children and child labourers.
 - **Renovation of toilet facilities** in boarding homes to ensure dignity and hygiene for rural children.
 - **Scholarship support for rescued rural girls** pursuing higher education who cannot afford college fees.



Top: Don Bosco students in Uganda selling goods made in their Agricultural Program (June 2025).

Bottom: Students using the new workshops at Don Bosco Technical Training College in Tanzania (July 2025).



OUR WORK:

AFRICA

Across several regions of Africa, the humanitarian crisis facing internally displaced people (IDPs) continues to deepen. War, political instability, economic hardship and natural disasters have driven millions from their homes. For these vulnerable communities, many living in makeshift shelters or overcrowded camps; access to food, education and healthcare is a daily struggle.

In the face of these immense challenges, the Salesians of Don Bosco are offering more than just relief they are offering hope.

From South Sudan to Ethiopia, from Uganda to Tanzania, Salesian missionaries are walking alongside displaced people, often being the only organization permanently living and working inside camps. Their presence is not only practical, it is profoundly personal.

As Fr Ubaldino from Uganda explains;

“We live with the displaced people, to give them support and comfort.”

In Dodoma, Tanzania, the Don Bosco Technical Training College has opened its doors, offering diplomas in civil engineering, mechatronics, vocational teacher training and hospitality. Although construction is complete, funding is urgently needed to equip the workshops so the college can fully meet national curriculum standards. With proper support, the institution will become a beacon of learning and upskilling for young people and teachers across Tanzania.

In Gumbo, Juba (South Sudan), Salesian Missions Australia supported St. Vincent de Paul Parish in launching a food distribution program for 200 of the community's most vulnerable elders many of whom have been abandoned due to the overwhelming economic crisis. As Fr Arokianathan shares, “These individuals are especially susceptible to hunger and malnutrition. The project was an emergency response to bring relief and restore dignity.” Beyond nourishment, the initiative raised community awareness and promoted compassion toward the forgotten elderly.

In refugee camps in Kakuma and Palabek in Uganda, Salesians run educational centres that have empowered over 19,000 displaced youth with vocational training. In Kakuma alone, more than 2,000 students each year receive skills in trades that can support their families and rebuild futures. These programs not only provide knowledge but foster resilience and long-term independence.

In Tigray, Ethiopia, where the scars of civil war remain raw, Salesian Missions Australia and Misiones Salesianas Madrid are partnering with local Salesians to support IDPs still unable to return to their homes. This initiative aims to rebuild homes, restore food security through farming and livestock and provide trauma recovery and peacebuilding programs. The destruction of infrastructure, coupled with psychological trauma and the loss of over half a million lives, makes these efforts critical in helping families regain stability and dignity.

OUR RESPONSE

in times of crisis, and during the rebuilding.



Salesians in Cebu providing rice, food packs, and relief goods to affected communities (October 2025).

When disaster strikes, it is often children and vulnerable families who are affected most. Through the support of our Salesian partners, Salesian Missions Australia is able to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies, providing immediate relief while also supporting long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts.

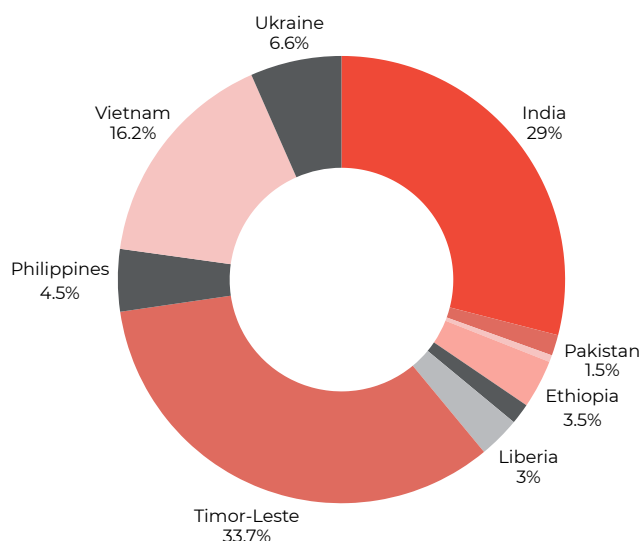
What makes this response unique is that our Salesian partners are not external aid providers, **they are members of the communities they serve.** They experience the same floods, conflicts, food shortages, and crises as the people around them, yet remain committed to supporting children, young people, and families through the most challenging circumstances. Together, we help ensure that young people can continue their education, communities can access essential food and medical support, and families can begin rebuilding their lives with dignity and hope.

2025 Emergency Relief Highlights

In 2025, Salesian Missions Australia supported emergency relief and recovery initiatives across 8 countries, helping communities meet immediate needs while strengthening long-term resilience.

A SNAPSHOT: \$340k Distributed for Relief Programs

 **10**
Countries
see breakdown below:



India – Supported food programs for vulnerable students and assisted communities rebuilding after the devastating Kerala floods.

Pakistan – Helped restore security fencing and critical infrastructure damaged during severe monsoon flooding, ensuring students could safely return to school.

Ethiopia – Provided essential aid and support for internally displaced people (IDPs) affected by ongoing humanitarian challenges.

Syria – Funded food assistance programs to ensure vulnerable children and young people continued to receive nutritious meals.

South Sudan – Supported food initiatives aimed at combating malnutrition and reducing food insecurity among families and young people.

Liberia – Delivered emergency food relief to young people and families experiencing extreme poverty and hardship.

Timor-Leste – Supported school lunch programs, healthcare services and medical clinic resources, food for boarding students, and urgent needs within Salesian-run orphanages.

Vietnam – Assisted communities in Northern Vietnam as they recovered and rebuilt following widespread flood damage.



Families displaced by Typhoon Kalmaegi take shelter at Don Bosco facilities in Cebu as Salesian communities provide immediate relief, support and a safe place to recover (December 2025).

OUR RESPONSE:

STANDING WITH CEBU IN CRISIS

On 3 November 2025, Typhoon Kalmaegi became the twentieth severe storm to strike the Philippines that year. The impact was devastating. Across Cebu, more than 500,000 people were affected by widespread flooding, with communities already vulnerable after a 6.9 magnitude earthquake just weeks earlier.

Seven Don Bosco Salesian centres and parishes across Cebu experienced significant damage. Roofing was torn away, trees were uprooted, and essential equipment was destroyed. In Liloan, the situation was particularly severe. At the Don Bosco Boys' Home and St John Bosco Parish, floodwaters surged through buildings, leaving knee-deep mud and forcing families to evacuate.

Fr Eugenio reflected on those moments of crisis:

“When the typhoon struck, Don Bosco Boys’ Home became knee-deep in muddy water, as well as St John Bosco Parish. The entire ground floor was covered in mud. People had to evacuate from their homes and go to the parish’s second floor for safety. So many families have asked for help.”

Despite experiencing their own losses, the Salesian community responded immediately. Shelter, food, clean-up support and pastoral care were provided to affected families. Their presence offered not only practical assistance, but also reassurance and hope in a time of uncertainty.

However, the scale of the disaster has left ongoing needs. Many buildings require urgent repair, while families continue to recover from the loss of homes and livelihoods. Restoring safety and stability will take time, resources and sustained support.

In response, Salesian Missions Australia has launched an Emergency Relief initiative for Cebu, focused on both immediate recovery and long-term resilience. The program includes temporary housing for displaced residents, clearing mud and debris, repairing damaged infrastructure, and strengthening flood protection systems to reduce future risk.

This work is about more than rebuilding structures. It is about restoring dignity, stability and hope for communities who have endured repeated hardship.



Salesians in Myanmar providing aid to affected communities (April 2025).

OUR RESPONSE:

EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATION IN MYANMAR

On the 28th March a powerful 7.7 magnitude earthquake recently struck Mandalay and the surrounding regions, leaving a trail of devastation in its wake. The Salesian communities in Mandalay and Anisakan were hit hard. The boarding home for street children and several classrooms suffered major structural damage, including collapsed ceilings and shattered walls.

The Don Bosco Myanmar team immediately sprang into action, reaching out to displaced families with emergency relief. They distributed essential items such as mosquito nets, tarpaulins, umbrellas, mats, bed sheets and pillows. To help families stay connected and safe, they also provided electricity through a generator, allowing victims to charge their phones and lamps overnight.

Fr. Bosco shared:

“Everyone in society has been impacted. Buildings housing shops and hotels have collapsed, leaving already struggling families without jobs or income.”

Looking ahead, the Salesians are preparing to:

- Support over 800 families with essential goods and supplies
- Launch nutritional programs for more than 300 children
- Provide educational aid for students who can no longer afford schooling

This disaster has struck Myanmar at a time of deep political instability, further complicating humanitarian aid efforts. Transport and communication remain extremely difficult. And yet, despite these immense challenges, the Salesians are unwavering in their mission to bring hope, healing and dignity to those who need it most.

In 2026, we will support the the Salesians to begin work on much-needed structural upgrades. The refurbishment will provide new classrooms, study and recreation spaces, and an infirmary to improve health and living conditions for the young people in their care.

**OUR WORK IN UKRAINE SUPPORTS THE
REHABILITATION AND WELLBEING OF YOUNG
PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY
THE WAR, HELPING THEM REBUILD
CONFIDENCE, RESILIENCE, AND HOPE.**



The Salesian Oratory in Zhytomyr (May 2025).

OUR RESPONSE:

AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO UKRAINIANS

Three years into the war in Ukraine, families continued to face immense challenges as conflict, displacement and economic hardship affected daily life. In Zhytomyr, many parents had lost jobs, homes or loved ones, making it increasingly difficult to meet the cost of their children's education. As the war's impact deepened, access to safe, stable learning environments became more important than ever.

In 2025, Salesian Missions Australia supported the Salesian Vsesvit Liceum in Zhytomyr, helping to ensure that hundreds of young people could continue their education despite the ongoing emergency.

The project focused on strengthening the school's ability to serve its students during a time of uncertainty. Support contributed to the financial stability of the school, helping cover teacher salaries and ensuring that educational services could continue uninterrupted throughout the school year. Additional funding also strengthened psychological support services for students, including better resources for the school psychologist and extra counselling support to help young people cope with the trauma and stress caused by the war.

The initiative directly benefited 240 students and 40 teachers, providing a safe and supportive environment where children could learn, grow and regain a sense of normality. For many students, school offered far more than education. It provided routine, stability, caring relationships and access to safe facilities during a period when much of life remained unpredictable.

A message from our Salesians in Ukraine:

*“Your solidarity is not just a gesture - it is a real change in the lives of many people. It is **hope** for children who can continue their education, it is **security** for families who have found a roof over their head, it is **support** for those who do not give up and build a future despite the difficulties.*

We thank you for your unwavering commitment, shown so many times during the last three years!”

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

2023 - 2026

Develop an ongoing understanding and connection with partners to better understand and evaluate needs and challenges. Build upon the connection to Australian local schools to explore a global Salesian Family.

Encourage the renewal of our policies and procedures to ensure a greater commitment to change and equality.

Empower young people and minority groups by supporting our partners to deliver a quality and inclusive education system that ensures opportunities are targeted to those in need.

Plan, Monitor and Evaluate projects to deepen our understanding in the delivery of successful, positive and sustainable outcomes. Strengthen the ability for feedback to our partners to deepen a mutual beneficial relationship and connection which delivers positive outcomes for all.

Strengthen our relationship and connection with our schools and supporters, be present in the understanding of needs and use new ways to feedback project outcomes and success stories to improve engagement.

Explore new initiatives and technology to secure ongoing support for our work and invest in staff, systems, technology and training to improve effectiveness and success.

Learn from past experiences and listen to our partners and stakeholders to deliver stronger sustainable outcomes.



Students from Don Bosco Technical School in Maumali, Maliana, Timor-Leste (March 2025).

OUR PEOPLE

OUR TEAM



Tina Newton
Director



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ADVISORY TEAM

Chaired by Lauren Hichaaba (Salesian Delegate for Mission Animation), the Mission Advisory Team brings together key stakeholders, with ASMOAF supporting the wider Salesian Family through mission initiatives, partnerships, and development projects.

Lauren Hichaaba

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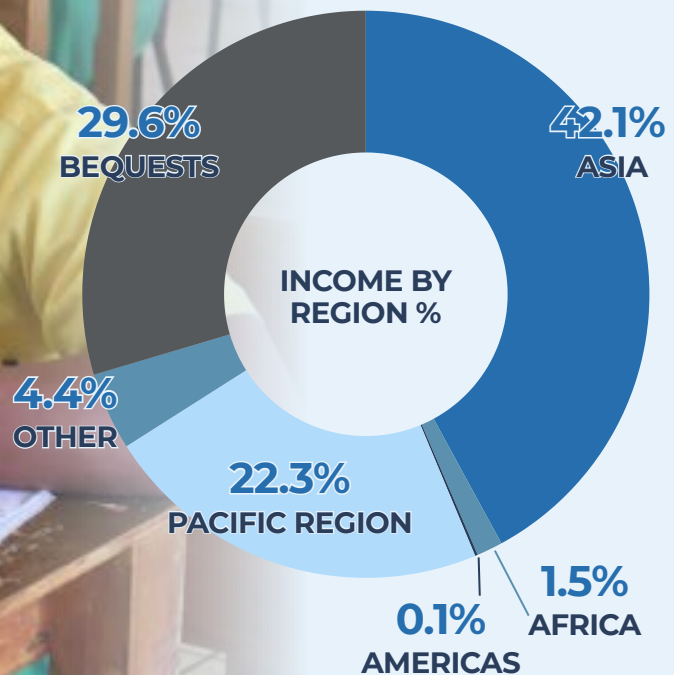
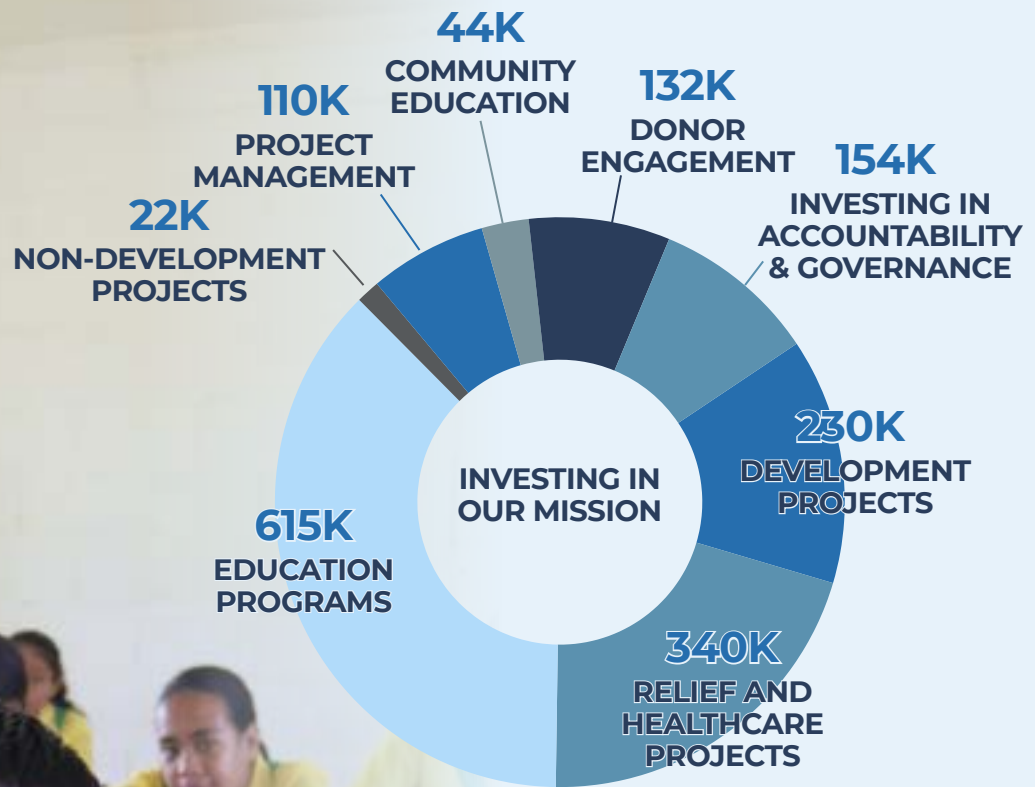
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Students studying at Don Bosco Vocational College and High School in Salelologa, Samoa (May 2026).

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

FOR THE YEAR OF 2025

\$2.3m
Raised

19
Countries

48
Projects

Salesian Missions Australia is owned and operated by Salesian Society (Vic) Inc. It attracts support from donors all over Australia. Total revenue raised in 2025 for overseas development work was **\$2,328,379** an increase of **\$515K** on donations received in the previous year.

Total expenditure was **\$1,624,229** which consisted of transfers to overseas partners and various administrative costs. There is **\$1,662,484** available for distribution in 2026. The operating result for the year ended December 31, 2025 increased by **\$682,477** due to a reduction in the amount of funds disbursed to our partners.

Funds are raised by requests via -

- The Salesian Missions Newsletter and Direct Mailouts.
- Social Media Posts and Articles
- Project specific fundraisers organised by supporters.
- Fundraising activities by schools and parishes.
- Articles in the Salesian Bulletin.

DONOR'S WISHES

Salesian Missions Australia is committed to respecting donor intent and ensuring responsible stewardship of all funds. Over 90% of donations are directed to destinations specified by donors, mainly supporting poverty reduction through education, vocational training, and technical support in developing communities.

Some donors contribute to non-development activities, such as religious purposes including clergy education and church construction. To manage all contributions transparently, Salesian Missions has formalised its long-standing practices with clear guidelines: All donations are receipted, humanitarian and development donations are tax deductible, religious-purpose donations are non-tax deductible and clearly separated in financial records, political donations are not accepted and donor forms clearly state the intended purpose.

Every effort is made to minimise administrative costs so that the greatest possible portion of each donation reaches those in need. This commitment to transparency, accountability, and efficiency ensures the impact of every gift is maximised.



Don Bosco Student in Palabek, Uganda
(March 2025).

PRINCIPLES

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

Salesian Missions Australia is firmly committed to the safety and wellbeing of children. Our Child Safeguarding Policy (CSP) has been implemented locally, with all staff holding a copy and having completed mandatory police checks. Overseas Partners must subscribe to the CSP as a condition of funding, with clear guidelines that the rights of the child are paramount, compliance is mandatory, and local Salesian and Salesian Sister Provincials oversee administration.

The policy has been positively received, and all Partners including those in orphanages, schools, and community centres ensures that their teams are trained and understand their responsibilities. Regular staff training and student sessions promote awareness of rights and empower children to speak out. Through this policy, we ensure a consistent, high standard of child protection across all our programs.

GENDER EQUITY

Salesian Missions Australia is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in employment and accepts that it has a responsibility to create an environment free of discrimination, victimisation, sexual harassment and vilification - in accordance with the articles of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act (1995) regarding staff appointments and management, and with the Salesian Society (Vic) Inc. Code of Conduct, Sex Discrimination and Harassment policies. The principle of gender equity is also underlined in our Working Agreement with our Overseas Partners which must be adopted prior to engagement.

Salesian Missions Australia is committed to respecting, protecting and promoting internationally recognised human rights for all, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, indigeneity, disability, age, displacement, caste, gender, gender identity, sexuality, sexual orientation, poverty, class or socio-economic status. To enable people to realise their rights and assist those responsible for upholding such rights as equality, freedom from discrimination and access to education, in line with the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct.

PRIVACY

We are committed to protecting the privacy of donors and correspondents. Any information provided to us remains private and confidential. Our contact list is not rented, sold or exchanged.



Students from Don Bosco Technical Centre in Alafua, Samoa, celebrating the Graduating Class of 2025 (December 2025).

ACCOUNTABILITY

PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY

Salesian Missions Australia has in place stringent standards for accountability and transparency both in its domestic organisation and for overseas partners. We insist that all our Overseas Partners be accountable for the funds they receive from our office. All Partners are required to sign a Partners Agreement which also enforces the need to be aware of our Policies and Guidelines and integrate these compliance documents into their operations. Policies and Guidelines can be found on our website : www.salesianmissionsaus.org.au

ACFID

Salesian Missions Australia is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), an association of non-government organisations in Australia working in the field of international aid and development.

Salesian Missions Australia is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct which specifies standards in organisational integrity, governance, communication with the public, finances, personnel and management practice. Our financial reports comply with the standards set by the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information, the ACFID Code can be found at www.acfid.asn.au

Salesian Missions Australia undergoes Self-Assessment process every three years to measure our ability to comply with ACFID's Code of Conduct principles and procedures. We remain Compliant to the Code and have also developed a number of Policies and Guidelines to guide our operations. These documents can be viewed on our website www.salesianmissionsaus.org.au. We are committed to full adherence of the ACFID Code of Conduct.

COMPLAINTS

We welcome complaints to improve the way we work and help us to achieve better outcomes in the communities in which we work. In accordance with ACFID's Code of Conduct, ASMOAF has a Complaints Policy.

Donors, Partners or any beneficiary of Salesian Missions Australia projects who wish to complain about any aspect of our management and procedures, may lodge the complaint in writing and forward it to:

The Chairman

ASMOAF Governing Board
Salesian Province Centre
P O Box 264
ASCOT VALE Vic 3032

Our Complaints Policy is on our website. Complaints concerning Code of Conduct breaches should be directed to:

The Chairman

ACFID Code of Conduct
Locked Bag 3
DEAKIN ACT 2600

