

Together we are



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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SOLIDARITY
working in partnership for change





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Solidarity

“Solidarity is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all, because compassion flows from fraternity.”



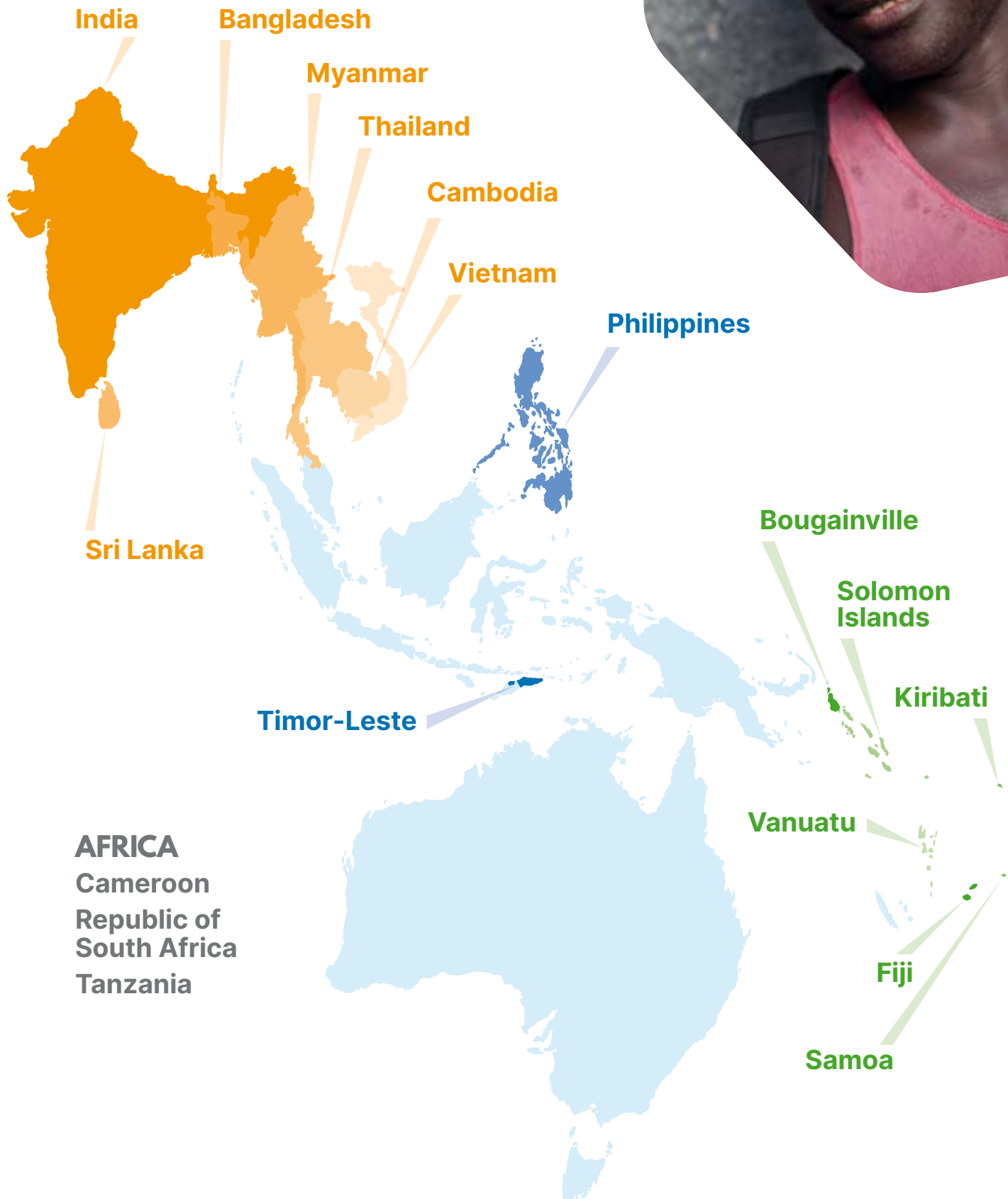
Pope Francis
World Day of Peace 2016

Together, we bring hope



AMS proudly acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land and water on which we rely. We pay respect to Indigenous leaders, past present and future.

Where we work



AFRICA

Cameroon
Republic of South Africa
Tanzania

From the Chairman



Peter Sheehan
Chair AMS Board of Directors

Appointed 2013
Lead Partner BDO

Peter is Lead Partner for
BDO's national Government
Sector Team.

Without a doubt, 2020 will be remembered. From the bushfires and extreme weather events in Australia and the Pacific at the start of the year, through to the global pandemic that still continues as I write this, it made its mark. It also proved that we can get through anything – together.

For us, that theme and feeling of togetherness is one we strive for every year. Through our very name, we state our intention: we can only do our work in solidarity.

I'm not saying it was an easy year. Like every other small international non-governmental organisation we had to quickly adapt to the vast changes brought into place: social isolation; working from home; supporters and donors financially affected; pausing operations for some important international projects; events and fundraisers put on hold. However, we came through it stronger than before.

I'm so gratified to report that we continued to provide support to our existing projects – and to also commence some additional ones.

We couldn't have achieved this without the support and dedication of every single partner within our AMS community: from project host communities and implementing partners, donors, staff and committee and board members. My most sincere thanks to you all.

Next year will be the start of a new period of strategic planning for our organisation. It's an incredibly exciting time for us and I'm proud to be part of it.



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From the CEO

I'm delighted to provide you with my report for 2020. I also echo Board Chair Peter Sheehan's sentiments in summing up the year – together, we can get through anything. We close 2020 with a renewed sense of how connected our world really is, with all the trials and gifts this brings. While the pandemic continues to bring many difficulties, it also provides an opportunity for us to learn from and walk with our neighbours together as we face the challenges of this time.

Solidarity not only helps us overcome adversity, but it also leads to us accomplishing amazing achievements. Because in spite of great tragedy, suffering and hardship, 2020 also contained many examples of deep joy, success, and hope.

We worked in 18 countries and delivered more than \$2.2 million to 41 programs. Our project partners continued to ensure that those experiencing vulnerability were

not abandoned and that places of belonging, support, learning, and hope were ready to embrace our children and young people the moment they were able to return. We are so very proud to work with such inspiring people.

We were also humbled and energised by the significant support of AMS friends and donors. Our community networks continued to advocate for our projects and raise funds, even when confined to kitchen tables and bedroom desks. Our supporters came out in droves to respond to the devastation of Tropical Cyclone Harold in Vanuatu. And your ongoing support of AMS has meant that none of our projects lost their ability to support their local communities this year, and that we were even able to increase our project reach.

Thank you all so very much.



Rebecca Bromhead

**Appointed 2019
CEO AMS**

**Rebecca has extensive
experience in international
and community
development and is an
active member of the global
Marist family.**

“Solidarity not only helps us overcome adversity, but it also leads to us accomplishing amazing achievements.”

Year at a glance



Timor-Leste's KATILOSA project staff assisted Agostinho Soares in Suco Waigae by repairing a tricycle he needs for movement due to leprosy.



The 2020 student leaders at Fiji's Marist Champagnat Institute, which offers programs for young people struggling in mainstream schooling.



Before COVID, the AMS team met with project partners, including staff at Abafala school, our most recent school build in Timor-Leste.



We received this lovely outdoor painting photo from our Balay Banaag project, which provides care for the children of women who work in prostitution in the Philippines.



In February, students at the Chetana Tribal Boys Hostel prepared for the feet washing ceremony at the parents' welcome event.



In August Br Tony Burrows, Executor Director of Marist Solidarity Cambodia, congratulated the five students from the LaValla Project for Cambodian children and young people with disabilities who completed their university courses.



In March, partners from our Operation Rainbow project in India celebrated International Women's Day and held a COVID awareness seminar. This project provides support to families and children affected by HIV/AIDS.



Our 2020 school campaign focused on providing critical renovations for the Marist St Louis High School in Kiribati. In August, the school's new toilet facilities opened.



In October, celebrations were held at St Michel Technical College, Vanuatu for the re-opening of classrooms. The boys toilet block was completed in November.



During the COVID lockdown, teachers from the Marist Asia Foundation visited Burmese migrant students at home in Ranong, Thailand to support them in their learning.

Who we are & what we do

In the tradition of St Marcellin Champagnat...

Our vision is of a world that reflects Marists' desire that vulnerable young people are brought towards the centre from the margins through access to education.

Our mission is to empower young people by enhancing their human dignity and developing their capacity to transform their lives and communities.

Our core values are aligned with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the traditions of the Marist Brother's founder, St Marcellin Champagnat and his concern for the poor, especially the young.

We

- *Promote the dignity of the human person*
- *Ensure just relationships and structures*
- *Stand in solidarity to ensure freedom and equity*
- *Offer genuine and engaged presence*
- *Are people of hope*
- *Promote a family spirit*
- *Model love of work*
- *Engage in the Way of Mary*
- *Practise simplicity*

Who we are

Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) works to ensure that all young people have access to educational opportunities. We believe education has the power to eradicate poverty. With your help, we support grassroots movements run by local people, by empowering them to make a change in their community.

Working across Asia and the Pacific, our projects focus on providing access to education for vulnerable young people, building facilities for the future to ensure safe spaces for learning, and investing in resilience and readiness to help young people who need a little extra support to thrive in learning environments.

Together, we transform the lives of young people by raising awareness of the power of education, and the funds that make it possible.

Together, we bring hope.

Our work

We believe local people are the experts on the challenges facing their communities. By working directly with community partners, we help them access the skills and resources required to develop quality education and leadership where they need it the most.

To help us focus our efforts to ensure their young people reach

their brightest potential, our community partners develop projects around three key areas.

Access to education

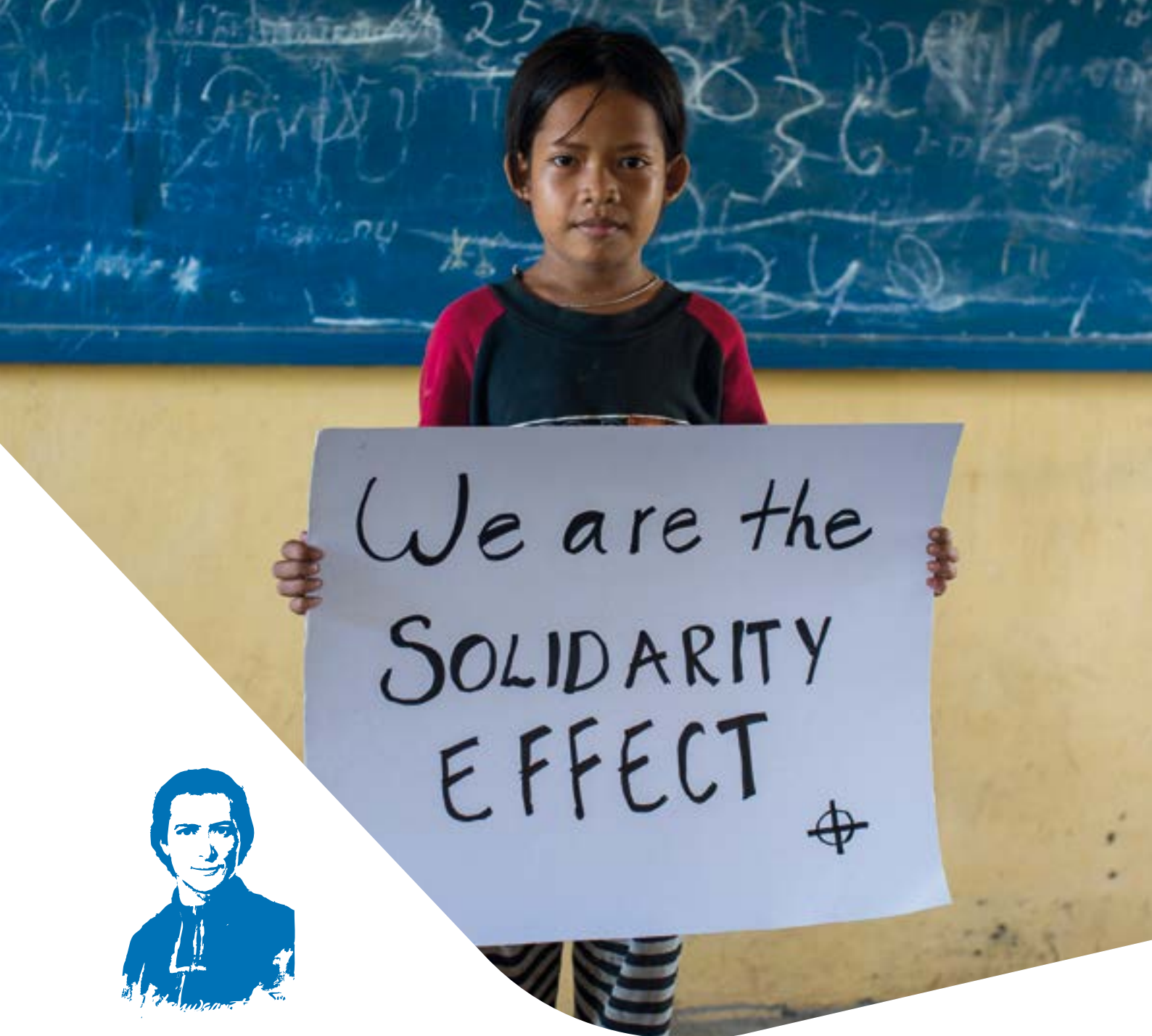
We assist access to quality education for vulnerable children and young people through projects in primary, secondary and tertiary education programs across Asia and the Pacific.

Facilities for the future

We invest in infrastructure to ensure safe places for learning.

Resilience and readiness

We support programs to build resilience, provide care, and empower vulnerable and marginalised communities to strengthen access to education and workplace-specific skills and knowledge.



Continuous improvement

The importance of learning and growing from both our successes and challenges saw AMS commit to the development of a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework in 2020. A more structured approach will enable us to better evaluate the effectiveness of the work we do, ensuring ongoing best practice while remaining responsive to the needs of the local communities we work with. Furthermore, the input of our partners in processes such as the review of our Safeguarding policy in 2020 is invaluable.

Strong relationships with our project partners are a key strength of AMS. A thorough initial screening, ongoing structured reporting, along with seeking informal feedback and inviting areas for discussion ensure that lessons learned result in improvements to future practice. Complex issues that may arise are highlighted at a team level, but also reviewed by our Projects Committee for analysis and reflection.

Throughout 2020, restrictions on travel allowed us to explore

alternative ways of maintaining this connection with partners and continuing to develop our practices, such as the implementation of virtual project visits over video calls as a method of project monitoring. Continuing to build the capacity of our partners in areas such as communication has had a significant impact. For example, being able to meet virtually with multiple stakeholders in various locations over video conference has been of great benefit, especially for some of our more remote project partners.

Our strategic objectives

Strategic Horizon 1 Sustainable income & fund searching

To build a sustainable and diversified income stream through funding partnerships and focused strategic fundraising.



Strategic Horizon 3 Community profile & reputation of AMS

To enhance the reputation of Australian Marist Solidarity as a Marist international development agency.



Strategic Horizon 2 Projects impact

To develop the organisation and its partners' capacity to implement programs and to measure and report on their long-term engagement with local communities.

Strategic Horizon 4 Effective operations

To increase agility, effectiveness and efficiency of AMS's operations in Australia and abroad.



2020 schools campaign

Marist St Louis High School, Kiribati

The focus of the School Campaign for 2020 was the Marist St Louis High School, located on Tarawa, the main island of Kiribati.

The students of both the junior and senior campuses of the school only had access to limited toilet facilities, the condition of which were dilapidated and not fully functioning.

A clean and safe toilet ensures health, dignity, and well-being — yet 40% of the world's population does not have access to toilets.

The health and safety concerns relating to these inadequate facilities had been raised by the PTA and the students and was made a priority area for the school.

The most urgent need was the small, two-decade-old toilet block of the junior campus. This was struggling to meet the demand of a recent increase in enrolments to 322 students.

Despite some delays due to COVID-19, the new junior toilet block construction was completed on 6 August 2020.

Students from St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville and St Gregory's College, Campbelltown learnt about the positive impact these new facilities had on the school in a live online Zoom event.

With school immersions being put on hold, events such as these have played an important role in maintaining the strong connections

between Marist schools in Australia and our partners internationally.

In this event the students of St Louis High School talked about the blessing that being Marist is to them and how they have learnt to love each other and uphold the values of family, spirit and presence.

Following the completion of the junior school toilet block the focus of the work was then able to shift to the renovation of the next toilet block, to benefit the 564 students attending the high school campus.

In 2021, attention will turn to the rebuilding of the administration block.



“A clean and safe toilet ensures health, dignity, and wellbeing...”



Impact report

41 PROJECTS with
10,125 DIRECT COMMUNITY
MEMBERS



Africa

3 DIRECT **136**
PROJECTS COMMUNITY
MEMBERS



Cameroon
Republic of
South Africa
Tanzania

Timor-Leste

11
PROJECTS



DIRECT **3329**
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

East Timor



Asia 9 PROJECTS

Bangladesh
Cambodia
Myanmar
Thailand
Vietnam

DIRECT **1861**
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

South Asia



3 PROJECTS

DIRECT **1514**
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

India
Sri Lanka

East Asia

4 PROJECTS

DIRECT **340**
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

Philippines



Melanesia



8 PROJECTS

DIRECT **1608**
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

Bougainville
Solomon Islands
Vanuatu



Pacific

3 PROJECTS

DIRECT **1337**
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

Fiji
Kiribati
Samoa



Access to education

Marist Champagnat Institute, Fiji

In 2020, Marist Champagnat Institute continued to provide educational opportunities for young people in Fiji who have a learning difficulty and special needs. It's the only post-primary school of its kind in the country.

2020 proved to be a challenging year for MCI with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the country was relatively unscathed from initial direct impact of the pandemic itself, the resulting impact on the economy and local families was significant. In response to the onset of the pandemic and the reduction of income generally, the Fiji Government reduced its educational grants to schools, and MCI was no exception. However, thanks to the Catholic Mission grant and support of AMS, MCI was able to purchase the requisite materials for all courses, as well

as attending to important major maintenance issues on the school grounds during this time.

Enrolment for 2020 remained steady, with almost all students returning to school after the prolonged enforced COVID lockdown closure. Attendance remained an ongoing challenge, largely given the demographic of students provided for at MCI, but staff remain committed to supporting students to engage with ongoing learning and to experience success and reach their brightest potential.

The school achieved excellent results with its literacy program, with actual figures of student results consistently surpassing targets. It was more challenging for the vocational program, particularly for students finding employment.

This is attributable to the economic effects of the pandemic.

The beginning of 2020 saw the largest enrolment at MCI during its six years of operation. The year ended with 134 students enrolled, from a start of 139 students. Of the students who dropped out of school, one had serious health issues, while four failed to return after the pandemic lockdown. That the majority of MCI students returned after the three-month lockdown period was exceptionally impressive and reflects very well on the culture, staff and services provided at MCI. In the student's own words, they "couldn't wait to get back to school!"



**...students
couldn't wait
to get back
to school!**





In 2020, we supported 16 projects in 10 countries that directly benefited 4193 people.

Fiji

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PROJECT

DIRECT 141
COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Student case study: Jone

Jone is in his first year at MCI and is 15 years old. His only sibling, an older brother, is also at MCI, and also began at the Institute this year. They are in the same class.

Jone completed eight years of primary school education before coming to MCI. His mother stays home while his father runs a shoe and bag repair business. He has passed the skills of this trade on to Jone, who has become quite adept in this work.

Jone has made his own tools, which he brings to school in the hope of gaining some work from the school community.

In the classroom Jone struggles with reading and maintaining concentration. He prefers to be working with his hands than to be in the classroom.

The MCI teachers are aware of this and give him leeway to ply his trade at school. He charges \$2 to repair a pair of shoes and is fast gaining a good reputation for his work. Both teachers and students bring their shoes to him for repair.

Jone partakes in the Music Listening Programme Therapy sessions run by Br Fergus. This has helped him to settle down, and he has recently begun the Crawling Therapy programme.

Jone still has three more years at the Institute, if his parents choose to keep him with us. During that time his Language and Maths skills will develop, as will his entrepreneurial practical skills.

Building for the future

St Michel Technical College, Vanuatu

On April 6, 2020, Tropical Cyclone Harold made landfall on the island of Espiritu Santo as an intense category 5 system. Harold cut across the southern end of Santo, home to Vanuatu's second largest town, Luganville, and continued eastwards impacting a further six islands and around one-third of the country's population. About 70% of structures in the area were damaged, agricultural land ruined, roads blocked, and water systems destroyed. This devastation came at a time when Vanuatu had closed its borders to keep the threat of COVID-19 from its shores.

Our project partner St Michel Technical College suffered heavy damage. The roof was torn off in many places which resulted in widespread water damage.

St Michel provides critical skills development for Vanuatu with both mainstream and vocational education pathways. The college has been supported by the Marist Brothers for 26 years. In 2020, the school had 354 students enrolled from grades 7 to 12 and a further 80 enrolled in the vocational stream of the school. Due to the damage to classrooms, classes had to be staggered, with the upper and lower school attending on different days. Even with this measure in place, some classes were taught underneath trees and in temporary classrooms which have been set up in tents.

The damage caused to the college was widespread with 10 separate

areas being identified as in need of repair. AMS asked the staff at St Michel to identify the areas in most pressing need of repair. The staff prioritised the technical classroom and workshop; the Year 9 classrooms; the staffroom; and the boys' toilets.

Following an extremely successful emergency fundraising campaign by AMS, by the end of November 2020 much of the school had been repaired with a restoration of the technical block and the boys' bathroom block.

The rest of the key repairs are on track to be completed in 2021.

“
...AMS asked
the staff at
St Michel to
identify the
areas in most
pressing need
of repair.”





In 2020, we supported 16 projects in 8 countries that directly benefited 4466 people.

Vanuatu

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PROJECT

**DIRECT 430
COMMUNITY MEMBERS**



Student case study: Sabrina

Sabrina is in her first year at St Michel Catholic Technical College and is 18 years old. She is currently doing hospitality studies, which includes developing skills in serving, and food and beverages. Sabrina lives with her parents. She has four siblings, two brothers and two sisters; she is the second eldest in her family.

Sabrina completed year 9 as her last year of secondary education before coming to St Michel. She was unable to continue her formal education because of failing her national examinations due to the many problems encountered in 2020.

As a result, her studies at St Michel offer her vital employment opportunities. After completing her training, she hopes to gain work in a hotel or restaurant to help her parents support their family. One of Sabrina's most memorable moments in 2020 was the category 5 tropical cyclone that hit Vanuatu in April. Her family was really affected and lost almost everything. This situation contributed to her not being able to do as well as planned in her high school studies.

Sabrina missed her studies and her friends a lot when schools in Vanuatu were then closed for four months due to

COVID-19. Her family's daily income was also affected, and they had to rely on the mercy of others and whatever was left in the garden after the cyclone.

Despite the difficult circumstances Sabrina is facing, she always finds joy and happiness in her family and with her friends at school.

She loves playing volleyball and her favourite part of the school is the training she receives in the St Michel Technical College restaurant buildings.

Resilience & readiness

KATILOSA, Timor-Leste

It was a challenging year for the KATILOSA (Kilbur Aleizadus Timor Loro Sa'e, which means Timor-Leste Disabled People Association) project in Baucau in 2020. The first case of COVID-19 in Timor-Leste was confirmed in March. Much of the year was spent in lockdown.

Despite this, staff still strived to deliver the full objectives of the program, which includes:

- Ensuring children and adults with disabilities are able to get access to support services such as physiotherapy, referral for prosthetic and orthotics and wheelchair support.
- Ensuring children with disabilities and/or special needs are integrating into mainstream/regular schools.
- Supporting students with severe disabilities reach their full potential and receive the instruction they deserve.
- Employing highly qualified teachers who have the training and equipment necessary to assist children with special needs in schools.

The following highlights were achieved during the year:

1. Regular community visits

These visits to children and adults with disabilities helped ensure their safety and health during the pandemic; persons with disabilities are very much vulnerable in the communities.

2. Home-to-home visits

Staff continued visiting families and children with disabilities for physiotherapy and training families to assist in exercise treatment. This training was especially important so that ongoing exercises could be completed during periods of lockdown.

3. Distributing food during the pandemic period

KATILOSA sustained its very strong collaboration with the United National Development Program (UNDP) to distribute foods to about 235 families with disabilities.

During 2020, KATILOSA equally assisted male and female people with disabilities. The main focus continued to be on children and youth with disabilities, as well as other people with disabilities in the Baucau area.

“...during 2020, KATILOSA equally assisted male and female people with disabilities.”





In 2020, we supported 9 projects in 5 countries that directly benefited 1325 people.

Timor-Leste

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PROJECTS

**DIRECT 3329
COMMUNITY MEMBERS**



Student case study: Delvio

Delvio is a 12-year-old boy who lives in Baucau Vila. He receives assistance from KATILOSA for his physical disabilities, which includes a club foot.

Up until he was 10 years old, Delvio had suffered severe pain as his arms and legs were not strong enough to support him. He previously spent a lot of time sitting and lying on the ground.

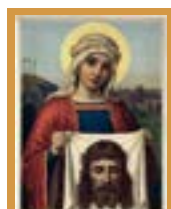
Through KATILOSA, Delvio has received critical assistance such as physiotherapy for two years. Because of this, Delvio can walk and move around much more easily.

Staff have also trained his family to be able to provide therapy at home by themselves in addition to the professional assistance Delvio receives. KATILOSA is also working with Timor-Leste's National Rehabilitation Center (CNR) in Dili to provide Delvio with equipment such as wheelchairs and special shoes.

As well as now being able to walk, run and take part in activities around his neighbourhood, Delvio can go to school! He has been enrolled into a mainstream school.

Because of his persistence, determination and commitment, we are in no doubt that we will soon also hear about his success in his studies.

Thank you to our principal partners



St Veronica Welfare Committee





Thank you to the groups who supported our projects in 2020

ACT

Marist College, Canberra

NSW

John Therry Catholic High School

Marcellin College, Randwick

Marist College, Kogarah

Marist College, North Shore

Mount Carmel, Catholic College

Parramatta Marist High School

Red Bend Catholic College

St Francis de Sales Regional
College

St Francis Xavier's College

St Gregory's College

St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill

St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas

Trinity Catholic College, Lismore

QLD

Chanel College

Marist College Ashgrove

Marist College Emerald

Mt Maria College, Mitchelton

St Augustine's College

St Teresa's Catholic College

St Thomas More Primary

Trinity College Beenleigh

SA

Sacred Heart College

VIC

Assumption College, Kilmore

Galen Catholic College

Marcellin College, Bulleen

Marist College, Bendigo

Marist-Sion College

Notre Dame College

WA

Newman College

Non-Marist Schools

Marymede Catholic College

Padua College

Sacred Heart College, Geelong

Tenison Woods College

St Rita's College

Holy Name Primary School, Forster

St John's College Woodlawn

Timor-Leste friendship groups

Teachers \$ Timor Inc, Ainaro

Bairnsdale Friends of East Timor

Bega Valley Advocates of East
Timor

Friends of Aileu

Friends of Baucau

Friends of Same

Friends of Suai / Covalima,

City of Port Phillip

Geelong Friends of Viqueque

Friends of Laclubar



Financial report

Overview

Despite a year of many challenges, the financial year ended with a surplus of \$72,714. We ran a very successful appeal for Vanuatu and raised \$132,000 after the country was struck by a tropical cyclone. There was a tightening of expenditure in response to the unpredictable economic impact of COVID-19. This included a pause on accepting new unfunded project proposals from April to December 2020 and resulted in an overall decrease in expenditure for the year. The surplus as well as the return of funds of \$177,234 held by a related Marist entity on behalf of AMS resulted in total equity increasing by \$249,948. AMS has a healthy balance of retained earnings which means that it can manage the ebbs and flows of funding across financial years when necessary, ensuring that there isn't an impact on project delivery.

Our income increased 6%, from \$2.7 million in 2019 to \$2.9 million in 2020, in part as a result of the success of the Vanuatu appeal.

During the financial year we also received \$147,492 for the COVID-19 related JobKeeper scheme and ATO Cashflow boost. There was a decline in grants from international agencies due to pauses on funding decisions as a result of COVID-19 and certain projects coming to an end. Earnings on our investments were down \$14,892 from the previous year due to lower yields as a result of lower interest rates.

Our expenditure decreased by 8% and this was mainly due to reduced expenditure on international program funding which declined from \$2.7 million in 2019 to \$2.2 million in 2020, largely driven by COVID-19 related restrictions worldwide. We also made the decision to pause new project commitments in 2020 to ensure we had the resources to support existing partners through this difficult time.

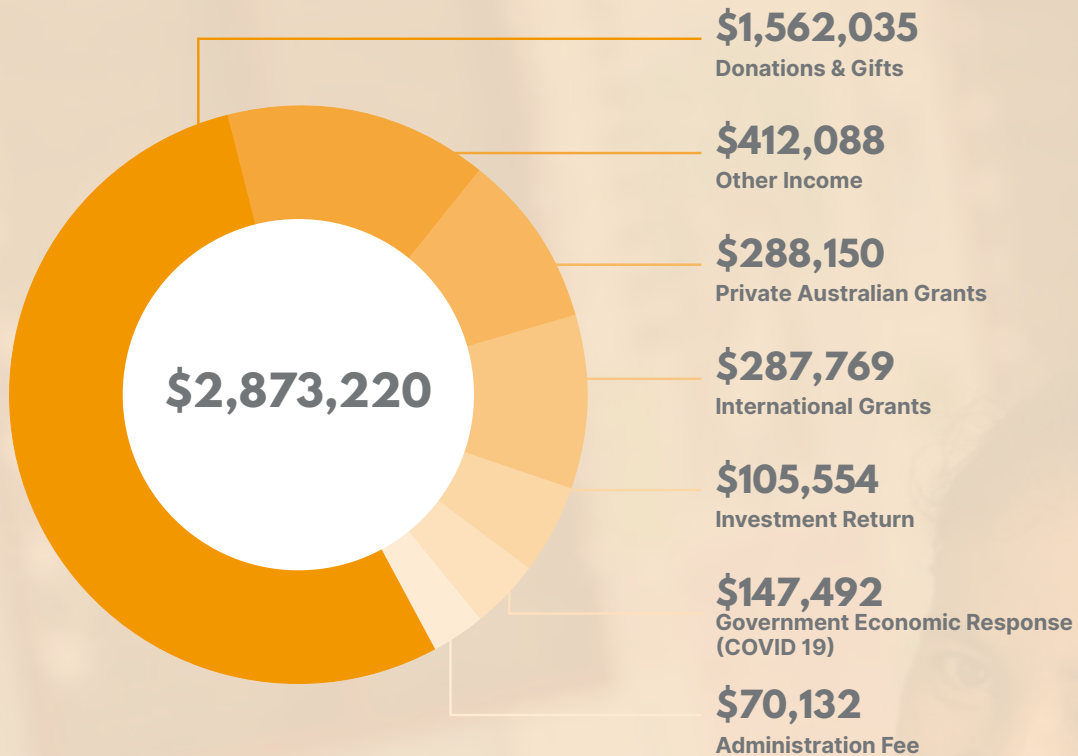
We spent \$457,142 on operational costs in 2020. This included community education, fundraising,

accountability and administration and represents approximately 16% of total expenditure. This was an increase from 2019, in part due to a change to a lay CEO being paid a salary for the first time.

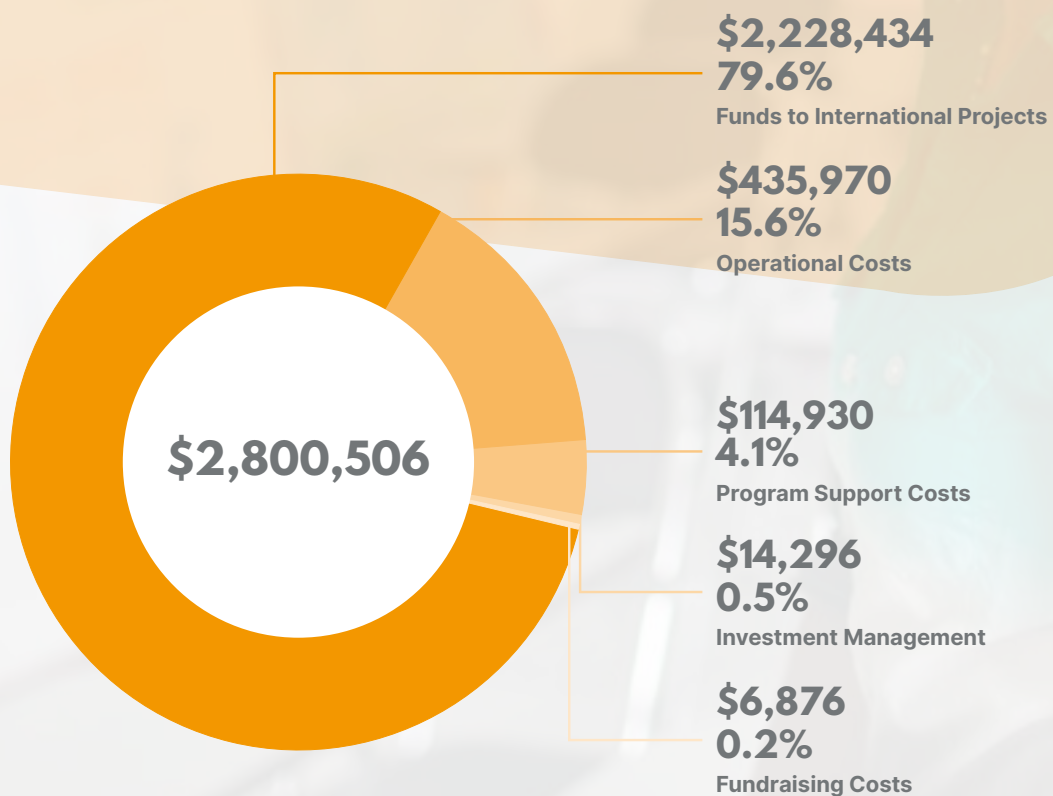
We remain committed to sending the maximum amount of funding possible directly to our partners and projects for the valuable work being carried out to support young people in our region, while still maintaining strong governance and management practices.

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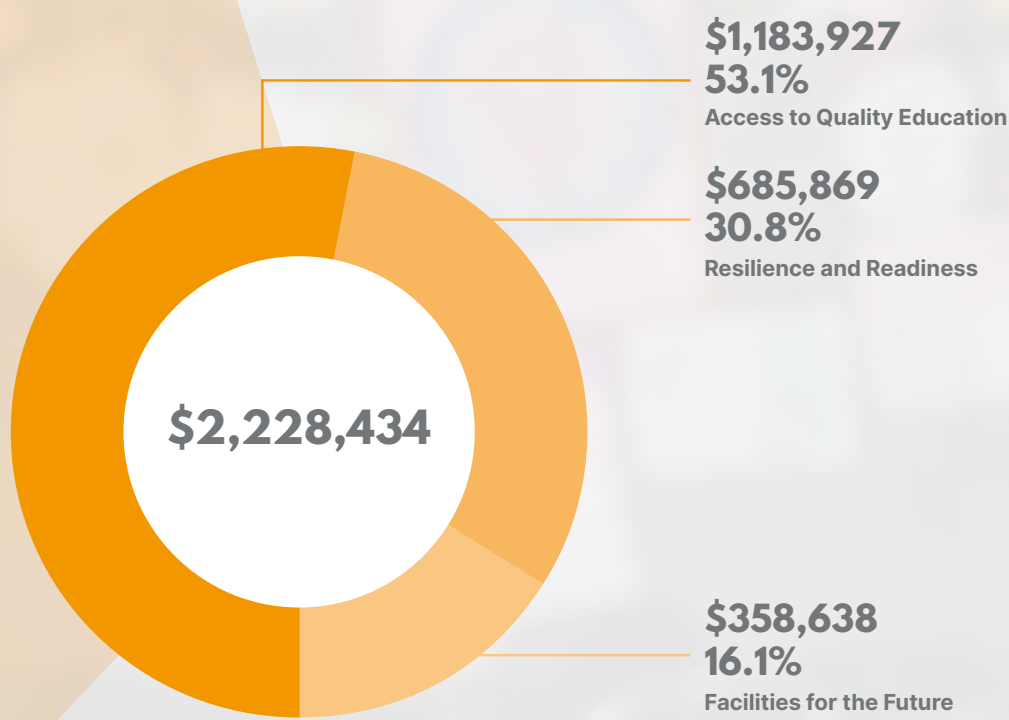
Where our funds came from



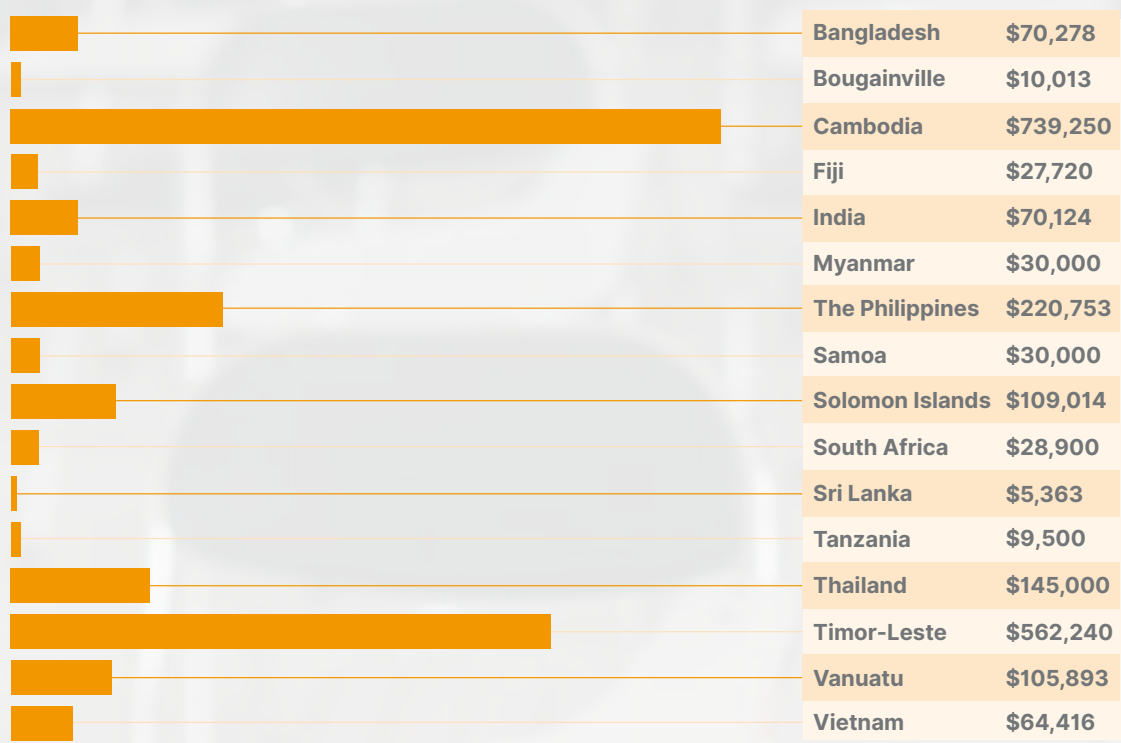
How our funds were spent



Types of projects our funds supported



Countries our funds were distributed in



Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure

for the year ended 31 December 2020 (all figures in Australian Dollars)

Revenue	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Donations & Gifts		
Monetary	1,562,035	1,592,882
Grants Received		
International Aid Agencies	287,769	475,170
Australian Grantors	288,150	138,290
Distributions from financial assets	103,904	118,796
Administration fee	70,132	55,278
Interest received	1,650	2,540
Foreign currency exchange gain	—	1,850
Other income	412,088	303,231
ATO cashboost stimulus	49,992	—
Jobkeeper	97,500	—
Total Revenue	2,873,220	2,688,037
Expenditure	2020	2019
International Programs		
Funds to support international projects	2,228,434	2,654,573
Program support costs	114,930	69,091
Administration costs	435,740	280,140
Investment management	14,296	11,541
Fundraising costs - public	6,876	8,378
Foreign current exchange deficit	230	—
Total Expenditure	2,800,506	3,023,723
Surplus / (Deficit) before income tax expense	72,714	(335,686)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Period	72,714	(335,686)

During the financial years 2019 and 2020, AMS had no transactions for international political or religious proselytism programs.

Statement of Financial Position

for the year ended 31 December 2020 (all figures in Australian Dollars)

Assets	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	659,054	411,359
Receivables	81,910	58,230
Financial assets	952,777	366,500
Total Current Assets	1,693,741	836,089
Non Current Assets		
Financial assets	2,675,939	1,887,732
Plant and equipment	—	—
Total Non Current Assets	2,675,939	1,887,732
Total Assets	4,369,680	2,723,821
Liabilities	2020	2019
Current Liabilities		
Payables	47,049	42,524
Provisions	11,589	34,603
Income received in advance	1,420,000	—
Total Current Liabilities	1,478,638	77,127
Non Current Liabilities		
Provisions	7,989	13,589
Total Non Current Liabilities	7,989	13,589
Total Liabilities	1,486,627	90,716
Net Assets	2,883,053	2,633,105
Equity	1,478,638	77,127
Reserve funds	641,937	640,412
Retained earnings	2,241,116	1,992,693
Total Equity	2,883,053	2,633,105

The full Financial Report for 2020 is available on the Australian Marist Solidarity website at (www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/about-us)

Auditor's report

Levert Audit Pty Ltd
ABN 62 618 217 264
Authorised audit company
(no. 488144)

Levert
Audit Services
A member of the Levert Group of Companies

Director:
Simon Green CA

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY LIMITED**

Opinion
We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Australian Marist Solidarity Limited ("the company") which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2020, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Directors' Declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 ("the ACNC Act") including:

- giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulations 2012.

Basis for Opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of the audit report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ACNC Act and ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting
We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the members. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report
The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act, the Australian Council for International Development's Code of Conduct and the needs of the members. The Directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as appropriate, matters relating to going concerns and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY LIMITED
(continued)**

The Directors are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls;
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern; and
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that we identify during our audit.

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Brisbane, 2021

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Director

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE DIRECTORS OF AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY LIMITED**

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Australian Marist Solidarity Limited for the year ended 31 December 2020, we declare that to the best of our knowledge and belief, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct.

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Levert Audit Pty Ltd
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An independent audit of Australian Marist Solidarity's financial accounts for 2020 was conducted by:

Mr Simon Green, Director
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The Financial Summary Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance available at www.acfid.asn.au

The full Financial Report can be obtained at www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au



ACFID membership

In 2008, Australian Marist Solidarity became a full member and signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct. ACFID is the peak body for Australian international development organisations. ACFID's purpose is to lead and unite its members in action for a just, equitable and sustainable world.

Australian Marist Solidarity seeks and appreciates your feedback. If you wish to provide feedback or lodge a complaint against the organisation, please contact Rebecca Bromhead, Chief Executive Officer on (07) 3354 0600 or email ams@marists.org.au. All feedback is confidential.

Australian Marist Solidarity is a signatory to the ACFID Code of

Conduct, which is a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. As a signatory we are committed and fully adhere to the ACFID Code of Conduct, conducting our work with transparency, accountability and integrity.

AMS is a registered Public Benevolent Institution (PBI), has DGR status with the Australian Tax Office to provide tax deductibility for donors and is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). To ensure that our work is always aligned with best practice in our sector we are also accredited by the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID).



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Board of Directors



Peter Sheehan
Chair
Appointed 2013
Peter is Lead Partner for BDO's national Government Sector Team.



Br Jeffrey Barrington
Appointed 2019
Br Jeff is the Northern Region Provincial Councillor and the Provincial's delegate for the Aged Care of the Brothers across Australia.



Norman Chan
Appointed 2020
Norman is a business man and active member of the Fiji Marist Old Boys community. He has previously been a member of the AMS Projects Committee and currently Chairs the AMS Finance & Risk Committee.



Br Paul Kane
Appointed 2017
Br Paul was the Provincial Visitor for Timor-Leste and Cambodia. Br Paul is currently the Province Administrator and is based in Sydney.



David L'Estrange
Appointed 2013
David is a retired lawyer who specialised in commercial and property law in Brisbane. He is Chair of the Marist Province Professional Standards Advisory Committee.



Dr Frank Malloy
Appointed 2017
Dr Frank Malloy is National Director for Marist Schools Australia, with responsibilities associated with a network of 55 schools.



Sr Pamela Molony
Appointed 2017
Sr Pamela is a member of the international congregation, Sisters of the Good Shepherd with whom she has held a range of leadership roles.



Marcus Riley
Appointed 2013
Marcus is CEO for BallyCara and is Chairman of the the Global Ageing Network. He is also the Chair of the AMS Community Engagement & Fundraising Committee.



Br Anthony Robinson
Appointed 2008
Retired April 2020
Br Anthony has had three appointments as Principal. He spent four years as the Director of Education and Welfare Services which had oversight of all Marist ministries in the former Sydney Province of the Marist Brothers.



Michael Sinclair
Appointed 2014
Michael is a Canon Lawyer with expertise in Church law/ governance, executive management as well as government and commercial relationships.



Richard Ward
Appointed 2017
Retired April 2020
Richard was the deputy Headmaster of Marist College Ashgrove 1979-2015 and is an original member of the Marist Association.



Allison White
Appointed 2019
Allison is a strategic stakeholder and communications specialist motivated to work with organisations committed to creating value for the communities in which they operate.



Jim Whiting
Appointed 2018
Jim founded BADGE Construction in 1983. As Managing Director, Jim has steered the organisation to become one of Australia's largest privately owned commercial construction companies.

We also recognise the important role and work of our three Board Sub Committees: Finance & Risk, Community Engagement & Fundraising, and Projects. The Board thanks the members of these Committees for the time and expertise that they provide to support the work of AMS.



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Together, we can make a difference. Our work is only possible because of our generous donors and supporters. You can help us in whatever way is best for you.

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that received funding after the
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