

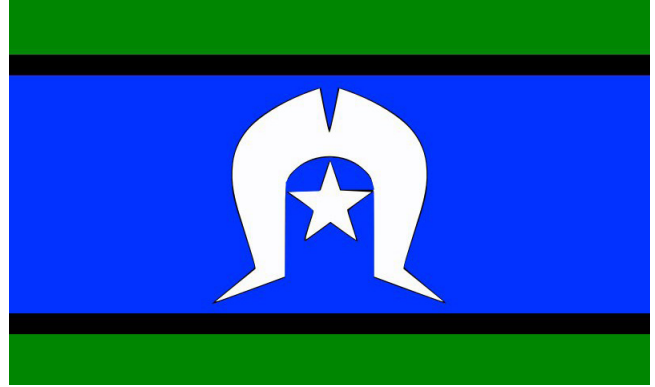


# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we are based; the Turrbul and Yuggera people in Brisbane. This acknowledgment is extended to the traditional custodians of the lands across Australia, both past and present. We acknowledge their ancestral connections to the skies, waters and lands with which we are blessed and the importance of their knowledge systems over this land we call home. We pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

We also acknowledge the First Peoples of the countries we serve, noting the impacts of colonisation and our role in walking together in solidarity as neighbours and as brothers and sisters.



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## FROM OUR CHAIR AND CEO

It is with joy that we invite you to reflect with us on the achievements and experiences of the work of Australian Marist Solidarity in 2022. As the world started to emerge from the darkest moments of the COVID-19 pandemic, our partner communities still grappled with many of the challenges exacerbated by this period. They embraced these challenges with great hope and tenacity, and we are inspired by the incredible contributions being made across our region for children and young people, ensuring that even through the most difficult times they are educated, supported and loved.

You'll find some of their stories captured in the following pages, offering a glimpse into the communities, individuals and work that enables young people across our region to have hope and access to education.

In 2022 we worked in 18 countries with 47 partner communities, delivering \$2.7 million through 63 different programs and projects. This enabled us to directly support over 8,500 children and young people who accessed these services and facilities.

We could not have done any of this without the generous and open-hearted community of supporters that make up our AMS family. To the schools who ran fundraising activities, learning about and creating connections with our partner communities, thank you.

To our funding partners who joined us to provide the resources that our host communities need to implement the responses to the local challenges they've identified, thank you. To each individual who shared their time or resources, or both, to stand in solidarity with young people in our region to ensure their dreams could become a reality, thank you.

In 2022 we were pleased to continue to strengthen and grow our partnerships with the Marist Mission Centre and Lenity Australia. Both organisations have worked with AMS and our program partners for many years and in 2022 their significant additional contributions enabled incredible work to be carried out across a range of our partner communities.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our AMS team members and volunteers, including our Board and Committee members for their dedication and contributions throughout 2022.

Significantly in 2022 we thanked outgoing Board Chair Peter Sheehan for his eight years of valued service to AMS and we welcome incoming Chair Allison White, who has been a director since 2019 and a long-term volunteer with AMS in various capacities prior to that.

AMS is blessed to be part of an incredible and dedicated community with a shared mission to support children and young people to reach their brightest potential.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us and we hope you enjoy our 2022 Annual Report.



**Allison White**  
Board Chair



**Rebecca Bromhead**  
CEO









## ABOUT US

Australian Marist Solidarity is the international aid and development agency of the Marist family in Australia. We work to ensure that young people in Asia and the Pacific have access to educational opportunities.

AMS has developed from a long history of aid and development activities by the Marist Brothers in Australia and their network of schools. The Brothers started financially supporting and managing overseas aid and development programs in the Solomon Islands in 1938.

In 2022, we worked in 18 countries and delivered \$2.7 million to support 63 programs.

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

We do this by following our values of solidarity, hope, dignity and working in the Marist way.

### VISION

A world where young people have hope and the opportunity to access education.

### MISSION

As Marists, we partner with communities in the Asia Pacific region to facilitate access to education for young people in need.

### OUR VALUES

- Solidarity
- Hope
- Dignity
- Working in the Marist way (practicing simplicity, offering genuine presence, promoting a family spirit, modelling love of work and following in the way of Mary)

## OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

2021 was a year of strategic planning and in early 2022 AMS was pleased to launch our new strategic plan for 2022-2024 to drive our work for the next three years.

Our new strategic objectives are as follows:

1. Providing access to education for young people in need through strong relationships with our project partners.
2. Having a sustainable impact through collaboration with AMS supporters.
3. Ensuring organisational sustainability.

## HOW WE WORK

We believe local people are the experts on the challenges facing their communities and the solutions that will address these challenges. By working directly with community partners, we help them to access the resources required to deliver quality education and serve young people where and how they need it most.

To help us focus our efforts to ensure their young people reach their brightest potential, AMS partners with local communities in three key areas of work:

### Access to education

We facilitate access to quality education for vulnerable children and young people through projects in primary, secondary, vocational and tertiary education programs across Asia and the Pacific. In 2022 we supported 24 projects that supported access to education.

### Facilities for the future

We invest in infrastructure to ensure safe places for learning. In 2022 we supported 21 projects that supported facilities for the future.

### Resilience and readiness

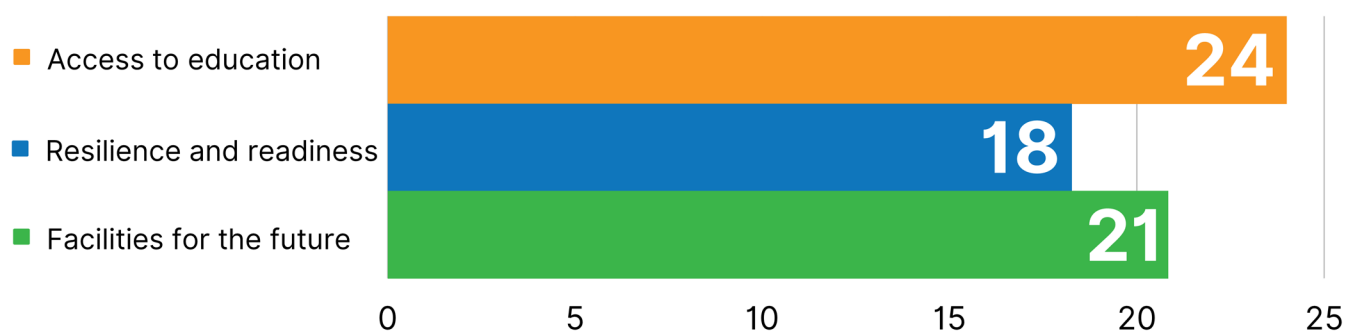
We support programs to build resilience, provide care, and empower marginalised communities to strengthen access to education and workplace-specific skills and knowledge. In 2022 we supported 18 projects that supported resilience and readiness.



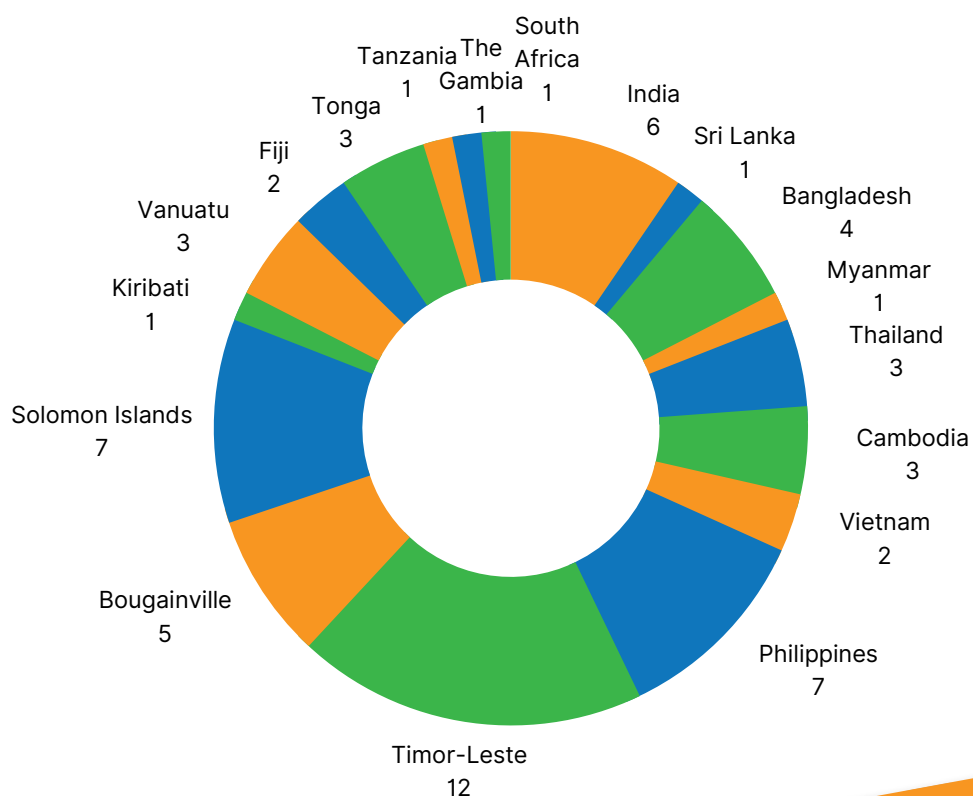
## WHERE WE WORK

In 2022, we worked in 18 countries and supported 63 initiatives that directly benefited more than 8,500 young people.

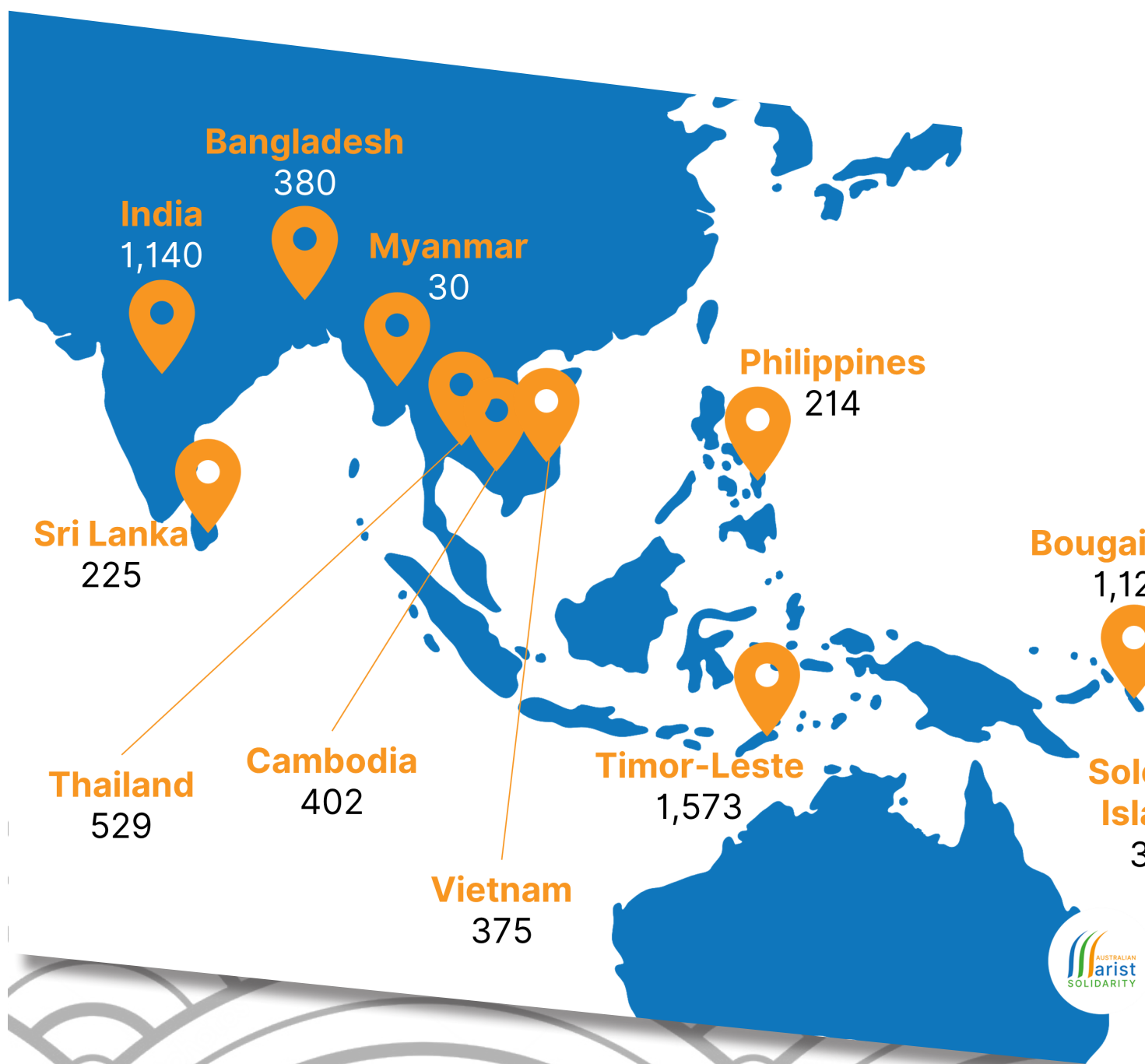
## NUMBER OF PROGRAMS, BY TYPE



## NUMBER OF PROGRAMS, BY COUNTRY



## WHERE WE WORK



### AFRICA

**TANZANIA**  
1 PROGRAM

**SOUTH AFRICA**  
1 PROGRAM

**THE GAMBIA**  
1 PROGRAM

### ASIA

**INDIA**  
6 PROGRAMS

**SRI LANKA**  
1 PROGRAM

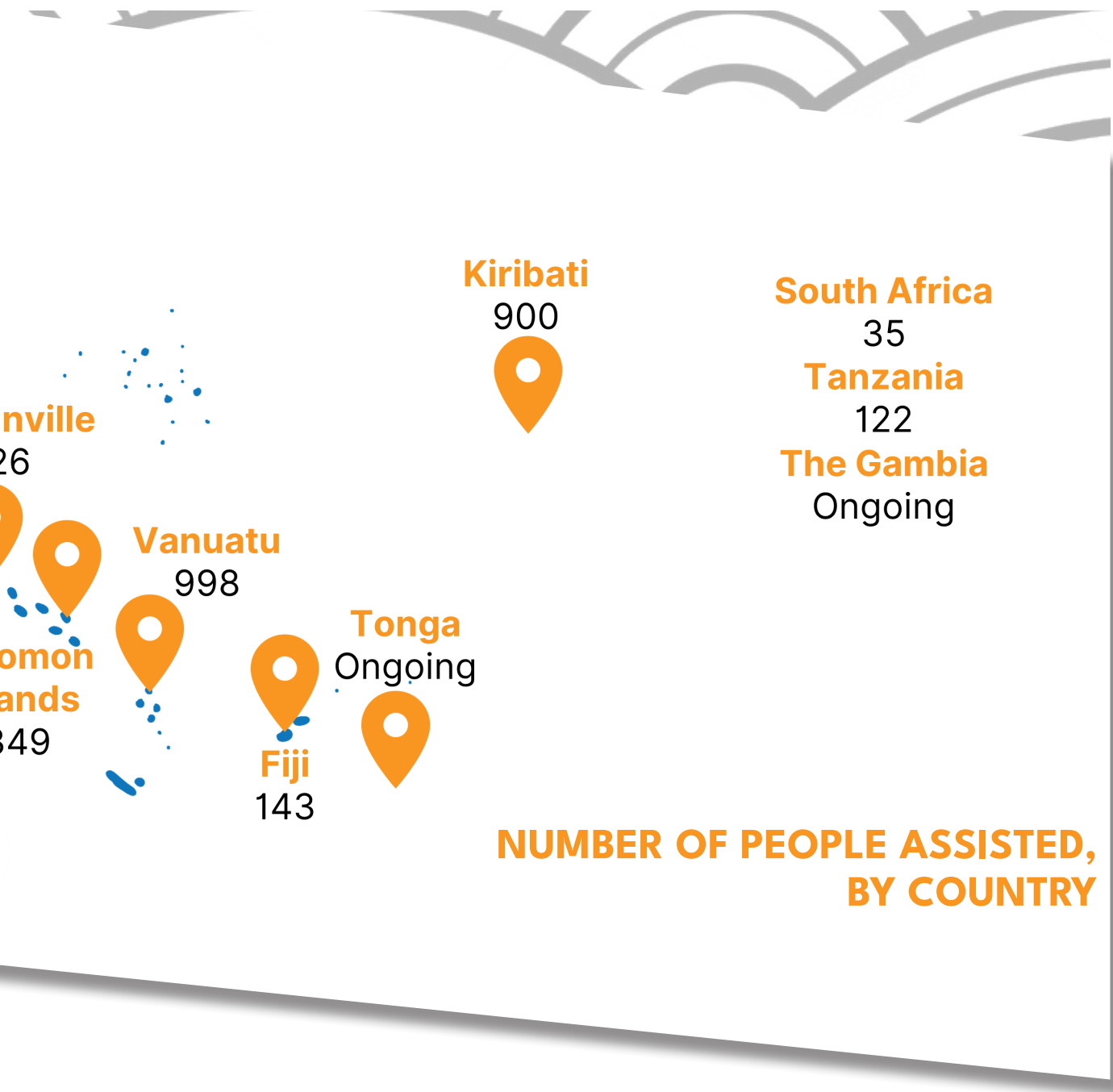
**BANGLADESH**  
4 PROGRAMS

**CAMBODIA**  
3 PROGRAMS

**VIETNAM**  
2 PROGRAMS

**PHILIPPINES**  
7 PROGRAMS





MYANMAR 1 PROGRAM	THAILAND 3 PROGRAMS
PPINES GRAMS	TIMOR-LESTE 12 PROGRAMS

PACIFIC			
BOUGAINVILLE 5 PROGRAMS	SOLOMON ISLANDS 7 PROGRAMS	KIRIBATI 1 PROGRAM	
VANUATU 3 PROGRAM	FIJI 2 PROGRAMS	TONGA 3 PROGRAMS	

## OUR AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

Our work is only possible with the support of thousands of Australians who stand in solidarity with us and our partner communities, sharing their resources and commitment to a more just world. After two years of predominantly online events, it was wonderful to gather again in person in 2022, although we did also retain the convenience of virtual gatherings to provide the opportunity for Australians to connect directly with some of our program partner communities.



Retired Deputy Director of the Marist ICFP Teacher Training College in Timor-Leste, Margie Beck, shares stories from Baucau at our Melbourne AMS gathering.



Board member Susan Slattery speaks at the Melbourne AMS gathering.



AMS was delighted to host three workshops sharing the work of our program partners and opportunities for Australian school communities to engage at the Marist Schools Australia Biennial Conference in Brisbane.



Margie Beck speaks about Timor-Leste at St Patrick's Primary School, Kilmore.



Board Chair Allison White at AMS Brisbane Gathering.



## 2022 SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

AMS grew out of the significant connections and contributions of the Marist Brothers and the strong Marist school network across Australia. Marist schools remain critical supporters of AMS and most adults who contribute to AMS have connected with us through a Marist school as a past student, staff member or parent.

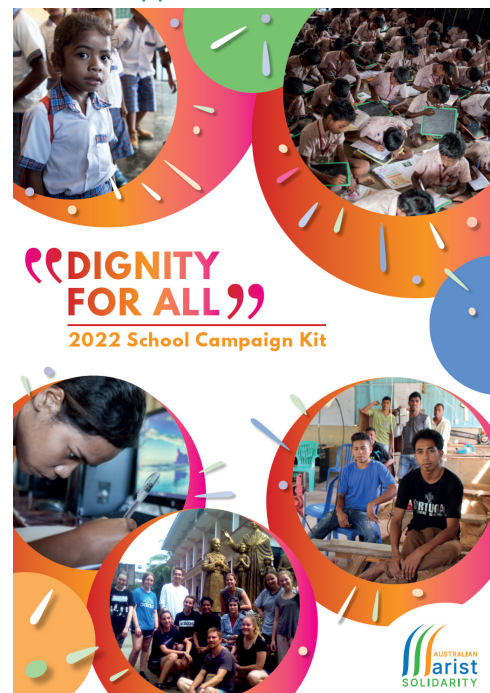
In 2022 our annual school campaign shared stories from Timor-Leste, raising funds for Marist education programs that will improve the quality of education for the next generation of leaders from one of our closest neighbours. Students utilised learning, prayer and fundraising resources to explore the challenges facing their peers in Timor-Leste, reflect on our role as neighbours to ensure 'dignity for all' and raise funds to provide practical assistance.



Helping children in Timor-Leste was the focus of our Education for All appeal.



College leaders from Marist College Canberra put their hair on the line raising funds for AMS.



Our 2022 School Campaign Kit provided a range of resources for teachers and students to learn about Timor-Leste, the Marist communities and the work taking place there.

## APPEALS

### Education for All

The AMS Mid-Year Appeal 2022 focused on one of our key objectives of providing access to education. Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful supporters, AMS raised more than \$79,000 to help young children in Asia Pacific to access education.

The Education for All Appeal focused on the story of Davi, a nine-year-old boy living in rural Timor- Leste who wanted to attend school but could not because the local school was too far away. Davi's story is not unique, and even for children that do attend school in Timor-Leste, many don't make it beyond grade 5.

AMS was pleased to be able to raise much-needed funds for education in Timor Leste and is proud of its long history of rebuilding schools in Timor- Leste. 2022 saw the opening of St Terezinha's school in Quelicai, the 12th school that AMS has helped rebuild.

Thanks to all of the supporters of the Mid Year Appeal for helping to improve educational outcomes for children like Davi in Timor-Leste and the Asia Pacific.



Students from the Training and Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind.

### Dignity for All

The 2022 Christmas Appeal, 'Dignity for All,' was proud to spotlight the Training and Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind in Hanoi, Vietnam. The Centre provides valuable training in massage to visually impaired people so that they have the skills to find employment of their own.

AMS would like to thank all of the generous donors to the Christmas Appeal that helped to raise more than \$26,000 for people living with a disability, granting them hope and dignity for the future.

AMS has a strong history of supplying educational opportunities to young people in the Asia Pacific living with a disability, and money raised from the Christmas appeals ensures we can continue these important projects.

- KATILOSA in Timor-Leste works to improve the lives of children and youth with disabilities.
- Anondo Neer Centre in Bangladesh facilitates medical care, life skill training and other opportunities for young people with disabilities.
- The Marist Champagnat Institute in Fiji helps young people with learning disabilities who are unable to take part in mainstream learning.
- The Training and Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind provides valuable training in massage to visually impaired people so that they have the skills to find employment of their own.

AMS would like to thank each and every supporter who made a donation to our 2022 appeals and helped us to continue our vital work.



# PROGRAM IMPACT

## Access to Education

### The La Valla Project, Cambodia

The La Valla Project provides education for children and young people with a disability, improving the likelihood of further education in the mainstream school system and equipping students with vocational skills. Improvements with the management and impact of COVID-19 pandemic in Cambodia meant operations returned to normal in the second half of 2022. Fully vaccinated students returned to school and face-to-face learning.

In the primary school, all students completed their exams in late August. Nine of the 11 students who finished grade 6 will commence grade 7 at the public high school in January. One student will attend skills training and another one has joined a national professional sport team.

The annual camp was provided over four days in September 2022 offering a program that was packed with activities including: art, games, computer skills, music, crafts, sewing, science, CPR, sports, swimming and more.

In the later part of 2022 the rehabilitation program was able to repair, adjust, and replace student's prosthetics and improve mobility through provision of wheelchairs and walking frames. Students have been able to recommence receiving physiotherapy and hydrotherapy from health staff.

Renovations of the rooftop of the library, computer lab and admin office were completed in October in readiness for the new school year. Improvements were also undertaken in the library to improve the display of learning resources. La Valla also supported families facing financial difficulties during the pandemic and ensured students with serious illness were able to access treatment. We give thanks for the excellent work that the La Valla Project team carried out in 2022 despite significant challenges and obstacles.



### ICFP Teacher Training College, Timor-Leste

Throughout 2022, the team at the Instituto Catolico Para Formacao de Professores (ICFP) continued their work, ensuring the education system in Timor-Leste was strengthened through the provision of qualified teachers. AMS has worked in partnership with ICFP for many years and is always inspired by the quality of the teachers who graduate from the College and go out to strengthen the quality of education for generations to come in this young country.

During June and July 2022, ICFP students visited schools across the region completing their teaching practicum (estájiu). The practicum allows students to teach a few lessons daily in the classroom under supervision. This is an essential part of their training as it provides a real-world learning experience. It also enables ICFP to engage with local communities across the region. Due to the pandemic, this was the first time the practicum could be held in the schools since 2019. In fantastic news, all of the students passed their estájiu, and developed positive relationships with the local communities they worked in.

In July, ICFP hosted a reunion for over 120 alumni. The guest speaker was Senora Dulce de Jesus Soares, a former Timorese Government Minister of Education. She acknowledged the great work of ICFP graduates in the schools, and other educational facilities throughout the country.

In other good news, ICFP received a rating of 87% from the National Higher Education Accreditation Agency (ANAAA) and has been accredited for another five years. ICFP Director, Br Paul Gilchrist, was presented with the Accreditation Certificate by the Director of ANAAA and the Minister of Higher Education at a formal meeting in Dili. Well done to all the team and students at ICFP. We look forward to many more years of enhancing the education sector's capacity in Timor-Leste with the development of these excellent educators.







### **Marist Champagnat Institute**

The Marist Champagnat Institute (MCI) is a vocational school, located in Suva and is the only post-primary school in Fiji for students with learning difficulties and disabilities. MCI provides basic literacy and numeracy development that enables either a return to mainstream schooling, transition to MCI's vocational training program, or employment opportunities. The institute supports around 120 young people annually.

Funds provided in 2022 have helped to complete essential maintenance projects at the institute and purchase equipment to assist the students with their learning. The computer class now has a functioning laptop with a screen that the teacher can use to demonstrate skills to the class. A new PA system has been purchased for the institute and is used daily.

AMS also contributes to general operational costs for the Institute. The students have been busy learning various skills to help provide them with employment opportunities. These include the sewing students, who are completing their tailoring classes; the agriculture students, who commenced an egg production project, now collecting around 1.5 dozen eggs a day; woodwork students, who obtained new materials and assisted in replacing a walkway roof at the institute and the engineering students who undertook welding classes.



## Facilities for the Future

### St Terezinha's Primary School, Quelicai, Timor-Leste

On May 20, 2002, Timor-Leste became a sovereign nation following 450 years of Portuguese colonisation, 24 years of illegal Indonesian occupation, and almost three years of interim international administration by the United Nations Transitional Administration of East Timor (UNTAET). This young country faces unique challenges, including rebuilding an education system that was decimated by the Indonesian army's 'scorched earth' policy as they left the country. With 42% of the population under 14 years of age, investment in the education system for Timor-Leste is a critical priority for all communities in the nation.



St Terezinha's Primary School in Quelicai is a regional hub for 12 other remote primary schools in the eastern end of Timor-Leste. Like many schools in Timor-Leste foreign occupation, war, poverty and a lack of basic infrastructure has led St Terezinha's into a state of disrepair. While the local community has worked hard to retain a place for their children to learn and thrive, there haven't been any building upgrades in almost 40 years.





In 2020, the school was declared structurally unsound and was earmarked by the Catholic Education Office in Baucau as an urgent priority for rebuilding. AMS partnered with the local community, the Diocese of Baucau and the Marist Foundation Timor-Leste to improve the facilities at St Terezinha's and is particularly grateful for the contributions from Kindermissionswerk, the Italian Bishops Conference, FMSI, Aid to the Church in Need and four of our Marist school communities (Assumption College Kilmore, Galen Catholic College, Catholic College Sale and Marist College Ashgrove) for their significant support of this project.

In mid-2022, AMS was delighted to celebrate the official opening of the new school building, which saw the provision of 6 new classrooms, a staff room, Principal's office, small library and toilets. These facilities will be used by 184 students and 11 staff each year and the quality of the construction ensures safe spaces for learning for generations to come.

### **St Joseph's College, Mabiri, Autonomous Region of Bougainville**

In Bougainville, only 1 in 4 children will study in senior secondary school due to the scarcity of resources for education within the country. There are just four schools in Bougainville that offer senior secondary school, three are co-educational and one is a girl's school.

The Marist Brothers established St Joseph's College in the village of Rigu, Bougainville in 1949. A conflict engulfed Bougainville between 1988 and 1998, with over 10,000 people losing their lives and a third of the island's population of 60,000, living in bush camps for the internally displaced.

During the conflict St Joseph's was burnt to the ground along with most buildings in the area. Many Marist Brothers stayed in Bougainville during the first years of the conflict but were eventually forced to flee for their lives. They returned towards the end of the conflict and, in 1999, established a new St Joseph's College in the village of Mabiri, Central Bougainville. The new St Joseph's was purposely developed to educate ex-combatants and other young men of the crisis generation.



Students at St Joseph's College, Mabiri.



New student dormitories built in 2022.

The St Joseph's community is resilient and highly self-sufficient. The high school comprises both an academic stream and a vocational stream and the majority of the buildings and infrastructure at the school has been constructed by school staff and students.

Thanks to the support of our Australian community, Catholic Mission Australia, Missio Austria and leadership from the Mabiri school community in 2021, St Joseph's was able to build new student dormitories and a classroom building in 2022. These new facilities will allow the school to extend their current secondary schooling from grade 10 to grade 12, providing a critical increase in education infrastructure and opportunity in Bougainville. St Joseph's will receive their first class of year 11 students in 2024.

In 2023, work at St Joseph's will continue, with the construction of teacher housing which is critical to attracting qualified teachers to come to St Joseph's and teach the senior secondary specialist classes. Ensuring the computer classrooms operate by solar power is also a priority for 2023, alongside installing hydration stations around the school to increase student access to clean water. St Joseph's is the focus of AMS's 2023 Schools Campaign Kit, providing information about the community, the region's history and learning and prayer resources for our Australian Marist schools.





## Resilience and Readiness

### Anondo Neer

'Anondo Neer' translates from Bengali as 'a nest of joy.' This 'nest' is located in Dhaka, a city of 18 million people, a third of whom live in poverty. The Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (SMSM) are committed to bringing that joy into the lives of the children and young people with disabilities who they serve. The overall goal of the project is to support those with disabilities to develop their potential and to feel valued as precious and unique people.

Programs to assist the development of those with disabilities are scarce in Bangladesh and those few that do exist, are too expensive for poor families to afford. Anondo Neer provides an opportunity for children and young people with disabilities from poor families to reach their potential. Families who can afford to do so contribute a small amount, but those without the means to contribute are also welcome.

A wonderful initiative to learn the skill of candle-making commenced at Anondo Neer, Bangladesh in 2022. The aim of the project was to help mothers and young women from poor families in Dhaka city to learn

to make candles, enabling them to start a business of their own selling candles and earn some income to assist their families.

The program ran with six participants, including four women from the local area and two disabled students from Anondo Neer.

The project has reported some inspiring outcomes. It has provided the women with the skills to run a business of their own and a feeling of confidence in themselves being able to help their families financially. An added benefit of the program was that the participants enjoyed being able to share their own difficulties with their fellow students and found that, as well as learning a skill, they gained a listening ear and words of encouragement from each other throughout the program.

Thank you to the participants of the program for sending some examples of their beautiful candles to AMS. These were gifted to our Board and Committees volunteers at the end of 2022.







### **San Isidro Care Centre, Solomon Islands**

2022 was a challenging year for the Solomon Islands, with the spread of COVID-19 commencing there in January 2022. Many people were affected, and lockdowns were strictly imposed around the country. Schools remained closed until the end of May 2022.

The San Isidro Care Centre is a rural residential vocational training centre for young people with disability. The Centre was founded in 2007 by a Marist Brother and is currently administered by the Marist Sisters. In the Solomon Islands 7 out of 10 people are under the age of 34 and persons living with a disability often experience stigma and marginalisation. Centre's such as San Isidro are helping those living with a disability to reach their full potential of living more independently and provide access to quality education.

The Centre was allowed to open again in June 2022 under strict COVID-19 protocols, but many of the students did not return immediately as families were worried about the safety of the children.

In 2022 AMS supported the building of a new life skills kitchen at the San Isidro Care Centre. There were significant delays due to the availability of building supplies and builders, increased costs of materials and COVID-19 restrictions. However, the building is now complete.

The kitchen will be used not only as a life skills kitchen, but also as a hospitality training classroom for all students. The beneficiaries of this project are the young and adult people with disability (hearing impaired) enrolled at the San Isidro Care Centre. The kitchen provides a facility to train all students in cooking, baking and practising house-keeping. The long-term aims of the project are that the training helps the students to develop practices that will improve their way of life and prepare them for possible employment.

This wonderful facility will be used to benefit all the students now enrolled in the San Isidro Care Centre and those who attend in the future.







### **Balay Pasilungan, the Philippines**

Balay Pasilungan is a residential home and drop-in Centre that provides care, support and protection for children living on the street who have been abused and neglected. There are thousands of street children in Davao and many are exposed to or experience abuse, child trafficking, child labour, addiction, violence, prostitution and crime. In 2022, the Centre cared for 35 boys.

The boys continued to attend schooling via a blended learning approach for much of 2022, where they had classes through virtual modules, with some boys receiving limited face-to-face classes. COVID-19 restrictions have impacted on the boys' emotional wellbeing and the Centre has focused on positive ways to overcome these challenges. One example is advocating a participatory approach, where children's meetings are encouraged, and they are involved in forming their own solutions. The Centre has also developed a small Zen Garden and a pond as a therapeutic area for the children.

The Centre continued to work closely with local child protection organisations and services such as medical and dental to ensure the boys get the care they need. There is a focus on developing working relationships with these local organisations and forming partnerships or agreements where possible, to ensure the boys can access necessary services.

The Centre held a Strategic Planning session in November 2022 to plan for the next three to five years. One area of focus for the coming years is to investigate income-generating projects and re-invigorate local donations which were greatly impacted by the pandemic, to ensure the Centre's sustainability.





### Nutrition Programs, India

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, two of our project partners in India identified a need for nutrition parcels to aid local families to send their children back to school. The pandemic impacted on all economic sectors but particularly devastated those working piece-meal jobs or in the informal economy.

With the support of AMS, the team at the Chetana Boys Hostel launched the Talit Family Food & Education Support project in 2022. The project identified 100 families in need, many of whom were single parents. Due to poverty, the children were working so their families could afford food and were therefore unable to return to school. Through the funding provided, the Talit project supplied monthly food parcels to the 100 families for 12 months, with the agreement that the children returned to their education. A similar initiative was undertaken by the team at Operation Rainbow in Tamil Nadu who provided a month's supply of food to over 200 beneficiaries in the local area.

Well done to both of our project partners in responding quickly to the immediate needs on the ground, enabling food security that supported children to return to and thrive in their studies.

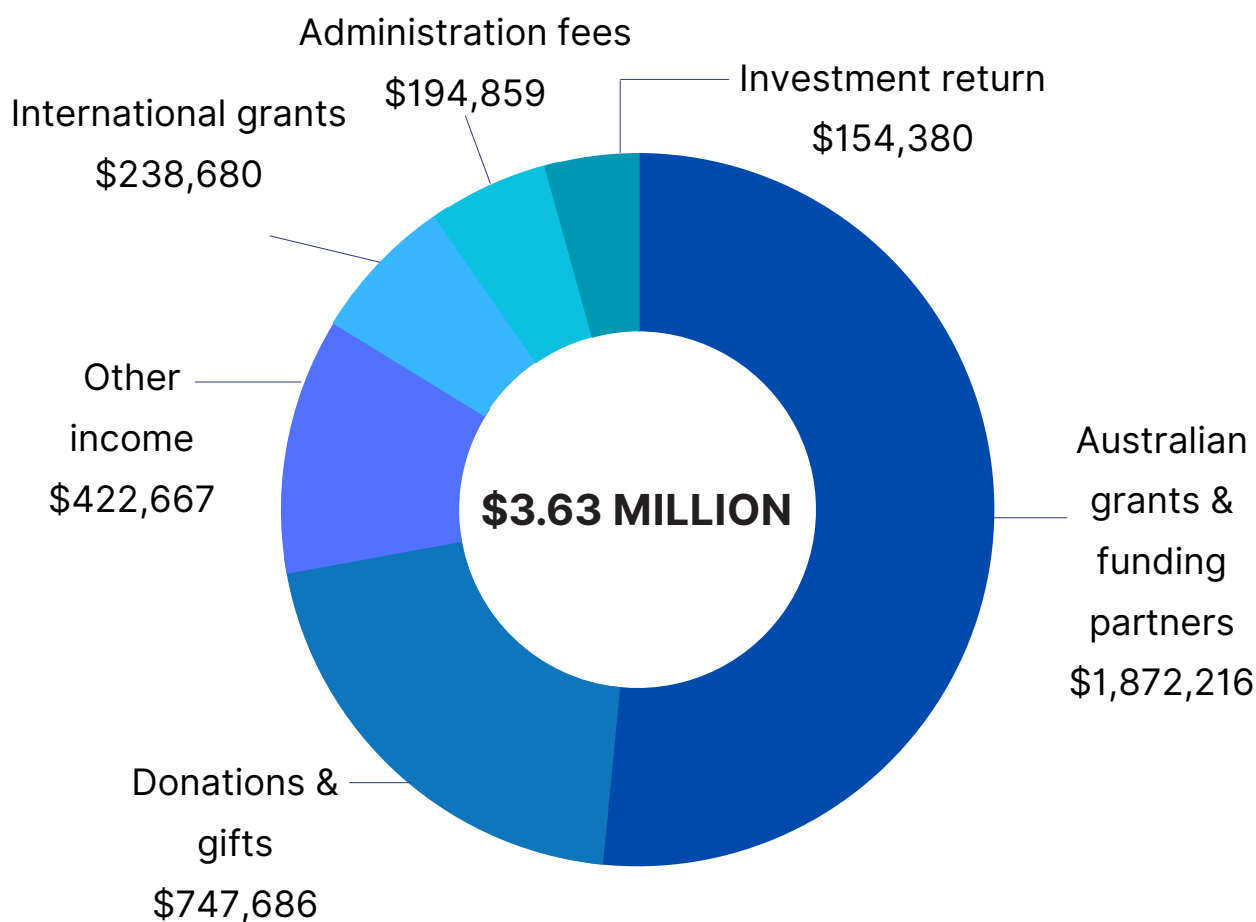


Students at Chetana Boys Hostel, India.

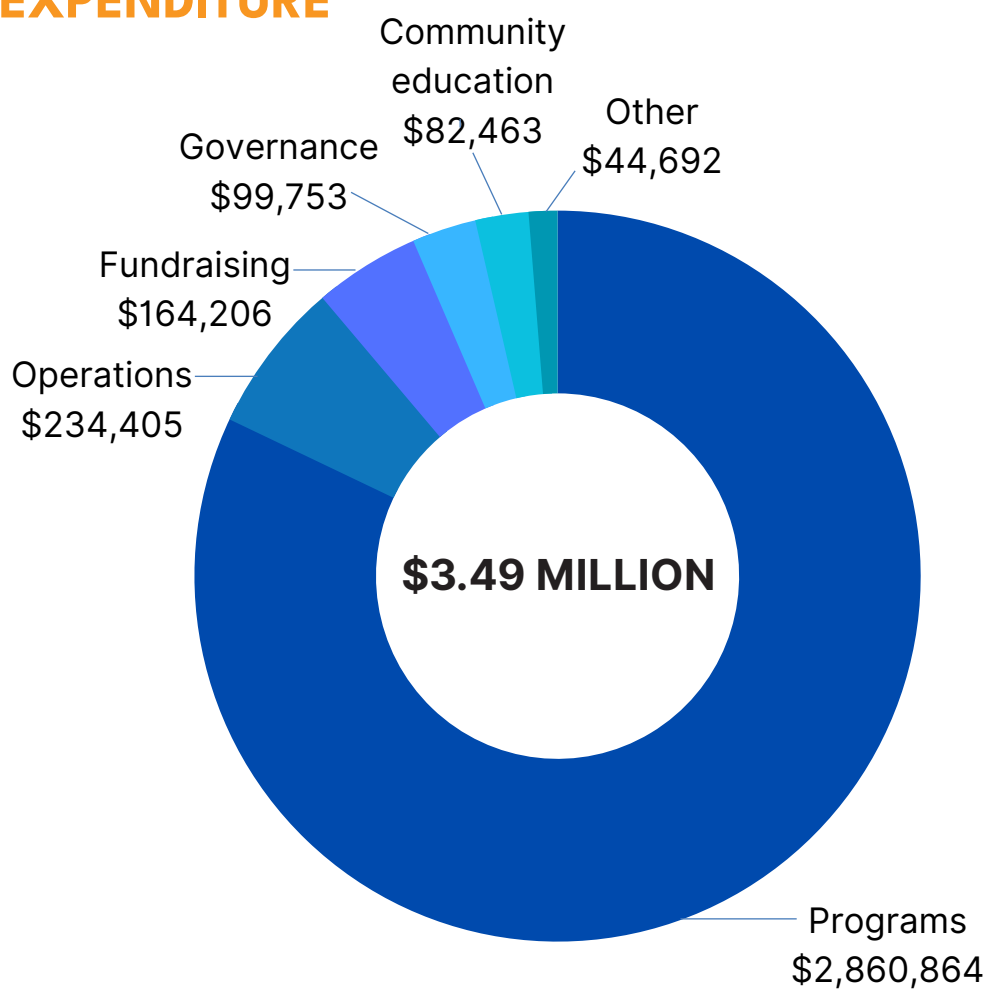


## OUR FINANCES

### 2022 REVENUE



### 2022 EXPENDITURE



## OUR FINANCES

Across 2022 AMS continued its measures to monitor and mitigate the effects of COVID-19. As of the end of 2022, the impact of COVID-19 upon our broad ability to continue activities and deliver services for young people has been minimal and based on our experience to date, this is expected to remain the case. While the supply of materials for our infrastructure projects may continue to experience some delays, our projects largely continue to progress without significant impact.

This has been reflected in the financial year ending with a surplus of \$146,230; a 63% increase from 2021 (\$89,627). The Mid Year Appeal, 'Education for All' raised \$79,202. This was less than the 2021 appeal, largely on account of a decrease in one significant donation but still an encouraging result for AMS, in the context of the widely reported cost of living pressures. The 2022 Christmas appeal raised \$26,977 (2021 \$32,533), with a small proportion landing early in 2023.

AMS has strong reserves 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 reserves consist of designated funds from one major donor of \$691,544, and also retained earnings of \$2,427,366, of which \$1,689,072 is designated to specific projects, leaving a balance of \$738,294 that can be used as needed, to cover unanticipated events and emergencies, or for occasional use to invest in program and organisational priorities.

Total income in 2022 was \$3,632,613, which was 25% higher than 2021. Overseas grants decreased from \$492,842 in 2021 to \$238,680 in 2022. Australian

grants more than made up the difference, growing from \$1,167,713 in 2021 to \$1,872,216 in 2022, largely the result of increased contributions from two long standing funding partners. It was also encouraging to see school fundraising increase by 75%, from \$143,683 in 2021 to \$251,754 in 2022. All of this meant that AMS was able to send over \$625,000 more funds in support of international programs than in 2021.

Expenditure increased in 2022, up \$662,754 against 2021. Funds to international programs increased significantly by 30%, as discussed above. Fundraising costs were lower than expected, with some activities re-forecasted into 2023. Administration costs in 2022 (\$234,405) were slightly higher than 2021 (\$187,479), due to additional insurance, and a significant investment in ICT across 2022. A small increase in community education costs were the result of opportunities in the post-COVID lockdown period to engage our Australian supporters in education activities around our work and partner communities.

AMS continues to minimise the percentage of donations being used for operational costs by seeking alternative sources of revenue. The total Program Support ratio (program costs/total expenditure) was 82% in 2022, up from 79% in 2021. This remains a comparatively strong position within the sector.

AMS remains 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.

# STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

for the year ended 31 December 2022 (all figures in Australian Dollars)

Revenue	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Donations & Gifts	747,686	614,234
Grants Received		
International Aid Agencies	238,680	492,842
Australian Grantors	1,872,216	1,167,713
Distributions from financial assets	154,380	135,873
Administration fee	194,859	40,348
Interest received	2,003	980
Foreign currency exchange gain	122	5,475
Other income	422,667	455,791
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,632,613</b>	<b>2,913,256</b>

Expenditure	2022	2021
International Programs		
Funds to support international projects	2,699,583	2,074,114
Program support costs	161,281	150,890
Administration costs	234,405	187,479
Fundraising costs - public	164,206	184,347
Governance costs	99,753	112,625
Community education costs	82,463	62,324
Investment management	16,359	17,072
Realised capital losses	28,333	34,778
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,486,383</b>	<b>2,823,629</b>

Surplus / (Deficit) before income tax expense	146,230	89,627
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>146,230</b>	<b>89,627</b>

During the financial years 2021 and 2022, AMS had no transactions for international political or religious proselytism programs.. Where necessary, the 2021 comparative figures have been reallocated to reflect the audited financial report.



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

for the year ended 31 December 2022 (all figures in Australian Dollars)

Assets	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	555,281	580,030
Receivables	196,179	157,269
Other assets	64,943	—
Financial assets	152,220	1,254,367
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>968,623</b>	<b>1,991,666</b>
Non Current Assets		
Financial assets	2,822,934	2,173,760
Plant and equipment	—	—
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>2,822,934</b>	<b>2,173,760</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,791,557</b>	<b>4,165,426</b>

Liabilities	2022	2021
Current Liabilities		
Payables	37,823	36,612
Provisions	19,920	26,905
Income received in advance	600,000	1,120,133
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>657,743</b>	<b>1,183,650</b>
Non Current Liabilities		
Provisions	14,904	9,096
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>14,904</b>	<b>9,096</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>672,647</b>	<b>1,192,746</b>

<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>3,118,910</b>	<b>2,972,680</b>
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Equity	2022	2021
Reserve funds	691,544	658,456
Retained earnings	2,427,366	2,314,224
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>3,118,910</b>	<b>2,972,680</b>

The full Financial Report for 2022 is available on the Australian Marist Solidarity website at ([www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/about-us](http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/about-us))

**AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>Reserve Funds - Designated \$</b>	<b>Retained earnings \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
Balance as at 1 January 2022	658,456	2,314,224	2,972,680
Surplus for the year	-	146,230	146,230
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	146,230	146,230
Retained Earnings transferred to Reserve Funds (Refer Note 12)	33,088	(33,088)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2022	691,544	2,427,366	3,118,910
Balance as at 1 January 2021	641,937	2,241,116	2,883,053
Surplus for the year	-	89,627	89,627
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	89,627	89,627
Reserve Funds transferred to Retained Earnings (Refer Note 12)	16,519	(16,519)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	658,456	2,314,224	2,972,680

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

Levert Audit Pty Ltd  
ABN 62 616 217 264  
Authorised audit company  
(no. 496146)



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 2022, the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other 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-profits Commission Act 2012* ("the ACNC Act") including:

- giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 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-profits Commission Regulations 2013*.

### 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 concern 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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Director:  
Simon Green CA

## 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 2022, 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-profits Commission Act 2012*; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct.

Levert Audit  
Levert Audit Pty Ltd

Simon Green CA  
Director

Brisbane, 28 April 2023

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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 judgement 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.

Levert Audit  
Levert Audit Pty Ltd

Brisbane, 28 April 2023

Simon Green CA  
Director

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An independent audit of Australian Marist Solidarity's financial accounts for 2022 was conducted by:

Mr Simon Green, Director  
Levert Audit Pty Ltd  
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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](http://www.acfid.asn.au)

The full Financial Report can be obtained at  
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# THANK YOU TO OUR PRINCIPAL PARTNERS



**“TOGETHER WE BUILD SOLIDARITY, HOPE AND DIGNITY.”**

## THANK YOU TO THE GROUPS WHO SUPPORTED OUR PROJECTS IN 2022

### **ACT**

Marist College Canberra

### **NSW**

John Therry Catholic High School  
Marist Catholic College Penhurst  
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 John's College Woodlawn  
St Patrick's Marist College Dundas  
Trinity Catholic College, Auburn /  
Regents Park  
Trinity Catholic College, Lismore

### **QLD**

Marist College Ashgrove  
Marist College Emerald  
Mt Maria College, Mitchelton  
Mt Maria College, Petrie  
St Augustine's College  
St Teresa's Catholic College  
St Thomas Moore Primary  
Trinity College, Beenleigh

### **SA**

Cardijn College  
St Aquinas College  
Sacred Heart College  
Tenison Woods College

### **VIC**

Assumption College, Kilmore  
Catholic College, Sale  
Galen Catholic College  
Lavalla Catholic College  
Marcellin College, Bulleen  
Marist-Sion College  
Marymede Catholic College  
Notre Dame College  
Sacred Heart College Geelong  
St Patricks Primary School

### **WA**

Newman College

### **Timor-Leste friendship groups**

Friends of Aileu  
Friends of Baucau  
Friends of Suai / Covalima,  
City of Port Phillip  
Geelong Friends of Viqueque  
Social Justice Advocates of the  
Sapphire Coast Inc  
Wild Timor Coffee  
Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor  
Friends of Same Inc

### **Marist Brothers Community**

Marist Brothers Community Fitzroy  
Marist Brothers Seven Hills  
Marist Brothers Ashgrove  
Marist Brothers Bendigo  
Marist Brothers Coburg  
Marist Old Boys Fiji  
Marist Brothers Cairns  
Marist Brothers Cambelltown

## OUR BOARD



**Allison White (Chair)**  
**- Appointed 2022**

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



**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.



**Susan Slattery - Appointed 2021**

Susan is a Learning and Development, Humanitarian and International Development specialist.



**Mark Elliott - Appointed 2022**

Mark is Regional Director for Queensland, Northern Territory and northern New South Wales with Marist Schools Australia (MSA).



**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.



**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.



**Michael Sinclair - Appointed 2014**

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



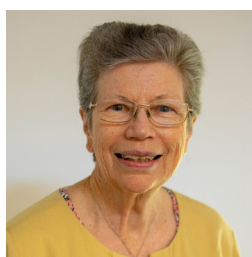
**Norman Chan - Appointed 2020**

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.



**Peter Sheehan**  
**- Appointed 2013**  
**Retired September 2022**

Peter is Partner for BDO's Advisory team in Brisbane, as well as Partner for the firm's national Government Sector Team.



**Sr Pamela Molony**  
**- Appointed 2017**  
**Retired November 2022**

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



## OUR VOLUNTEERS AND TEAM

AMS is blessed with an incredible community who provide their skills, wisdom and expertise to ensure we are able to live our mission and provide the strongest possible service to our partners. Thank you to the following individuals for your contribution in 2022. We couldn't do this work without you.

**Community Engagement and Fundraising Board Sub-Committee Members:** Langton Clarke (Chair), Gavan Martyn, Peter Kilroy, Jessica Plummer.

**Finance Audit and Risk Committee Board Sub-Committee Members:** Norman Chan (Chair), Richard Ward, Dan O'Sullivan, Francis Bolzan, Caroline Tamasese.

**Programs Board Sub-Committee Members:** John Lambourne (Chair), Pamela Molony, Susan Slattery, Anne Kelly, Conor Ashleigh, Elvino de Oliveira.

**Staff and volunteers:** Rebecca Bromhead, Deirdre Looney, Anna Mosbauer, Debra Hudson, Nigel Sydney, Lexie Jones, Kate Slesarewich, Christopher Boevink, Kristen McLean, Rachael Long, Lorraine Collins, Kate Andrews, Tracy Sheehan, Leanne Hardyman, Hannah Coppins.

We'd also like to say a special thank you to Conor Ashleigh for all his beautiful images from our program partner communities.



In February 2022 AMS hosted its inaugural Board and Sub-Committees Day, with Board directors, Sub-Committee members, staff and volunteers all gathering for a day of formation, meetings and checking in with the strategic plan. A highlight was the opportunity to hear from a panel of program partners.

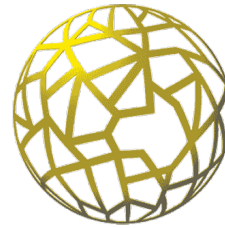
## ACCREDITATION

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 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.

Australian Marist Solidarity 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).

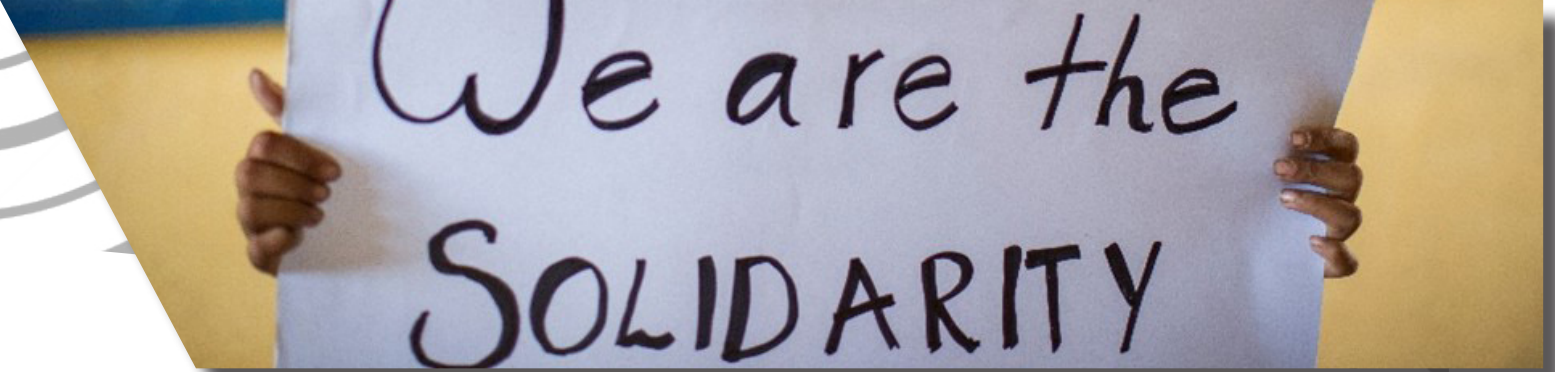
Australian Marist Solidarity seeks and appreciates your feedback. If you wish to provide feedback or lodge a complaint against the organisation, please contact Rebecca Bromhead, Chief Executive Officer on (07) 3354 0600 or email [ams@marists.org.au](mailto:ams@marists.org.au). All feedback is confidential.



ACFID  
MEMBER







## WAYS TO HELP

Thank you to all our wonderful supporters.

Australian Marist Solidarity would like to thank all our supporters that have donated and volunteered this year. Thanks to your donations we've been able to help more children access education.

### **How can you help?**

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.

### **Make a monthly donation**

Become a regular month giver to AMS and help us build a sustainable income to plan for the future. Donate online at <https://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/>

### **Get your school involved**

AMS has fantastic resources available for primary and secondary schools. Download our latest school campaign resources here: <https://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/learn/>

### **Sign up to our Newsletter**

Register to receive the latest news from all of our projects: <https://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/sign-up-for-the-latest-news/>

### **Leave a gift in your will**

A gift in your will can leave a legacy to transform the education of future generations of young children. Once you have remembered your loved ones, would you consider leaving a gift in your will? Find out more here: <https://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/partnerships/gifts-in-your-will/>

### **Workplace giving**

One of the most convenient and effective ways you can support AMS. Find out how to donate through Workplace Giving here: <https://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/partnerships/workplace-giving/>







