



Irish Jesuits International is a registered charity that supports development partners in Africa, South Asia and the Middle East. We support vulnerable and refugee communities affected by global injustice and marginalisation.

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FOREWORD

In 2019, the continued support of our friends and donors enabled us to reach out to vulnerable communities in many corners of our world. Irish Jesuits International works with people who are trying to break the cycle of poverty and create a better future for themselves and their families. We invested €1.5 million during the year which directly affected the lives of more than 130,000 people, through 41 development programmes in 15 countries.

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is an integral part of all of the work that we and our international partners do. A highlight of the year was when our 'Commitment to Child Safeguarding' document was approved by the Xavier Network [comprised of 13 Jesuit mission organisations] in a meeting held in Nuremberg in March 2019.

We engaged with our supporters and partners on renewing the energy of our mission. This brought us to a change of name from Irish Jesuit Missions to Irish Jesuits International, more accurately reflecting the wider remit of our international response.

South Sudan was a major focus of our work in 2019. It continues to suffer the effects of years of civil war which makes it incredibly difficult for its inhabitants to create

stable, sustainable lives. It is also home to thousands of people who have fled conflict in their homeland to the relative safety of refugee camps. Maban, which hosts more than 150,000 refugees, had devastating floods in

October 2019. They damaged the JRS training centre and compound leaving the refugee community who attended language classes and teacher training courses stranded in the camps. Many were left in real danger of hunger and illness. Our emergency campaign helped the most vulnerable people in this community with provisions to mitigate the effects of this disaster.

The kindness and generosity of our friends makes it possible for us to respond to emergencies of this kind. The support and funding we receive from Misean Cara underpins the main programmes we facilitate, in addition to income from Electric Aid and the Xavier Network.

We are deeply grateful to you all.

Fr John K. Guiney SJ
Director



130,665 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES IN 2019



**41 DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS**



15 COUNTRIES



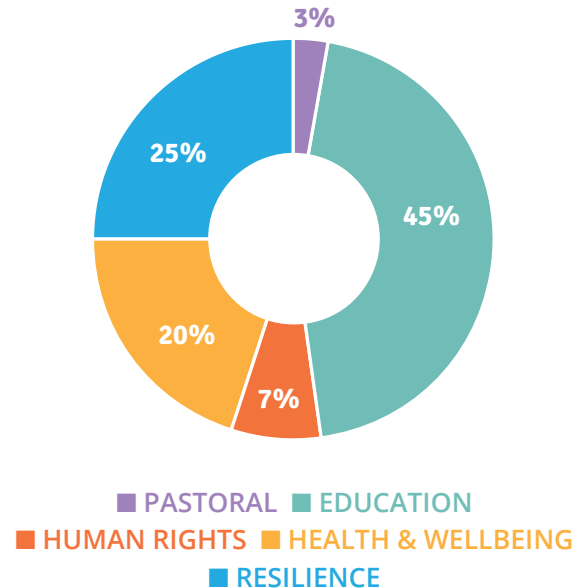
€1.5M INVESTMENT

PEOPLE SERVED

51% FEMALE 49% MALE



Funding by Objective



OUR STRATEGY



Vision

Our vision is a just and humane world based on Gospel values and Ignatian Spirituality.



Mission

To support Jesuit works in the service of people who are marginalised, disadvantaged and living in poverty.

STRATEGIC GOALS

The following strategic goals have guided our work throughout the year:

GOAL 1:

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

To improve the quality of life of those who are marginalised, disadvantaged and living in poverty in Africa, Cambodia, China and the Middle East

GOAL 2:

MISSIONARY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

To provide quality support to Irish Jesuit missionaries

GOAL 3:

EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

To promote social justice and global citizenship within the Jesuit schools in Ireland and nurture our international partnerships with Jesuit schools in Africa

GOAL 4:

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

To encourage best practice in the workplace and maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of our work

Partners

In 2019, we provided support to projects through Development or Regional Offices. The Jesuit Development Offices we were partnered with included:

- Eastern Africa (AOR) Jesuit Province
- Zambia Malawi (ZAM) Jesuit Province
- Chinese Jesuit Province

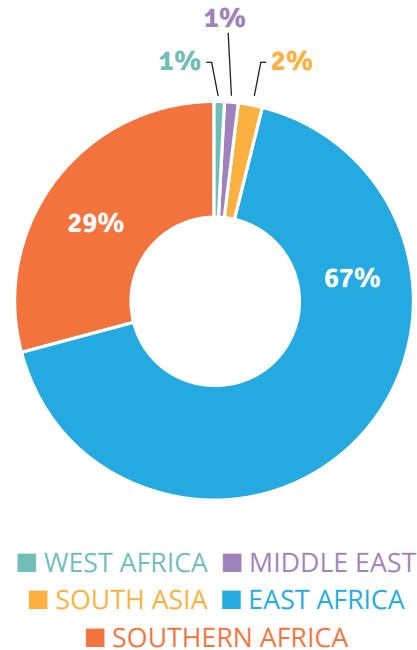
The Jesuit Refugee Service Regional Offices we worked with included:

- JRS Eastern Africa
- JRS Southern Africa
- JRS Western Africa
- JRS Middle East

Funding

We administered €1,572,000 in funding under the International Development Programme towards development projects and pastoral works overseas throughout 2019. We wish to thank our supporters for their continued commitment to our Jesuit works internationally. Our institutional donors in 2019 were Misesan Cara, Electric Aid and the Xavier Network.

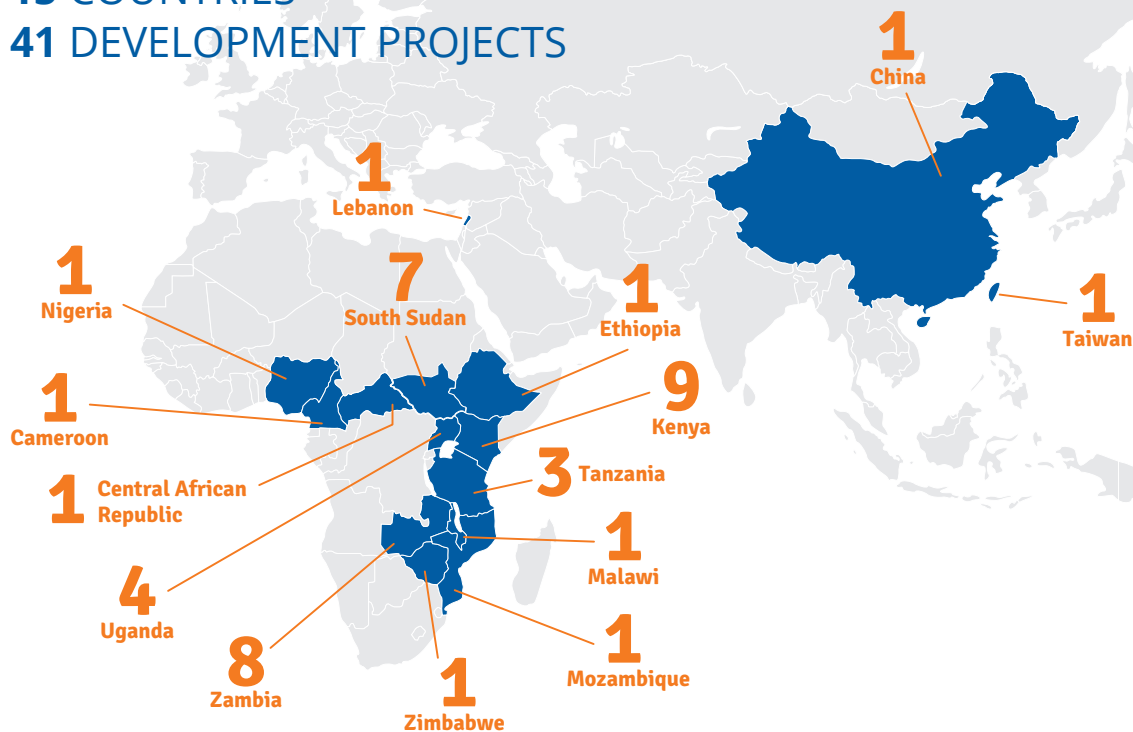
Funding by Region



Countries of operation

15 COUNTRIES

41 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



130,665 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

JRS

OBJECTIVE BENEFICIARIES

 10,723

 28,538

 29,206

Eastern Africa Province

OBJECTIVE BENEFICIARIES

 4,559

 1,079

 894

 12

Zambia Malawi Province

OBJECTIVE BENEFICIARIES

 52,509

 2,109

 600

 366

China Province

OBJECTIVE BENEFICIARIES

 70

■ EDUCATION ■ RESILIENCE ■ HUMAN RIGHTS ■ HEALTH & WELLBEING ■ PASTORAL

STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 1: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

To improve the quality of life of those who are marginalised, disadvantaged and living in poverty in Africa, Cambodia, China and the Near East



OBJECTIVE 1:

Provide quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities

Education continues to be our key priority as we continue to support partners in nursery, primary, secondary, tertiary education and vocational skills training.



15,282 PEOPLE SERVED
IN EDUCATION

53% FEMALE

47% MALE

10 PROJECTS



Ocer Campion Jesuit College

Ocer Campion Jesuit College is the first Jesuit secondary school in Uganda - a boarding school open to both boys and girls of all religious backgrounds.

The mission of the school is to provide quality education in Gulu, Northern Uganda, especially for children from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds.

The college has a dedicated teaching staff and students and is achieving academic excellence, but has been hindered by a lack of resources, including an inadequate number of computers.

In 2019, Irish couple Martin and Laura gave the gift of 25 computers to Ocer Campion. Before their donation to the school, the computer laboratory had very few machines and some students were trying to learn how to use a computer by following their teacher's written instructions on a blackboard. Their gift has and will continue to have an immense impact for the 751 students at Ocer Campion.

“Now the computers are fast. Before it used to take so long to open a file, or to save a document. Also you would find about six students crowded on one computer. Now every student can use his or her own, which makes learning easy.” Akumu Lillian, a Senior 6 Student in Ocer Campion

Maban Refugee Camp, South Sudan

With the assistance of our supporters, donor Misean Cara and partners in the Xavier Network, we have continued to fund JRS South Sudan provide education to those most vulnerable in the refugee camps in Maban.

Education and literacy is a major challenge in South Sudan. In Maban this problem is intensified due to the region's remote and isolated location. According to UNHCR half of the population have received no education, with more females illiterate than males.

Since 2011, the Jesuit Refugee Service has been working in Maban providing much needed humanitarian support and services to host and refugee communities.

Doro is the largest of the refugee camps in Maban where JRS runs a variety of humanitarian programmes - a day care centre for children with disability, a counselling and psychosocial support clinic for women and youth and a range of home visit programmes for those with disability and the elderly.

In addition, JRS operates an impressive education centre close to the town of Bunj, providing training for refugee teachers. This centre is providing a glimmer of hope for the future generations.

How education is transforming the lives of girls and women in Maban's refugee camps.

Hawa Juma is a 21-year-old refugee from the Blue Nile in Sudan. Hawa fled Sudan in 2011 and walked for over 3 months before she reached her first refugee camp, Jamam Refugee Camp, on the border with Sudan.

She joined the JRS Teacher Training Certificate and hopes to continue her education and says one day she would like to earn a Diploma in Education.

Hawa is supporting her parents, sister and extended family who are living as refugees on Batil Refugee Camp, Maban, South Sudan.

'In my family there is six children and somehow I am the only one who got an education. If I get this certificate in teacher training, I want to support my brothers and sisters so they can get an education like me.

If I become a teacher, my children will have a better future and they will be good and healthy. My parents will also have a better life,' Hawa Juma.



IMPACT – BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

- **751** students provided access to IT Lab with 25 new Computers at Ocer Campion, Uganda
- **4** female students at St Mary's Assumpta in Adjumani, Uganda provided annual scholarships
- **369** students at Ayilo I Secondary School, Adjumani provided with latrines
- **867** students at 7 schools in Adjumani & Moyo provided with scholastic materials
- **2,882** students enrolled at 7 schools in Adjumani & Moyo supported by JRS
- **42** refugees and IDPs provided with accommodation during their teacher training in Maban
- **School** feeding provided to primary students in Maban
- **19** students completed Basic Computing at MAJIS Agricultural and IT Training Centre
- **16** new computers installed at MAJIS in Rumbek, South Sudan
- **685** students offered 2 meals a day through the Loyola Secondary School (LSS) Feeding Program
- **245** students provided scholarships at LSS (204 full scholarships, 41 partial)
- **Construction** of a multipurpose hall at LSS was started at the end of the year
- **Additional** pit latrines provided at LSS
- **249** students provided with full-time psychosocial support and counselling
- **12** full-time teaching staff recruited at LSS
- **26** trainee-teachers completed their pre-service teacher training at Mazzolari Teacher Training College (MTTC)
- **50** in-service teachers completed their in-service teacher training at MTTC
- **566** children completed their Early Childhood Education in Maban
- **1,045** refugee and host community adults completed their adult literacy, English and computer courses
- **42** primary teachers enrolled in a 2-year Pre-Service Certificate course at Arrupe Teacher Training Institute in Maban
- **600** primary students provided with learning and recreational materials in Maban
- **140** pre-primary students provided with learning and recreational materials in Maban
- **1,367** adults provided with learning materials for vocational training in Maban
- **58** refugee and host community adults enrolled in tailoring and baking vocational training in Maban
- **Emergency** Fencing erected at JRS Bunj compound in Maban
- **Security** training provided to JRS staff in Maban and Yambio



'I hope for all the women in the camps in South Sudan that their lives are bright in the future. I hope all the women and girls go to school and educate themselves on their rights. I hope the women and girls get an education so they can help themselves and their families,'

Gizma Abdalkrim Daldum.

Photo: Basamat Osman Atom and Gizma Abdalkrim Daldum, JRS Teaching Unit. (Susan Cahill)

OBJECTIVE 2:

Improve awareness, access to and realisation of basic human rights

With increasing humanitarian crises globally, our work seeks to respond through influencing policies which affect those who are marginalised and vulnerable; improve awareness for those living on the margins of society to have their voices heard; improve their access to services; directly support those who are survivors of human rights violations.



**52,509 PEOPLE SERVED
IN HUMAN RIGHTS**

50% FEMALE

50% MALE

3 PROJECTS

Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection – Zambia

We continued to support JCTR into its second year of its programme to promote active citizenship within Zambia through the Misesan Cara supported project ‘Promoting Access to Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Marginalized Areas of Zambia with a focus on Education, Health and Water and Sanitation’ (ESCR).

JCTR Rights Training Empowers Communities

Many communities throughout Zambia have limited access to healthcare and education, as well as water and sanitation services.

The Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) in Lusaka promotes access to Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR) for marginalised communities with a focus on Education, Health, Water and Sanitation.

In Simoonga, which has a population of more than 6,000 people, the lack of maternity services has forced expectant mothers to deliver babies using traditional methods in their homes. After intervention from JCTR through lobbying a

maternity ward has been constructed, which has reduced mortality rates and the health risks to mothers and babies.

JCTR also educated community members in Simoonga about their Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCRs), and since then local people have successfully lobbied for an improved water supply. Caroline Semu says:

“After the training by JCTR which taught us our rights and how to advocate and lobby for social services, as a Ward Development Committee (WDC), we engaged the River Club director and lobbied for the installation of a water tank, to benefit the community. Within a month a water tank was put up and now we have access to safe and clean water.”

In Kitwe, following JCTR's training for community members and other stakeholders in social accountability, the community in Wusakile felt the need to re-construct a vandalised clinic that had been vacant for some time. A community action group undertook a social audit on the clinic and the report was presented to a stakeholder meeting. As a result, the Ministry of Finance released funding through its Community Development Funds (CDF) to refurbish the clinic. The community, which has more than 25,000 people has since had easily accessible medical care and health services in the area.

A social audit on the local clinic in Ndeke, by the community action group after training on ESCR and in social accountability, mobilised resources from CDF which were used to upgrade a local clinic to a mini hospital, benefitting a population of 50,300.



Community members drawing water from one of the installed points.



Commitment to Child Safeguarding

We continue to advocate for the rights of the child and support our partners in mission in reaching global standards in safeguarding.

In 2019, IJI guided the Xavier Network's development of an agreed approach to child safeguarding. The Xavier Network consists of 13 Members in Europe, Canada and Australia which fund international partners in 87 countries, in some of the most disadvantaged communities in the world. It supports these partners in their challenges at local levels, as they work towards an adherence to global standards

in child safeguarding and encourage projects to challenge social norms and advocate for change at a national level to bring their country in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols.

The Xavier Network (XN) approved the 'Commitment to Child Safeguarding' (CCS) document, in a meeting held in Nuremberg in March 2019, which has consolidated its approach to supporting partners in the Global South around this issue. The CCS which was led and developed by IJI, includes:

- Resources for partners to revise their own safeguarding approaches including a XN sample procedures manual and policy
- Resource section on the XN website guiding partners in developing child rights programmes, community and staff training, and awareness-raising.
- Development of minimum standards in safeguarding in order for partners to be eligible for funding from XN members
- Agreed approaches by each XN member in assessing partner adherence to minimum standards

The commitment by the network to these protocols and procedures informs how all members collaborate with these local partners, going beyond child protection protocols, to building a consistent culture of protection.

Work on the CCS has been ongoing for more than four years, as a collaboration between IJI and the other members of the Xavier Network, initiated with external support by consultant, Paul Nolan. The document was completed by Emer Kerrigan (IJI), who, with John Guiney SJ (IJI), credits the process as being an example of the value of collaboration within the network. Approval of the document coincided with the publication of the Jesuits' Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) and echo two UAPs in particular; 'Walking with the excluded' and 'Journeying with youth'.

In October 2019, IJI led a 3-day intensive training to XN members on "Supporting Partners in Child Safeguarding" attended by 15 participants. Facilitation was led by Emer Kerrigan of IJI, consultant Brian Cranmer of JRS with guest speakers Fr Augustine Ekeno SJ of MAJIS Rumbek and Fr Kyara Corbinian SJ of the AOR Province Development Office.

It is hoped that the Xavier Network's adoption of this document will inspire similar organisations and networks to give the requisite attention to this urgent issue so that real credibility is sustained in our mission of accompaniment, justice and reconciliation. Providing safe spaces and places for children and the vulnerable in our cultures is a vital element of working with marginalised communities and individuals.



Members of the Xavier Network (XN) at a meeting in Portugal, October 2019.

IMPACT – BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

- **3** public debates held at national level in Zambia on the need to hold a referendum to include economic social and cultural rights in the Bill of Rights
- **Documentary** on access to health, education, water and sanitation produced and aired in Livingstone, Mongu, Kasama and Kitwe in Zambia
- **Research** conducted on the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) which provides government funding for education, health, water and sanitation community projects and Policy Brief produced and used for lobbying at national and local levels in Zambia
- **517** people with improved awareness of rights or entitlements in relation to education, health, water and sanitation in low-income areas in Livingstone, Mongu Kasama and Kitwe in Zambia
- **24,600** people with access to improved water and sanitation systems in Zambia
- **15,158** people with improved government health facilities in Zambia
- **9,649** children with improved access to government primary schools in Zambia
- **70** project leaders trained in child safeguarding and child rights in Zambia
- **4** football matches followed by Radio Programmes provided on World Water Day in Livingstone, Mongu, Kasama and Kitwe in Zambia
- **Guidance** provided to 13 members of the Xavier Network (XN) in supporting their partners in child safeguarding
- **15** participants from XN members provided 3-day training in Supporting Partners in Child Safeguarding
- **10** Child Safeguarding Officers in Partner Organisations in Ethiopia, Kenya, Indonesia, Lebanon, Malawi and Nigeria funded by the IJI to complete an 8 week online child safeguarding training
- **Public** awareness raised on child rights and abuse through radio programs produced and aired to 3 million listeners in Kenya
- **40** Media Directors, Managers and Senior Reporters trained in child protection facilitated through the Jesuit Hakimani Centre in Kenya
- **500** members of the Kenya Catholic Media Network sensitised towards child protection
- **60** project leaders trained in child safeguarding and child rights in Malawi

Objective 3:

Promote good health and well-being for persons who are vulnerable, marginalised and disadvantaged

During these times of the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being can be appreciated by us all. Good health and well-being are integral to sustainable development. Significant efforts are needed to support those most vulnerable who are disproportionately affected by the diseases and health issues and have higher risks of contracting COVID-19.



**30,700 DIRECT
BENEFICIARIES**

53% FEMALE – 47% MALE

11 PROJECTS

Radio Plays a Vital Role in Advocacy in Tanzania

At 3am on a September morning in 2013, Angelo Munduni Dema SJ, Radio's Kwizera's Director brought a security guard, who had broken his collar bone, to the local hospital. The visit led him to reflect on the role of radio as a tool for advocacy against disempowering structures in society that limit people's access to services, and to an investigation of Tanzania's health service.

The health service in the station's broadcasting area was dire. The chairman of Kigarama village Asher Laurent said "We have witnessed many deaths of pregnant women; many live in mountainous areas; they often fail to attend the clinic, so when they get at delivery time, they have to spend half an hour on a bicycle to reach to the district hospital for better care."

Radio Kwizera has continued its investigative healthcare radio programming since 2013, where individuals and communities collaborate on preventive and curative healthcare service in the area. Since 2018, Misesan Cara funding has allowed the station to expand its work of enabling people to voice their concerns about national health policy implementation practices, forcing greater

accountability from all the power holders to promote better standards and increasing accessibility to basic health services for the most vulnerable people in the communities.

In 2019 Radio Kwizera journalist Aurelia Gabriel investigated the case of the abandoned health centre in Kigarama village and produced a programme about how people walk 32 kilometres to get treatment in the district hospital. The community had contributed to building a dispensary in their neighbourhood but the central government hadn't supported it. Three days after the programme was aired, the Minister of State ordered the Regional Medical Commissioner of Kagera to open the dispensary. This investigation led to a clear improvement to the lives of more than 5,000 villagers, showing the power that local radio has to improve lives.

Radio Kwizera Journalist Mr Felix Baitu interviewing Radio Kwizera listener about access to proper healthcare service. Photo by Bob Maurice: Radio Kwizera.



Coping with Refugee Life

Lebanon has hosted about one million Syrian refugees since the start of the war in 2011. We continue to support our partner Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) to run programmes that help these communities cope with and adapt to the hardships they face as a result of prolonged displacement.

IJI is among those who fund JRS programmes to provide these people with psychosocial support and help. JRS' psychosocial approach views individuals in the context of the combined influence that psychological factors and the surrounding social environment have on their physical and mental wellness and their ability to function and flourish.

The JRS team visit refugee families regularly in their homes, which enables them to develop strong relationships and bonds. The home visit team pays great attention to social and cultural sensitivities which help families feel at ease and maintain their trust. One of the two team members is always a female, an important factor which allows them to enter houses even when the man of the family is not there. These visits are important to get to know families, but also

to identify what challenges they have, that JRS may be able to support them in dealing with.

JRS distributes food baskets and hygiene kits to families. This helps to alleviate the health risks caused by malnutrition and poor hygiene. JRS also provides health assistance to people in need of medical care.

People living in these refugee communities often lack even the most basic resources that would help them to begin to earn a living. Through home visits, the JRS team learned that often all that is needed is a simple tool, for the individuals to be able to earn a small amount of income, with dignity. Something as simple as a sewing machine or hair dryer can make all the difference. In cases like this the JRS team will provide the item and deliver it to the person's home.

The bonds fostered by the home visits and the mutual respect that emerges from them are the key to helping people to overcome the trauma they have endured since becoming a refugee, and to not just survive, but thrive.

Winter Blankets for Refugees

Winters can be harsh in Lebanon, with low temperatures and biting winds. For refugee children, cold weather makes it even harder for them to cope with living in makeshift or inadequate accommodation, many miles away from home.

Irish Jesuits International and JRS Lebanon continued to work together to provide food and winter clothing to vulnerable students in the schools in Baalbek, in the Beqaa Valley region.



Winter blankets distribution, JRS Lebanon.

Objective 4:

Support the marginalised to provide safe, resilient and sustainable communities

We support work that provides those vulnerable and marginalised with the tools to persevere and function adequately in times of stress, emergencies and significant change. Our work focuses on addressing the earning potential of vulnerable families and individuals through vocational skills training and sustainable livelihood projects.



**31,796 DIRECT
BENEFICIARIES**

51% FEMALE

49% MALE

15 PROJECTS

Eco Stoves Protect the Environment

We supported the Jesuit Centre for Ecology and Development (JCED) in Malawi in distributing locally made fuel-efficient ceramic cooking stoves, known as *chitetezo mbaula*, among poor households in the Kasungu District of Malawi.

Traditionally, these households use a three-stone fireplace for cooking and heating water, but due to uncontrolled air circulation, firewood burns quickly, and huge quantities of smoke are emitted causing breathing problems to women and girls who cook the food for the family.

“The demand for ceramic cook stoves is overwhelming. Last year we distributed them to nearly 1,300 households, and we plan to reach out to an additional 2,500 households this year. This will just be a proportion of the existing demand in this area”, Martha Phiri, Project Officer at JCED.

A ceramic cook stove uses less than 40% of the wood that is normally used by a three-stone fire to cook the same amount of food, and releases less far smoke as the wood burns. The stove also retains some heat after the wood burns out. Because of this, the stoves are wanted by all households in the area.

JCED works with local groups on producing the ceramic stoves and training them on production methods. JCED then purchases the stoves from the group and distributes to households in villages the JCED works in.

The centre is currently training a new group on how to make the stoves, which will provide them with an income and increase the number of stoves that are made and distributed in the region.



'Since I started using chitetezo mbaula (cooking stove) for cooking and heating, my family no longer suffers from respiratory diseases due to the inhalation of excess fumes from a three-stone fireplace. The same quantity of firewood I could use for two days, I now use it for a week. I have more time to care for my family and take part in economic activities and my children have more time to do their school work. Thank you to the Jesuits for giving life to my family.'

Queen Mwale. Photo: Martina Madden/IJI

Multi-educational and Agricultural Jesuit Institute of South Sudan (MAJIS)

MAJIS Jesuit Farm in Akol Jal, South Sudan provides the local population with training in sustainable agriculture with a special focus on vegetable production, beekeeping, poultry production, animal husbandry and agro-forestry.

Hundreds of people, the majority of them women, have graduated from MAJIS agricultural courses, but lack an adequate water supply and safe plots of land to apply the knowledge and skills they have learned. MAJIS offers some graduates or participants of the courses, plots of land within the boundaries of the farm, where they have access to water, as well as closer supervision and accompaniment from the programme officers.

Other graduates or participants from neighbouring villages have been organised in groups of 35, which form outreach programmes. Each one operates within a piece of land that is donated and owned by the local community. MAJIS supports each group by drilling a borehole for each of them to provide water, as well as seeds, expertise and tools.

In 2019, 148 people graduated from the MAJIS short courses; 108 were women, and 67 of these widows. These graduates are now managing their own plots where they are producing vegetables as well as keeping chicken, bees and farm animals. For many women in the programme, MAJIS has lifted their living standard by offering them an alternative to dependence on food aid.

As people dependent on pastoralism, in an era of cattle-rustling and climate change, having a reliable income-generating activity cushions them from starvation. For many widows in the group, who do not have a husband to provide for them, the programme helps them to support their children. Income from the produce helps these people to afford basic necessities such as food, medication, clothing and school fees for their school-going children.



“MAJIS program has benefited me a lot. I make 3,000 South Sudanese pounds a week (equivalent to 11 US Dollars). With this money, I’m able to send my children to school, buy them food and clothes, and treat them when they fall sick. In November last year, I managed to buy one goat, this is a great saving for me as I can sell it in case I encounter a great need in the future. I feel this program has changed my life and the life of my children.” Ayieda Turdit Magok graduated from a MAJIS vegetable production course and now manages her own plot.
Photo: Fr Augustine Ekeno SJ

IMPACT – BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

- **52** radio investigative programs on basic health services and delivery aired by Radio Kwizera focusing on social accountability and awareness raising in Kabera Region with 390,000 people tuning in
- **50** news reporters and journalists trained in Tanzania
- **52** health desks established in districts to assess the delivery of basic health services in Tanzania
- **197** small-scale farmers in Kasungu, Malawi with increased income due to adaption of climate resilient farming following Jesuit Centre for Ecology and Development (JCED) training
- **230** small-scale farmers in Kasungu with improved dietary diversity
- **47** small-scale farmers with increased staple food crop production in Kasungu
- **208** water conservation and rainwater harvesting initiatives in Kasungu
- **3,545** households limiting greenhouse gas emissions following adoption of the JCED energy-efficient stoves
- **3,300** ceramic stoves produced
- **30,520** fruit and agroforestry tree seedlings planted and distributed to vulnerable households in Kasungu and 3 primary schools
- **673** small scale farmers accompanied 5 times each farming session at their own farms for on-spot support and advisory services in Kasungu
- **15** government and project staff trained in Resilience Planning in Malawi
- **14** Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) established in 30 rural villages in Kasungu
- **216** small-scale farmers registered with the VSLA schemes and acquired loans
- **374** community members attend workshops and public seminars on building community resilience in Kasungu
- **703** beds of local vegetables planted at MAJIS Agricultural and IT Training Centre in Rumbek, South Sudan
- **25** acres cleared, ploughed and planted with maize, sorghum, groundnuts, peas in Rumbek
- **20** bags of maize, peas and green-grains harvested to provide school feeding for 120 children in Rumbek
- **126** vulnerable households received maize and beans through the MAJIS food for work initiative
- **Borehole** drilled and two 5,000 litre tanks installed at MAJIS Agricultural Training Centre
- **67** households supported in poultry farming in Rumbek

STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 2: MISSIONARY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

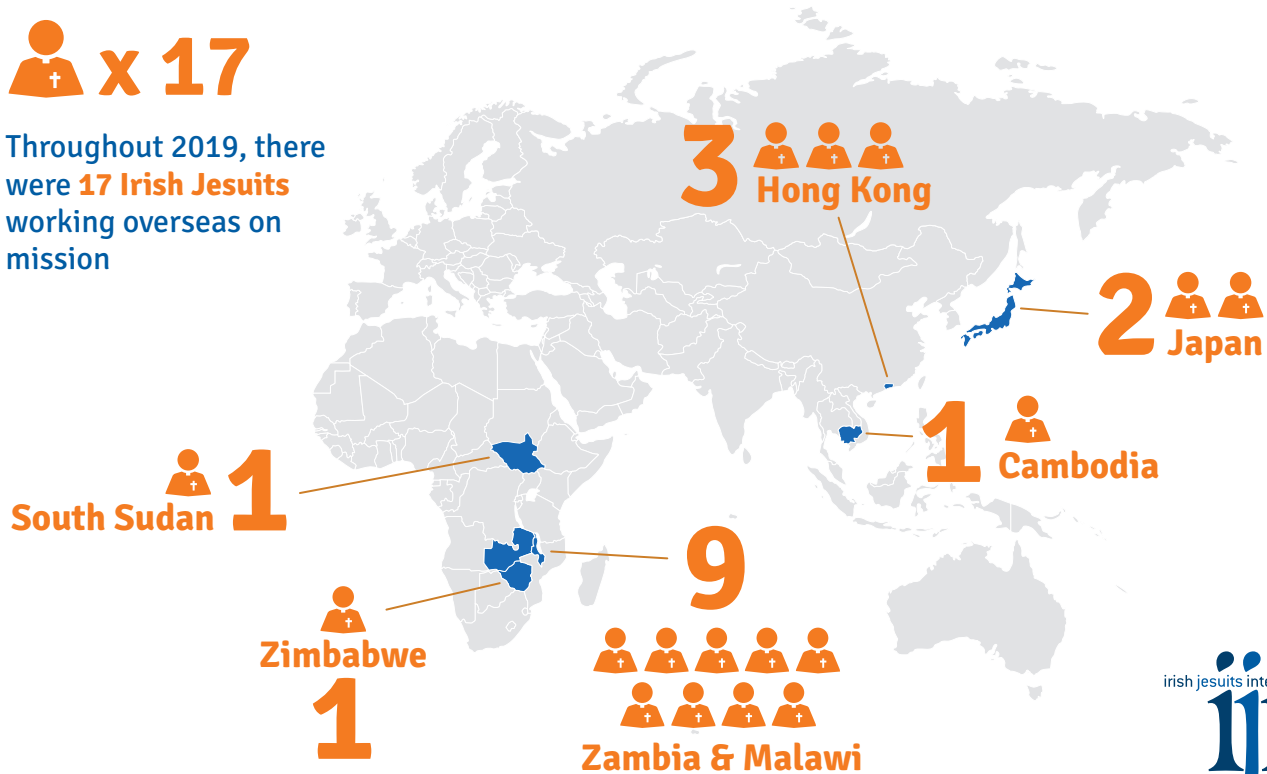
To provide quality support to Irish
Jesuit missionaries

Fr Michael J Kelly SJ was born in Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Ireland in 1929. He moved to Zambia in 1955 and spent most of his working life in education — teaching and administering — at secondary school and university level. He is a renowned speaker and advocate on HIV and AIDS and works tirelessly to educate and promote safe behaviour among youth and those most at risk in Zambia, throughout sub-Saharan Africa, and much further afield.



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Throughout 2019, there were **17 Irish Jesuits** working overseas on mission





Fr Kelly's is one of over 320 emigrant stories that is featured at EPIC: The Irish Emigration Museum in the CHQ Building in Dublin

Sixty-four glorious, happy, fulfilling, satisfying years - Fr Michael J Kelly SJ

In 1955 Fr Kelly left Ireland for Northern Rhodesia, which would become the Republic of Zambia in 1964. Over the next 60 years, he held a series of appointments across the country, which resulted in his nomination as Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Zambia in 1980 and a promotion to Professor of Education in 1989.

He works tirelessly to challenge the stigma of HIV and AIDS through education and advocacy work across Zambia and further afield.

"Very soon after the world became aware of this terrible scourge [HIV and AIDS], I saw that it was a challenge that we would have to do something about through our schools, not only in Zambia but all over the world. This realisation drew me into thinking, teaching, writing and speaking about the give-and-take between AIDS and education, into speaking out on behalf of orphans, and eventually into a wide range of AIDS-related areas."

"In my AIDS work I have met and been influenced by many remarkable people infected with the disease. I don't think I could have continued were it not for them, above all the

women and the children. I felt driven by their suffering and the way it had undercut their very humanity. But equally I felt driven by their resilience, their spirit, their determination, their courage, and their cheerfulness."

In 2006, the Irish Government established the **Father Michael Kelly Lecture on HIV and AIDS**, which is now an annual event. In 2019 the theme was 'HIV & AIDS: Women, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights'. Fr Kelly delivered a compelling video message to the audience about the need to educate women and girls in Zambia to protect themselves from HIV infection.

Fr Kelly has been the recipient of many awards, in Ireland and abroad for his aid work. In recognition of his contribution to education in Zambia and worldwide HIV advocacy, the Association of Commonwealth Universities presented him with the Symons Award in September 2003. He has received several honorary degrees including Doctor of Science (2004), from the University of the West Indies, Doctor of Laws from NUI (2006) and an honorary doctorate from the Royal College of Surgeons (2012).

The Forum for Women Educationists in Africa (Zambia Chapter) awarded him the first ever Kabunda Kayongo Award for "immense contribution through research on girls' education" (2006) and the First Lady of South Africa, Madame Thobeka Zuma, presented him with a Humanitarian Award for commitment to health and HIV and AIDS in the southern African region (2010).

He received the Presidential Distinguished Service Award from President Michael D. Higgins at **Áras an Úachtaráin** in November 2012, which honours the Irish diaspora in recognition of its sustained and distinguished service abroad.

STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 3: EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

To promote social justice and global citizenship within the Jesuit schools in Ireland and nurture our international partnerships with Jesuit schools in Africa



Education for Justice and Reconciliation

We continued to work with the Jesuit schools in Ireland inspiring a faith that does justice through:

1. promoting the values of justice and reconciliation.
2. promoting and encouraging activism in relation to Environmental Justice
3. raising awareness and promoting action regarding issues that affect migrants and refugees both in Ireland and globally
4. raising awareness and promoting action in relation to social inequality both in Ireland and globally
5. developing peer formation projects around Jesuit ethos in Jesuit schools in Africa

In 2019, we developed the school resource *One by One by One*. This senior cycle RE module centres on the modern-day phenomenon that is sex trafficking. It ushers students on the horrific journey that millions take throughout the world and through a pedagogy of understanding and

reflection, the module seeks to cultivate their capacity to move from a feeling of 'compassion' towards a concrete response to this grave injustice. The module is broken into five sequential headings and leads to watching a feature length documentary and a concrete response to sex trafficking.

This resource complements our other school resources:

- Global Justice Perspectives
- On the Margins
- Responding to Injustice: An Ignatian Approach

Teachers who took part in the formation visit the previous year to northern Uganda led an initiative to raise funds and awareness of Uganda's continual challenge to counter the devastating effects of malaria. The 'No Mossies in March' campaign was the first time that all Jesuit schools in Ireland worked together in combatting a global issue such as malaria. The campaign raised much needed funds for the purchase and installation of long-lasting mosquito nets for

OCER Campion Jesuit College in Gulu, northern Uganda and additional mosquito nets for JRS Uganda to distribute to those most vulnerable. The actions of the teachers who led this initiative ensured that global issues remained to the fore of their own school's commitment to justice and reconciliation.

We facilitated presentations to students, teachers, Boards of Management, and Deputy Heads of all Jesuit schools in Ireland. These focused on a range of justice-oriented themes - climate justice, racism, human trafficking, and homelessness. We worked with international Jesuit bodies, the International Commission on the Apostolate of Jesuit Education (ICAJE) and the Jesuit European Committee for Primary and Secondary Education (JECSE). This work focused on developing strategies to embed Global Citizenship Education (developed in 2019) across Jesuit schools in Europe.

We continued to engage with other school trusts (Spiritan, Loreto, Le Cheile) to develop and administer the Middle Leaders Programme across Ireland. Teachers from across 100 different schools took part in a six-week module which set out to develop leadership capacity within Catholic schools. A session, Leading for Justice: School as an Agent for Transformation, was delivered as part of the course. We

continued to be an active member of the Social Diversity Programme in Belvedere College SJ, the **Jesuit Identity Committee** in Colaiste Iognaid SJ in Glaway, and the **Jesuit Identity Committee** in Gonzaga College SJ, Dublin.



Crescent College Comprehensive SJ students and staff raised €1,500 in a Jesuit province-wide campaign to buy Mosquito nets for students in Ocer Campion, a Jesuit school in Northern Uganda.

STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 4: ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

To encourage best practice in the workplace and maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of our work



Organisational Development Programme

The following objectives guided our work throughout the year:

1. Maximise communication and learning opportunities
2. Develop policies and procedures
3. Facilitate staff development
4. Facilitate and manage transitions

Objective 1: Maximise communication and learning opportunities

Our communications team is responsible for the creation and editing of content for all communications channels including newsletters (print and email), annual reports and strategic plans, as well as the maintenance of our social media accounts (Twitter and Facebook) photography, video making editing, website management, and the coordination of fundraising and communications campaigns, and events.

In 2019, the team increased our number of communications and fundraising campaigns. The campaigns were included in our newsletter (print and digital), hosted on the website and promoted through social media.

Investing in Peace through Education, South Sudan - Easter 2019

Our appeal raised money for refugee communities in South Sudan, where civil war and instability prevented children from accessing education.

Emergency Appeal, South Sudan Floods - October 2019

Our campaign fundraised to help refugee and host communities who were affected by the devastating floods in the Maban region.



Winter Blanket Appeal for Syrian Refugees in Lebanon - Christmas 2019

Our Christmas appeal focused on the needs of refugee children in Lebanon who were living in inadequate housing while dealing with a harsh winter.

Our campaigns raised over € 33,800 and reached almost 19,000 people.

Communications Channels

Newsletter Subscribers	1,708
Visitors to our Website	10,569
Facebook Likes	936
Twitter Followers	1,546

Events

We held masses where we met our supporters in Galway (September) and Dublin (November) and hosted the Milltown Barbecue (August) for our missionaries and supporters.

Communications Visits

Communications Officer Martina Madden visited the Jesuit Centre for Ecology and Development in Malawi, in December to gather communications materials (photos, videos, interviews) for our 2020 Lenten campaign.

Objective 2: Develop Policies and Procedures

A suite of 15 policies, procedures and handbooks were produced in 2019, for adoption by the board in 2020.

Objective 3: Facilitate Staff Development

Some of the training, workshops and courses attended by our team in 2019 include:

- Salesforce Intermediate Reports Training – Enclude
- Time Management – the Irish Jesuit Province
- Jesuit Ethos in the Workplace – the Peter Kenney Project
- Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP) – the Irish Jesuit Province
- In the Footsteps of Ignatius Pilgrimage – Manresa House
- Child Protection Certificate – Harvard University

Objective 4: Facilitate and manage transitions

In 2019, we began the conversation with supporters, our team and partners on the re-branding of the Irish Jesuit Missions, an exercise to coincide with the launch of a new website for mid-2020. This conversation centred around a potential name and logo change. Engagement included discussions with 10 of our key partner organisations overseas, our Board, the Ignatian Formation Group within the Irish Jesuit Schools and our own team. The need to ensure our name encompassed the entirety of our work, was at the forefront of conversations. An agreement to move to Irish Jesuits International was reached in June 2020 with this Annual Report being our first publication with the rebranded name and logo. We hope you will receive it well.

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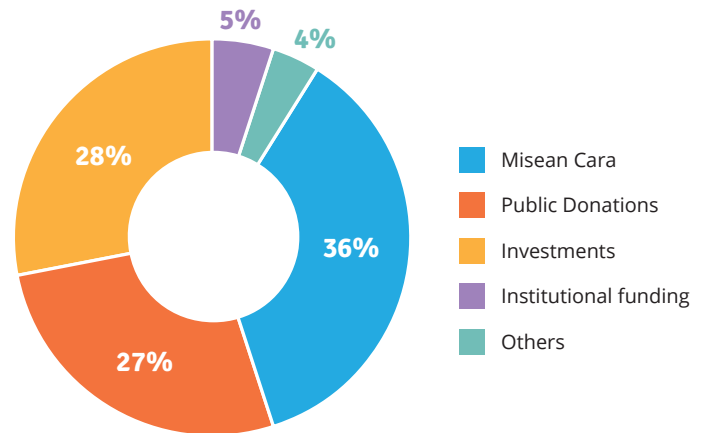
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27% of income in 2019 was through private donations, while 41% of income was from institutional donors including Misesan Cara, Electric Aid and Xavier Network.

Private donors

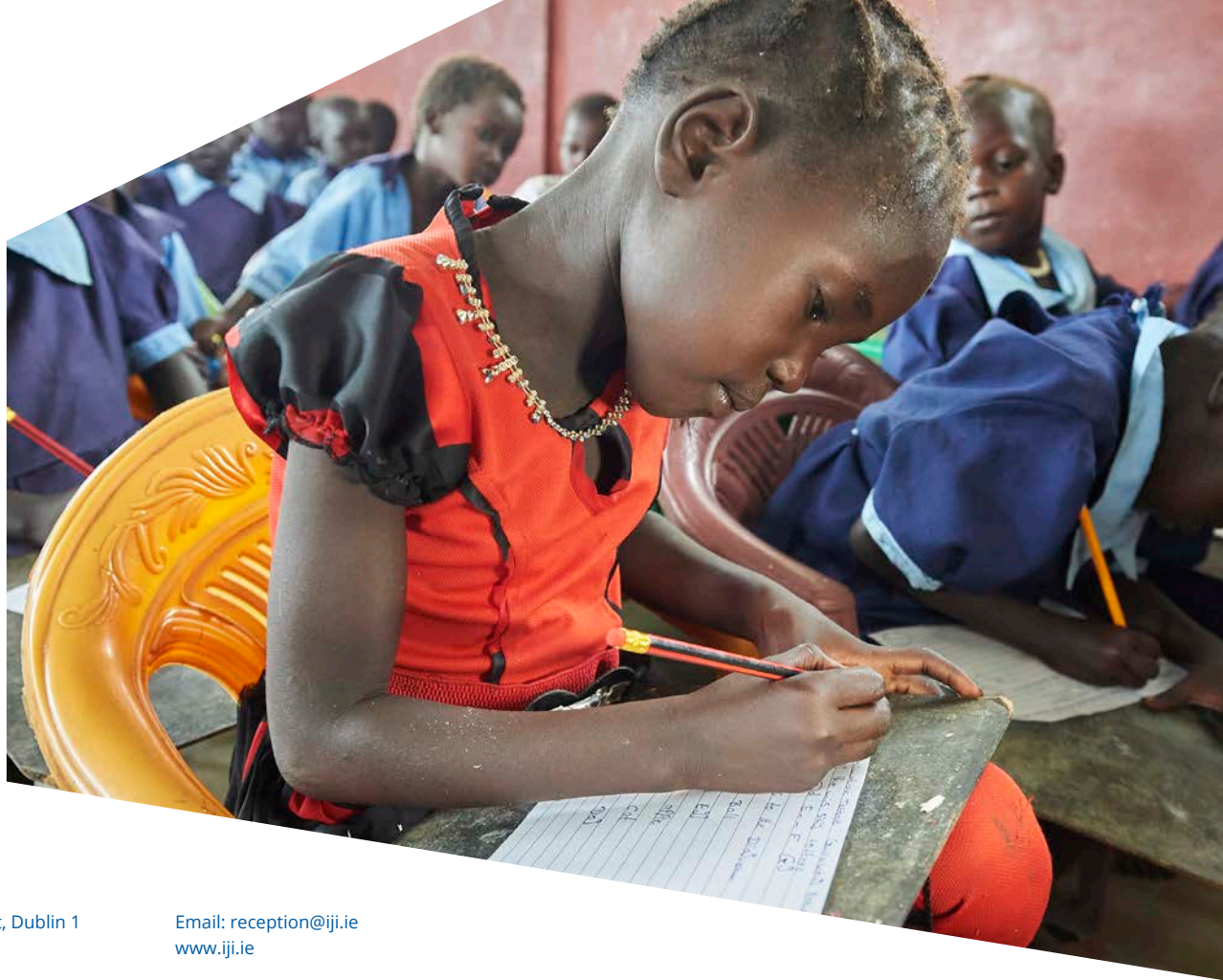
In 2019, 100% of our private donations went directly to overseas works. Income from private donations increased by 6%.

Source of Income



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