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

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# FOREWORD

There is a wise Bantu proverb, 'I am because we are'. It means that only by working together in community, can we help each person to grow and live a life of dignity, respect and wellbeing. Together with you, we have made this difference to so many in the Global South this year.

Your generosity has directly affected the lives of 237,548 vulnerable and marginalised people across 15 countries. We responded to the most basic of requests from our partners – clean water to drink, shoes during freezing winter months, basic food hampers to get a family through the month. The needs are so acute, and our resources are little, yet we manage to have a deep and meaningful impact on those we serve.

With your support, we've managed to keep rural schools and teacher training colleges open, in places where our brother Jesuits have been shot and killed.

We've responded to emergencies, that don't hit the headlines, including the Tigray War in Ethiopia which affected me dearly. It claimed the lives of half a million people with large-scale sexual violence by military forces. We responded with relief distributions to over 10,000 people facing starvation.



It is your solidarity, your understanding of how we reach those furthest behind, that enables us to persevere. Your commitment to us, gives us the opportunity to enable those left behind to make real changes in their lives. Mile buiochas agus beannacht.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Guiney".

Fr John K. Guiney SJ  
Director

# OVERVIEW

**237,548** DIRECT  
BENEFICIARIES IN 2022



**70** DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



**43** PARTNERS



**15** COUNTRIES



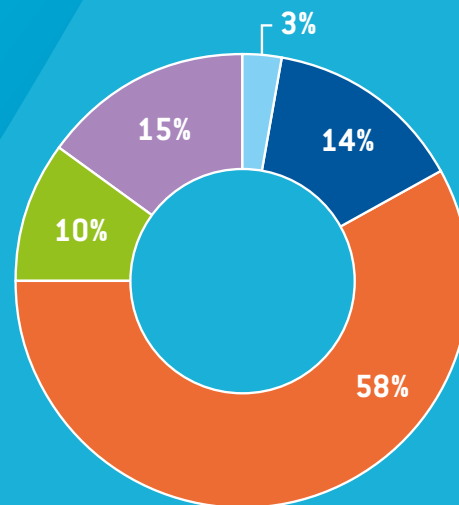
**€1.9M** INVESTMENT



**PEOPLE SERVED**

50% FEMALE 50% MALE

## OUR WORK BY OBJECTIVE



■ Care of our common home ■ Education  
■ Health & well-being ■ Protection ■ Pastoral

## 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.

## Our Strategic Goals



1. International Development Programme: to improve the quality of life and walk with those who are marginalised, disadvantaged and living in poverty in Africa, Asia and Middle East.



2. School Engagement Programme: to support Jesuit Schools in Ireland maintain linkages to our Jesuit development partners in the Global South for mutual learning and sharing.



3. Missionary Support Programme: to provide quality support to Irish Jesuit missionaries on mission.



4. Supporter Engagement Programme: to nurture our relationship with current supporters through effective communications and build new audiences.



5. Organisational Development Programme: to encourage best practice in the workplace and maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of our work.

# FUNDING

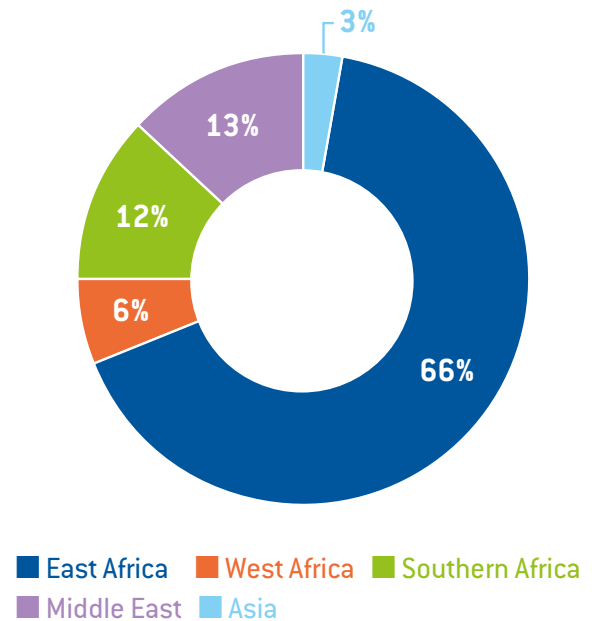
In 2022, we allocated a total of €1,992,964 in funding through the International Development Programme for various development projects and pastoral initiatives overseas.

Our valued institutional donors in 2022 included Misesan Cara and the Xavier Network.

- 40% of income in 2022 was through institutional donor, Misesan Cara
- 38% of income was from donations from the general public
- 22% were bequests gifted in wills

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our supporters for their continued commitment to our Jesuit works internationally.

Funding by Region



# COUNTRIES OF OPERATION

70 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

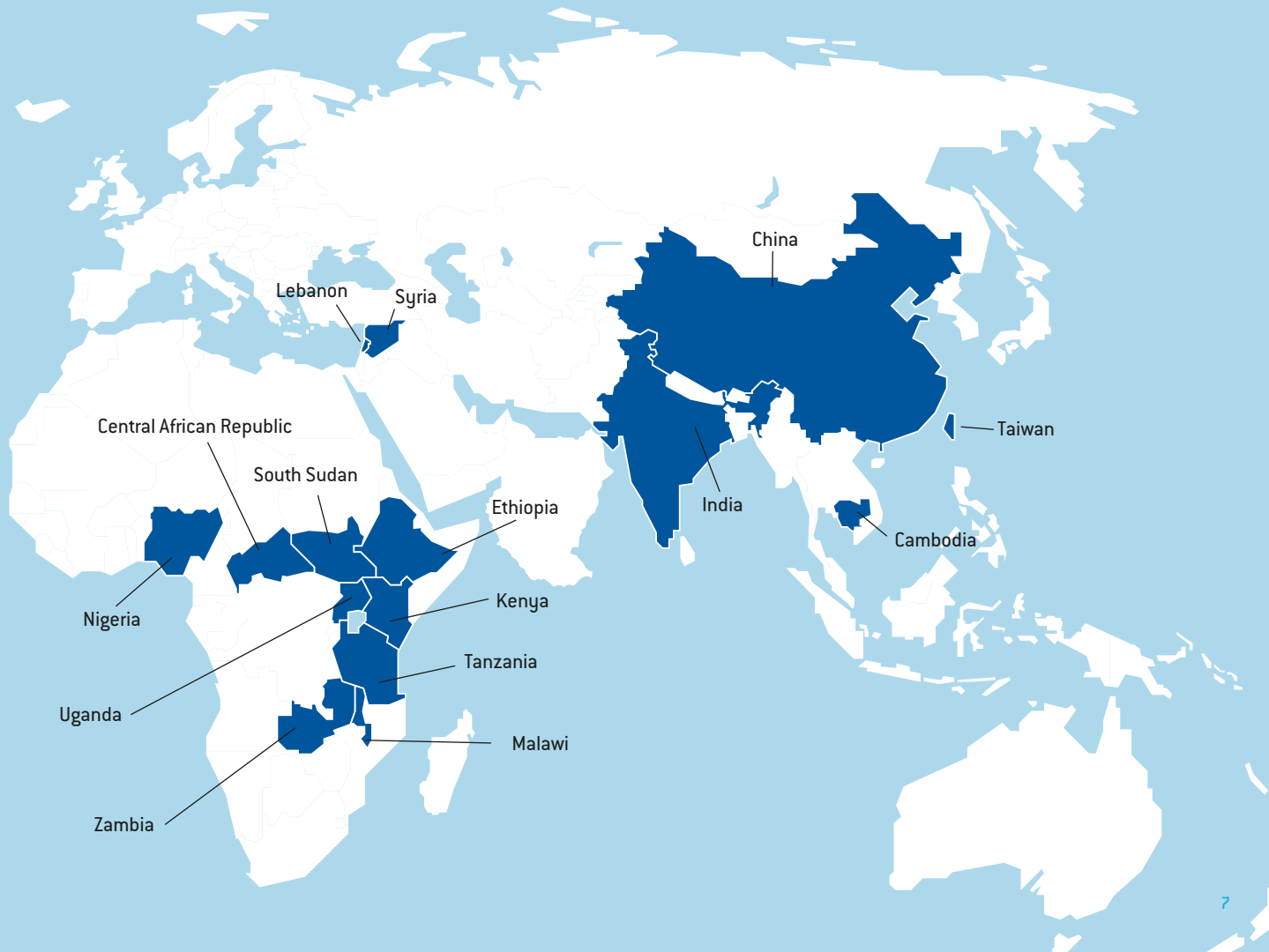
43 PARTNERS

15 COUNTRIES

|                             |    |             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------|----|
| Cambodia                    | 1  | Malawi      | 4  |
| Central African<br>Republic | 1  | Nigeria     | 2  |
| Ethiopia                    | 3  | South Sudan | 15 |
| China                       | 2  | Syria       | 9  |
| India                       | 1  | Taiwan      | 3  |
| Lebanon                     | 4  | Tanzania    | 1  |
| Kenya                       | 14 | Uganda      | 4  |
|                             |    | Zambia      | 6  |









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# IJI STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2022-2027

We launched our Strategic Framework 2022 to 2027 on the 10<sup>th</sup> August in Milltown, Dublin.

Our Framework outlines our future works and objectives over the next 5 years. This is our fourth strategic framework within IJI and is informed by the new commitments within the Irish Jesuit Province and globally within the Society of Jesus through the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs), which renew our energy in reviewing how we live, how we work, and how we relate to the people we serve.



During the lifetime of our last Strategic Framework 2017-2021, our International Development Programme provided over

**€7.4 MILLION IN AID**, reaching  
**512,325 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES**  
in some of the most disadvantaged communities  
worldwide.

# 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, Asia and Middle 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.



**88,186 PEOPLE SERVED IN EDUCATION**

**49% FEMALE 51% MALE**

**32 PROJECTS**

**14 COUNTRIES**

We focus on education for the marginalised, vulnerable and those living in poverty in line with the UAPs 'Walking with the Excluded' and 'Journeying with Youth'.

In 2022 we continued to support those most in need in areas where there is limited access to education in countries including Cambodia, CAR, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, Nigeria, South Sudan, Syria, Taiwan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.



## Girls Club Podcasts in India

In 2022, we supported our partner JRS India to advocate for educational rights of vulnerable Chin and Afghan refugee children in New Delhi. JRS partnered with existing informal and vocational education initiatives and supported the girls to form 3 Girls Clubs, with 20 members each of ages 15-18 years. These Girls Clubs championed education for refugee girls.

8 awareness sessions were facilitated for the girls on Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV), refugee girl child education, child safeguarding, menstrual health and hygiene, peer counselling support, rights of refugee children, girls in peacebuilding and climate crisis.

*"I want to say a big thank you for letting me be a part of Radio Podcasting Program. We can share the life of a refugee, we can reconnect with our family and we can help families by sharing their information through radio. That's why this project will affect not only my life but the lives of my family and also the people in my community."* **Mary San**

The Girls Clubs received training in radio podcasting, including speaking skills, audio modulation and content creation. This equipped them not only with new skills but also the ability to raise awareness about the learning rights of refugee children and address pertinent issues.

The Girls' Clubs released 10 Radio Podcasts shared on JRS digital platforms, aiming to bring about positive cultural transformations and highlight the challenges, potential, and learning opportunities for refugee children and girls in the host community.



## Girl 4 Girls Club

We supported our partner JRS Nigeria to continue the education project in Adamawa and Borno States, where female primary school attendance is only 47.7%. The Boko Haram insurgency has worsened the situation, causing a crisis that has lasted for over a decade, leaving many girls out of school.

Through this innovative program, a total of 500 girls who were previously out of school have been reintegrated into the education system.

Female teachers have received training on pedagogy and Psychosocial Support (PSS) to better support and counsel the girls. Girls for Girls (G4G) groups have been established to provide ongoing support and supplies such as uniforms, learning materials, stationary and reusable menstrual pads.

Boys have been supported in championing girl education, creating a supportive environment for the girls.

Village Savings and Loans Associations are being established for the mothers of the G4G groups so that they

can generate an income for their household without having to remove their girl child from school.



*"I want a world where girls' education advocates and feminist activists no longer have work to do because girls have access to education. Just because they are humans, and they are alive."*

**Sarah – JRS volunteer teacher, Borno State in Nigeria**



## New Primary School in Akol Jal

Akol Jal is a rural village in South Sudan, still insecure after decades of war. Men sleep in the nearest town of Rumbek, as it is unsafe for them to sleep in the village at night, of fear of being shot.

In 2022, the State Governor brought into law the requirement for children to attend primary school. The local community took the requirement up with zeal and urged the Jesuits to allow their children schooling in the agricultural institute when it wasn't being used by the women farmers for classes. Parents were unwilling to send their children to the next nearest school which was over 12km away, as it would leave their children vulnerable to being attacked along the route.

With this surge in interest, a government permit was issued for the construction of a new school, St Peter Faber Primary School. With support from Ireland we aim to build the block in 2023.

*“The new school will provide an opportunity for an entirely new generation to have an education – something which was not on the cards for many of parents and grandparents because of war. Meeting a 70 year old man, beginning his education journey as a student in Primary 1 (our equivalent of Junior Infants) was truly humbling. This was his first chance at an education.”*

**Emer Kerrigan, IJI Operations Manager during a visit in November 2022**

*Primary school children in MAJIS, Akol Jal.*



## Transforming Lives Through Holistic Education

We continued to support our partner JRS Lebanon on the Jbeil Early Childhood Education program, where they are making a remarkable impact on the lives of young students through holistic education. The program provides:

- High quality Early Childhood Education
- Learning Support
- Summer camp
- Speech Therapy
- Counselling
- Recreation

Twin brothers, Ward and Zain Talib, enrolled in the program. The twins' mother, Rawaa Al-Rawas, shares this holistic and inclusive approach, where every student is treated equally regardless of their background, race or abilities has led to a real transformation in her children. She explained that her boys faced challenges in pronouncing words, forming phrases correctly, and comprehending questions. However, thanks to the consistent follow-up provided by JRS Jbeil, their pronunciation skills have improved significantly. Rawaa's children can now organize their words, distinguish

between questions and responses, and construct coherent sentences. She expresses deep gratitude for this comprehensive program that is supporting both children and parents refugees.

*"My name is Ward, I am seven years old, I live with my father and mother, and I have a brother, his name is Zain. I enjoy going to school, studying, playing, and spending time with my friends. I love my school because they look after me and help me study and play. I also enjoy speaking with the speech therapist."*



Students in a Lebanese refugee camp. (Kristóf Hölvényi /JRS)

## IMPACT – BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

### **Cambodia**

- 800 (400 f, 400 m) students provided scholastic materials at Xavier School Project

### **Central African Republic (CAR)**

- 1 staff trained in Grant Writing and Fundraising

### **China**

- 50 indigenous children (30 f, 20 m) attending After School Programs in remote areas

### **Ethiopia**

- 1,025 (522 f, 503 m) students supported at Abay Mado Primary School

### **India**

- 60 Chin & Afghan urban refugees join Girl Clubs
- 8 sessions facilitated for 60 girls on Sexual Gender Based Violence and menstrual health

- 10 Radio Programme Training sessions provided to 3 Girls Club
- 8 podcasts produced and released on JRS digital platforms
- 4 teacher training programmes provided to 6 Chin & 10 Afghan refugee teachers

### **Kenya**

- 112 vulnerable students in Kangemi slum provided with secondary school subsidies.
- 334 (185 f, 149 m) children received psychosocial support, feeding and education at Upendo
- 2 staff trained in Grant Writing & Fundraising

### **Lebanon**

- 90% of girls and boys completed the school year
- 197 children (99 f, 98 m) provided a safe space in the learning support program
- 13 vulnerable children received counselling

- 20 personnel (18 f, 2 m) trained in security, psychological First Aid, IT and protection

### **Malawi**

- Toyota Hilux donated to St Joseph's Primary School and Kasungu Parish

### **Nigeria**

- 50 boys trained in positive masculinity to serve as champions for girls' education
- 500 girls in Girl For Girl (G4G) clubs mentored in Borno and Adamawa States receiving uniforms, school supplies and hygiene kits
- 38 teachers trained in pedagogy and classroom management
- 20 G4G female teachers (4 per school) trained on pedagogy and Psychosocial Support (PSS)
- 3 schools refurbished and/or provision of school furniture and/or improved WASH facilities

### **South Sudan**

- Classroom Block construction started at Loyola Secondary School, Wau for the vocational school
- Classroom Block construction started at St Peter Faber Primary School, Akol Jal
- 8 pit latrines built at St Peter Faber Primary School
- School Feeding provided in 6 schools
- 146 (110 f, 36 m) taught at St Teresa's Nursery School, Rumbek
- 168 (63 f, 105 m) taught at Victor Luke Odhiambo Secondary School, Cueibet
- 458 (202 f, 256 m) supported at Loyola Secondary School (LSS), Wau
- 97 (43 female, 54 male) supported at Our Lady's Seat of Wisdom Primary School, Cueibet
- 98 supported at St Peter Faber Primary School
- 107 in-service students (22 f, 85 m) trained by Mazzolari Teacher Training College (MTTC), Cueibet
- 27 (1 f, 26 m) awarded Automotive Maintenance and Driving Certs

- 3 males awarded Welding and Metal Certificates
- 134 (45 f, 89 m) trained in Basic Computer Skills
- 488 (220 f, 267 m) learning Basic Computer skills at LSS Wau ICT Centre
- Tailoring, Masonry and Electrical Installation classes provided at LSS

### Syria

- Fire Repair to JRS Lebanon building to continue the Education for 700 students (350 f, 350 m)

### Tanzania

- 3 Batteries procured for Radio Kwizera enabling listenership of 10.3 million (40% f, 60% m)

### Uganda

- 3,127 (1064 f, 2063 m) provided scholastic materials in 7 schools
- 1,064 female students provided hygiene kits
- 2,063 male students provided hygiene kits
- 25 school management board members trained

- 160 secondary teachers trained on pedagogy and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

### Zambia

- Grade 1-7 primary curricula for radio schools upgraded to the new national curricula



Equality Nationality Campaign, Lebanon



## OBJECTIVE 2:

### **Improve protection of those most vulnerable within our care and surrounding communities**

We are committed to cultivating a culture of care of the excluded grounded in dignity, justice, and reconciliation in China, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lebanon, South Sudan and Syria.



**121,181 PEOPLE SERVED**

**51% FEMALE 49% MALE**

**24 PROJECTS**

**6 COUNTRIES**

We championed safeguarding and protection not only with our own 43 partners in the Global South, but beyond that – with 13 other Xavier Network members (Jesuit NGOs and Mission Offices) whose partners span across 87 countries.

We provided life saving relief distributions for those facing starvation in Ethiopia. We provided winter clothing to children in Syria at risk of freezing. Our interventions have been critical and immediate, reaching those left furthest behind.



## Tigray Conflict

The violent conflict in Tigray, Ethiopia left innocent people without enough food, shelter, or clean drinking water. 2 million fled their homes as hospitals, schools and factories were shelled. Many were massacred. Despite a truce in November 2022, 20 million people remain in dire need of food assistance in Ethiopia.

Through the Diocese of Adigrat your funding has provided relief food and supplies to over 10,000 people that were at risk of starvation.

## Survivor Support

Uzima (meaning 'full of life') addresses the protection needs of vulnerable community members in Kangemi slum in Nairobi, targeting:

- Persons living with HIV
- Adolescent girls and young women
- Adolescent boys and young men
- Single mothers
- Survivors of sexual and gender-based violence



The programme provides counselling and psychosocial support to many of whom are victims of abuse and violence. Survivors are accompanied to police stations and hospitals, with legal support and follow-up home visits.

### Smiles through the bitter cold

With the generous support of our donors during our Winter Appeal 2022, we were able to provide winter kits to 1,925 children and cash distributions of €170 to 333 families in Syria to buy fuel throughout the harsh winter.

The fuel crisis led to businesses closing down and transport coming to a complete halt. Food prices surged, further exacerbating the suffering of Syrian families who have endured 11 years of conflict.

Many parents and caregivers called the Bab Sbaa Centre in Homs with thanks for the winter kits. One of the mothers was emotional when she shared:

*“these items cost even more than we have, so buying these things for my son was impossible and we are so grateful.”*

*“This is the first time I wear a Jacket! Am so happy that it’s new and especially for me!”*



## IMPACT – BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

### China

- 10 public campaigns on positive parenting, sexual harassment and safe environments for children
- 10 training programs, conferences and workshops held on protection reaching 11,000 participants
- 6 online protection modules in Mandarin reached over 10,000 people

### Ethiopia

- Relief food and supplies distributed to over 10,000 people at risk of starvation in Tigray
- Cash assistance provided to 333 families
- Sanitary and Dignity kits provided to 800 females
- Mattresses and blankets provided to 200 displaced people (130 f, 70 m)
- 600 IDPs (350 f, 250 m) provided individual and group counselling by JRS Addis Ababa

### Kenya

- Civic Education on electoral processes facilitated for 5,000 (50% f, 50% m) in Malindi
- 30 survivors (17 f, 13 m) provided sexual violence support at Uzima
- 175 (104 f, 71 m) provided intensive support at Upendo in preparation for mainstream education

### Lebanon

- Equality Campaign held protesting the loss of citizenship when a Lebanese woman marries a non-Lebananese man
- 30 vulnerable persons (20 f, 10 m) with no refugee, IDP or citizenship status trained
- 50 families with no status provided relief food
- School supplies, transport and tuition provided for 200 children (100 f, 100 m) with no status
- 4,425 (2,213 f, 2,212 m) received diesel to heat their tents during the freezing winter months

## South Sudan

- 765 children and vulnerable adults trained in protection by MAJIS Rumbek
- Relief supplies provided to 2,500 people (1,500 f, 1,000 m) in Maban during flash floods
- 4 large tents erected on the JRS Maban compound to accommodate students displaced from the flooding
- Plastic sheets provided to 2,000 households in Maban to repair homes destroyed by the floods
- Blankets provided to 200 vulnerable people in Maban affected by the floods

## Syria

- Winter coats and shoes provided to 2,000 vulnerable people in Syria during freezing months
- Diesel provided to 2,000 vulnerable people to heat their homes and tents during winter
- Relief food distributed to 600 children and 100 elderly in Aleppo, Homes, Al Kafroun and Damascus



*Felix Omollo, JRS Maban Project Director. The JRS Maban team supports the local Mabanese host community and Sudanese refugees in 4 camps.*

## OBJECTIVE 3:

### Promote good health and well-being

Ensuring healthy lives and promoting wellbeing for people at all ages is essential to sustainable development. Significant efforts are needed to fully eradicate a wide range of diseases and address many different persistent and emerging health issues.

In 2022, we continued to focus on the physical and psychosocial health of communities of refugees and other low-income vulnerable groups in various projects in countries including India, Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda.



**23,172 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES**

**58% FEMALE 42% MALE**

**6 PROJECTS**

**3 COUNTRIES**

## The Difference Porridge Makes

Fuel prices soared in South Sudan in 2022 – the effects of the Ukraine war affecting even this part of the globe. Food became more costly to transport and simple staples became out of reach for vulnerable homes. Often in these circumstances, the international community would respond with relief food, but this year was different. The Ukraine response had diverted not only attention but funds for the scale of humanitarian relief that was needed in South Sudan.

Our partner Loyola Secondary School in Wau provides a beacon of hope to many vulnerable students who struggle not just with school fees, but struggle to feed themselves from one day to the next. With hefty fee waivers for vulnerable students, this day school it is growing its reputation as one of the best schools in the state. At the same time, Fr Jean Baptiste SJ, LSS Principal explained “our students rely on the food they get here during their school day to sustain them ... there’s simply nothing at home for them to eat.”



*“We witnessed the harrowing effects of food prices soaring during our Nov 2022 monitoring visit. Students were fainting each day. The school day had to be shortened as the students were physically too weak to stay in class until 3pm”*

**Tim Flynn, IJI Roving MEAL Advisor**

## Psychosocial Support in Maban

The Mabanese people in South Sudan are hosting refugees from the north (Sudan), in a place that is already almost inhabitable for themselves. There are no roads in, or out, of Maban. People fleeing conflict walked for days and weeks to get here, with only what they could carry through the bush. Others travelled by river, which has now become too dangerous due to bandits. Refugees are traumatised, with many having experienced extreme violence and loss. Your support facilitated JRS provide individual and group counselling and physiotherapy to children with physical disabilities. Flash floods in 2022 added to the trauma, with homes being washed away and animals drowned.

The Mabanese show us what resilience really means – to persevere despite tragedy after tragedy.



*“We had no rain. There was rain in the mountains in Ethiopia, not here in South Sudan. But the water table rose suddenly, water coming up from the ground. I’d never seen it before like this. Within 30 minutes, the water was up to my knees. The river burst its banks, the bridge collapsed. Some people didn’t make it home in time to get their children. Homes were washed away.”*

**Felix Omollo, JRS Maban Project Director**

## IMPACT – BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

### Kenya

- 7 cubicle latrines built in Kangemi, Nairobi serving (2,500 f, 2,500 m)
- 334 children (185 f, 149 m) provided access to clean hand washing facilities through the IJI Tippy Tap Appeal in Kangemi slum

### South Sudan

- 1,054 (624 f, 430 m) people supported with counselling, physiotherapy and medical services
- 1,054 people supplied with soap, clothes and mosquito nets
- 600 (300 f, 300 m) students provided Emergency School Feeding at Loyola Secondary School in Wau

### Uganda

- 1,325 (680 f, 645 m) refugees received awareness training in mental health, human rights, Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) prevention
- 200 refugees in Kampala provided with individual and group counselling
- SGBV survivor refugees received Basic Needs Assistance (food, medical, rent, financial assistance)



*"We are grateful for the peace because it helps us do more activities. We hope to continue enjoying the peace and for the Abunas (Jesuits Fathers) to continue their good work." Akujur, participant in MAJIS*





## OBJECTIVE 4:

### Care for our Common Home

Our work in 2022 focused on promoting sustainable farming and supports smallholder farmers and female heads of households in preparedness to reduce their risk to shocks and stresses, including environmental disasters, climate change and violent conflict.



**6,367 PEOPLE SERVED**

**49% FEMALE 51% MALE**

**7 PROJECTS**

**3 COUNTRIES**

We continued to champion gender, with our focus on female headed households on many of the farms and trainings we supported in Malawi, South Sudan, and Zambia.

Our activities led to real long-term impacts including:

- 51% of participants using organic manure instead of pesticides on their crops
- 616 farmers income increased by €46 as a result of climate resilient farming training and Village Savings and Loan Schemes
- Improvement in nutritional rates by 51% in vulnerable households

## Climate Action Award

We were so proud when our partner, MAJIS Rumbek was given the Misesan Cara 2022 Climate Action Award.

Multi-educational and Agricultural Jesuit Institute of South Sudan (MAJIS) addresses food insecurity in 288 villages. The project focuses on sustainable farming, good agricultural practice & appropriate land use.

Local women farmers are trying to cope with climate change – with rains coming late and seasons unpredictable. In the last 3 years, there has been unprecedented floods as soon the rainy season begins, destroying crops, drowning animals, destroying roads and bridges.

In 2022, your support has facilitated the training and support of 172 female farmers like Akujur Rualdit in climate resilience, spacing, pest control, disease control, harvesting techniques and 125 female farmers on free range poultry production and marketing.

Akujur has 6 children, the youngest is 1 and oldest is 13. She grows a variety of crops including Sukuma wiki (Collard greens), Okra, Kudra (like kale), Amaranth (a type of grain) and Pumpkin leaves. The crops are used for both consumption and as a source of income.



*"We used to only eat one meal during the evening hours, but now we are able to eat two meals a day,"*  
**Akujur Rualdit**

## The Tasintha Project

“Tasintha” – Building resilience of farming communities in Kasungu, Malawi, to the impacts of climate change – is the flagship project of the Jesuit Centre for Ecology and Development (JCED).

The Tasintha project aims to create a productive and resilient society for small-scale farmers in Kasungu District, Malawi through increased livelihood opportunities, enhanced food security and improved nutrition. The project promotes improved green, climate-resilient farming practices.

JCED has worked closely with farming communities providing training on climate smart methods of agriculture, most notably agroforestry. JCED has bolstered the work of a women's group who manufacture clay eco-stoves used for cooking. These stoves are up to 60% more efficient at burning wood than open fires, meaning communities don't have to cut down as many trees. The production and sale of the eco-stoves provide women with an additional stream of income.

*“I now help my husband paying school fees for our children as he is looking after inputs for our next growing season. All this is possible because we now make decisions together as a family.”*

**JCED project participant.**

*"In Malawi, the project (JC&D) helped school kids to become passionate about planting and managing trees, manure making and conserving agrobiodiversity as they mentor the primary schools' Environmental Clubs where farmers meet once a week to discuss various ways of protecting the environment." Misesan Cara Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Review Nov 2021*



## IMPACT – BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

### Malawi

- 31 Farmer Field Schools established in 30 villages and 3 primary schools
- 29 women of Mbira and Chisazima villages producing eco-stoves
- Adoption of ecological village model in Kasungu promoting clan based natural resources management
- 321 families boosted their farming businesses
- 584 farmers and their households have improved dietary diversity due to increased crop production
- 17 trainings and public awareness events held raising awareness on climate resilience
- 625 farmers and their households practicing farmer-managed natural regeneration of trees, shrubs, agroforestry and fruit tree production
- 6,430 households using eco-stoves saving up to 60% of wood compared to the 3 stone fire
- 722 households adopted rainwater harvesting
- 15 government staff trained on Climate Change Preparedness, Ecosystems Service Approaches and Problem Diagnosis
- 30 VSL Associations established in 30 villages
- 70,199 tree seedlings distributed to households and 3 primary schools
- 155 farmers accompanied at least 5 times throughout 2022 for on-site support in natural regeneration management
- 17 policy briefs produced
- 200 micro-gasifiers distributed

### South Sudan

- 172 female farmers provided seeds and equipment
- Female farmers harvested kale, okra, kudra, maize, peanut, short variety sorghum, green grams, watermelon, groundnuts, simsim, millet and long variety sorghum

- Demo Plot 2 hectares used for farmer training
- Surplus vegetables harvested to feed 98 children at St Peter Faber Primary School
- 70 households increase income
- 112 households improved nutrition
- 68 farmers raising an income from the sale of poultry products
- 70 farmers trained and engaged in improved livestock management
- Advocacy with 60 males to challenge local perception that only women farm land
- 3.15 km fence erected preventing animals destroying female farmer plots
- Climate Resilience Campaign 'Go Green Rumbek' engaging 120 youth
- Performances of 95 youth (29 f, 66 m) in 4 Climate Action (Music, Art, Drama and Poetry) recorded on Radio Good News in Rumbek

- Climate Dialogue with the Minister of Education, Ministry of Agriculture, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), MAJIS, Diocese of Rumbek, the UN Mission in South Sudan aired on Radio
- Community Clean Up day in Rumbek
- Trees planted in Rumbek
- 36 students (6 f, 30 m) trained in Basic Solar and Electrical Installations at St Peter Claver Computer and Ecological Training Centre
- 17 male students trained in Construction and Basic Water Pump Installation

#### **Zambia:**

- Solar powered borehole pump installed at St Caniscus Secondary School in Chikuni to provide water for 765 students and 120 families





## GOAL 2: SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

To promote active engagement within Jesuit Schools in Ireland on global injustice

## Jesuit School Teacher Placement Initiative

Our Jesuit School Placement Initiative provides specialised professional assignments to personnel working in Irish Jesuit schools with our partners overseas. Each individual placement is bespoke – tailored to the experience and qualifications of the personnel in Ireland and the specific piece of work needing support within our partner. The Initiative strengthens support to our partners in a professional and cost effective way, addressing real-time needs at field level.

We look forward to Gonzaga Teacher, Ursula Sharpe, starting her placement in 2023.

## Jesuit Alumni Volunteering Programme

Past pupils of Irish Jesuit Schools, once qualified in their professions, are encouraged to join our Volunteering Programme. In 2022, former Belvedere Head Boy, Sam Duff, volunteered with our partner JCED in Malawi.

*“The opportunity to work alongside JCED has been an experience I will forever cherish and has gifted me the chance to cast an eye onto*

*the greatest challenge that our species has ever faced. I am incredibly grateful to all at IJI and JCED for facilitating this opportunity and I urge anyone reading this to look into the fantastic work that JCED are undertaking to protect our creation, earth.” Sam Duff*

His placement was so successful, Sam plans to dedicate himself to the sector, and will be doing a masters in International Development in 2023. It's such a privilege to be able to impact on our Alumni.

## Transition Year Student Engagement initiative

2022 was busy with TY students from the Jesuit schools in Ireland visiting us on social placements and 1 week work placement programmes. Our initiative promotes social justice, challenging youth to understand how the way we live in Ireland impacts on those most vulnerable in the Global South. The placement challenges pre-conceptions and encourages youth to consider further education that can lead them into the social justice and international development sector.



Our most liveliest week at IJI was when 8 Clongowes art students joined us to paint a Laudato Sí mural in our garden. Niall Leahy SJ gave an inspirational talk on Laudato Sí which prompted the students to put together some designs for a mural with their art teacher. Accomplished Syrian artist, Manar Al-Shouha, accompanied the students during the painting – which was not only led to an impressive piece of work, but a rich exchange across cultures and generations.



## Appeals

Our Irish Jesuit Schools committed tirelessly in appeals throughout 2022 including the:

- Build a Classroom Appeal – to build a classroom block at the new St Peter Faber Primary School in Akol Jal, South Sudan
- Ukraine Emergency Response
- Winter Clothes Appeal for Syria

## Twining

Our schools built on their individual relationships with Jesuit schools overseas. Belvedere College furthered their partnership with Loyola Secondary School in Wau, South Sudan, supporting them on the construction of a Vocational Centre classroom block. LSS Wau Students sent video messages to Belvedere with Christmas greeting and look forward to exchanges in the future.

*"It was a great time. We all had so much fun. And I will cherish these moments my whole life. During this week I also could develop many skills in terms of painting and shading figures. I am grateful that we have been given the opportunity."* **Benedict**





## **GOAL 3: MISSIONARY SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

To provide quality support to Irish Jesuit missionaries while on mission



**Irish Jesuits currently  
on mission**

**Year:**  
**2022**

**Number of  
Jesuits:**  
**10**

**Zambia and  
Malawi:**  
**6**

**Hong Kong:**  
**2**

**Japan:**  
**1**

**Syria:**  
**1**



## 60 years in Japan

Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ, once Vice Provincial of Japan, spoke about the delicate sensitivity of the Japanese and their natural goodness and courtesy. He said that they were a gentle people who placed great importance on the feelings of others and were good listeners. He pointed out that they felt close to nature, and that they were not embarrassed by silence. He wrote that the Japanese had curious minds and would not be won over by reason alone, but also by *cariño*, using the Spanish word for 'affection and warmth'.

In 1977, I was moved to Tokyo and taught part-time in Sophia University. I found that in working with the students was becoming more aware of the presence of God. Many think there is 'something/some mysterious power out there', but they are not too interested in finding out. I notice that when you tell a person that 'they are never alone and that God dwells in them', this gives them consolation. I have found that my own faith is being refined all the time by living in this non-religious, non-faith environment.

Looking back on these nearly 60 years in Japan, I thank the Lord for the wonderful Novice Master I was blessed with, Fr. Donal O'Sullivan, the Jesuit who opened my mind and my heart to the wider world and set me on the road to spiritual discernment. I thank the Irish Province for the support and encouragement it has shown me from the beginning.

I thank my parents and family who with great love and understanding have always shared in my missionary life in Japan. I thank the Japanese Province, which is so international and Japanese at the same time, for accepting me as their brother. I thank the Japanese people for everything that I am today.

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Author: Fr Donal Doyle SJ





## GOAL 4: SUPPORTER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

To nurture our relationship with current supporters through effective communications and build new audiences



## Humanitarian Placement Program

We launched our Humanitarian Placement Program in 2022, matching Masters students from University College Dublin (UCD) Centre for Humanitarian Action with placements overseas.

We look forward to Mibin Mammen who, next year, will take up the 1 year role of Communications Officer in Rumbek, South Sudan. Mibin will work alongside our colleague, Caroline Sanga, on developing content for appeals for the 6 Jesuit Schools and Institutes in South Sudan and on impact assessments – giving us the ability to evidence the long-term impact of your support in South Sudan.

*“Having Mibin with us next year, will hugely advance our efforts here in South Sudan – providing much needed Communications support.”*

**Caroline Sanga, South Sudan Programme Manager for the Jesuit East Africa Province**

## Our Supporters

Our supporters continue to be our strongest asset. Since we rely on only 40% of our income from institutional donors, our supporters are the key drivers to our work overseas.

We were gifted bequests in wills, for which we are humbly grateful.

In 2022, our online supporters increased by 31%.

Irish Jesuit schools increased their involvement in our appeals.



## GOAL 5: ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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

*Transparency and Accountability are taken seriously within our organisation. We encourage best practice in our workplace to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of our work.*



## OBJECTIVE 1:

### Good Governance

Our Board of Advisors met 3 times in 2022 and Board of Trustees met twice, providing guidance and reviewing staff quarterly reports, policies, our Governance Compliance Form for the Charities Regulator, our Financial Statements and external audit.

We have a middle tier of oversight of each of our projects, known as Development Offices or in the case of JRS – Country or Regional Offices. In 2022, we collaborated closely with the below oversight bodies:

- Eastern Africa (AOR) Jesuit Province Development Office
- Southern Africa (SAP) Jesuit Province Development Office

- Zambia Malawi (ZAM) Jesuit Development Office
- China Jesuit Province Development Office
- Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Eastern Africa Regional Office
- JRS Western Africa Regional Office
- JRS Middle East and North Africa Regional Office
- JRS South Asia Regional Office

This collaboration ensured that our 43 local partners have had:

- All proposals and reports reviewed and approved before reaching us
- Safeguarding monitored by their oversight body
- Grant Agreements authorized by their oversight body for every grant issued by us



## OBJECTIVE 2:

### Facilitate staff development

In 2022 our team attended the following training, workshops and webinars:

- Kaya Safeguarding course
- UN Security training
- Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) training to enhance communication strategy and improve website visibility
- Comhlámh Code of Practice for international volunteering

### Administration

IJI is proud to share that no more than 7% is used from any donation to cover costs in Ireland. This includes costs for our Communications Team to run 3 Appeals each year, cost of running our reception, maintaining our financial management to a high standard and the time dedicated to mentoring, visiting and supporting our partners overseas.

## STRUCTURE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

### Staff

Mr Jim Allen (Finance Manager)

Ms Amanda Bermingham  
(Administrator)

Mr Tim Flynn (Monitoring, Evaluation &  
Learning Adv)

Fr John Guiney SJ (Director)

Ms Rosaleen Kenny (Reception)

Ms Emer Kerrigan (Operations  
Manager)

Mr Joe Munnelly (Communications  
Officer)

Ms Yanira Romero (Communications  
Coordinator)

### Board of Trustees

Fr John Guiney SJ

Fr Leonard Moloney SJ (Provincial)

Fr William Toner SJ (Treasurer)

### Board of Advisors

Fr Richard O'Dwyer SJ (Chair)

Mr Ivan Schuster

Ms Dearbhail Rossiter

Ms Dervla King

Fr Jim Culliton SJ

Mr Kevin Carroll

### Safeguarding

Ms Saoirse Fox (Designated Liaison  
Person)

Mr Joe Greenan (Asst. Designated  
Liaison Person)

Ms Emer Kerrigan (IJI Local  
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### Auditors

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