

TAPESTRY OF HOPE AND SOLIDARITY



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Organizational Report



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Our **vision**

The **vision** of Canadian Jesuits International is a world of peace, justice and integrity of creation, transformed through active commitment and finding God in all things.

Our **mission**

The **mission** of CJI is to love and to serve by working with people struggling for social justice and dignity in the world. Together with Jesuit and other partners, CJI responds in solidarity, through awareness-raising and advocacy in Canada and supporting partnerships in the Global South.

MESSAGE FROM CJI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JENNY CAFISO

A STEADFAST COMMITMENT

While in prison on unsubstantiated charges of terrorism along with his co-accused, Fr Stan Swamy SJ, an Indian Jesuit priest, wrote: “We sixteen co-accused have not been able to meet each other, as we are lodged in different jails or different ‘circles’ within the same jail. But we will still sing in chorus. *A caged bird can still sing.*”*

Fr Stan died on July 5, 2021, nine months after being incarcerated, leaving human rights defenders and communities in India and around the world bereft, but also inspired by his life of commitment and compassion for those considered the least among us. Even in death, his call to freedom can still be heard worldwide.

As I reflect on the last five years of our work at Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Fr. Stan stands as one example of the selfless courage and prophetic vision of the people who continue to humble and inspire us. They also remind me of why CJI’s work of accompaniment and solidarity, matter.

As you will read in these pages, CJI’s Jesuit partners and supporters have remained a beacon of hope for poor and marginalized communities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. CJI currently supports over 40 Jesuit projects focused on education and health, human rights defence and community organizing, sustainable agriculture and livelihood, service to forcibly displaced people, and humanitarian action. Despite the unprecedented challenges brought by Covid-19, CJI remained steadfast in working with the most vulnerable communities as they grappled with the crippling pandemic, and the intractable challenges of increasing poverty, human rights violations, war



and conflict, environmental degradation, forcible displacement, and lack of access to education.

In 2022, CJI supported new and ongoing projects that help build climate-resistant communities; offer livelihood support, and training to address food insecurity; defend human and environmental rights in the face of resource extraction; promote organic farming and strengthen the solidarity economy; and support Indigenous peoples’ rights, as well as providing humanitarian responses to global and regional crises, including the earthquake in Haiti.

We also continue to build links of solidarity between people in Canada and in the Global South, especially with young people, engaging them in a process of reflection and action to build a better world.

None of this would be possible without the faithful support of people in Canada who share our commitment to social justice.

As I reflect on the work that is ahead of us, I am emboldened by the knowledge that while we live in uncertain times, “*a caged bird can still sing.*” It is up to us to choose to stand with Fr Stan and others like him who will not be silenced. At CJI, we consider it our calling and our privilege to do so.

* Excerpt from *I Am Not A Silent Spectator*, by Stan Swamy, published by the Indian Social Institute, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL OF THE JESUITS OF CANADA, ERIK OLAND SJ

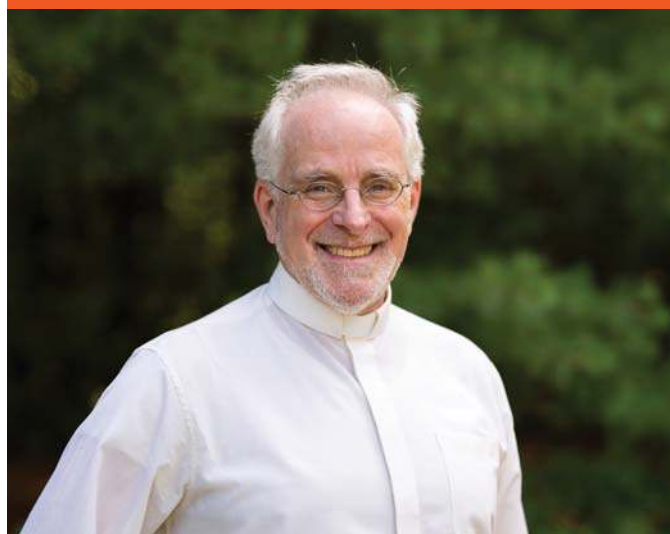
Much has been written about tapestry, one of the world's oldest art forms still being practiced the world over. This practical and beautiful art is enjoying a renaissance today after a significant decline in the 20th century.

Despite their artistic beauty, tapestries were originally conceived to hang on the walls of a dwelling to provide insulation. That is the practical side. Another observation made by art historians is that, in ancient times, tapestries were produced collectively. It was an art that assembled diverse talents; a communal coming together of painters, designers, and weavers.

In choosing the theme Tapestry of Hope and Solidarity for its organizational report, Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) tells us that its mission “to love and to serve by working with people struggling for social justice and dignity in the world,” is a collective effort. It is one where diverse people from diverse cultures around the world make a strong commitment to weave together something truly wonderful as expressed in CJI’s vision: “A world of peace, justice and integrity of creation, transformed through active commitment and finding God in all things.”

CJI, along with its partners and supporters, has never wavered in its mission of accompanying poor and marginalized people in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Even at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, whose disastrous impacts are expected to reverberate for many years to come, CJI continued its course.

Today, CJI continues to work in solidarity with its Jesuit partners who walk hand in hand with local communities as they address poverty, access to



education, human rights violations, violence, forcible displacement, and environmental degradation.

CJI’s journey is guided by the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) of the global Society of Jesus: Promoting Discernment and the Spiritual Exercises, Walking with the Excluded, Caring for our Common Home, and Journeying with Youth. We are also guided by Pilgrims Together – With Jesus in Mission, the fruit of the apostolic discernment process of the Jesuit Province of Canada.

The Jesuit priorities are reflected in both the international projects it supports, and the education and advocacy CJI carries out in Canada. The UAPs and Pilgrims Together provide CJI the inspiration and fulfillment of the organizational and personal mission of its staff and Board. In turn, its mission contributes and enriches the mission of the Society of Jesus at home and abroad.

CJI also draws hope from its partners and their communities who face challenges head on with admirable courage and commitment.

Together may we continue to create this beautiful tapestry of hope and solidarity which I know will continue to inspire many for generations to come.

Abundant blessing:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Erik Oland SJ". The signature is fluid and cursive.

THE PATH TO HOPE

An overview of CJI's international programs

Hope is built on solidarity. The work of CJI and our Jesuit partners in the Global South is a testament to how solidarity can contribute to a just world. In its international work, CJI prioritizes Jesuit partners who are guided and inspired by the four Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) of the Society of Jesus: showing the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment; walking with the poor and excluded; journeying with youth; and caring for our common home.

The defence of human rights is essential to build a just world. CJI supports ERIC-Radio Progreso in Honduras, CEDIAC in Mexico, HLDRC in Darjeeling and Lok Manch in India as they defend marginalized communities, including Indigenous people, women, and children whose rights are violated by powerful sectors of society, multinational corporations, and their own governments.

Building a just future also involves building just economic and social alternatives. Partners such as COMPARTE in Latin America, or Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre in Zambia, set the building blocks of alternative economic productive activities that provide a just livelihood while respecting the earth, *our common home*.

Quality education for all is a priority for our partners in Darjeeling, Jamaica and for Fe y Alegría in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Pan-Amazon region.

Forced migration is the challenge of our times and we support Jesuit Refugee Service in South Sudan, Colombia, Mexico, and Syria, and the Jesuit Migration Network in Latin America to respond to the needs of people forcibly displaced by war, socio-political violence, and climate change.

We also support our international partners by responding to their request for advocacy. We have participated in the Ecojesuit's online delegation to COP26 and represent the Jesuit Conference of



JRS Venezuela

📷 Jesuit Refugee Service staff deliver humanitarian assistance to Wayúu Indigenous people in Zulia state, Venezuela.

Canada and the US on Justice in Mining, a Global Ignatian Advocacy Network.

As members of the Xavier Network, we have increased our impact by supporting international projects jointly, developing and implementing safeguarding policies in all our work and by responding effectively to emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the Beirut explosion, the Haiti earthquake, and the war in Ukraine. CJI is the lead agency among various Jesuit institution partners for the 2021 Haiti earthquake recovery project.

As we look towards the future, we take inspiration from our partners in Africa, Asia and Latin America and affirm a greater commitment to justice and peace, and a bolder response to the cry of the earth and its people.



BEARING WITNESS

Canadian Jesuit International's (CJI) work in Canada draws inspiration and direction from the work of our international Jesuit partners. We connect with faith-based and secular groups in Canada such as Jesuit schools and social apostolates, NGOs, Catholic schools, and parishes. We work in partnership with Catholic Boards of Education in Toronto, Ottawa, and Hamilton. This work is rooted in the belief that peace and justice will reign only if we work on building just relations locally and globally.

Our annual fall campaign connects our supporters across Canada with our Jesuit partners in Africa, Asia, and Latin America through speaking tours, webinars, and visits. Past guest speakers include Fr Nawras Sammour SJ from Jesuit Refugee Service Middle East and North Africa, Fr Lalit Tirkey SJ from the Darjeeling Jesuit Province, and Dr Sunita Narain from the Centre for Science and Environment. COVID-19 forced us to go online in 2020 and 2021. While restrictive, it allowed us to increase our national and international reach.


Y4O (Youth for Others) is a key initiative that includes social justice days, school retreats and the Y4O Advocacy Symposiums. In the fall of 2022, we invited Fr Jacques Nzumbu SJ, a Jesuit from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), to talk about the impact of the green energy transition, and the activities of multinational and Canadian mining companies in the DRC. Students were encouraged to sign an online petition or meet with their Member of Parliament to voice their opinions on the issue. In November 2022, Jenny Cafiso, CJI Executive Director, and Fr Jacques held a press conference on Parliament Hill to underscore the gravity of the issue.

In 2021, as part of an international campaign to raise awareness and solidarity for Fr Stan Swamy SJ, an Indian Jesuit priest who was imprisoned on unsubstantiated charges, CJI asked supporters to send him a birthday card through the Indian High Commission in Ottawa.

An overview of CJI's education and advocacy outreach

CJI voiced its support for Fr Ismael "Melo" Moreno Coto SJ, director of ERIC-Radio Progreso, who was the object of countless death threats in 2019 because of his prophetic activism in Honduras. As a member of the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA), CJI has campaigned for legislation that will require Canadian companies overseas to exercise due diligence with respect to human and environmental rights.

Together with our international Jesuit partners, we will continue to bear witness and to educate Canadians about the devastating impact that our actions and political and economic policies may have on people from the Global South.

 Fr Jacques Nzumbu and CJI Executive Director Jenny Cafiso raise the issue of corporate accountability at a CJI parliamentary press conference in Ottawa, October 31, 2022.



Victor Reyes/CJI

EDUCATION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Emmanuel J. Loboka is Communication Intern for Jesuit Refugee Services-South Sudan.

Mohealdin Abdallah Hassan, along with his nine siblings, grandmother, and stepmother sought safety in Maban, South Sudan from the civil war in the Blue Nile states of neighbouring Sudan. The journey was difficult, he recalled. He saw mothers and children left behind along the way. “It was hard to look at them,” he said.

South Sudan hosts the biggest refugee camp in the Upper Nile state of Maban, which includes people who have fled the Blue Nile states of Sudan. South Sudan faces its own challenges. It gained its independence from Sudan in July 2011, after more than 20 years of civil war. Two years later, a civil war broke out in South Sudan and continued up to 2016. This resulted in the death of 100,000 people, and the displacement of more than four million people, including 2.5 million who fled to neighbouring countries.

Maban suffers from frequent flooding when the river Yablus carries heavy rainfall downstream from the Ethiopian Highlands. The host community that occupies the lowlands has been most affected, but the flood waters also cut off access to refugee settlements,

which has made life difficult for people living there.

Despite these challenges, there are refugees like Mohealdin who participate in the teacher training program of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), which receives support from Canadian Jesuits International (CJI).

Mohealdin had to drop out of school when he and his family fled the war, but he carried all his dreams and aspirations with him.



JRS South Sudan



📷 Jesuit Refugee Service South Sudan offers skills training to internally displaced youth in Maban County and Yambio County.

Today, he is part of the JRS pre-service teacher training program.

JRS has not only given him education support, including computer skills, but “social skills on how to promote peaceful co-existence,” he said. Life in a refugee camp is “very hard and it requires patience,” said Mohealdin. But he said people can have access to education, healthcare, and food.

“Let us use this time, this chance before we go back to our homeland. Through education one can achieve goals and become independent,” he said.

JRS provides a variety of humanitarian support and educational services, including Early Childhood Development Centres in South Sudan.

JRS hopes that its service of providing education to refugees will bear fruit and equip them with skills that will help them in their lifetime.

DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS, BUILDING PEACE



Fr Ismael Moreno SJ is a member of ERIC-Radio Progreso in Honduras.

Honduras is a small country with a population of nine million. It has a history of dependence on foreign countries, mainly the United States. Wealth is concentrated in the hands of a small oligarchic elite and foreign companies; it hinges on the exploitation of natural resources, especially mining, and cheap labour, particularly young women workers in the maquiladoras (tariff-free foreign factories).

Honduras has never managed to take off with an economy of its own. The lives of thousands of young people have been cut short by violence; many have been forced to join one of the criminal or drug trafficking networks. Tens of thousands have taken the uncertain and no less dangerous path that crosses Guatemalan and Mexican territories to reach the United States where they hope to seek refuge and find a job that would allow them to rebuild their lives and send remittances to relatives who remain in Honduras.


In this context of systemic violation of human rights, ERIC (Reflection, Research and Communications Team)-Radio Progreso, as a platform for the social apostolate of the Society of Jesus, analyze and

investigate socio-economic realities, denounce and publicize human rights violations, and defend, console, and give hope to victims.

We are nourished by our faith in the communities. We encourage the flood victims, as well as the mothers who mourn their murdered sons and daughters. And we are strengthened by our faith in God who carries the pain of the victims and fills them with hope from the rubble.

For us, international solidarity is a fundamental pillar of our social apostolate. This solidarity not only contributes resources to

conduct our work, but also gives us strength and protects us in the face of threats from human rights violators. CJJ is undoubtedly one of the closest and most supportive international organizations we work with. It is an organization of sisters and brothers, and hand by hand with them we will continue to sow the seeds of a society where human rights are respected, and all people enjoy equal opportunities to grow with dignity and freedom.

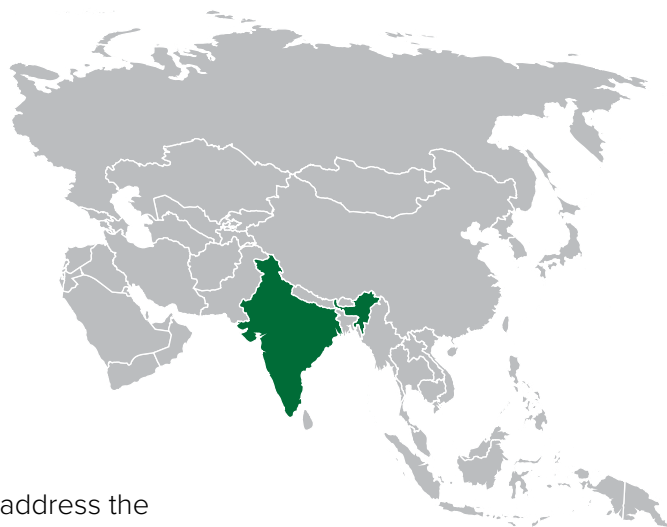
 Jesuit community radio gives marginalized communities a voice.



ERIC-Radio Progreso

BREWING CHANGE IN TEA ESTATES

Fr Pascal Xalxo SJ is the Director of Human Life Development and Research Centre.




The Human Life Development & Research Centre (HLDRC) was established in 2013 to address the social and economic poverty of tea workers in North Bengal and the violation of their human rights.

India's tea gardens are popular as scenic Northeast vacation destinations. But behind the serene facade of acres of gently rolling green hills is a culture that is exploitative and cruel to the workers, especially to young women and children who practically work as indentured labourers. Extremely low daily wages of 220 Indian rupees (\$3.63) for eight hours of work in tea plantations push thousands of young people to migrate to other states where they can earn more.

HLDRC set out to address the root causes of this poverty and work towards long term solutions, focusing on accessing acquired legal rights. HLDRC's Community Agriculture Program (CAP) organizes Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in remote villages to promote farming during the winter and monsoon seasons. We have explored ways to access large tracts of unutilized land around tea gardens and forest areas for livelihood activities. It was an opportunity to engage villagers in agricultural activities, increase food production and manage the economic crisis at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. SHGs in

the Lankapara and Bamadanga Tea Estates have already started farming larger tracts of land, each cultivating 8 acres and 20 acres, respectively.

Major challenges remain: the monsoon season continues to affect agriculture; elephants occasionally destroy crops; and there is a need to develop an irrigation system during the winter season for crops such as onions, garlic, tomatoes, and more. These winter crops have the potential to generate larger income for many villages.

 The Community Agriculture Program (CAP) organizes Women Self-Help Groups to promote farming during the winter and monsoon seasons.

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) has supported HLDRC for nearly a decade. Its support is invaluable in building the capacity of leaders and strengthening organizations in tea plantation communities in North Bengal. HLDRC's goal is to improve the lives of thousands of men, women and youth and children in this region through social transformation. We are one step closer to achieving that goal because of CJI and its supporters.



HLDRC

SOLIDARITY WITH HAITI

Fr Francois Kawas SJ was the Executive Director of CERFAS Haiti, a social apostolate of the Society of Jesus.*



The challenges that the people of Haiti are experiencing today provoke strong emotions among Haitians and non-Haitians: anger, compassion, astonishment, and weariness. It also raises serious ethical questions. How has it come to this? Who is responsible? What can be done for Haiti to get out of this quagmire?

The response needs to go beyond addressing immediate problems. This is a crisis that threatens the foundations of society where the vital sectors of

result of colonialism, a succession of corrupt and authoritarian leadership supported by foreign powers, and foreign intervention, among other things. A more recent issue is the proliferation of armed gangs in the capital, Port-au-Prince, some provincial towns, and the countryside. These gangs are part of a strategy used by political leaders to contain popular revolts in poor urban neighborhoods. They serve as militias for big businesses and industrialists to protect their

interests. The proliferation of armed gangs endangers the security of the population and accelerates the collapse of the state.

Haiti has also been known as the “Republic of NGOs.” A multitude of non-governmental organizations are active on the

ground. They provide care to relieve much suffering. But true solidarity with Haiti requires a serious re-examination of the traditional forms of international cooperation, to move towards a cooperation that takes its lead from Haitian community-based

organizations to help Haitians rebuild trustworthy public institutions and a sustainable peace rooted in human rights and self-determination.

The Jesuits in Haiti are accompanying vulnerable families affected by the August 2021 earthquake by rehousing 100 of them in new homes equipped with anti-seismic and anti-cyclonic features. The project is supported by Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) and other international Jesuit partners.

True solidarity is also an invitation to Haitians to renounce a culture of dependence, to regain confidence in themselves and to heed lessons from their history.

** Fr Francois Kawas SJ passed away unexpectedly last October 23, 2022. This article is based on a previous published piece on the IgNation blog and Fr Kawas’ recent project report.*



Compagnie de Jésus – Territoire d’Haïti

Fr Francois Kawas SJ (right) with one of 100 families to be rehoused in new homes.

the nation and the very survival of the people of Haiti are being seriously undermined.

Haiti is facing a real humanitarian disaster where a majority of the population is deprived of the most basic social services. This is a

QUALITY, INTERCULTURAL, AND BILINGUAL EDUCATION IS A RIGHT



Irma Lucia Mariño Vargas is Area Director of Rural Education and Amazonia, and leader of Fe y Alegría's Integral Ecology and Panamazonia initiative.

Quality education – one that is relevant, timely, and enduring – is a clear and strong strategy to address inequality and social injustice. But it becomes powerful and effective only if it accompanies policies and concrete measures that minimize or eliminate barriers to the learning and development of students, especially Indigenous youth.

For Fe y Alegría Peru, this means instituting quality, inclusive and intercultural education. It involves influencing policymakers and strengthening local capacities so that teachers and families have a voice to help transform learning environments. It requires teaching practices that stimulate curiosity for learning, with families committed to ensuring quality education for their children. It means inspiring students to value Indigenous cultural and linguistic diversity and to commit to the protection of their territories in the Pan-Amazon region.

We will continue to strengthen the capacity of teachers through systematic and comprehensive training that helps improve learning through an intercultural and bilingual approach. We will enhance alliances in territories with diverse social and community actors to consolidate and promote intercultural and bilingual education, value

Indigenous cultural and linguistic diversity, eliminate all forms of discrimination, guarantee equal opportunities for learning and development, and give preferential attention to women and girls.


This requires voices in the Pan-Amazon region with the capacity to demand and propose concrete actions that ensure adequate financial resources that meet territorial needs, strengthen the training of teachers at higher education institutes and universities, and more.

Change is gradual and comes when a set of efforts, shared views of diverse collaborators and actions converge. We have taken actions at a community level to ensure that:

- parents assume responsibility for their children's education;
- girls have the same opportunities as boys to be educated;

- quality, intercultural, and bilingual education is valued as a right; it is recognized that children learn better in their own language;
- ancestral knowledge is valued as one that enriches the work of teachers;
- and education is recognized as a means for personal and community growth.

Canadian Jesuits International is our sister organization with whom we share a common vision of justice, solidarity, and integral human development in the Amazonian territories. We have established a close, fraternal, inspiring, and challenging way of walking, learning, and cultivating the Pope's call to be a "we" that builds new signs of hope day by day.

 Education programs strengthen students' cultural identity and help prevent the loss of Indigenous languages.



SAVING SEEDS AS AN ACT OF JUSTICE

Fr Claus Recktenwald SJ is Executive Director of the Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre (KATC). Zio Mwale is Communication Officer at KATC.

Working for justice has always been in the DNA of Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre (KATC).

In the 1990s, KATC started teaching Sustainable Organic Agriculture (SOA) to farmers. SOA is respectful of Mother Nature and helps regenerate the soil. For example, we do not need to add chemical fertilizers, but can instead use animal manure to keep soil organisms alive.

When Br Paul Desmarais SJ, founder of KATC, came from Canada to Zambia over 50 years ago, his goal was to lift small-scale farmers out of poverty through conventional agricultural techniques.

The idea was that when farmers have access to chemical fertilizers, better seeds, pesticides, and high-powered farm machinery they will make a good living out of it. Unfortunately, this did not happen. People's lives did not improve; they slowly became poorer. Conventional agriculture bred dependency and injustice grew. This was an eyeopener for Br Paul and KATC to shift to SOA.

The small-scale farmers we are working with feel the impact

of climate change and face disintegrating social structures in their communities. We work with them to explore solutions to these problems. KATC realized that native seeds are key to saving the cultural identity and economic survival of the farmers. The UN recognizes that cultivation of native seeds not only contributes to biodiversity, but also people's sovereignty. Seeds are the foundation of every human society and culture.

Local varieties have a better potential to adapt to climate change than drought-resistant and genetically modified seeds that are praised as the solution to the climate crisis. Local seeds adapt very well to harsh weather conditions, such as long dry spells. KATC has helped build community seedbanks in different districts and household seedbanks where families can store their own seeds.

Through its various projects over the years, KATC has developed strong, long-term relationships with farmers around the country.



KATC

With KATC's support, community household seedbanks have been established in Zambia.

KATC's enduring partnership with Canadian Jesuits International has also proven to be invaluable.

These relationships have allowed KATC over the decades to understand deeper what working for justice and care for our common home means. Through support and discussions with farmers, KATC has been able to evolve and change its perspective.

Because of the current climate crisis, we understand that everything on Earth is connected and that our way of looking at the environment, and of doing things, has an impact on the farthest corners of the world.



COVID-19: STRONGER TOGETHER

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to fund 16 Covid-19 related
projects by its Jesuit partners.*

In the face of unprecedented challenges brought by the Covid-19 pandemic, Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) and its partners in Asia, Africa, and Latin America remained steadfast in working with the most vulnerable communities in the Global South.

CJI supporters responded generously to a CJI appeal for donations. Between 2020 to 2022, CJI provided over \$410,000 to fund 16 Covid-19-related projects by its Jesuit partners. The projects gave shelter and care for Covid-19 patients, dispensed medical supplies and relief kits, made vaccines available to poor and marginalized people, ensured testing and treatment in isolated rural areas, raised awareness on safety measures, and offered online counseling services.

In Asia, a national lockdown imposed by the government in India to contain the spread of the coronavirus forced the exodus of millions of migrant labourers who were left without jobs and housing in major cities.

CJI partners Lok Manch and the Indian Social Institute provided food, healthcare, safe shelter, transportation fare, and psychosocial support. Basic


necessities were distributed to thousands of households that included migrant workers and their families, women who are the sole wage earners of their families, the elderly, temporary workers, and the homeless. They also provided para-health training for 600 community volunteers.

The pandemic accelerated and heightened forced migration in Central America and Mexico; migrants faced restrictions and had fewer resources. In response, the Jesuit Migration Network (RJM), a CJI partner, increased its services and adapted the delivery of services: shelters remained open and provided psychological, legal, and spiritual support; hospitality campaigns were launched in host communities.

In South Sudan, CJI partner Jesuit Refugee Service implemented online and socially distanced radio tutoring when schools were closed. It also launched programs on hygiene and safety.

CJI engaged Canadians to become aware of how the pandemic exacerbated inequalities around the world. In June 2021, it hosted “Leave no one behind: Vaccine equity in the Global South,” which brought together four experts from India, Canada, and the US to talk about the stark disparities in vaccine access between the Global North and South. In November, it hosted “Solidarity in a Covid-19 World,” which focused on the challenges faced by marginalized communities in the Global South and how Covid-19 has exacerbated them.

Today, CJI remains in solidarity with the world’s most vulnerable communities as they continue to grapple with Covid-19 and its crippling impact, along with the intractable challenges of poverty, human rights violations, war, political violence, climate change, forcible displacement, and lack of access to education and healthcare.

 Struggling families receive dry rations at the height of the pandemic in Darjeeling, India.

Jesu Ashram



PROJECT **AREAS** WE SUPPORT

EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Education is a basic human right that remains inaccessible to many people living in the Global South, especially girls. CJI supports quality education including formal and informal education, distance learning, adult education, and skills training. Education is a social determinant of health. CJI supported projects help young people and their families improve their health, increase life expectancy, and decrease morbidity. They also equip them with knowledge and skills to get a job or start a business.

Moran Memorial School



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

Sustainable agriculture and a dependable source of income help communities break free from poverty, promote self-reliance and dignity, and empower people to care for our common home. CJI supports initiatives that promote sustainable agriculture, livelihood support, just and fair production and marketing systems via support for small scale producers, advocacy, skills training, and community development.



Comparte



FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE

As of June 2022, a “staggering” 100 million people worldwide have now been forced to flee their homes, according to the UN refugee agency, UNHCR. CJI supports Jesuit partners who accompany, serve and advocate for forcibly displaced people through emergency relief and long-term development projects. Investing in education is essential since refugees spend on average 17 years away from their home.

JRS MENA



Ujjash Muduli

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENCE AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

CJI stands in solidarity with its partners to promote peace and defend human rights. Through advocacy, strengthening grassroots organization, training, and the promotion of good governance, CJI partners defend the rights of all people, especially minorities, Indigenous peoples, and marginalized groups. They work with communities that are particularly vulnerable to systemic exploitation by governments and corporations.

HUMANITARIAN ACTION

CJI supports Jesuit partners that respond to humanitarian emergencies caused by conflict, war, climate change and natural disasters. CJI supports Jesuit partners who accompany, serve and advocate for refugees and migrants through emergency relief, education and long-term development projects. For humanitarian action, CJI works with the Xavier Network to maximize the effectiveness of our collective effort.

JRS Venezuela

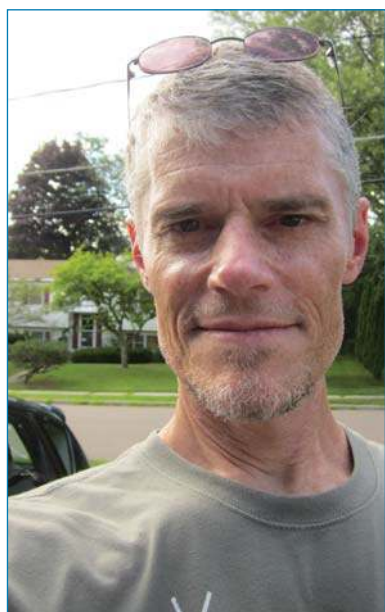


OUR SUPPORTERS SPEAK

HONOURING THE LEGACY OF CANADIAN JESUITS

David Mackett is a supporter of Canadian Jesuits International.

Access to quality education and healthcare for poor and marginalized people in the Global South are two of the biggest social justice issues facing our world today. Canadian Jesuits International



(CJI) through its advocacy work in Canada, and its support of projects by its Jesuit partners in the South, remains at the forefront of efforts to address these issues.

It feels like I have a direct “family” connection with CJI, in that my uncle, Fr William Bourke SJ, was a Jesuit missionary in the Darjeeling

District of India for 65 years (1954-2019). During that time, he served as Headmaster at St Peter’s High School (Gayaganga) and at St Robert’s High School (Darjeeling). For him, education was the key to breaking the cycle of poverty within families.

When I travelled to India in 2010, I was able to witness firsthand the positive impact that he and his fellow Canadian Jesuits had in the communities. Their efforts provided the groundwork for the mission that CJI fulfils today. With our support, not only do we honour the legacy of the Canadian Jesuits, but we help to ensure that CJI’s good work continues.

EMPOWERING YOUTH TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Emma Gonzalez is a grade 12 student from St. Mary Catholic High School in Pickering, ON.

As a young person, I am grateful for the opportunities to engage with my peers through the activities and events of Canadian Jesuits International (CJI). CJI has opened my eyes to a world of injustice and inequality. This has encouraged me to be more aware of actions taken by Canadians and how they can sometimes negatively affect poor and marginalized people in the Global South.

In 2021, I was part of a group of students from across Canada that helped CJI plan and host the Youth for Others Advocacy Symposium, *Solidarity in a COVID-19*

World. The event highlighted issues around vaccine equity, migration, corporate social responsibility, and ecological justice.

Coming from a family of migrants, I have a unique understanding of this experience; drawing these parallels provided a clearer insight on how our choices can affect those who are forcibly displaced.

CJI events underscore the importance of youth advocacy, education, and amplifying voices from the Global South. This leads to a hope-filled future for all.



OUR PARTNERS (2018-2022)

LATIN AMERICA

BRAZIL

[Jesuit Refugee Service \(JRS\) and Jesuit Migrant Service \(SJM\)](#)

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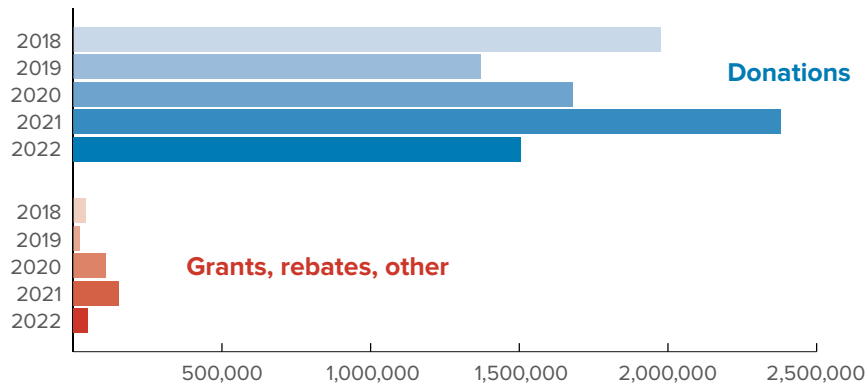
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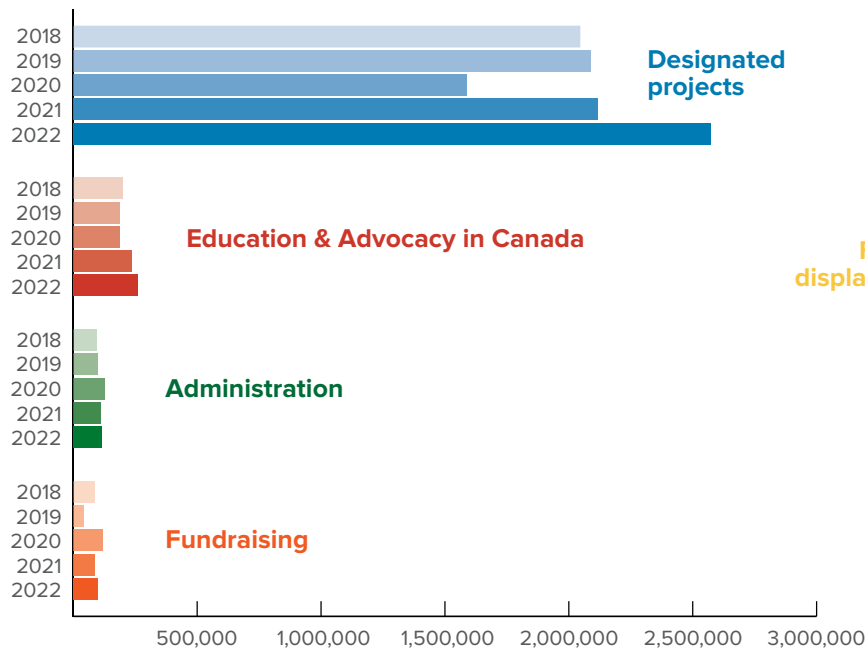
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