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This is the second issue of the Caritas Malaysia Annual Report. *A belated one though!* The invitation is to “Stop, look and go.” May we focus on “Looking Back! Looking Ahead!” as the theme.

From the beginning, the organisation has undergone a transformational journey. It has evolved from being called Catholic Welfare Services (CWS) to becoming the National Office of Human Development (NOHD), the Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants & Itinerants (ECMI), the Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice (ECCJ) and has currently emerged as Caritas Malaysia.

Looking back, we see a journey of conversion, conviction and courage. The Malaysian Church has subscribed to the social mission agenda. The ‘Caritas Way of Doing Charity’ invites established parish groups (SSVPs, POHDs), frontliners and volunteers. The parishes and diocesan Caritas have introduced the SEE-JUDGE-ACT Methodology, Caritas International Management Systems (CIMS) and Natural Disaster Response Protocols. The dioceses have set up Caritas Offices headed by clergy, religious or lay persons to spearhead the grassroot bodies. The Malaysian Bishops had initiated the Caritas Malaysia National Office, based in Penang under the directorship of Rev. Fr. Fabian Dicom. Other developments include working with State Relief Bodies and NGOs, aiding international and local needs and organising an annual Advent Kasih Fund project.

Looking ahead, there is going to be an endless journey of responding to varied human needs and the emerging new poor. The work with the poor will never end. Just SEE-JUDGE-ACT.

The way forward requires Caritas Malaysia to act professionally. Learn to address 2020 problems with 2020 solutions; no 1990’s solutions.

The Church and Catholics have a foundational call and mission to put “faith-into-action” and to “live faith, live love.” We must respond like the Good Samaritan.

In dealing with the many divisions in the country, the declining ringgit, the escalating cost of living and a lack of credible leaders, Caritas Malaysia must aim to:

- overcome divisions among humans,
- eliminate the climate of injustices,
- open channels of communications and
- foster attitudes of compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation and brotherhood or sisterhood.

Caritas Malaysia has embarked on a journey and the journey has just begun. Let us put our hands on the plough and look ahead.

Rt. Rev. Bernard Paul, DD  
Bishop, Diocese of Malacca Johore



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CARITAS MALAYSIA

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CARITAS MALAYSIA 2020 – 2022



The Synod Synthesis Report (October 2023) opens with this declaration, “For in the one Spirit, we were all baptised into one body.” (1 Cor 12:13). This has implications, for:

- The common dignity of all the faithful is in our one baptism in the Lord.
- The common vocation of all the people of God is in the one priesthood of Christ – called and sent to sanctify the world through our daily life and responsibilities.
- The common identity of all baptised is that we are all missionary- disciples, in the footsteps of Jesus.

For the church, the human person is sacred and a social being. Thus, the Catholic Social Teaching places the dignity of the human person and the common good at the heart of the church’s social tradition, with its corresponding rights and responsibility – such as the dignity of work, right to fair wages; right to family, community and participation; option for the poor and vulnerable; care for creation and solidarity, peace and justice. Civil society has long embraced this vision of human rights and the common dignity of all.

As a Malaysian church, called to walk alongside all Malaysians, migrants and refugees, how can we foster paths of reconciliation, hope, justice and peace in our country and local contexts?

Our communities are faced with poly-crises, multiple issues that confront us simultaneously and which cannot be solved by linear, silo solutions or hierarchical structures alone. There is a need for intersectionality or learning, working across various fields or disciplines, and engaging people or communities in finding sustainable solutions. It means rethinking some of our traditional structures and approaches to pastoral work and ministries (See *Rethinking Pastoral Work*, Vidyajyoti Vol.84, Nov & Dec 2020; see also the Malaysian Synod Report 2022). This will require a constantly dialoguing church and ministries, building bridges and linkages.

The devastating Covid-19 pandemic brought home the realisation to the leadership and diocese offices on the need for better collaboration at all levels. Pope Francis remarking on the pandemic said, “For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all” (Fratelli Tutti/FT, 7).

From the very first exercise carried out by Caritas Malaysia, Listening to Voices from the Ground in 2019, to the skills training and recent surveys across dioceses, Caritas Malaysia had opted for community-based development. It marked a gentle shift in approach, believing that people have internal resources and wisdom, that the poor and vulnerable can also become pro- tagonists of the society they wish to build. Such an attitude and approach empowers and enables them.

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The Caritas Malaysia survey findings of 2021/22, called for parishes to respond to community needs and be present in the field for dioceses to accompany and build the capacity of parish teams, for national offices to represent and advocate as a voice of the Malaysian Catholic Church for the good of all. The focus areas identified were around Caritas identity and spirituality; organisational development addressing management skills and standards, communication, volunteers; and thematic programmes on poverty, climate change and disaster relief, migrants and possibly peace building.

I believe these hopes and dreams are also the dreams of many Malaysians across all ethnic groups and religious backgrounds. If we acknowledge the dignity of each Malaysian and human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal [and national] aspiration to fraternity. Our world and Malaysia are very much in need of such universal fraternity and social friendships. Pope Francis invites us to dream together, “Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all” (Fratelli Tutti/FT, 8).

The needs may change and the focus can evolve but what remains constant is our identity as baptised, missionary-disciples, sharing in the one priesthood of Christ – the priesthood of life. We need to grow the awareness of and identity of Caritas Malaysia as the face of a Malaysian Catholic social mission and synodal church – as they are synonymous.

Charles Bertille



**DIRECTOR OF THE  
ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE  
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
2020-2023**

**REPORT ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2022**

**Initiation:**

During the annual meeting in January 2022, the Executive Secretary of Caritas Malaysia put forward a proposal to schedule the Caritas National (CM) meeting in the first quarter of 2022. It was decided that the regional Semenanjung Dioceses (Archdiocesan Office for Human Development (AOHD), Malacca- Johore Diocese (MJD), and Penang) to organize the National Meet.

**Process:**

After nearly three years of Zoom meetings, there was a transition toward in-person gatherings aimed at fostering a more personal connection. Approval was obtained from His Grace Archbishop Julian Leow for the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur (ADKL) to lead and host the National Meeting from 28 to 31 July 2022.

WISMA APC was selected as the venue for its centralized location in the city and easy modes of transportation for participants across Malaysia.

The theme: "Together We Grow", encapsulates the evolving camaraderie observed during Zoom sessions, when dioceses shared their experiences during the Movement Control Order (MCO) and Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) involving activities, rebranding exercises, and their associated challenges. The theme also incorporates aspects of Catholic social teaching, faith, and other formation needs.

It also aimed to enhance collaboration and knowledge-sharing among the attendees, fostering growth and synergy within the Caritas network.

**Key Activities:**

**Diocesan Success Stories:** Each diocese shared their achievements and experiences.

**Challenges in Volunteerism:** Discussions on effective engagement, encouragement, and empowerment of volunteers, with visits to relevant projects and NGOs in ADKL (e.g., Samaritan Hope, Tzu Chi, Night Walk for the Homeless).

**Caritas Internationalis Management Standards (CIMS):** Presentation on CIMS to new members and revision for existing members.

The core team comprised three leaders from Peninsula Malaysia and one representative each from Sabah and Sarawak. Mr. Hugh Dason, Director of Malacca-Johore (MJ) Diocese, chaired the Core Team. Penang Diocese was tasked to handle the secretariat duties, Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur (ADKL) managed the budget, logistics and operational matters, while Malacca-Johore (MJ) Diocese managed the programmes.

**Summary of the feedback from the participants**

- Most participants found the Meeting enriching, helpful and insightful. They particularly liked the field trips to Samaritan Hope and Tzu Chi, and the night walk with the Street Feeders of Kuala Lumpur.
- They also found the sharing of Success Stories from the Dioceses eye-opening inspiring. The participants were also inspired by the sharing from Caritas Philippines. The workshop on Caritas Internationalis Management Standards provided invaluable learnings.
- Future Caritas Malaysia national meetings will to be organized by different dioceses to broaden participation and engagement.

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**DIRECTOR OF  
MALACCA JOHORE  
DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
2019-2022**

It's been a privilege and a wonderful experience to be part of the founding experience of Caritas Malacca Johore Diocesan Office for Human Development (MJDODH). Working with very capable leaders who have shared their hopes and dreams for this new organisation has been a pleasure.

The initial complications caused by Covid-19 and resistance to change have been overcome and a more open, collaborative and inclusive way of doing things have started to become a reality.

With the clarity of purpose and the support of all the leaders of organisations within the scope of Caritas Malacca Johore Diocesan Office for Human Development (MJDODH), we embarked on putting together all the elements needed to make everyone involved in a social mission more effective.

The challenge to strengthen the platforms and develop more interactive ways to support Catholics living and growing in their faith while improving the results of their works of charity is slowly but surely being met.

I hope that the foundational work done in 2022 will help the team to further develop the supporting structures as part of our continuous improvement efforts.

Hugh Dason

## WHO WE ARE

Caritas Malaysia is the official arm of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia (CBCM) engaging in works of integral human development, charity, relief, care for creation and social services. It is a network of members from nine diocesan Caritas /human development offices with affiliates from congregations and other Catholic organisations engaged in the field of integral human development and charity at a national level. We seek to work with communities, non-governmental organisations, and local authorities to promote inclusive and sustainable development for all.

## OUR MISSION

Caritas Malaysia is inspired by the Gospels and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We respond to humanitarian crises, promote integral human development and advocate on the causes of poverty and violence. We animate Catholic communities and all people of good will in solidarity with their suffering brothers, sisters and creation. We work to ensure that our natural environment is managed responsibly and sustainably for all.

## OUR VISION

“Caritas is the heart of the Church” (Pope Benedict, 2013) and “Caritas is the caress of the Mother Church to those suffering” (Pope Francis, 2013), to enlighten society towards greater solidarity, fraternity and justice.

## OUR VALUES

The work ethics and processes at Caritas Malaysia are driven by three guiding principles of Catholic Social Teaching:

1. **Subsidiarity:** Empowering all levels inside and outside Caritas to ensure that decision making happens at the most appropriate level and that those affected have a voice in the entire process.
2. **Common good:** Working in solidarity, for the good of all in society, by respecting the rights and dignity of every person regardless of their background.
3. **Co-responsibility:** Each level – local community, parish, diocese and national office collaborating with laity, religious and clergy as one body – to grow the social mission of the Catholic Church, to serve the poor and marginalised so as to promote charity and integral development for the attainment of peace and justice.

## OUR PEOPLE

- National Office
- Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu
- Diocese of Keningau
- Diocese of Sandakan
- Archdiocese of Kuching
- Diocese of Miri
- Diocese of Sibul
- Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur
- Diocese of Malacca Johore
- Diocese of Penang

## Our Affiliates

Caritas Malaysia is in the process of strengthening and building relationships and collaboration with various organisations to provide practical help and support during disasters and emergencies, and meet ongoing needs in the community.

## OUR HISTORY

### Caritas Malaysia

During the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei (CBCMSB) on 8 July 2019, the Bishops met with the Caritas staff from the Vatican and Asia for a dialogue. The Malaysian bishops then decided to re-new the lapsed membership with the Caritas federation.

On 9 January 2020, at the following Bishops' Conference, they unanimously decided to establish Caritas Malaysia as an overarching body for all organisations involved in charity and development work. They then appointed Bishop Bernard Paul as Chair of Caritas Malaysia and Charles Bertille as Executive Secretary of the National Office.

A launching meeting was held with all the diocese delegates and the Bishop Chair on 25 February 2020 at Wisma APC, Kuala Lumpur. They discussed the situation and need for capacity building, being systematic and research based in ministry work. A consensus to work together at the national level under Caritas. An interim Exco was established at this meeting and has been meeting regularly. They consist of Bishop Bernard Paul, Charles Bertille, Dominic Lim from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Frs Galvin Richard Ngumbang and Alvin Ng from Kuching, Sarawak, and Alvin Santhanam from Kuala Lumpur. Caritas Malaysia's national office set-up in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Working ties have been re-established with Caritas Asia and Caritas Internationalis. The Bishops met on 23 June 2020 and approved the Caritas organigram and other operational matters to set-up or strengthen existing diocesan Caritas offices. Caritas Malaysia was launched on 6 November 2020.

### CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS

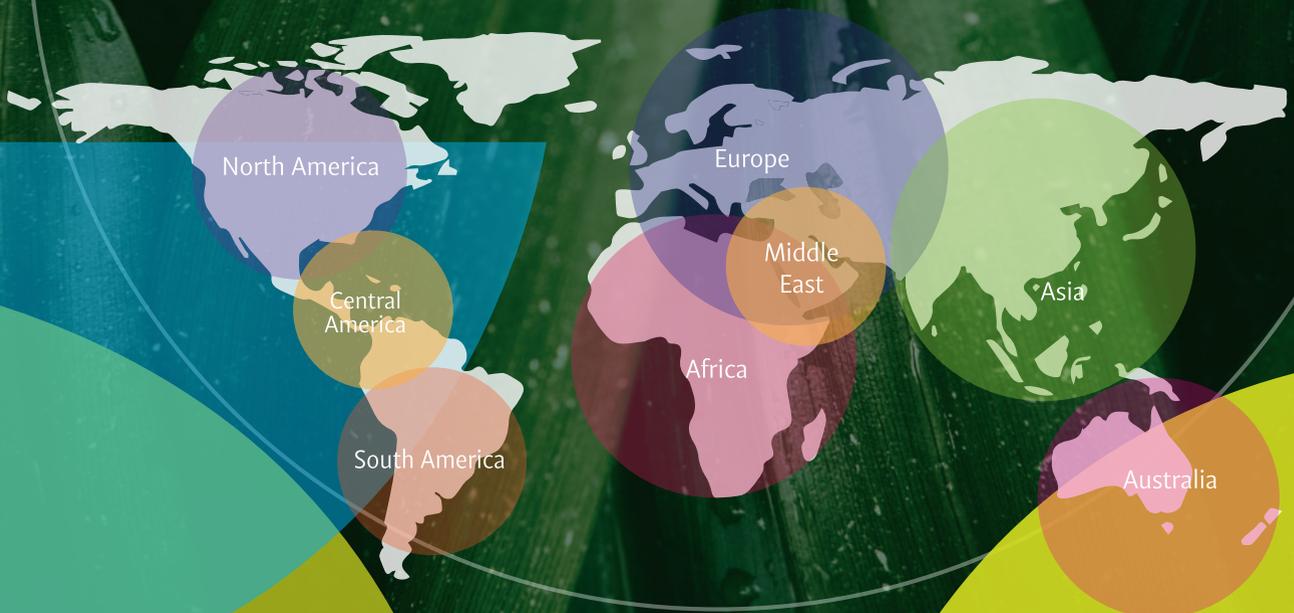
It all started with just one man. From humble beginnings in Germany 1897, Lorenz Werthmann founded the first Caritas. The organisation, named after a Latin word meaning love and compassion, grew to become one of the largest aid and development agencies in the world. In the 20th Century, Giovanni Battista Montini, the future Pope Paul VI, laid the foundations for an international network. In 1954, Caritas Internationalis was officially recognised.

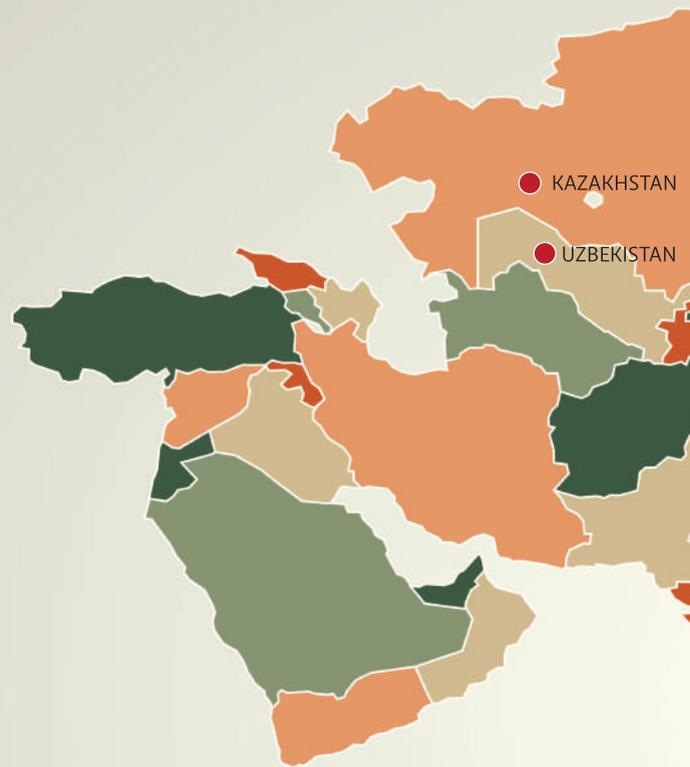
Caritas Internationalis is a confederation of 165 Catholic relief, development and social service organisations operating in over 200 countries and territories worldwide.

The Caritas confederation is unique. Wherever there is need in the world, there is a Caritas organisation to provide practical help, love and support. Caritas members on the ground respond to emergencies sparked by natural disasters and those created by humans.

Caritas comes to the assistance of victims of floods in Europe, to people caught in conflict in Africa, to those suffering the effects of climate change in Oceania. There, and in Asia, North and South America and the Caribbean and in the Middle East and North Africa, Caritas is an active, experienced and skilled provider of aid, long-term development, medical and educational services and advocacy for a better, more just world.

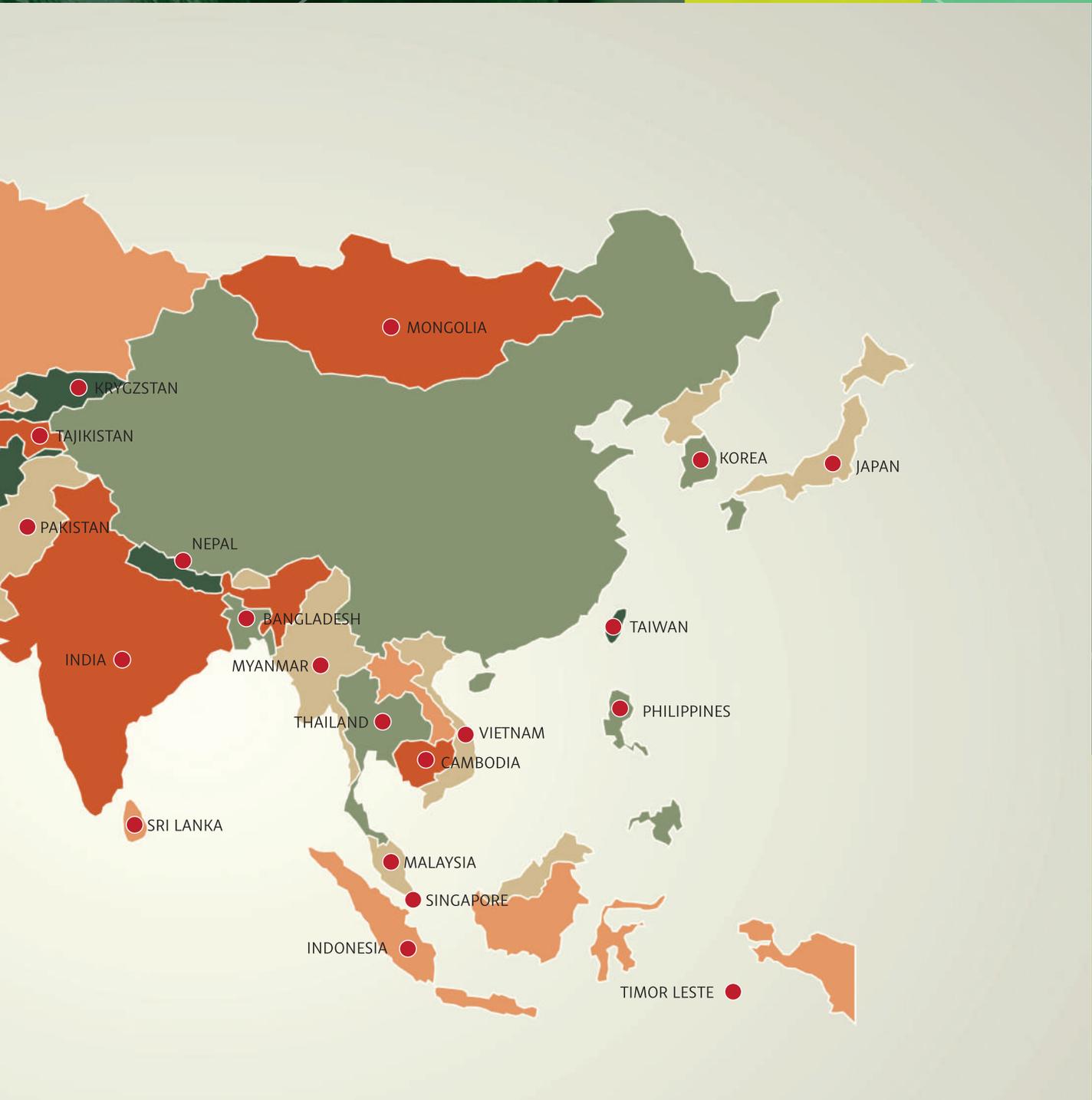
For further information, visit: [caritas.org](https://www.caritas.org)





## CARITAS IN ASIA

Caritas Asia is one of the seven Regional Offices under the Confederation of Caritas Internationalis (CI). It was established by the Asian Member Organisations with the endorsement and approval of the Confederation, during the General Assembly of CI in 1999 in Rome. Caritas Asia maintains recognition at the international level within Caritas Internationalis, with the *nihil obstat* of the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum*. It also complies with the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards.



## MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Caritas Asia is made up of 25 Member Organisations, of national character, mandated by their respective Episcopal conferences or Ecclesiastical authorities, responsible for the local Church's socio-pastoral works.

The primary role of Caritas Asia is to serve and support its Member Organisations in the region in the achievement of their mission, in conformity and under the guidance of the local and universal Church, and in line with the decisions and plans approved by the General Assembly of Caritas Internationalis. In fulfilment of this role, Caritas Asia has the responsibility to intensify interchange and mutual aid among Member Organisations for the promotion and harmonization of their work to achieve the goals pursued in the region by the Confederation.

There are four Caritas Asia sub-regions:

### **Southeast Asia sub-region**

Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Vietnam

### **East Asia sub-region**

Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Macau, Taiwan

### **South Asia sub-region**

Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

### **Central Asia sub-region**

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Each Member Organisation maintains its own individual autonomy in its relationships and operating procedures within the legal framework of the global Caritas confederation. As an integral part of Caritas Asia, Member Organisations have the responsibility to take part in the creation of the organisational structures and programmes of Caritas Asia. Member Organisations also have the responsibility to contribute towards the development and fulfillment of the strategic direction of Caritas Asia.

Member Organisations act in accordance with the Catholic Social Teaching, the Canon Law, the requirements of the

competent Ecclesiastical authorities, and the norms of behaviour and criteria defined jointly within the Caritas Confederation with regard to international and regional cooperation. They accept coordination by Caritas Asia in relation to operations at the regional level and in terms of representation by Caritas Asia at inter-denominational and regional levels. Member Organisations jointly finance the bodies and activities of Caritas Asia, as they do with Caritas Internationalis.

### **Regional Secretariat**

The Regional Secretariat of Caritas Asia, with its office in Bangkok, Thailand, consists of the Regional Coordinator and staff who are governed by the Regional Commission. The main function of the Secretariat is to carry out whatever works the Regional Conference and the Regional Commission entrust to the office. The Secretariat is responsible for operationalising decisions of the Regional Conference and Regional Commission and is mandated to provide opportunities for capacity building for Member Organisations.

For further information, visit: [caritas.asia](http://caritas.asia)

### **What is Caritas?**

Caritas means charity or love. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the President of Caritas International writes: “God’s inner life is a communion of love. God’s mission is an act of communion of the three Divine Persons. The meeting of mission and communion generates the community of the Church which exists to evangelise through word, sacrament and charity. In the heart of the Church we serve together, guided by the values of solidarity, sharing, co-responsibility, participation, respect and common purpose. That is how to be Caritas.”

Pope Francis says, “a Church without charity does not exist”. For him Caritas is “an essential part of the Church” and that it “institutionalises love in the Church”.

Caritas Internationalis has the status of a public canonical juridical person within the Church (CIC 116-123). The specific task entrusted to Caritas is to assist the Supreme Pontiff and the Bishops in their ministry of charity.

## Get Involved

Volunteer with us

You can help volunteer by contacting your local diocese office or email us at [info@caritas.org.my](mailto:info@caritas.org.my)

## National Assemblies:

13 Nov 2020 – Online

THEME: A time to see the face of 'new poor'

29-31 July 2022 – Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, Kuala Lumpur

THEME: Growing Together As One

<https://www.todaycatholic.com.my/2022/08/caritas-malaysia-growing-together-as-one/>

## Summary of Participant Feedback

The feedback from participants on the recent meeting was overwhelmingly positive. Most attendees found the experience enriching, helpful, and insightful. Key highlights included the field trips to Samaritan Hope, Tzu Chi, and the night walk with Street Feeders of Kuala Lumpur.

The sharing of success stories by the various dioceses was deemed inspiring, as was the presentation from Caritas Philippines. Additionally, the workshop on Caritas Internationalis Management Standards was highly valued by participants.

## Key Takeaways

- Participants expressed a desire for more time for dioceses to gather and process events at the end of each day. This suggests a need for structured debrief sessions or reflection periods.
- There was a suggestion to allocate a dedicated day for participants to bond and enjoy recreational activities together, fostering a stronger sense of camaraderie and community.
- Attendees emphasized the importance of having adequate time in between activities for processing and discussion, allowing for deeper reflection and understanding.

- There was a proposal for a follow-up meeting to further explore topics discussed during the meeting and maintain momentum on collaborative efforts.

Overall, the feedback indicated a highly positive experience with valuable insights gained and suggestions for improvement at future events.

### **National Meeting:**

22nd and 29th January 2022 – Online

<https://www.todaycatholic.com.my/2022/02/caritas-malaysia-listening-understanding-to-identify-common-objectives-and-tasks/>

### **Relief Fund Appeal:**

<https://www.heraldmalaysia.com/news/caritas-malaysia-launches-second-appeal-for-relief-funds/69492/1>

### **2021 Relief Fund**

Amount Raised: RM 1,168million

Relief Commitments/Aid Distribution: RM 901,901 per breakdown below:

- Malaysia – RM 186,901
- Myanmar – RM 231,360
- Sri Lanka – RM 229,145
- Pakistan – RM 91,294
- Ukraine – RM 116,326
- Indonesia – RM 46,875

Flood relief efforts in Pakistan – EUR 20,000

<https://www.heraldmalaysia.com/news/caritas-malaysia-contributes-euro20000-for-flood-relief-efforts-in-pakistan/67623/5>

## Parish Caritas Survey

Caritas Kota Kinabalu conducted a Parish Caritas Survey on issues affecting the various aspects of the life of parishioners due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The survey was conducted from June 2021 to August, 2021. A training session on how to conduct a survey was organised by Caritas Kota Kinabalu on June 01, 2021. The objectives of this three - month study were:-

- i. to review the extent to which the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the local community particularly in terms of socio-economic and lifestyle,
- ii. to understand how the local community can meet the challenges,
- iii. to obtain feedback on the local community's perception of the current situation and provide a simple platform for easier submissions of appropriate proposals to overcome the problems faced.

The findings of this research were shared and discussed by clusters during the cluster conversations. The Parish Caritas were requested to work together with their Parish Priest and Parish Pastoral Council in responding to the issues.

Based on the findings, the parishes were encouraged to address their issues before referring them to Caritas Kota Kinabalu (Archdiocesan level) and complete the survey, in order to update themselves on the current situation of the people under their respective parishes.

## Clustering of Parishes for Caritas

In order to facilitate better, the Parish Caritas committees throughout the Archdiocese were divided into six (6) clusters. The purpose of this clustering is:-

- i. to enable each Parish Caritas to listen to one another on their research findings,
- ii. to discuss and look for a common pilot project that each cluster can undertake together after their Cluster conversations, and
- iii. to provide the opportunity for Caritas Kota Kinabalu and Parish Caritas to see-judge-act together.

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Setting up of the Caritas Relief and Emergency Committee to assist parishes that are lacking in funds.

### **Caritas Bank Account**

Caritas Kota Kinabalu opened an account under the name RTDKK-CARITAS KOTA KINABALU. Donations were also received for relief work during the pandemic.

Caritas relief for the victims of natural disasters in Sugud and Peninsular Malaysia, and families affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic

- i. Caritas Kota Kinabalu made a contribution amounting to RM30,000, in the form of boxes of mineral water, wheelbarrows, spades, gas stoves, kitchen utensils, and food packs to the victims of floods. Besides, Caritas Kota Kinabalu also contributed about RM 175,000 cash to the affected parishes.
- ii. RM70,000 was contributed to the National Flood Relief Fund to assist the flood victims in West Malaysia.
- iii. Parish Caritas helped each other to reach out to about 8000 families during the Covid-19 lock-down. Parish Caritas of the Sacred Heart Cathedral played a significant role by pioneering and assisting most of the parishes in the relief programme, including providing materials needed to Kota Kinabalu General hospitals.

### **Activities and programs in 2022**

Caritas Kota Kinabalu organized a training for Flood Disaster Preparedness & Emergency (Latihan Kecemasan & Kesiapsiagaan Menghadapi Bencana Banjir) on January 15, 2022.

We received and responded to fund requests from:

- i. Archdiocesan Commission on Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerants (ACMI) on March 15, 2022 to help supply food to 24 migrants families in the Kota Kinabalu Industrial Park (KKIP) area.
- ii. St. Joseph Papar Caritas on 28 March, 2022 to aid ten fire victim families at Mile 10, Papar
- iii. Kepyayan Women Prison Unit in February 2022 for 200 face masks.

- iv. Kepyayan Male Prison Unit on 10 June 2022 for the supply of 100 sets of toothpaste and body soaps.

#### **Caritas Volunteers Recruitment Program:**

Eighty-five participants from the parish and Archdiocesan Caritas attended the program, which was held on June 25, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral centre.

#### **Caritas Malaysia 2nd National Meeting**

The Meeting was held on July 29-31 2020 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Kuala Lumpur. Seven Caritas members from the Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu attended this meeting. In response to the program, we came out with the statement on the Four Basic Sign of Caritas Kota Kinabalu identity which are Basic Service, Physical Space, Theological references and Transparent Expectation which we shared with our members, including Parish Caritas.

#### **Other Activities:**

- a. Parish Courtesy Call for establishment of Parish Caritas
- b. Family visit in conjunction with the World Day of the Poor 2022
- c. Visit from Caritas Vietnam
- d. Participated in the Emergency and Preparedness program by the Sabah Region Caritas (three dioceses in Sabah)
- e. Welcoming the New Spiritual Adviser Rev. Fr. Terans Thaddeus
- f. Working out on Asrama Caritas Project
- g. Contributed RM 40,000 to the Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine Fund

### **REPORT OF CARITAS KOTA KINABALU for 2023**

#### **Parish Caritas Evaluation**

We did a simple parish Caritas evaluation to get the updates from the Parish Caritas Committees using the SWOT analysis method on February 2023. The information gathered from the feedback were used to write the Caritas Kota Kinabalu vision

and mission statement, during our Planning Day on March 11, 2023, which are:

**Vision:**

A Christ-centered community journeying with others in action for the common good, promoting a civilisation of love.

**Mission:**

1. To promote, defend and practice the social teachings of the Catholic Church through acts of charity, justice and mercy.
2. To improve the capacity and capabilities of CARITAS members and volunteers.
3. To increase the resilience of communities on issues related to poverty.
4. To assist in disaster relief and the rehabilitation of communities in need.
5. To network and collaborate with like-minded organisations towards building a civilisation of love.

We also came up with some strategies:

1. To speed up the process of institutionalisation of Caritas in the parishes
2. Strengthening and consolidating existing and potential structures and systems
3. Building linkages, networks and partnerships with like-minded bodies
4. Ongoing self-evaluation and adapting to changes

We hope to concretise them more effectively by the year 2024.

**Opening Day of the Caritas Transit Centre**

The Caritas Kota Kinabalu Transit Centre located at the Old St. Francis Secondary school, currently known as Msgr. Wachter Centre was officially opened with a simple opening and blessing ceremony on April 24, 2023. The dormitory (for parishioners from remote villages who come to take care of their sick family members in Queen Hospital) can accommodate 30 people (female (15) and male (15)). The transit centre is currently utilized by clients from the three dioceses in Sabah.

## **Courtesy Call to Holy Nativity, Terawi**

Caritas Kota Kinabalu paid a visit to Holy Nativity Parish, Terawi, on January 10, 2023, to explain Caritas and discuss the possibility of setting up a Caritas committee there. About 50 people, including Fr. Jack Johimi (Ass. Parish Priest), the Parish Councillors, and other parish leaders attended the session.

## **Relief Fund**

Caritas Kota Kinabalu contributed

1. RM 5000 to Caritas Sandakan to help the families affected by the strong winds in Sandakan on January 30, 2023
2. RM 1000 to Archdiocesan Commission on Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerants (ACMI) for the purchase of medicines for migrants on January 21, 2023
3. RM 500.00 for the funeral arrangement of an elderly person (from a poor family) in Kg. Madsiang, penampang on February 20, 2023
4. RM 4223.20 (zinc roofing & Genset) for a family affected by floods in one of the remote village in Pitas.

## **The Caritas Internationalis Management Standards (CIMS) Workshop**

Two Caritas members from Kota Kinabalu attended the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards (CIMS) workshop held in Melaka on 27-31 March 2023.

### **Parish Caritas Activities:**

Since 2021, besides carrying out Covid-19 relief activities, the established Parish Caritas has continued championing charity programs such as:

1. blood donations,
2. house visits and
3. humanitarian relief for needy families and the disabled
4. Sacred Heart Cathedral Caritas raised RM 40,000 for Ukraine. The Fund was sent to Caritas Ukraine through Caritas Kota Kinabalu.

Some parish caritas also organised Parish Caritas Formation programs for their members (recollection and retreats)

### **Other Programs by Sabah Caritas (Kota Kinabalu, Keningau and Sandakan Dioceses)**

1. Sabah Caritas Lenten Reflection – The Sabah Caritas region organised a Lenten Reflection on March 15, 2022, hosted by the Sandakan Diocese. 73 Caritas members and parishioners from the Kota Kinabalu Archdiocese participated in this online recollection. The reflection on the Spirituality of Caritas was presented by Bishop Julius Dusin.
2. Caritas Sabah organized online sessions on the Emergency and Preparedness Awareness Program on September 23, 2022, and Caritas Advent Recollection on December 13, 2022. Some Caritas members from Kota Kinabalu Archdiocese participated in the sessions. Dr. Felix Tongkul, a geologist and professor from University Malaysia Sabah and representatives from Mercy Malaysia, the Fire Brigade and PACOS Trust shared on humanitarian relief for flood victims during the pandemic.
3. Sabah Caritas (Caritas Kota Kinabalu, Keningau & Sandakan) Meet – The program was held in the Church of Mary Immaculate (CMI) Parish on 17-18 February 2023. About 62 Caritas members from the three dioceses in Sabah attended the meeting. Among the activities were inputs on community development by Ann Lasimbang (PACOS TRUST) and visits to the TZU CHI and Sabah Ripple Recycling Centers.



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Sepanjang tahun 2021-2022, Caritas Keningau memfokuskan kepada tiga perkara utama iaitu:

### **Pembentukan Organisasi**

1. Menubuhkan struktur organisasi yang dirasakan sesuai mengikut sistem pentadbiran pastoral keuskupan Keningau. Penubuhan dimulakan dengan mewujudkan organisasi pentadbiran Caritas di peringkat keuskupan yang mana ahlinya diwakili oleh setiap Pengerusi Caritas dari setiap paroki dan mission di keuskupan Keningau. Dengan ini, Caritas Keningau dapat mencipta hubungan yang kukuh dengan semua pihak dari peringkat akar umbi.

Penubuhan jawatankuasa komiti bagi enam fokus pelayanan Caritas Keningau juga dilaksanakan untuk merancang dan melaksanakan pelbagai program yang bersesuaian untuk dilaksanakan samada di peringkat keuskupan mahupun di peringkat paroki.



## Pemeriksaan Organisasi

1. Pertemuan/mesyuarat berkala untuk tujuan mendengar dan memberi respon kepada semua perwakilan dari setiap paroki dan mission.
2. Mengadakan bengkel/workshop untuk memahami dengan lebih mendalam mengenai fokus pelayanan Caritas, agar Caritas pada semua peringkat dapat melihat dengan lebih jelas gambaran keseluruhan pelayanan. Ini sekaligus dapat membantu kepada membuat perancangan program yang lebih baik dan menyelesaikan permasalahan Caritas di setiap peringkat.
3. Mengadakan program Kerohanian iaitu retreat khas hujung tahun untuk membantu Caritas Keningau kembali bersemangat untuk berhadapan cabaran pelayanan bagi tahun yang baru.
4. Mewujudkan sumber dana yang tetap dan berterusan dengan memulakan projek penjanaan dana dari peringkat paroki seterusnya ke peringkat keuskupan.

## PENGERUSI CARITAS PAROKI



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ST. YOHANES  
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**PATRICIA RAI**  
CARITAS  
ST. PATRICK  
MEMBAKUT

## Pelaksanaan Misi

Pemberian bantuan kepada mangsa bencana banjir dan kebakaran, mengadakan lawatan terhadap orang miskin dan sakit, mengadakan kursus-kursus kemahiran serta menganjurkan program-program kesihatan kepada masyarakat.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR CARITAS MALAYSIA DIOCESE OF KENINGAU

Caritas Malaysia Keuskupan Keningau mempunyai sistem pengurusan kewangan dimana setiap Caritas Paroki mempunyai sumber dan akaun kewangan masing-masing. Akaun ini di pantau bersama oleh Paderi Paroki, Parish Council dan Caritas Paroki. Laporan Financial Review bagi tahun 2021-2023, jumlah pendapatan dan perbelanjaan dari setiap Caritas Paroki digabungkan untuk menunjukkan pendapatan dan perbelanjaan Caritas di seluruh keuskupan Keningau.

### 2021

Parish Council Contributions	4,000.00
Fund Raising Programs	3,905.00
Third party donations (bakul makanan)	11,955.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,602.60</b>
To the sick and the poor (bakul makanan)	4,436.40
Disaster relief (bakul makanan)	450.00
Management operation	8,489.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL :</b>	<b>3,466.00</b>

### 2022

Balance from 2021	3,466.00
Parish Council Contributions	2,000.00
Fund Rising Programs	11,940.00
Third party donations (cash dan bakul makanan)	31,376.18
	48,782.18
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
To the sick and the poor (bakul makanan + tunai)	150.00
Disaster relief (bakul makanan)	5,800.00
Strengthening program	5,701.40
	12,651.40
<b>GRAND TOTAL :</b>	<b>36,130.78</b>

\* Jumlah akhir RM36,130.78 adalah jumlah wang yang dimiliki oleh 10 organisasi Caritas Paroki di Keuskupan Keningau.

## Study Day dan Pelancaran Caritas Keningau peringkat keuskupan dan paroki



Pelancaran Caritas Keningau oleh Bapa Uskup, Datuk Cornelius Piong, 30 Januari 2022 RKK Tatal, Keningau.

Study Day Caritas Keningau 28-29 Januari 2023 RKK Tatal, Keningau.

## HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022 DIOCESE OF KENINGAU



### Bantuan Kemanusiaan Banjir dan Kebakaran

Bantuan Kebakaran Caritas Paroki Katedral St. Francis Xavier, Keningau 21 November 2022.





Study Day dan Pelancaran Caritas Paroki;  
Mission Bonda Maria Kemabong 6 Jun 2022



Study Day dan Pelancaran Caritas Paroki;  
Paroki St. Anthony Tenom 13 Ogos 2022.



Bantuan Banjir Caritas Paroki Roh Kudus Sook.  
21 November 2022.





**Lawatan kepada keluarga miskin dan yang sakit**

Caritas Paroki St. Valentine Beaufort Disember 2022



**Program Pembangunan Komuniti Kursus Kemahiran Membuat Kuih dan Bun**

Caritas Bonda Maria Mission, Kemabong Disember 2022.



Caritas St. Patrick, Membakut 17 Disember 2022.



Caritas Paroki St. Theresa Tambunan Mac 2022



Caritas St. Yohanes, Sipitang Disember 2022.



Program Kempen Kesedaran Alam Sekitar 'Christmas Less Plastic' Children's Workshop



Caritas St. Anthony Tenom



**Program Untuk Warga Migran  
Konferens AMOS, lawatan  
keluarga migran dan CLC**

Caritas Paroki Kudus Sook. Lawatan ke Rumah Penduduk



Caritas St. Patrick, membakut Disember 2022

Pejabat Migran Keuskupan  
Lawatan ke CLC Sinjaya, Keningau



Disember 2022

Disember 2021

Program Pencarian Dana  
Caritas Keningau  
Penjualan Pamflet dan Buku



**19 April 2021**

First Caritas Diocese of Sandakan ZOOM Meeting

**21 April 2021**

Eleven members of the Caritas Diocese of Sandakan participated in a Community Development Course from 21st of April to 16 October 2021.

**14 May 2021**

Online Formation for Migrant Ministry

**20 May 2021**

2nd Caritas Diocese of Sandakan ZOOM Meeting

**17 June 2021**

3rd Caritas Diocese of Sandakan ZOOM Meeting

**January 2022**

The Caritas Diocese of Sandakan assisted three parishes that were affected by heavy flood by requesting financial aid from the National Relief Funds. A total of 170 families were badly affected by the floods. We successfully obtained the following:

1. Our Lady of Fatima, Beluran - RM 2,800.00 @ 12 Families
2. St Martin, Telupid - RM 21,200.00 @ 12 Families
3. Paitan Mission - RM 7,300.00 @ 146 Families

Total: RM 31,300.00

**22 and 29 January 2022**

Online Caritas National Malaysia Meet. All members of the of the Caritas Diocese of Sandakan participated in this two day event.

**22 February 2022**

Kletus Muyuk, Chairperson and Anna Teresa (Ex-Officio) participated in the online Caritas Diocesan Heads Meeting.

**15 March 2022 -**

180 people had participated in Rekoleksi Pra-Paskah organized by the three Caritas offices in Sabah. This program was hosted by Caritas Diocese of Sandakan and the main speaker was Bishop JuliusDusin Gitom. The main topic that was shared was about the spirituality of Caritas.

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**31 March 2022**

Kletus Muyuk (Chairperson) and Anna Teresa (Ex-Officio) attended the online Caritas Diocese Directors Meeting.

**21 April 2022**

Caritas Diocese of Sandakan for the term 2019 – 2021 was dissolved and the members for the term 2022 – 2025 were elected the new Chairperson is Anna Teresa (2022 - 2025).

The Pastoral Care for Migrants and Itinerant Ministry was separated from Caritas so that both ministries can be given more focus.

**05 May 2022**

The Diocese of Sandakan contributed RM 7,714.35 towards the Humantarian Aid for Ukraine Fund.

**16 & 17 September 2022**

Formation and First Meeting of Caritas Diocese of Sandakan for the term 2022 – 2025 at Holy Trinity, Tawau.

**02 November 2022**

Rev. Fr. Simon Kontou, was appointed by the Bishop to be the Spiritual Director for Caritas Diocese of Sandakan effective 1st of January 2023.

**02 November 2022**

‘Program Kesiapsiagaan Menghadapi Bencana Alam’ is a programme organized together by the three Caritas in Sabah. Around 70 people participated the programme from three Dioceses via ZOOM. It was a very informative session and an eye opening for some who learnt the ‘what’ and ‘how’ to prepare for any natural disaster.

**13 November 2022**

An Online Advent Recollection was organized by the three Caritas offices in Sabah and this time it was Caritas Keningau’s turn to be the host. The main speaker was Rev. Fr. Wilfred James and more than 60 people participated.

Caritas Kuching, in its ongoing mission to serve the last, the least, the lost, and the little in society, faced unprecedented challenges in 2021 due to the continuing impact of COVID-19. Despite these hurdles, we remained steadfast in our commitment to reach out to the needy, providing essential support, and fostering hope in our community. Reaching out to the peripheries became even more challenging due to lockdowns and travel restrictions. The demand for our services increased substantially, putting a strain on our resources. Our volunteers provided emotional and financial support and companionship to individuals suffering from the mental health impacts of the pandemic.

Structurally, the existing Kuching Archdiocesan Commission for Mission and Human Development (CMHD) leveraged on Caritas Kuching as its new operating framework. Cognizant of its need to begin work from the ground up, plans were made for Focus Group Discussions (FGD) to take place amongst all relevant stakeholders in the archdiocese. These included existing social ministries operating under the CMHD such as Catholic Welfare Services, Ministry to the Migrants, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Divine Mercy Apostolate, Sisters of St. Francis of Sarawak, GROWTH (Ministry for those having disabilities), and representatives from each of the parishes in the Archdiocese.

A total of RM 1,215,387.86 was spent to support this mission which covers the funding for the Home of Peace, the Catholic Welfare Services initiative to home the poor and the homeless, Social Work Outreach, Education, Medical Aids, and also for the running of the office.

Caritas Kuching remains dedicated to its mission of reaching out to the last, the least, the lost, and the little in society. Together, we can build a more compassionate and resilient community.

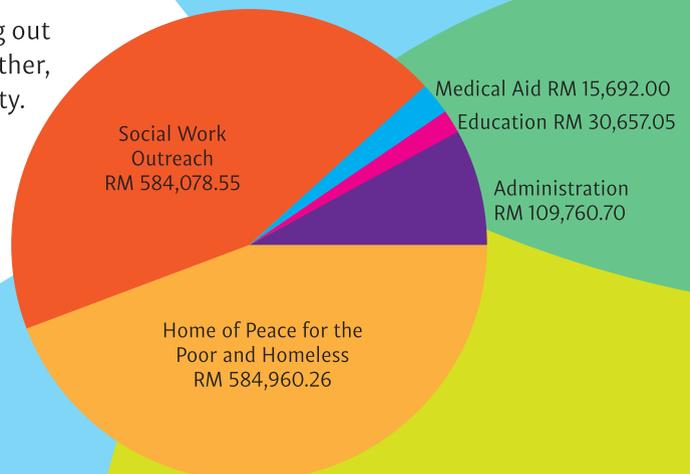
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### FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE SOCIAL MISSION WORK IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KUCHING 2021



### Resilience Project for Rural Farmers

Due to the fear because of the current COVID-19 situation, this project is put on hold at the moment. However, a consultation with the rural farmers will be held soon to materialise this project and to create awareness among the village folks on the importance of this project.



## HIGHLIGHT PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022 DIOCESE OF KUCHING

### Aid initiatives of Divine Mercy Apostolate

The Divine Mercy Apostolate also reached out to the urban poor in and around Kuching with assistance amounting to RM 57,604.10 in both cash and kind in 2021 which were collected from private donors. These are the people who were greatly affected by the pandemic, having lost their source of income.

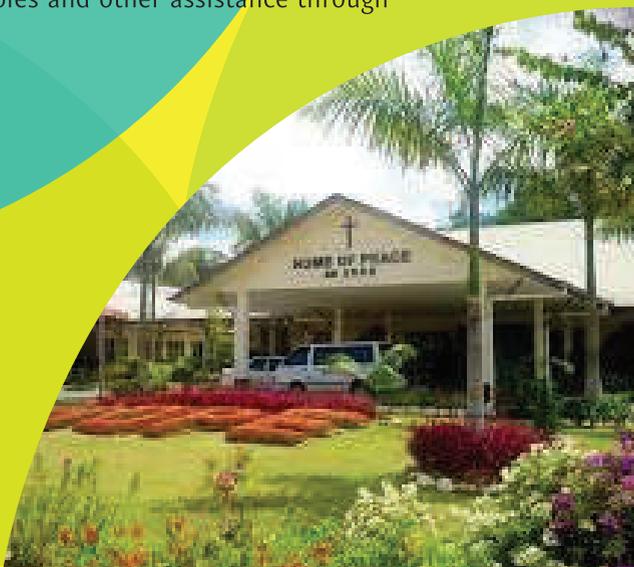
### Assistance projects of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Kuching continues to seek to relieve those in need regardless of their wealth, position, social status or ethnic origin. In promoting human dignity and integrity. The Society works to redress situations which adversely affect peoples' lives and their basic rights through its four conferences present in the Archdiocese through the distribution of the monthly doles and other assistance through its members.



### Home of Peace

Home of Peace was established in 2009 as a home for the poor and destitute irrespective of their race, religion or creed. However, with the expansion and opening of Phase 2 in 2019, it now accepts applications from retirees with monthly pensions, as well as the elderly who can contribute donations toward the operations and maintenance costs of the Home. Currently, there are 34 residents.



## Brief Introduction

### Historical background

“Caritas” means “compassion and love” (Psalm 110:2). Pope Francis reiterates that Caritas is “*an essential part of the Church*” and that it “*institutionalises love in the Church*”. We, Caritas Malaysia: Diocese of SibU or Caritas SibU, set up a secretariat on 16 December 2020 to assist in serving very vulnerable communities within our thirteen respective parishes and other communities irrespective of their beliefs, and culture.

Since Caritas Malaysia was virtually launched by Bishop Bernard Paul on 6 November 2020, the following diocesan personnel of Caritas SibU were elected:

1. Bishop Joseph Hii Teck Kwong, President
2. Rev Fr Raphael Samosir, OFM, Cap, Ecclesiastical Assistant I
3. Rev Fr David Ho, Ecclesiastical Assistant II (June 2022)
4. Eta Ting Ming Na, Diocesan Director
5. Francis Ling, Administrative/IT Officer (December 2021)
6. Joseph Wong Kee Hook, Finance Officer (June 2022)
7. Peter Lau Ik Yang, Program Officer (December 2021)

### Focus Areas

With the principles of Catholic Social Teachings and practices supported by Integral Human Development approaches, we have seen a spirit of volunteerism or selfless service with love in our team and we are thankful to God for His blessings on us to work together with the SibU Resident Office, SibU District Office, and Sarawak and Federal governmental agencies, apart from our own local communities in saving lives from traffickers, smugglers and abusers because every human is a gift and not to be sold as a commodity.

Our ongoing collaboration with governmental agencies:

- Jawatankuasa ATIPSOM Bahagian SibU (JABS), SibU – April 2019
- One Stop Committee bagi Menangani Isu Dadah dan Substance (OSC MIDS), SibU – March 2019
- National Strategic Office Majlis Anti Perdagangan Orang (NSO MAPO), Putrajaya – November 2019

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- Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWKM), Putrajaya - November 2019
- Jawatankuasa Tempat Tansit Gelandangan Bahagian Sibul, Sibul – November 2021
- Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Negeri Sarawak (JPBNS), Sibul - July 2023

We are also in partnership with other NGOs in Sibul like the Malaysia Relief Agency (MRA), Victory Home, Association of Churches in Sarawak (ACS), Sibul Branch, Methodist Pilley Institute (MPI) apart from our own Catholic Church organisations like Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice (ECJC), Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People (ECMI), Catholic Social Welfare (CWS), St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP), Pro-life Ministry, Youth Ministry and other lay movements to provide relief for fire victims, flood victims, homeless persons, poor, unwed teens, as well as to raise awareness of Anti-Trafficking In Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants (ATIPSOM) to end modern day slavery, unwanted teenage pregnancy, drug and substances addiction and assisted suicide.

### Financial Review (2021 to 2022)

No	Items	2021	2022
1	Administrative	21%	55%
2	Food Aid	69%	0%
3	Grow Our Green	0%	7%
4	Relief Aid (Fire victims)	0%	31%
5	Shelter Home	10%	7%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total Amount</b>		<b>RM23,862</b>	<b>RM12,750</b>

### Achievements / Activities

Pictures of Caritas Sibul are “worth a thousand words” that epitomize us as the mouth, hands and feet of Our Lord Jesus Christ continuing His mission to spread His fragrance of love everywhere.

**Shelter Home in the making for trafficked women in partnership with National Strategic Office Majlis Anti Perdagangan Orang (NSO MAPO), Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWKM)**



During MCO in 2021, food aid and drinks were donated to the Covid patients and frontliners of Sibuh Hospital.

## **FOOD AID FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022 DIOCESE OF SIBU**

**Relief Aid for Fire victims & Grow Our Green(GOG)**



14 January 2022, we paid a courtesy visit to the Director of the Unit For Other Religions (UNIFOR).



12 Feb 2022:  
Food aid for a resident of Bahagia Jaya, Teku Settlement.



3 April 2023: Malaysia Mani Program: Distribution of Bubur Lembu by Caritas Sibu & Malaysia Relief Agency (MRA).



15 January 2022:  
TIP Training by National Strategic Office Majlis Anti Perdagangan Orang (NSO MAPO) & Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWKM) at Wisma Katolik, Sibu

27 January 2022:  
Launched of the Tempat Transit Gelandangan (TTG), Sibu.



16 February 2023: Visit to Tempat Transit Gelandangan (TTG), Sibu by Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWKM) & National Strategic Office Majlis Anti Perdagangan Orang (NSO MAPO) & Caritas Sibu.

In Partnership with One Stop Committee bagi Menangani Isu Dadah dan Substance (OSC MIDS), Persatuan Mencegah Dadah Malaysia (PEMADAM) & NGOs to Say 'NO to Drugs'



2 March 2022: Fire Relief Aid to Bahagia Jaya, Teku Settlement, Sibü



19 October 2022: Care for our Common Home after Screening of The Letter



1 March 2022: Opening Ceremony of the Drugs Kill Dreams Project co-organised by Caritas Sibü, Malaysia Relief Agency (MRA), Victory Home, MPI and One Stop Committee bagi Menangani Isu Dadah dan Substance (OSC MIDS) and Persatuan Mencegah Dadah Malaysia (PEMADAM)

Caritas Sibu though only in its third year, is ever grateful that there are many lay faithful involved in the charitable works of compassion and love at home and in the society and is ever hopeful and joyful in journeying together as one in synodality, sanctity and solidarity for all to go well singing “though we are many, we are one body in Christ” to build bridges of love **passing on this Ministry of Love to serve God first and all those especially the poor and needy** placed in our midst all for His glory and honour.

A word of exhortation to every child of God: Every assistance and support by you and me to be part of this one Caritas family within our own community, parish, diocese, region and worldwide serving God and all put in our midst cheerfully would be **very much richly blessed to “find God near.”** Why so? We are all called and chosen to put the quote of Saint Oscar Romero (Archbishop of San Salvador) into practice: **“There is a way to know if God is near to us or far away: everyone who is concerned about the hungry, about the naked, about the poor, about the disappeared, about the tortured, about the prisoner, will find God near. The proof of prayer is not to say a great many words, the proof of my plea is easy to see: how do I act towards the poor? Because God is there.”**

Contributed by Eta Ting Ming Na

Echoing Saint Oscar Romero’s quote:  
 “Let us not tire of **preaching LOVE;**  
 it is the force that will overcome  
 the world.”



As Caritas Malaysia Representative in Strengthening Humanitarian Partnership and Exchanges in Asia (SHAPE) since 2021

19 December 2022: Closing Ceremony of Drugs Kill Dreams Project with winners of prizes





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### Pengenalan Ringkas

Caritas Miri adalah salah satu Ministry yang aktif di Keuskupan. Caritas Miri telah digerakkan didalam keuskupan Miri pada tahun 2020 dengan bilangan ahli seramai empat orang sahaja. Paderi Sylvester Ngau Juk telah diamanahkan oleh Uskup Richard Ng untuk mengetuai kumpulan Caritas Miri. Setakat ini, Caritas Miri belum mempunyai pejabat sendiri. Hal ini kerana Caritas Miri terdiri daripada umat gereja yang membantu secara sukarela.

Matlamat Caritas Miri adalah untuk membantu golongan yang memerlukan terutamanya golongan yang tidak berkemampuan, golongan orang kurang upaya dan mereka yang ditimpa kesusahan dan bencana alam dan paling penting kepada para Migrants.

Bagi kami, Caritas Miri tiada had batasan, untuk membantu agama lain contoh seperti orang Islam, Sidang Injil Borneo (SIB) dan bukan Katolik. Kami juga mendengar dan bertindak balas terhadap keperluan umat yang selalu memerlukan bantuan dan juga menjadikan mereka menyedari pentingnya doa dan Ekaristi.

Pemberian Bakul Makanan kepada Umat yang tidak berkemampuan. Lokasi tempat adalah di dalam Sekitar Miri.



Setiap bakul makanan atau sumbangan adalah hasil dari kerjasama dari Ministry of St. De Paul, Urban Poor, dan juga umat yang pemurah hati.

## AKTIVITI MISI BANTUAN BAGI TAHUN 2021-2022 DIOCESE OF MIRI



Salah satu penerima bakul makanan yang tiada tempat tinggal dan hanya berbumbungan Cancas & Zink.



Fr Henry Salleh menziarahi umat yang Kurang Upaya.





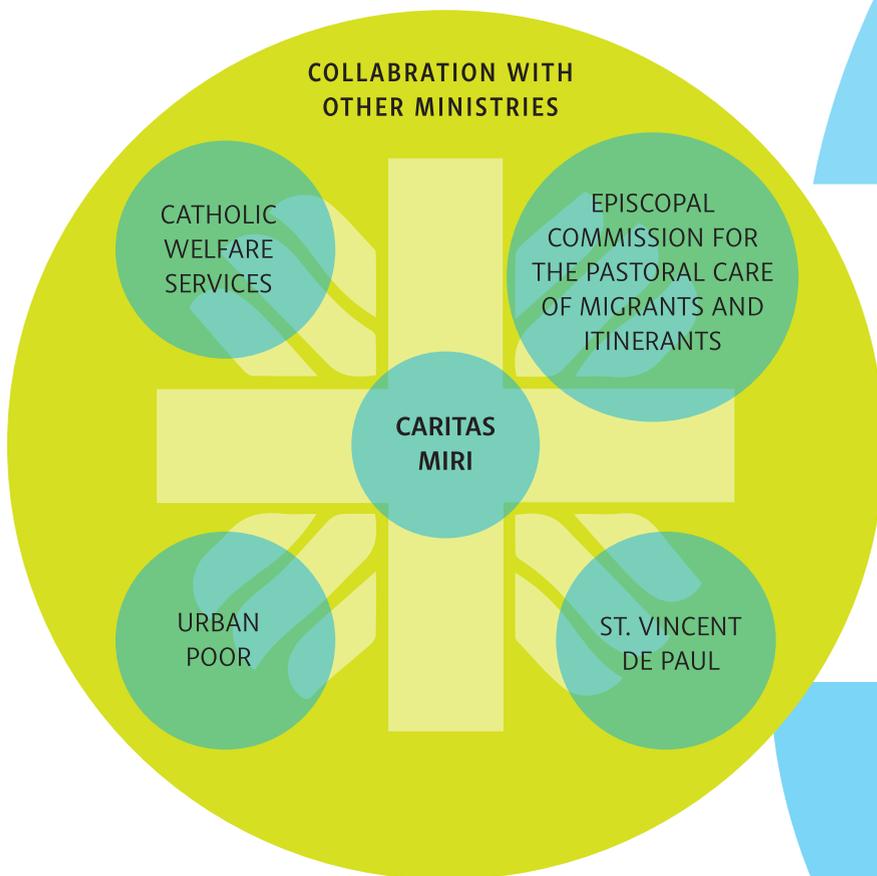
Retreat di bunan gea bersama wakil Diocese.

**AKTIVITI MINISTRY TO  
MIGRANTS EPISCOPAL  
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MIGRANTS AND ITINERANTS  
(ECMI)**



Kerjasama dengan Ministri lain.





## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

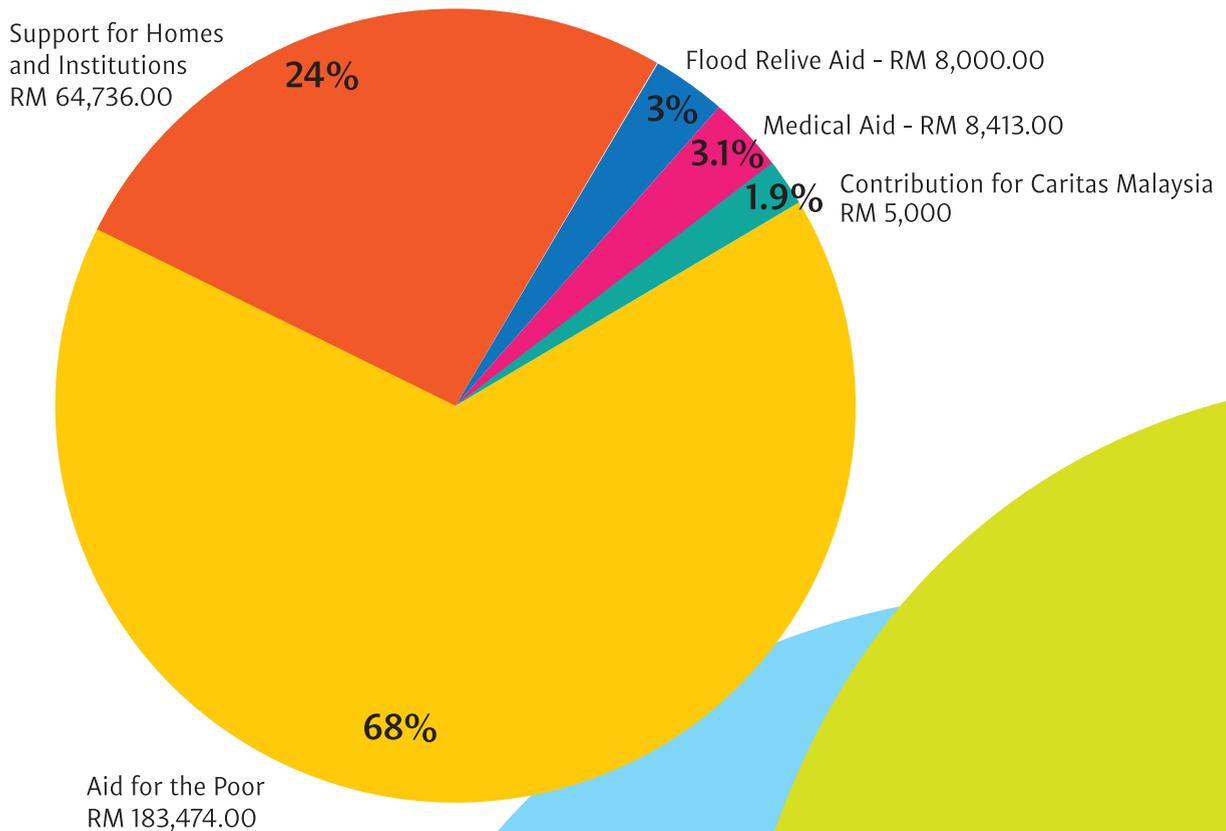
Setakat ini, Caritas Miri belum ada Akaun Kewangan kerana Caritas Miri bergantung kepada ministri-ministri lain yang berada di bawah Caritas.

## Financial Review

The main source of income for Caritas MJD is the annual Lenten Campaign around Lent-Easter time. The accounts of different organisations that come under the umbrella of Caritas MJD such as SSVPs and POHDs are not consolidated in the accounts below.

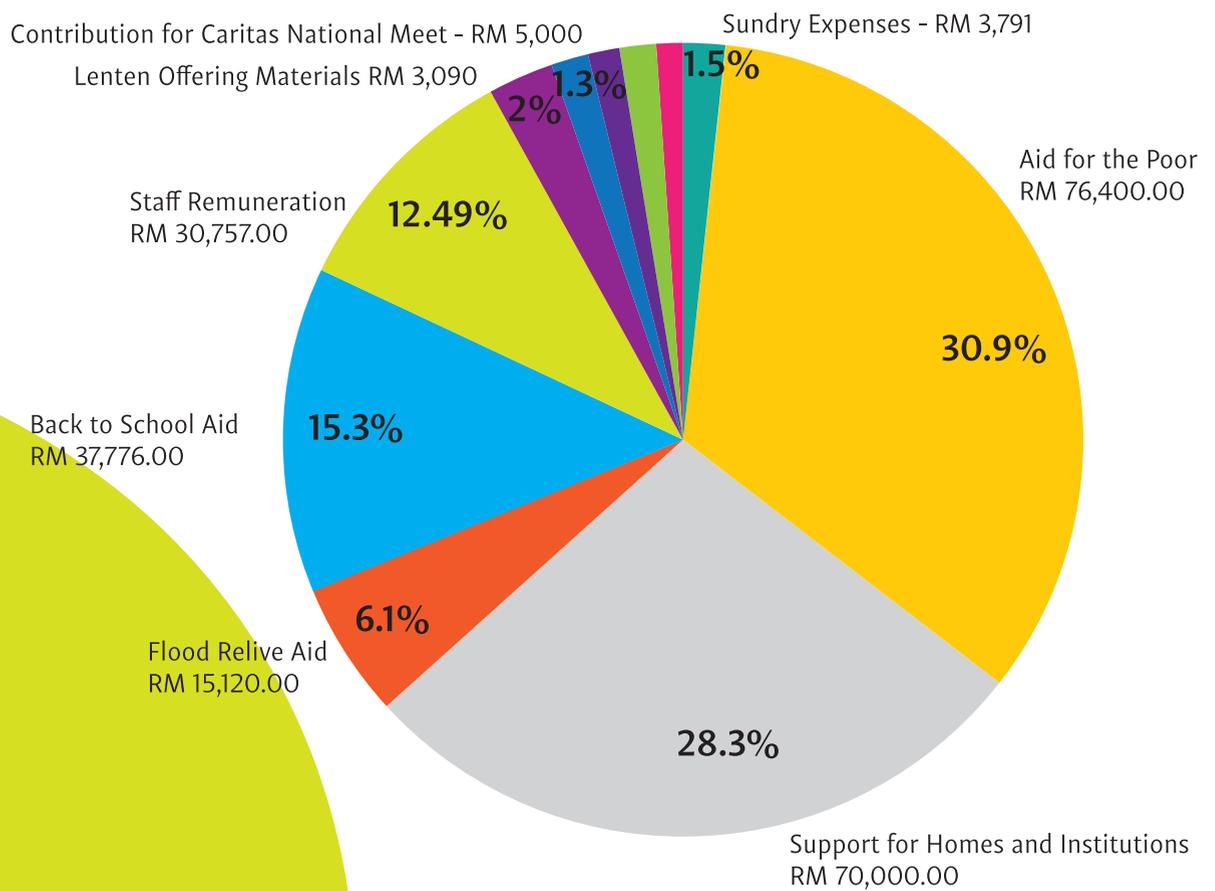
### 2021

INCOME for 2021	280,059.00
EXPENDITURE for 2021	
AID FOR THE POOR	183,474.00
SUPPORT FOR HOMES AND INSTITUTIONS	64,736.00
FLOOD RELIEF AID	8,000.00
MEDICAL AID	8,413.00
CONTRIBUTION TO CARITAS MALAYSIA	5,000.00
LENTEN OFFERING MATERIALS	84.00
SUNDRY EXPENSES	68.00
	269,775.00



2022

INCOME for 2022	271,913.00
EXPENDITURE for 2022	
AID FOR THE POOR	76,400.00
SUPPORT FOR HOMES AND INSTITUTIONS	70,000.00
FLOOD RELIEF AID	15,120.00
BACK TO SCHOOL AID	37,776.00
STAFF REMUNERATION	30,757.00
CONTRIBUTION TO CARITAS MALAYSIA	5,000.00
LENTEN OFFERING MATERIALS	3,090.00
CONTRIBUTION FOR CARITAS NATIONAL MEET	3,000.00
DEPRECIATION	1,174.00
TRAVELLING AND TRANSPORT	1,091.00
SUNDRY EXPENSES	3,791.00
	247,199.00



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## Brief Introduction

The Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur initiated an Archdiocesan Office in the late 1980s to take care of all matters relating to charity, integral human development and justice & peace within the Catholic Church's Kuala Lumpur Archdiocese. It was previously known as the National Office for Human Development (NOHD). Now it is known as the Archdiocesan Office for Human Development (AOHD). In 2021/2022 there were a total of eight (8) ministries under AOHD:

1. Ministry of the Poor
2. Ministry for the Orang Asli
3. Ministry for Migrants and Itinerants
4. Ministry for Creation Justice
5. Ministry for Special Needs
6. Prison Ministry
7. Women Ministry
8. Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Archdiocesan Office for Human Development (AOHD) also operates as an umbrella body to assist all Parish Integral Human Development Ministries (PIHDM) under the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur.



Flood Relief at Mentakab (23 August 2022)

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 2021 - 2022



Commision of Creation Justice (CJC), Morib Beach Cleaning  
(24 September 2022).





Commision of Creation Justice (CJC),  
Creation Justice Mass (1 September 2022)



Ministry of the Poor Outreach Mobile Clinic  
at Setia Alam (15 September 2022)



Mobile Clinic (30 September 2022)



Archdiocese Office of Human Development (AOHD), Catholic Business Fraternity (CBF) The Arch Place (TAP) and Generating Income from talents (GIFT) Empowerment Programme; Deepavali Celebration (5 November 2022)





Archdiocese Office of Human Development (AOHD)  
30th Anniversary (1 – 2 October 2022)

## ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (AOHD) OVERVIEW OF EXPENSES 2022

CONTRIBUTIONS		
RETAINED CONTRIBUTION OF AOHD	RM	628,651.17
LENTEN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS	(99.82%) RM	1,457,423.60
OTHER COLLECTIONS	(0.18%) RM	2,625.00
	(100%) RM	1,460,048.60
EXPENDITURE		
GRANT TO MINISTRIES	(28%) RM	420,000.00
GRANT TO OUTREACH ORGANISATIONS	(16%) RM	239,206.20
PARISH INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	(7%) RM	100,000.00
PROJECT: MINISTRY OF WOMEN	(2%) RM	25,000.00
PROJECT: MINISTRY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES	(6%) RM	95,000.00
PROJECT: MINISTRY OF THE URBAN AND RURAL POOR	(27%) RM	410,000.00
FORMATION	(5%) RM	70,800.15
ADMIN OFFICE EXPENSES	(7%) RM	102,376.64
STAFFING	(3%) RM	42,143.65
	(100%) RM	1,504,526.64

## Brief Introduction

Penang Office for Human Development (POHD)

The Penang Office for Human Development (POHD) was the social service arm of the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Penang. Established in 2001, Fr. Fabian Dicom was the first Director. Its office was located within the Penang Diocesan Centre located along Macalister Road, Penang.

## Focus Areas

1. The 4 key areas Caritas Penang would like to focus on would be to 'Connect', 'Collaborate', 'Strengthen' and 'Revive' the social aspect of charity with all the parishes and social mission groups in the Diocese.
2. To foster Inter-Diocesan, inter deanery, interparish, inter-ministry, and networking amongst all the social mission arms of the diocese working together with one common mission and vision, to bring the heartbeat of Jesus into every aspect of the works of charity.
3. To reignite the spirituality and Social Mission of the Diocese by inviting every faithful disciple of Christ to embrace the spirituality of the Good Samaritan which is COMPASSION IN ACTION (Lk 10, 29-37) and to bring the heartbeat of Jesus to the many people who are in need.
4. To encourage more young people to step forward and be involved in the various aspects of Charity. To visit parishes in the diocese and listen to the voices on the ground in our various dialogues, and endeavour to support the Parish priests and their teams, and together move towards igniting the love for Charity at all levels.

**Our Mission** – Toward a civilisation of love.

Caritas Penang is a ministry of the mission concerned under the diocese of Penang. We are accountable to the local communities, Board, and ultimately our Bishop Sebastian Francis. But we are also a part of Caritas Malaysia, Caritas Asia, and the Caritas Internationalis confederation, a body of the Universal Church.

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**We work through parishes**

Caritas Penang works with the parishes to mobilise believers, men, and women of goodwill, in the work of social mission in the diocese of Penang.

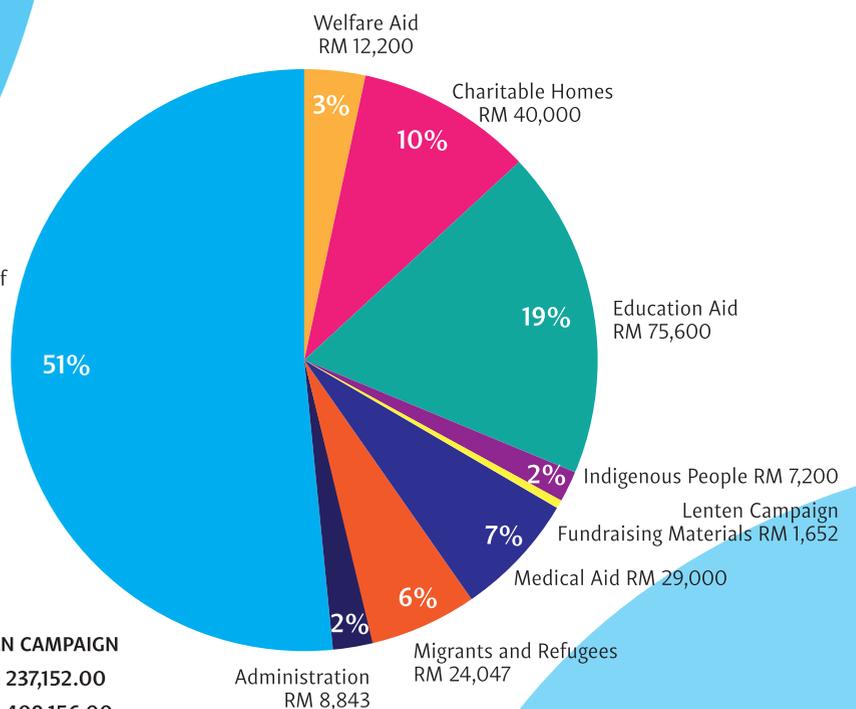
**We work with ministries of mission concerns**

We connect with social mission ministries at the parish and diocesan levels. We collaborate to strengthen capacity building in our diocese in order to rekindle the fire of charity in every baptised Catholic.

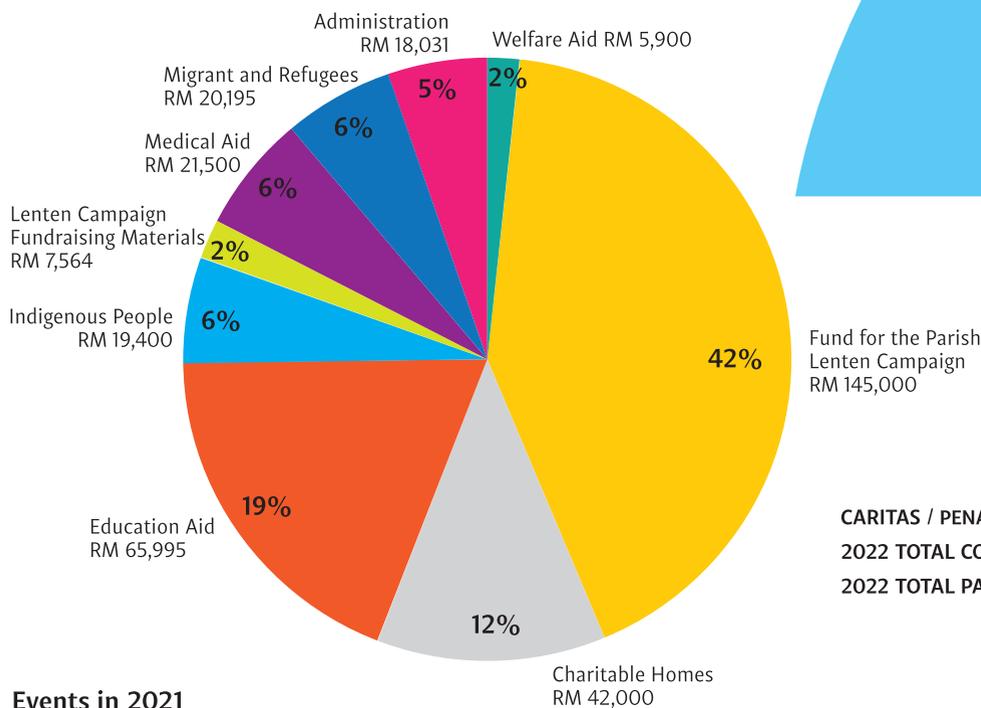
**Focus Areas**

- Migrants and Refugees
- Orang Asli
- Poor, Orphans and the Elderly
- Health, Rehabilitation and HIV
- Care for Creation
- Grant for Education, Welfare and Medical Aid

Covid-19 Relief  
RM 210,614



**CARITAS / PENANG DIOCESE LENTEN CAMPAIGN**  
**2021 TOTAL COLLECTION** RM 237,152.00  
**2021 TOTAL PAYOUT** RM 409,156.00



CARITAS / PENANG DIOCESE LENTEN CAMPAIGN	
2022 TOTAL COLLECTION	RM 422,840.00
2022 TOTAL PAYOUT	RM 345,585.00

### Events in 2021

#### LENT 2021 with the theme “Ignite Hope”

- Grant for the Covid-19 Initiative 2021 – RM145,000 to 29 parishes in Penang Diocese

#### Conversations with Caritas Penang – Zoom Series – June 2021

The aim was to create a platform to bring parishes and ministries together to share creative ideas, experiences, and network with one another. To encourage and inspire each other in our journey to serve the poor.

- Introduction on the Caritas mission, the purpose of Caritas Malaysia and the role of Caritas Penang Diocese.
- What are the needs in carrying out social mission in the parishes.
- Theological reflection, can Pastoral Actions and how Caritas Penang help ‘Connect’, ‘Collaborate’, ‘Strengthen’ and ‘Revive’ the social mission of parishes.
- Journey experiences of Caritas Melaka Johor Diocese in carrying our charity during the MCO
- Setting up of the Caritas Penang Diocese Community and Representatives

### **Conversations with Caritas Penang Online Series**

Theme: Creative Possibilities in Reaching the Poor During MCO

Distribution of food pack rations through the parishes in July 2021

### **Conversations with Caritas Penang Online Series – August 2021**

Dialogue on Migrants and Refugees response during the Covid-19 pandemic facilitated by Dr Mary Fernandez and Peter Barnabas, Head of the Migrant Ministry, in August 2021.

### **Conversations with Caritas Penang Online Series**

#### **- Inspirational talk**

Held on 14th of August, 2021 by Micole Sik, Founder of De Angels. Participants were inspired by how De Angels created job opportunities and training for disadvantaged groups and helped them to be self-reliant.

### **Launch of Caritas Penang Diocese**

The launch of Caritas Diocese of Penang on 31 August 2021 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Penang marked a new beginning for Caritas Penang to work together with the social mission community of the Diocese. The Penang Office of Human Development changed its name to 'Caritas Penang' adopting the new Logo following Bishop Sebastian Francis's announcement in March 2021 that all the parish ministries in the Diocese of Penang involved in social mission would be consolidated under the same umbrella of Caritas, as one big social arm of the Catholic Church.

### **Migrant Sunday Awareness Talk via Zoom**

In conjunction with World Migrant Sunday in September 2021, an online awareness talk was organized. The topics shared were Refugee Perspective: The Wider We and Refugees and "Health: The barriers to care and what can we do" by Sherril Netto and Dr Ramona Pereira

### **Caritas Spirituality Online Recollection**

On 23 October 2021, an online recollection was conducted by Father Fabian Dicom with a total of 60 participants.

## 2022

### **Lenten Campaign 2022**

Themed “Together We Restore” the campaign was launched on 2 March 2022 and the funds collected were distributed to the parishes.

Launch of Caritas Penang Website [www.caritaspenang.com](http://www.caritaspenang.com)

### **Collaboration with MSF to supply items to Detention Centres in Penang Diocese.**

- Supply of essential items to the Bidor Detention Centre (2021)
- Supply of track suit pants to the Belantek Detention Centre (2021)
- Collaboration project with Caritas of the Church of Sacred Heart Kampar to supply Track suit pants and t-shirts to the Bidor Detention Centre during Lent (2022).

### **Lenten Recollection – March 2022**

Conducted by Rev Fr John Anandan in March 2022.

### **Medical Mission on 9th and 10th of February 2022**

Joint mission with Caritas of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Caritas Penang, and Caritas Sacred Heart Church Kampar on 9 and 10 February 2022.

### **Caritas Penang Online Day of Prayer – April 2022**

The Caritas parishes from Penang Diocese came together to pray as a community for social missions and all the missionaries who are working in the field. Held in April 2022, the online session was animated by the parishes in 4 languages.

### **Dialogue and Visit to the recipients of Lenten Campaign Funds and Caritas parishes**

- Fr Julien Agape Centre
- Kampung Simee, Ipoh
- Visit to Caritas Kulim @ Beyond Learning Centre

### **Medical Outreach**

- Collaboration with Caritas Kampar, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit and Caritas Penang in May 2022.

- Thank you cards for donors to the Lenten Campaign were introduced.

#### **Learning Visit to the Orang Asli**

Caritas Penang organised a team Learning Visit with the Sahabat Orang Asli (SOA) Team from St Michael Church, Ipoh to Suak Padi.

#### **Orang Asli Medical Outreach**

Medical Outreach with Sahabat Orang Asli, Perak to Hulu Lawin Selatan in August 2022, in collaboration with 7 groups from the Diocese.

#### **Social Mission Meet**

- A Social Mission Meet was organized to connect, dialogue, share experiences, inspire, pray, and learn from one another.
- Dialogue on how we could work together in the social mission of the parishes and ministries.
- Discussions the social mission plans.
- Plan on how to restore and renew the heart of social mission in parishes and ministries. A total of 92 participants attended the meet, represented by 22 ministries and 15 parishes.

#### **Lenten Funds 2022 Cheque Presentation**

A cheque presentation and meet up was held with Social Mission Group recipients of the Lenten Funds.

#### **Visit to Tzu Chi**

Caritas representatives and volunteers attended a orientation visit to Tzu Chi

- Topics shared during the orientation were: Vision, Mission, Spirituality of Caritas, the roles of representatives and volunteers, a briefing on Education, Medical and Welfare grants and the areas of focus for Caritas in 2023.





Medical Mission on 9 & 10 February to Kampar.

Medical Mission - collaboration with Caritas Sacred Heart Church Kampar, Caritas Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, St. John Ambulance and Caritas Penang.



Medical Outreach - collaboration with Caritas Sacred Heart Church Kampar, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, and Caritas Penang on 4 & 5 May and July, and 17 September, 2022.



**Medical Outreach  
with Sahabat Orang Asli,  
Perak a collaboration of 7 Groups  
Hulu Lawin Selatan  
27 August 2022.**



Dialogue and Visit to the recipients of Lenten Campaign Funds and Caritas Parishes.



Cheque presentation and meet up with recipients of Lenten Funds 20 September





Medical Outreach - collaboration with Caritas Kampar, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit and Caritas Penang on 4 & 5 May 2022.



Social Mission Meet on 10 September 2022 at the Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Ipoh.

## Introduction

With the signing of the agreement between the Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia and Caritas Internationalis in 2020, the renewed effort to strengthen the social mission work of the Malaysia church began. Caritas Malacca Johore Diocesan Office for Human Development (MJDODH) was established as the diocesan arm of Caritas Malaysia to strengthen and increase the participation of the laity in the social mission of the church within the diocese. Managed by a board of lay and clergy members, the board is supported by a secretariat to achieve the aim of Caritas MJDODH.

“Every Catholic involved in social mission”

The core approach taken by the diocese to reach the diverse population of the church is “different strokes for different folks” to take into account the varied interests that drive individuals.

Thus, the following 4 general thrust was decided upon:

1. Strengthen existing organisations and help them become more inclusive in their activities (existing areas of service).
2. Provide more opportunities for those interested in new areas of charitable activities to organise themselves to do works of charity as an organisation or as individuals.
3. Provide support and training to all laity and interested parties to build up their interest in social work and provide them with the skills and support facilities to act.
4. Develop a culture of Christian charity in the Catholic community.

## Focus Areas

Strengthen existing organisations and help them become more inclusive in their activities (existing areas of service)

- Leadership and personal development training: Introduction of official programmes to build leadership skills and ensure the personal development of members of the organisations
- Spiritual formations as per the charisma of the organisation
- Training to become inclusive while participating in the activities of the organisation

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Provide more opportunities for those interested in new areas of charitable activities to organise themselves to do works of charity as an organisation or as one-off themed projects.

- Identify under-serviced areas of charity
- Conscientise the community
- Support groups which are interested to act

Provide support and training to all laity and interested parties to build their interest in social work and provide them with the skills and support facilities to act.

- Set up training system
- Set up support platforms for action

Develop a culture of Christian charity in the Catholic community.

- Communicate our values in charity through various means to the community.
- Reinforce the values by appreciating, honouring and other means to encourage the practice of such values.

### **Some Key Activities and Achievements**

The main drivers of charity at the parish level are the parish based organisations such as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) and the Parish Office for Human Development (POHD). This report covers only cross-parish activities and diocese-wide activities that support Caritas MJD's people development goals.

### **Bantuan Dapur**

This programme was conceptualised with the following aims:

- a. Inclusiveness - Increase the awareness of the poor amongst us by encouraging the laity in general and the Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) in particular to identify neighbours in need. (During the Covid-19 pandemic, the need was particularly pronounced)
- b. Develop a culture and build fraternity by implementing a diocese-wide programme to look out for those-in need.
- c. Reach out and help as many people as possible.

BECs and all parishioners were informed through online posters, which included the link to an online form and a hotline was set up for those who wanted more details of this initiative where the church provides food aid to those in need, regardless of their race and religion. Parishioners were encouraged to identify neighbours who might require such assistance and either inform them to apply for the church aid online or for the parishioners to apply online on their neighbours' behalf.

Over 3000 applications were received and each application was assigned to the nearest parish's existing direct aid organisations, i.e. POHD/SSVP for investigation and assessment. Support in terms of financial support, food hampers, and cooked food packs was allocated to those with the greatest need. Parishioners were actively engaged as volunteers in the investigation, packing, and distribution of aid as part of the encounter experience we hoped for them.

In Johor Bahru alone, the SSVP Church of the Immaculate Conception Johor Bahru (SSVP CIC JB) managed to secure more than RM760,000 through online donations from 2021-2022 and distributed the same within the 2 years, helping more than 500 families assigned in its vicinity.

Caritas MJD and partners also worked with other NGO to provide food aid to those at smaller welfare homes that were in need.

### Laptop Project

The aim of this project was to address an area of need not usually covered by our existing organisations (which are focused on immediate physical needs) to attract those interested in education to participate in such works.

An offshoot of an existing SSVP Education programme, this programme became more significant due the critical role of laptops for online education caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Caritas MJD and SSVP CIC JB initiated this larger program covering South Johor in 2021.

Over RM70,000 was raised by SSVP CIC JB, mainly under a fund-raising project initiated by donors from Dell Singapore and 50 new laptops were initially distributed. Later, twenty refurbished laptops donated by Dell Malaysia were distributed to school



students in the Johor Bahru area, in collaboration with local POHDs.

This project helped expand the concept of Christian charity practised by our organisation to include varying degrees of poverty and reflects our community's commitment to break the poverty cycle through educational opportunities and bridging the digital divide among disadvantaged youth. As always, this aid is provided to individuals of all races, regardless of their belief.

SSVP still continues to provide new laptops and internet access funds to worthy recipients. Aside from bringing the laptops to the recipients, laptop presentation ceremonies with parish volunteers assisting the sessions on laptop setup and care was held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Johor Bahru and Church of the Holy Family in Ulu Tiram.

### **Flood Relief**

- a. Aimed to develop contacts with NGOs involved in the various stages of flood relief work.
- b. Learnt from the NGOs to find our place in the flood assistance sphere.
- c. Established a presence as an active community in flood relief work.

In both 2021 and 2022, most of the direct involvement of Caritas MJD and its partners remained focused on post flood and recovery assistance. Our cooperation with NGOs allowed us to learn about the other aspects, skills and operations needed to be effective at different stages. We learned that the structure we had was best suited for post flood work which was incorporated in the development of a disaster management team and we looked to develop a system to get more of our laity involved.

### **Easter Joy Hamper Project**

- a. Evangelisation - The aim of the project was to share Easter joy and cheer with the needy during our festive period for them to appreciate the importance of our significant events.
- b. To provide another avenue for our parishioners to get involved in charitable activities.



SSVP CIC JB organised the Easter Joy Hamper initiative where over 135 hampers were packed and distributed to their FINs (Friends in Need) not only in Johor Bahru, but in Skudai, Masai, Plentong, and Ulu Tiram in collaboration with the various POHDs. The Easter Joy Hamper Project not only provided essential supplies but also served as a symbol of solidarity during the challenging pandemic. More than 30 youths, church members and families were roped in to help pack and distribute the hampers to foster compassionate action together as a faith-based community

### **Awareness Campaign - Orang Asli Back to School Project**

This was another diocese-wide project aimed at educating and developing an interest in the catholic community on the challenges of the displaced indigenous people (Orang Asli community).

- a. Recruit new members for the Aru Bumi ministry, a diocesan social ministry.
- b. Involve parishioners in fundraising and champion the plight of the Orang Asli during the fundraising campaign.

A total of RM28,000 was fundraised following an appeal and RM38,000 was distributed to Orang Asli children under the Back to School Project. Financial aid was provided to support 151 Orang Asli students in 5 Kampung Orang Asli around Kota Tinggi and Mersing areas. In Kampung Orang Asli at Kluang, RM7,350 of cash was given to 147 students. The aid aimed to alleviate the financial burden on families, enabling them to secure essential school supplies and meet the children's educational expenses.

### **Grants to SSVPs, POHDs & Catholics Welfare Homes**

Caritas MJD allocated grants to support the operations of welfare services of POHDs and SSVPs, including Villa Paulos, Fatima Home and Montfort Youth Centre. These grants will enable them to sustain and provide for their beneficiaries as the economic downturn has led to lesser donation support by the public.

### **Training Division**

Currently, it is loosely set up as a team of trainers working online and envisioned as a group of trainers that travel to parishes to share their expertise.



This division is deemed important as the majority of the community consists of non-professionals. Therefore, it is imperative that a system is put in place to develop the spiritual, knowledge, organisational and practical skills needed by each person to confidently and effectively coordinate and participate.

### **Formation & Training**

#### **Spiritual Formation**

As the foundation of all activity, spiritual formation is a key cornerstone to lasting success and transformation of our laity. Spiritual formation is currently done with the assistance of the clergy twice a year. It was limited in 2021 due to the Covid restrictions.

Focus was on the spiritual formation of SSVP (which to an extent is shared with POHD).

Weekly reflections are also provided to all Caritas MJD organisations for sharing with their members. Currently, the SSVP weekly Vincentian Reflections are used.

#### **Leadership Transformation/Personal Development**

As organisations are only as good as its leaders, a general leadership development programme by John Maxwell called “Beyond Success” was launched in 2021 and is mainly done online as a starting point for current leaders and all active members of the various Caritas MJD and partner organisations.

This is an ongoing programme and the first of many staple programmes expected to develop over time as a portfolio of ongoing formation programmes in the diocese helmed by the Training Division.

The current cost of the training materials is partially borne by Caritas MJD.

#### **Education - Development of the Lenten Campaign**

This was an attempt to start one of the streams of communication on social awareness. Working hand in hand with the Creation Justice Commission, Caritas MJD developed the content for Lent in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

### **Education - Financial Literacy Education**

Started in 2022, this is the second educational initiative to develop awareness within the community. Originally designed to equip SSVP and POHD members with basic knowledge so that they can assist the needy they assist, this programme is being expanded into various programmes aimed at the laity and to the needy.

### **Communications and Culture Development**

A presence on social media is maintained by Caritas MJD to highlight the activities of the various organisations involved in charity and also to promote social issues and to emphasise the values of our community with regards to social work.

The various diocese organisations that require social media support are also supported by the Caritas MJD secretariat.

### **Caritas MJD Assembly 2022**

This was held to celebrate our success, build fraternity, and learn from each other. However due to the national elections, the assembly was postponed to February 2023.

### **Conclusion**

Throughout 2021-2022, the work of Caritas MJD as a people developer was hampered by restrictions and a steep learning curve as we looked at how best to rebrand the social work of the church and reorganise it under one umbrella. Balancing between direct works and supporting existing organisations within the church structure has also been a challenge due to the different understandings of the function of the different levels of the organisation.

Much of the supporting work to develop the culture of charity and the necessary communications needed to support this culture development will have to be carried out over the next few years in phases as we work through the hoops of change resistance.

We extend our gratitude to our various organisations and partners, parish volunteers, and donors whose unwavering support enabled us to extend the reach of our community to those in need.

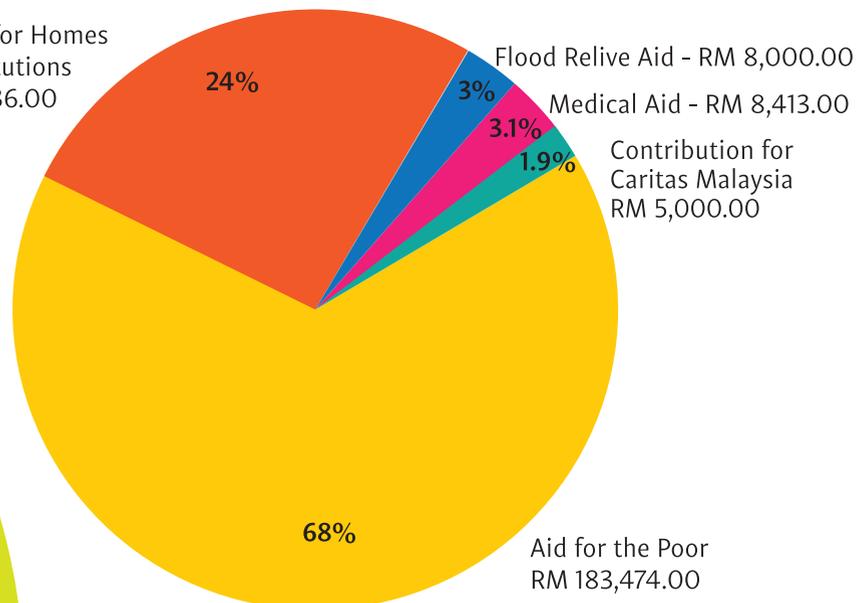
### Financial Review

The main source of income for Caritas MJD is the annual Lenten Campaign around Lent-Easter time. The accounts of different organisations that come under the umbrella of Caritas MJD such as SSVPs and POHDs are not consolidated in the accounts below.

#### 2021

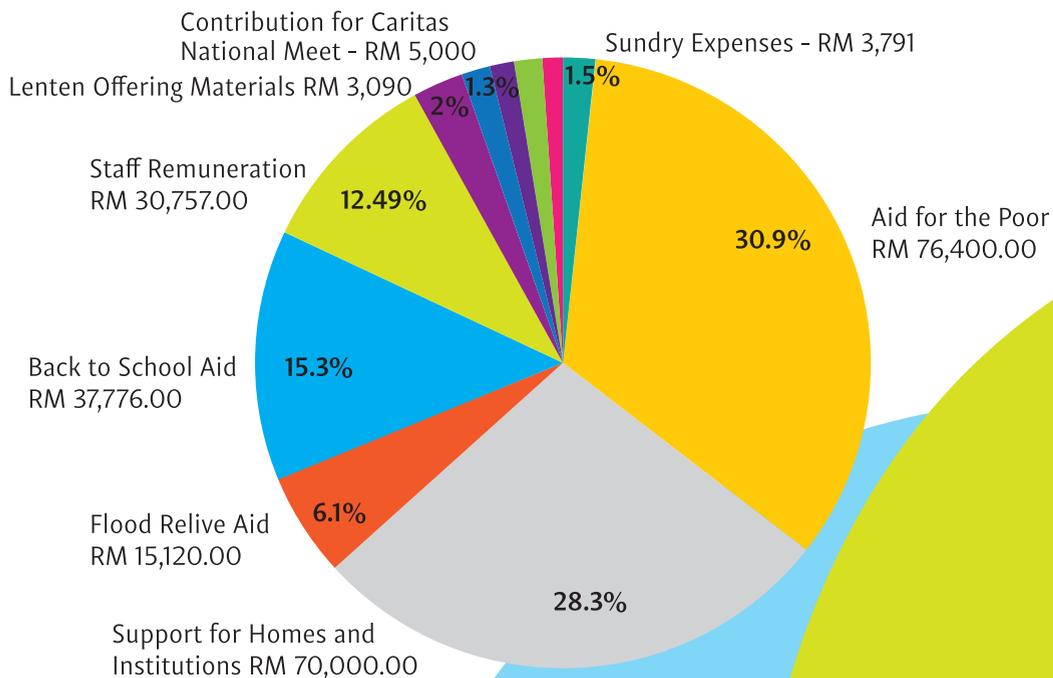
INCOME for 2021	280,059.00
EXPENDITURE for 2021	
AID FOR THE POOR	183,474.00
SUPPORT FOR HOMES AND INSTITUTIONS	64,736.00
FLOOD RELIEF AID	8,000.00
MEDICAL AID	8,413.00
CONTRIBUTION TO CARITAS MALAYSIA	5,000.00
LENTEN OFFERING MATERIALS	84.00
SUNDRY EXPENSES	68.00
	269,775.00

Support for Homes and Institutions  
RM 64,736.00



**2022**

INCOME for 2022	271,913.00
EXPENDITURE for 2022	
AID FOR THE POOR	76,400.00
SUPPORT FOR HOMES AND INSTITUTIONS	70,000.00
FLOOD RELIEF AID	15,120.00
BACK TO SCHOOL AID	37,776.00
STAFF REMUNERATION	30,757.00
CONTRIBUTION TO CARITAS MALAYSIA	5,000.00
LENTEN OFFERING MATERIALS	3,090.00
CONTRIBUTION FOR CARITAS NATIONAL MEET	3,000.00
DEPRECIATION	1,174.00
TRAVELLING AND TRANSPORT	1,091.00
SUNDRY EXPENSES	3,791.00
	247,199.00



# CARITAS MALAYSIA

In December 2021, Caritas Malaysia Relief Fund was launched to raise funds for the many Malaysians affected by floods. The initial appeal raised RM1.168million and thus far, relief commitments amounting to RM901,901.00 have been made.

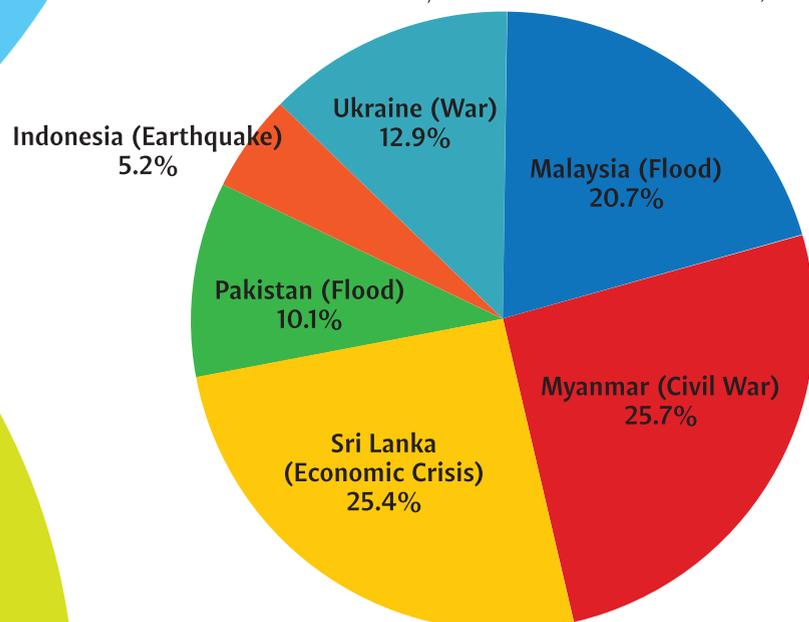
Caritas Malaysia responded to all local appeals received. An aid of RM186,901.00 was distributed to Malaysians affected by floods and fire in Semenanjung, Sabah, Sarawak — urban and rural communities, the homeless, and migrants living among us.

Caritas Malaysia also extended Malaysian solidarity for the basic needs of thousands of children and people affected by the civil war in Myanmar, the populations suffering severe hunger due to the economic crises in Sri Lanka, the flood victims across Pakistan, those affected by the earthquake in Indonesia, medical aid and cash donations for refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine.

## 2021 RELIEF FUND Amount Raised: RM 1.168million

Relief Commitments / Aid Distribution : RM 901,901 per breakdown below:

- Malaysia – Rm186,901
- Myanmar – Rm231,360
- Sri Lanka – Rm229,145
- Pakistan – Rm91,294
- Ukraine – Rm116,326
- Indonesia – Rm46,875



Caritas Malaysia wants to move away from the traditional welfare agency ideology towards a community-based parish and diocese Caritas where a community culture and way of doing things are adopted. This involves the whole community, which will eventually become a social network with socially minded people. In serving the social mission of the Malaysian Church, Caritas must aim at “building people, building communities, building parishes.” Caritas offices must also embrace the importance of integrating continuous ongoing formation into all activities with small reflections and inputs built into the programmes. It is time we moved on from talking about change to witnessing and acting on the change.”

The National Office had proposed the following synthesis for Caritas Malaysia as its strategic orientations for 2022 / 2023:

### **Institution Building**

Training/ Formation [spirituality, family spirit (unity), volunteers – youth and women, disaster relief], Organisation Development [structure, policy, guidelines, code of conduct, roles and functions, legal status/registration]

### **Programme development and collaboration**

Programmes and resources [can adapt from Caritas Internationalis / Caritas Asia], Leadership [gaps with grassroots and among leaders], Poverty [grassroots needs], Collaboration [working internally among offices, with other ministries, and external organisation]

### **Communications and Networking**

Promote Caritas Identity and Spirituality [keep identity alive, build up a spirit of family, mandates given in trust, attract youth and volunteers], collaborating with other commission/ ministries.

The focus areas are presented in the diagram above facing page:

## Focus Areas for 2022 / 2023

### Caritas Identity

- \* What is Caritas
- \* Spirituality of Caritas / Family spirit (unity)
- \* Awareness programmes
- \* Staff initiation

### Communication

#### External Communication

- \* Establishing Caritas' Identity
- \* Social Media – updates on events, activities, etc.

#### Internal communication

- \* Branding
- \* Vision-mission-values
- \* Remove the “fear of take-over”
- \* National activities and campaigns

### Organisation and Structure

- \* SOPs and Policies
- \* Code of Conduct and Safeguarding
- \* Vision, Mission and Values
- \* Legal status

### Thematic Programme Areas

- \* Poverty
- \* Climate Change
- \* Migrants
- \* Disaster Relief Response

### Capacity Building

- \* Disaster Relief Response
- \* Institution development
  - o Volunteerism
  - o Spirituality
  - o Fund Raising





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