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A background photograph of a classroom with several students sitting at their desks. In the foreground, a girl in an orange shirt is looking towards the right. Behind her, another girl in a striped shirt is also looking right. Other students are visible in the background, some standing and some sitting. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay to make the text stand out.

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ENSURING THE RIGHT TO QUALITY EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE



*Fondazione De La Salle Solidarietà Internazionale
ONLUS is a non-profit organization committed to
carrying out solidarity and development projects
in the field of education, all over the world, mainly
where there are Lasallians serving populations in
vulnerable situations.*



WHO WE ARE

Did you know that La Salle Institute educates more than **1 million** children and youth in **80 countries**, in **1100 educational centers**?

...and that **half of them** live in **fragile contexts**, at risk of **social and educational exclusion**?

Our mission is to ensure their right to an inclusive and equitable quality education, enabling them to have all the tools they need to build their own future. Through our educational centers, the nature of which varies greatly depending on the context, we come into contact and create

synergies with the communities in which we operate. This is how we create the dynamics that make La Salle a centre for promoting change, and how we implement projects whose impact goes beyond the educational institution, contributing to the improvement of the living conditions of the community.

90K
BENEFICIARIES

87
PROJECTS



31
COUNTRIES

8 M
EURO

THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN PROMOTED IN 2020

Through our projects, we promote the rights of children and young people all over the world



Right to education



Right to play and free time



Right to receive medical treatment

Right to equal opportunities



Right to food and clean water

Right to be protected







Our schools are not just classrooms for learning, but real educational communities, provided with dormitories, canteens, clean water and programs to promote gender equality, access to the labor market and the inclusion of marginalized minorities and students with motor or cognitive disabilities.

TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, WITH NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

We share the priorities of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and develop multidimensional projects to transform our educational works into centers of community advancement.



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

IN 2020



in
16
countries



Benefitting
23K
students



972

scholarships allocated



We helped

735

women and girls continue
their studies and training
for their future



2 new
schools

were completed

We supported the activities of:



10

primary and
secondary schools



7

universities and tertiary
education centres



6

non-formal
educational centres



expanding and improving
school facilities



promoting actions
for social and
educational inclusion



renewing teaching
materials and
creating new labs



setting up canteens
and dormitories

THANKS TO
PROJECTS
FOR



How do we build a fair and just world for children and young adults?

By empowering them to construct it.

That is why we are committed to ensuring their right to education: the most powerful tool for bringing change to their lives and to the world.

In order to promote **educational opportunities for all**, we build new formal and non-formal educational centers in marginalized contexts and set up courses of vocational training to help young people access the local labor market and provide a second chance for students who have left school.

We work with our schools, at all levels, to improve and expand their facilities and educational offerings.

We provide scholarships and specific programs for the inclusion of women and girls, students with disabilities and vulnerable groups, because **access to quality, equitable and inclusive education is a right for all.**

FORMATION AND THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

*To make the school a **protected environment** where everyone feels **safe***

In every project we carry out, our priority is to promote the rights of children and to make the school a protected, safe, and welcoming environment, where children feel free to express themselves and be assured that they will be listened to. That is why we run annual training courses for educators, administrators and auxiliary staff on the rights of children and adolescents, as well as on resilience and best practices in innovative pedagogy. We also involve our students and their families, so that the educational action that takes place in our schools continues at home and in the communities where we work!

IN 2020



We trained

3960

educators and parents



in

5

countries



for the benefit of

280K

people





SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY

*sustainable educational communities
from an environmental, social and economic point of view*

In line with our Lasallian tradition, our schools become centers for community development and for the promotion of green and sustainable practices. Beyond our educational facilities, our projects also improve the living conditions of the surrounding community through drinking water facilities, food programs and courses in agriculture and husbandry. Our initiatives use clean and renewable energy and foster the protection and responsible use of natural resources.

IN 2020

we realized:



3 projects for the
distribution of clean,
drinking water



4 projects for
agriculture and
farming



2 food
programs

Benefiting



17K
people

OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY

#LaSalleCovid19: a global campaign for the most vulnerable

In April 2020, together with the global La Salle network, we launched the "#LaSalleCovid19" initiative - an awareness-raising and fundraising campaign in 80 countries to promote solidarity and closeness and to help the most vulnerable to respond to the Covid-19 emergency.

A hashtag to get together on social media and share messages of hope, photos and videos with colleagues and classmates from other countries.

A hashtag to share the many initiatives carried out locally to assist their own community, such as the distribution of food and sanitary products, the fabrication of masks and provision of safe shelters for homeless people and health workers.

A hashtag to help the most vulnerable.

\$ 11M
US DOLLARS
DISTRIBUTED*

226
INITIATIVES IN
THE WORLD*

Data from all the entities that took part in the campaign

“Hunger will come before the virus”

This is the message we received from the most fragile contexts in which we operate, where thousands of families no longer have the means to get food and other basic provisions. This is why we have supported humanitarian actions for the distribution of food and sanitary materials in 14 countries, benefiting 50 K people.



22.902,63 €

Select De La Salle Brothers and Sisters Primary Schools in Rwanda, Peru, and Madagascar

7332,00 €

Humanitarian aid to families in Sri Lanka

2.269,00 €

ITC equipment to enable migrant children to online education

4.124,00 €

De La Salle Sisters in Madagascar

7506,00 €

Humanitarian aid to families in Vietnam

10.000,00 €

Retention in education of vulnerable children in Paraguay

15.000,00 €

Humanitarian aid to IDPs in Burkina Faso

30.218,00 €

Humanitarian aid in Haiti

1.087 €

Humanitarian aid to families in a slum in Nairobi, Kenya

8.777,80 €

Humanitarian Aid to families in Cambodia

28.000,00 €

Humanitarian aid to over 1200 families in India

13.872,00 €

Humanitarian action in the Philippines

64.242,00 €

Humanitarian aid to over 800 refugee families
Fratelli Project, Lebanon

9.212,00 €

Collège des Frères Beit Hanina & Bethlehem, Palestine



THE APPEAL FOR BEIRUT AFTER THE EXPLOSION

On August 4th, a massive explosion destroyed the center of Beirut, the capital city of Lebanon. As a result, hundreds of people were killed and thousands were injured. The explosion started in the port area of the city, razing buildings and also causing significant damage to three Lasallian schools.

The day after the explosion, we launched an emergency appeal under the hashtag [#LaSalleForBeirut](#), to rebuild our schools and help families in need.

Thanks to the donations received from the Lasallian Family and from international organizations, *we raised \$1.8 million USD*, which enabled us to get our students back to school, by November 2020, when schools opened nationwide.



In synergy with other local organisations, we started a programme to distribute hot meals initially, and then food packages to families in need.



In the days following the explosion, a large group of volunteers, students, alumni and teachers flocked to our schools to clear away the rubble so that renovation work could begin.



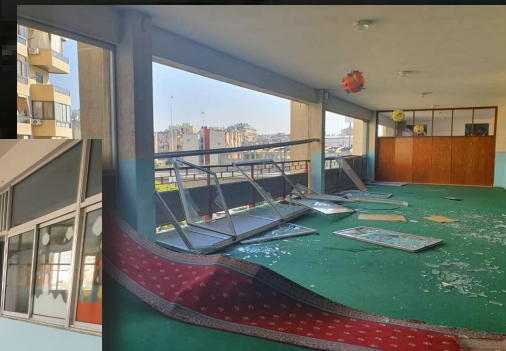
In November 2020, students returned to in-person classes at school. Thereafter, national closure periods were arranged during which students continued their lessons through distance learning.



COLLÈGE NOTRE DAME, with 960 students and 130 staff members (educational and administrative), was the educational center least damaged by the explosion and therefore the first to be completed.



ÉCOLE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, with 600 students and refugee children of Iraqi origin and 60 staff members, suffered serious damage including demolished doors and windows and structural damage. The school was completely renovated with the help of Misereor.



COLLÈGE SACRÉ COEUR, with 1588 students and 162 staff members, was the educational center most damaged by the explosion, due to its proximity to the port area.

The school lost doors and windows which, when they came off the frames, seriously damaged the walls, the electrical and plumbing systems, school equipment (computers, laboratories, etc.), and the administrative offices. The school was renovated thanks to donations from individuals, La Salle institutions, and support from Aid to the Church in Need, AMPELOS, CEI/ Caritas Italiana and Missio Munich. Due to the confinement for Covid-19, some of the renovation work at the Sacré-Cœur School will be delayed, but by the time classes resume in the academic year 2020-2021, it will be ready to welcome its students.



STORIES FROM OUR PROJECTS

A SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE IN VIETNAM

In Vietnam, La Salle serves more than 2,000 children and young people daily, thanks to the presence of *three schools, vocational centers and residences for students.*

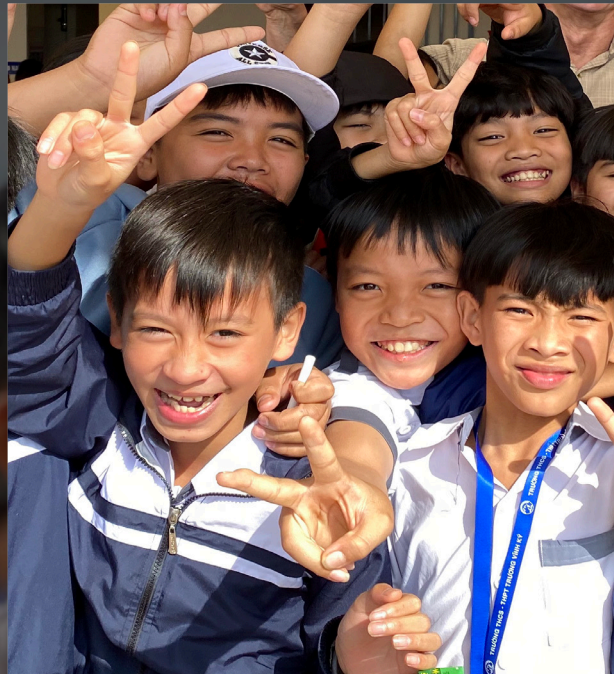
La Salle is a school for everybody. That is why we set up educational centers in villages where there are no other nearby schools. We help families with scholarships, promote the inclusion of marginalized ethnic minorities, and welcome those who otherwise are excluded from education.

“ My name is Kim; I attend fifth grade at **La San Tan Hung Charity School a Ho Chi Min City**. I have three siblings. My parents work as bricklayers but are sometimes unemployed. I like to go to school to learn, get to know and become a good person to help society in the future. **I would like to thank the Brothers, teachers and generous donors for helping me to have many happy days at school.** ”

“ My name is Dinh La Thy. I attend class 4 at **Truong Vinh Ky a Pleiku**. I have no father, it's just me and my mother. Although my family is poor, my mother works hard so that I can study, like many other friends' families. **My dream is to become a doctor to help the poor.** **I will study hard to fulfil my dream.** ”

In 2020, we equipped Truong Vinh Ky Secondary School in Dak Mil with a ***new dormitory***, which will allow many students from neighbouring villages to attend classes, ***without having to travel so many miles every day!***

BUT WE WANT TO DO MORE!



A HIGH SCHOOL IN DAK MIL

This secondary school opened in August 2018 and already has 500 students, 57 of whom are from minority groups. With a new high school, we will be able to help our students continue their studies and access tertiary education.



A HIGH SCHOOL IN PLEIKU

This primary and secondary school has 688 students (90 of whom are from minority groups), half of whom live on campus. We want to build a secondary school to accompany our students throughout their education.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

With a **vocational center**, we want to help young people in Kinshasa enter the world of catering and hotel management.

In 2020, we completed the construction of *Atelier Ho.Re.Ca.* (Hotellerie, Restaurant & Catering), inside the Lasallian school "College Saint Georges" in Kinshasa.

We constructed this new building with the best equipment to start professional training courses in **catering and hotel management**.

In a country where **7 million children between the ages of 5 and 17 do not go to school** [UNICEF], we are committed to providing new educational opportunities for the most disadvantaged young people, enabling them to enter the world of work and train for their future.

PROMOTING GIRLS' ACCESS TO EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN

Pakistan has the second-highest level of early school drop-out in the world, **with 44% of children between the ages of 5 and 16 not attending school** [UNICEF]. Gender inequality still remains a decisive factor in access to education, and many girls, especially in the most isolated areas, do not continue their studies. That is why in 2020 we committed to providing access to quality education for the **565 female students** of **"La Salle Girl-Highschool"** in Faisalabad, Pakistan.

Through our project to rehabilitate the school facilities and the promotion of a scholarship program, we are ensuring the inclusion of girls and accompanying them on their educational pathway.

“Unfortunately, many girls are unable to continue their studies in Pakistan. When I think of my school, I feel totally safe and there is no discrimination among students.”

Suzana, 10th grade



A SCHOOL TO BE PROTECTED IN SOUTH SUDAN

La Salle School-Rumbek, South Sudan, is a Lasallian secondary school, opened in February 2018 in the rural area of Rumbek, with the purpose of **restoring the educational opportunity that the civil war had taken away**.

Today, this campus **is home to 153 students, who attend the first three classes of high school**. The facility includes staff quarter housing for 14 teachers. The dormitories allow the students to live on campus, boost their academic performance, and protect them from both external conflicts and the spread of the Covid-19 virus. The school is powered by clean, renewable energy from solar panels, and is surrounded by farmland, which produce supplies the school canteen.



La Salle School-Rumbek opened in February 2018 with a first class of 28 students, housed in the Sisters of Loreto school. Meanwhile, work has begun to build the new campus on land donated by local leaders.



In March 2019 (the start of the South Sudanese school year), the number of students rose to 73 and in June of the same year, our students were able to attend classes in their still unfinished school.



In March 2020, the campus was finished. For the start of the school's third year, 401 young people from the area took the admission tests, out of 80 available places. The number of students rose to 153.

“ **We feel safe in this school.** Living on campus has had a huge impact on our lives. If it had been a day school only, for sure many of us would have dropped out. By sleeping here, we can concentrate more and **keep out of the conflicts between the villages.** ”

David M. 3rd grade

“ I feel lucky to be a La Salle student because this school can guide us towards our future. The school has good facilities, it gives us the possibility to **to eat and sleep here and to have all the material we need to study.** ”

Emmanuel J. 1st grade

As a result of the national measures for the prevention of Covid-19, the school has been closed from March 2020 to February 2021. During the lockdown period **we did not stop studying!**

The **school cafeteria** has been completed and the construction of a second staff quarters for teachers has begun!



TUTOR OF RESILIENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE



We train our teachers so that they acquire the necessary tools to help children and young people **overcome traumatic experiences**.

Thanks to the collaboration with *BICE (Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance)* and with *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan)*, we organised a **training course for tutor of resilience**, targeting 32 people including educators, teachers, volunteers and social workers, from Lasallian schools in Beira, and the diocese of Pemba, Mozambique.

In Psychology, *resilience* is a concept that indicates our ability to *cope with and overcome a traumatic experience*, such as war, migration or, in the case of Beira, the violence of environmental disasters: This programming is especially relevant in Mozambique where many families lost all of their possessions due to Cyclone Idai in 2019.

Through these courses, we train our educators so that they can increase the resilience levels of the youngest children and give them the socio-psychological support they need to grow.

A group of children are sitting around a table outdoors, playing chess. A girl in the foreground is looking intently at the board. A boy in the background is also focused on the game. The title 'INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY IN PARAGUAY' is overlaid on the image.

INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY IN PARAGUAY

San Isidro Labrador school in Pozo Colorado serves more than 300 boys and girls in Paraguay's expansive and undeveloped El Chaco area.

Most of the families - many of indigenous origin - struggle financially with subsistence-level incomes from tending large agricultural 'haciendas. *Without San Isidro Labrador, many children would be pushed from education into child labor.* To provide these students with a quality Lasallian education, their teachers and staff must be trained in **innovative pedagogies, enhanced school administration, and techniques to safeguard children's rights**. Programs on these topics are organized jointly between us and **Fundación La Salle Paraguay**. Because of its remote location, the school has difficulty attracting good teachers. Through major improvements of staff quarters provided by DLSSI-ONLUS, enhanced facilities are now attracting teachers and their families. During 2020, for example, repairs were made to 12 staff quarters damaged by floodwaters.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR MISSION WITH A **DONATION**, HERE'S HOW:

WITH A DONATION, *single or recurring*, you join us in providing educational access to vulnerable children and youth worldwide.

Account holder: De La Salle Solidarietà Internazionale

IBAN: IT52 R056 9603 2070 00007241X70

WITH A GREATER COMMITMENT:

Whether you're an individual or a business company, you can create new educational opportunities for thousands of students and make your mark in their hearts! *Contact us to find out how: foundation@lasalle.org*

WITH YOUR LEGACY:

Your bequest to Fondazione De La Salle Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS is the promise of a brighter future for the most vulnerable children all over the world.. *Find out how to do this with your legal advisor.*

...AND YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN THE FRONT LINE! **KEEP READING**



BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER



Challenge yourself beyond your limits with an **international volunteering experience** serving the most vulnerable.

Within the global Lasallian family, thousands of volunteers every day make a difference by promoting our shared educational mission, in their communities or internationally. **You too can be part of this!**

Join the "**La Salle Volunteers Global**" network to find out about all the La Salle volunteering entities and opportunities on the 5 continents.

Which of these volunteer moments will **change your life?**



For further information, please contact **Eleonora Munaretto**, *International Volunteering Coordinator*: emunaretto@lasalle.org

Follow our social media and subscribe to our newsletter for opportunities such as Universal Civil Service, Curricular Internships and Erasmus + calls.

See you there!

JOIN OUR SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGN

Do you want to involve children and young people in **solidarity activities** and **global citizenship issues**?

Join our campaign, we have everything you need!

Each year, together with a network of Lasallian, Claretian and Marist organisations, we run a global citizenship campaign focused on one of the **Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations**. In September 2020, we launched the campaign “**EDUCATION. Let's build future together**”, to highlight the issues related to Goal 4, Quality Education.

Through **posters, brochures, videos and teaching materials**, designed for educational levels, all kind and grades, we give you all the tools to bring the new generations closer to the major international issues.

Visit our website to download all the material in your language!

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