



Annual Report 2021



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Our Vision:	A world of freedom, peace and justice, where people in vulnerable communities have greater opportunities to achieve their goals and contribute to society.
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Our Values:	<p style="text-align: center;">Viatores Christi is Reliable</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We believe in commitment, openness, and accountability.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The people we try to reach are our main priority and they should be able to rely on us.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Viatores Christi is Effective</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At the heart of Viatores Christi is the determination to make a difference. We do this through excellence and professionalism in all we do.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Viatores Christi is Inclusive</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We have a faith-based background and we warmly welcome and work with everyone, regardless of faith, beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, disability, race, nationality or ethnicity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We believe in a participatory, positive approach.</p>

Members’ Ethos Statement

A world of freedom, peace and justice, where everyone is empowered to live their lives with dignity, equality and respect. Challenged by Gospel values and committed to freedom, peace and justice in the creation of a better world, we share life's journey with the poor and marginalised. True to our Catholic tradition, we aim to uphold Christian values in everything we do.

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Where to from here! VC members and friends meet for a revitalising walk on Howth Head

Front cover picture: VC undertaking documentary on successes with its Uganda partner SFFHP Mbarara Uganda

Foreword by the President –

Dear VC Members and friends,

I could describe this as my third pandemic introduction to the VC Annual Report! It is also my last since it is my third year as President! I have to admit that I am more than ready to hand over and take a back seat in VC once again after the past three very different but equally busy years.

One might think that since we have had our hands tied in so many ways by various lockdowns and restrictions for a significant portion of the past three years, there would be very little left to report on. However the past year was one of the busiest for myself and the whole Council team. This time last year we had just completed a very comprehensive external evaluation of our performance as Council, conducted by Lucy Franks, called for by the Charities Regulator. Thankfully Lucy found a lot to commend us for but at the same time came up with a long list of recommendations aimed at making us even more efficient and effective, the implementation of which, has set a very full programme of work for the past year.



As well as the regular scheduled Council meetings, we held monthly officer team meetings to help set and discuss the agenda for each month and monitor our progress with implementing Lucy's list of recommendations. This was on top of the Committee meetings for Finance, Governance, Membership and Training and other ad hoc topics and group discussions, including a council and staff session in April, to see if we were all on the same page! We were continually kept on our toes I can assure you.

On the operations side, sadly some staff moved on and we are very grateful to Susan, Hazel, Conrad, Adrian and now Rachel for their hard work, dedication and the richness they have added to VC. Of course we are also very grateful to our faithful core staff group Ann, Colette, Rose and Carol and of course Shane. We welcome the new additions to the team, Miriam and Ciaran. Comings and goings are unfortunately part of life but we don't take anyone for granted.

Figuring out what to write has given me an opportunity to wander back along memory's lane and reflect on what has been a very unique period in the history, not only of VC but of the world as we know it. We have been living through a historic time that will most likely be reflected on for centuries to come, by media and analysts. Undoubtedly it has been a time of huge change everywhere and whenever

we ask ourselves why we are doing things differently, what gave rise to this and that change, we come back once again to this earth changing reality that the pandemic is at the root cause of so much. In so many ways our choices and options were completely dictated by the limitations put on us by this plague. Just my luck to have been in a leadership role (along with others of course) at this time and have our hands tied in so many ways!

But my reflective mood leads me even further back and I indulge myself for a little while. I suddenly realise that it is 50 years since I joined the VC training programme in January 1972 and set out for two years on my first overseas assignment in Thailand that August. In those days it was mandatory to do a full year of training before becoming a member and so I was told that I would have to do a few months of service in the field before I would be officially admitted to the VC clan! I organised a little investiture ceremony with my new friends in Bangkok some months later and was finally fully fledged. VC was still very young and so was I!

Why is this personal reflection significant, in the wider scheme of things, apart of course from the realisation that a large part of my life has been tied up with the VC family? Those of us who have been around the organisation for some time, often discuss how VC, like all other groups, has changed significantly, since our early days. Some people feel sad about that, while others, more realistically have embraced the changes as inevitable. But as I was re-reading a recent context paper prepared for the joint meeting between staff and Council members, I couldn't help reflecting, that in many ways it is the language that has changed more than the ways of working. Admittedly some things have changed over the past three years, and even though we always meant to resume where we left off, now we have to ask ourselves if there is really any going back. I think for example of our monthly Venture Training Workshop Weekends, when VC came alive and buzzed with activity, Trainees old and new, Facilitators, Returned Speakers, Staff and Committee Members, home-based volunteers preparing meals, Partner visits, Council Meetings, Masses, Meditations, and Blessing Ceremonies, returned members dropping in, debates, role plays and case studies, and lots and lots of idealistic discussion, with so many theories about how to change the world. All this was our life for many years and suddenly it all stopped or at least changed to the online world.

We still have a house thank God. VC staff meet there now and then but at this stage seem equally at home on zoom! Some of them are based overseas nowadays anyway, in Guatemala, Portugal and Kampala. With the onset of the pandemic, our staff like so many others, moved to working from home, without distractions and the effort and time spent in commuting not to mention polluting the planet! However to my mind there is something important missing and we have recently been discussing ideas about how to bring the VC Community back to life, with occasions and spaces for staff, council, members and friends to come together

physically, in our house and revive some of the comradery and community spirit and to reflect together on who we are now and where we are going in this new post-covid world. The last big gathering of our members and friends was in Feb 2020 for 60th celebrations.

Change is good and inevitable but most change evolves gradually and less noticeably. Is there any going back to the old days, which we are told were possibly on the way out anyway? The pandemic just accelerated the process and now we are in a new way of doing the same thing but differently. But what is it we are doing the same but differently?

We are still working with Mission Partners but without the usual VC volunteers, all but four of whom had to come home at the start of the pandemic. We are still involved in Capacity Building but we now recognise that there are other ways of doing this, not all involving the traditional sending of international volunteers. There are local VC representatives in place who by now don't need our physical presence but who do benefit from online training and mentoring. We still submit project funding proposals on behalf of our partners and manage the successful projects remotely, through our local representatives. In keeping with our ethos, we still serve the poor and marginalised through our Partner projects so that part of our mission hasn't changed but the Covid disruption has meant we are not always able to share part of our life's journey with them in person, which is an important tenet of our ethos.

Through our involvement with our EU partners, we have embraced some new areas of service. Inclusivity, particularly in relation to the participation of people with disabilities, has become an added value. We were recently visited by representatives of our Finnish partner, Abilis Foundation, as part of our Erasmus+ Inclusive Global Citizenship Project and were hugely impressed by their advocacy for inclusion work. Another new trend is 'Global Citizenship Education' (formerly known as Dev Ed!) and we are planning to include this in our online training programme. And the EU Solidarity Corps opens the possibility again of accompaniment for VC.

So has VC changed substantially? We describe ourselves differently. But the big question many are asking is whether or not we will be returning to volunteer sending. In a recent meeting of staff and Council members to tease out some of these questions, we discussed the fallout of the global pandemic on international volunteering. There are still some needs for the traditional capacity building roles we have been fulfilling in recent years; maybe not as many, maybe for shorter more targeted interventions at times, maybe even remote working or a blend of in person and remote services. It is too soon to say. The jury is still out on this but I personally believe that as VC, our unique resource has always been our members, responding to requests for help, reaching out, travelling and accompanying people, where needed,

in other poorer cultures, sharing lives and skills and our belief, sometimes against all the odds, in the vision that a more just and equal world is possible.

In this belief we are now about to embark in the autumn on a new series of on-line Venture Training modules, designed by our new Training Coordinator, Miriam Hockey, who lives in Portugal. Our trainees will probably come from all over the world, including some from Ireland. This is a significant decision for those of us who do the Parish Promotions Programme, PPP, an important source of income but also mission awareness. It is good to be able to update our message, know that we are recruiting again and that there is training available and to have hope we eventually plan to resume deploying volunteers, in response to expressed needs, no matter where they are from.

As our association changes so too does our Church and VC continues to be at the forefront of this being an active member of the Association of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland, (AMRI), where we are represented on its executive by Denise Flack. We play an important role on the AMRI Lay Mission Committee and Shane, Mary, Rita, Denise and myself, along with other mission group reps, lay and religious were instrumental in organising a series of Webinars aimed at giving a voice to laity on the Synodal pathway in the Church. The synodal pathway is about listening to the Spirit and discernment on a way forward to meet the challenges and needs of the future, the parallels are there for us too!



Sally Roddy

President

Overview by the Chief Executive Officer

2021 is one of those years that appear to have been subsumed into history! I had to go over my notes to wonder whether that was the current year or 2021 so much has been the disruptive effect of COVID.

Having said that, VC continues to reinvent itself, constantly checking to see what it is doing and where it is going. To this end we engaged the services of independent consultant Lucy Franks who brought us through our paces at staff level as well as conducting an external review of the functioning of our Council of directors. The result of this has been a refocusing on key areas and an acceptance that the international development and volunteering sector in particular has changed and somethings may not return to the way it were.



Change is always difficult and the older we get the more challenging it can become but I am one who likes to see change as a path to new opportunities and new ways of doing things. I remember someone once saying to me "If you keep on doing what you're doing, you will keep on getting what you're getting!" Profound enough if you see the drop off in long term international volunteering paralleling the drop off in missionary engagement at home and abroad and one could get disheartened. But instead, VC has forged ahead trying to focus on areas that it traditionally excelled in, that of training, recruitment, project management and support.

VC's new online training for people working at project level was launched in November and has had slow but steady growth over the period, culminating in a partnership with Misesan Cara to use the training programme for the induction of new Mission Development officers. Feedback continues to be really positive. Venture Training was put on hold pending the reengagement of volunteers into the field but plans are well on the way to revitalise the training in the current year with new inclusive global citizenship education material being added along with a concerted effort to make our training more accessible and disability inclusive.

Our success with projects funded by Misesan Cara continued and for another year in a row we met our funding cap thanks to our Programmes Manager Susan Lakes and team, a clear indication that we are doing many things right. To add to this portfolio of funding we applied for and were successful for two new funders, one was EU Erasmus+ and the other Irish Aid Global Citizenship programme both aimed at helping us to create more inclusive and accessible training for our Venture programme. Colette Rooney with the help of the team saw out the EU VIVID project

towards the end of the year with a second successful online conference. This was a project that has helped to align our organisation better in terms of inclusivity and accessibility for those with disabilities.

Not content with increasing workload we journeyed together as a team to become more compliant in terms of best practice becoming a member of IDEA – the Irish Development Education Association and began the journey into the Core Humanitarian Standards with the CHS Alliance. The CHS being the number one standard of choice for those operating today in this sector and VC becoming one of just 150 NGO's around the globe to become a member.

Our volunteering programme, once the main stay of our work is going through a process of change, the process of which accelerated as a result of COVID. While international volunteering was reduced to minimum during the last two years, new methods of capacity building have begun where VC has been focusing on remote upskilling of key identified staff at partner level. These VC representatives, with the help of our new MDO and Projects team, Rachel Ryan and Rose Salaama Bavuga, are being encouraged and supported to carry out project management activities heretofore being the remit of international volunteers. This change has reinforced partnership relations while at the same time will open up task-specific opportunities for international volunteers.

Another area of exploration will be with the *European Solidarity Corps* where if we are successful with our application a cohort of younger volunteers (under 30) will be recruited to engage with projects in a number of new areas for VC where the emphasis will be on showing solidarity with those on the margins and being there to support groups and organisations engaged in humanitarian interventions. This solidarity approach, sharing lives with the most vulnerable is very much in line with the ethos and mission of VC.

I would like to finish with a sincere thankyou to all the VC staff and members of Council who go above and beyond for the organisation and for those whom we work. I am reminded of a quote from Aboriginal Activist, Lilla Watson who wrote "If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

May we continue to work together keeping the focus on creating a better world for all.

Shane Halpin
CEO



Strategic Report

Viatores Christi (VC) is a Dublin-based development and training organisation working within the faith-based international development sector. We work in solidarity with partner organisations to improve the lives of local people by improving access to basic services. We work across multiple sectors: education, health including disability, income generation and livelihoods and human rights in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. VC addresses needs through long term capacity building development interventions and recruits, trains and places skilled personnel. We have one regional office based in Kampala, Uganda. VC was founded in 1960 and is funded by Irish Aid through its intermediary organisation Misean Cara, by European Union and by small grants and private donations.

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Projects Support
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VC's Revised Year Strategic Plan 2021-23

Following the upheaval of the COVID 19 pandemic the strategic plan was revised in April 2021 after detailed consultation between members of council and VC staff. It builds on the extensive consultation of the 2019 plan. It continues to set an ambitious agenda to grow and ensure our effectiveness, relevance and sustainability in a changed and changing global landscape.

Key highlights of revised strategy

Objective 1:

VC's partners are provided with improved levels of support

This operational objective will be measured by: the numbers of volunteers provided to partners, partners' assessment of VC's support, new partnerships established and the development of country specific strategic plans. Specifically this will include;

- Developing an enlarged training offering – Venture & Upskills
- Evolving the Volunteering model while remaining in tune with local needs; develop criteria based on project needs; remain true to our traditional commitment of sharing life's journey with the poor and marginalised
- Realignment of funding model and development of new partnerships

Objective 2:

VC will seek to improve organisational profile

This objective will be measured by: returned volunteers and staff engaging with the public, media articles about VC's work (e.g. success stories) and the development of a marketing and communications strategy. Specifically this will involve;

- Internal engagement strategy – Council, Team, Members, Volunteers – both existing and potential
- Public engagement approach
 - General public
 - Other NGOs
 - Potential 'clients'
- Funder engagement approach (marketing strategy)

Objective 3

VC aims to Increase global income

This objective will be measured by the increase in restricted and unrestricted donor funding and increase in donor diversity. Specifically this will include;

- New EU funding strands
- New donors
- Maximise available funding
- Plan to re-start promotions (parish/churches)
- Optimise mix of restricted/unrestricted
- Income generation & pricing strategy

Objective 4

VC Aims to undertake organisational strengthening

This objective will be measured by number of training events held for staff and council members, policies developed and reviewed, ongoing appraisals of existing staff and future needs, as well as membership engagement events each year.

Specifically this will include;

- Operationalising learning to date through the development of plans
- Strengthening of governance and systems incl. finance, council evaluation
- Resourcing needs assessment (people, finance & systems)
- Membership engagement & development workshop and strategy

Country Breakdown and Beneficiaries Reached 2021

	NAME	ROLE	PARTNER	COUNTRY	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1	Brenda Welishe	VC rep- Administrator	FOHO	Uganda	1,204	3,613	4,817
2	Kevin Kekisibo	VC rep- Projects Officer	BMCTI	Uganda	83	384	467
3	Sara Colloca	VC rep - Projects Coordinator	Village of Joy	Uganda	159	200	359
4	Sr Florence Oryema	VC rep - Projects Coordinator	Weaver Nest ECD	Uganda	2,398	3,566	5,964
5	Hilda Odero	VC Rep- Development Officer	SHS Sisters	Uganda	-	23	23
6	Anthony Ssenyonga	VC rep - Diocesan Schools Advisor	Kiyinda Mityana	Uganda	43,600	54,644	98,244
7	Nelson Ndashimye	VC rep - Projects Officer	Muhabura	Uganda	1,454	2,817	4,271
8	Rita Formolo	VC Volunteer Development Worker	Caritas Kampala	Uganda	1,067	1,119	2,186
9	Brenda Akullo	VC National Volunteer	Hoima	Uganda	3,124	4,012	7,136
10	Sr Christine Ntibarutaye	Training in Positive Discipline	SSFHP	Uganda	2,881	2,782	5,713
11	Carol Amony	VC National Volunteer	VC Kampala	Uganda	10	19	29
12	Jacinta McGuane	Projects Manager	NPFS	Haiti	1,681	2,137	3,818
13	Modena Marcellin	VC Rep	RJM Sisters	Haiti	381	494	875
14	Dan Ferguson	Pastoral Worker	CEBES	El Salvador	7	20	27
15	Pat Mooney	VC Volunteer Development Worker	Partners in Compassion	Cambodia	2,155	3,204	5,359
	Total				60,204	79,034	139,288

15 Development Workers supported in 4 countries
139,288 direct beneficiaries

Important Achievements 2021

Ongoing Revision of VC Strategic Plan 2019-23

Following an initial review of the plan in September 2020 VC held a final facilitation workshop with independent facilitator Lucy Franks in April 2021. The workshop was held with all staff and council members and provided a framework for the year ahead. The plan was broken down into 4 key areas for development

- 1) Partner Support
- 2) Organisational Profile
- 3) Increase income
- 4) Organisational strengthening



VC Peer to Peer Support

Given the ongoing challenge of sending volunteers into the field, VC network of partner representatives continued to play a vital role in maintaining and developing the technical and personal support for the projects supported by VC. A total of 9 partners within Uganda continue to take part in this monthly online Zoom sharing and peer and peer learning led by our MDO Rachel Ryan.



EU VIVID project culminates in visit to Abilis Foundation Finland

The final meeting of the project to increase awareness around accessibility and inclusion within international development and volunteering took place in Helsinki in November 2021. Project Coordinator Colette Rooney and CEO Shane Halpin met in person with representatives from CBM, Tearfund, ASPEm Italy, and European Disability Forum while other team members joined via Zoom.

VC Partner with Miseen Cara to provide Upskills Training



VC Online training Programme was launched in October 2021 following some pre-launch trials. The course content began with just two courses, Project Cycle Management and Monitoring and Evaluation and later expanded to Community Development and Leadership. Towards the end of the year VC were approached by Miseen Cara to partner them in the provision of specialist training for their new MDO/Liaison officers. This is an ongoing arrangement and feedback to date has been very promising.

The course contains pre-recorded material produced mainly using existing VC Venture facilitators. It is our intention to launch this in the autumn of 2021 and represents VC's first online international programme of training for those within the sector.

VC Receives the EU Quality Label for European Solidarity Corp

Following the successful certification as a volunteer sending organisation during 2020, VC applied for and was successful in achieving Quality Label status as an International Volunteer Sending and hosting agency. This is a process that certifies that an organisation is able and willing to carry out high quality solidarity activities in compliance with the principles, objectives and quality standards of the European Solidarity Corps.



VC undertake research to look at Volunteering in a post Pandemic Era



A survey conducted by our regional office in Kampala conducted in 2021 among VC long term partners raised some interesting and honest findings. Context to this research was that during COVID VC repatriated most of its volunteers replacing these roles with local staff to act as VC representatives. These local individuals were supported remotely by our projects team in Kampala and Dublin.

This new arrangement which was quite labour intensive from VC's perspective necessitated new ways of working using regular online meetings and trainings. As a result many partners, while wishing to engage with international volunteers on specific clearly defined roles expressed a willingness to continue with the engagement and empowerment of local VC representatives supported by VC and to explore new blended volunteering approaches. Key benefits to this for the partner was the ability to have VC project management expertise provided online without the implications of long term volunteer maintenance which according to the research can be challenging at times.

VC awarded first ever EU Erasmus+ Project

Following the success of the EU Aid projects, VC applied for and was successful in securing funding from the EU Erasmus programme to create an inclusive and accessible Venture training module in the area of global citizenship education. This is a small-scale partnership in adult education with Abilis Finland. This funding is also the first engagement with Léargas the National Agency for Erasmus



VC CEO moderates Putting Disability on the Leadership Agenda

As part of the VIVID-T EU project focusing on volunteering, humanitarian action and disability, the CEO took part in a high profile leadership webinar, guest speakers of the event included Caroline Casey, Founder & Creator of the Valuable 500, Shinta Arshintia, Director of YAKKUM Extramural Units in Indonesia and Nazmul Bari, Director of the Centre for Disability and Development in Bangladesh. The event was organised by the European Disability Forum.

New Video Created for VC Website



As part of the EU VIVID project VC created a promotional video on the VC response to inclusion, accessibility and awareness around disability within our sector. The video was produced by Adrian O'Farrell and was shot on location in VC and surrounds. The video features VC's Rachel Ryan, former VC, Hazel Daly and CEO Shane Halpin.

Online Exhibition on positive discipline in schools project for Uganda

VC in partnership with St. Francis Family Helper Programme (SFFHP) created an online exhibition on Kunstmatrix art-spaces to showcase the impact of the positive discipline in schools project. This exhibition followed beneficiaries (primary school teachers) in Lira-Northern Uganda revealing how the project has positively changed their lives and communities for the better. The project involved the recording of video footage and still camera work.





New Borehole for Moyo School Project Uganda

As part of a new school project being undertaken by the SHS sisters in Uganda, VC worked with VC representative Sr Florence to organise the very first step in the development - the harnessing of clean water for the site. The construction project which will include the building of a number of classrooms and boarding facility represents success of ongoing partnership with the local missionary sisters.

Accountancy Systems Review in Kampala

VC CEO in cooperation with our Regional Coordinator Rose Salaama Bavuga instigated a review of financial practice as a short term consultancy contract 2 days a week over 3 months – the purpose was to produce a needs analysis of the systems currently in place and make recommendations for improvement in line with best practice and bring financial reports up to date. This review is now complete and represents a further step in the Uganda office becoming more self-sustaining.

VC Projects underpinned by this strategy

VC EDUCATION PROJECTS 2021

Religious of Jesus and Mary, Haiti:

Provision of IT skills training and resources to teachers and disadvantaged children and remote communities in Jean Rabel. Providing them with access to technology and enhanced learning.

Modena Marcelin: VC local representative



CEBES Perquín – Promotion of Community Development in El Salvador:

CEBES Perquín, for more than two decades has been working with ecclesial communities of the North of Morazán, led by Fr. Rogelio Ponsele and a pastoral team rooted in a strong social commitment. IT Social Enterprise: Training of Software Engineers.

Dan Ferguson: VC Volunteer/Lay Mission Worker



Cebes formation school El Salvador with VC Lay Missionary Worker Dan Ferguson

Kiyinda Mityana Diocese, Education Secretariat, Uganda:

The development of a diocesan school inspection programme in central Uganda.

Anthony Ssenyonga: VC local representative

Weaver Nest Early Childhood Development Teacher Training Institute:

Moyo Uganda Early Childhood Development training programme in Northern Uganda

Sr Florence Oryema: VC local representative

St Francis Family Helper Programme

This project is a teacher empowerment programme in the area of tackling violence against children in the Uganda school system in Gulu diocese of Northern Uganda.

Sr. Christine Ntibarutaye: VC local representative



Students who benefitted from Mindfulness training for positive discipline in Lira Uganda

VC HEALTH PROJECTS 2021

Muhabura Anglican Diocese Health Department

Aim of the project is to build capacity of the health monitoring function in the department of health at the diocese.

Nelson Ndashimye: VC local representative



Bishop Magambo Counsellor Training Institute, Uganda:

Addressing the psychosocial needs of local individuals through the provision of counselling services and through the running of masters, diploma and certificate level training on counselling. Outreach projects in local community, research and Awareness Raising in areas such as Domestic Violence and elder abuse.

Kevin Kekisibo VC local representative

VC DISABILITY PROJECTS 2021

Nos Petits Freres et Soeurs (NPFS/NPH) (Gena Heraty VC)

Translated as 'Our Little Brothers and Sisters'. Located in Port-au-Prince and Kenscoff in Haiti. VC volunteers work with children, many with special needs. The programme provides shelter, healthcare, therapy and education through various projects, targeting children stemming from the poorest of the poor families and communities. They are also involved in outreach training for teachers and therapists in the surrounding remote areas.



Jacinta McGuane: VC Local Representative

Village of Joy Disability Project Franciscan OFM East Africa

Village of Joy is a recognised charitable institution within Uganda which includes a vocational school, a school for orphans and Karidari Seed Educational House for the Disabled (KSEHD) which is the branch working with children with disabilities.

Sara Colloca: VC Local Representative Volunteer



Innocent at School in VOJ, Uganda

VC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECTS 2021



Partners in Compassion, (PC) Cambodia:

Development Support and Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction Programmes including vocational training and livelihoods in Rural Communities. Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) project, caring for children orphaned through, HIV and AIDS, living in the community. PC is also involved in a hospice, medical centres and uses awareness raising activities and workshops to build local knowledge.

Pat Mooney: VC Volunteer



Distance monitoring at FOHO by VC Regional Office and Dublin over Zoom

Foundation of Hope - FOHO Uganda

The Mission of FOHO is "Provision of holistic psychosocial, health care, medical and material support to disadvantaged youth and children living with HIV and AIDS and those experiencing sexual gender based violence". The holistic model of care has seen many teenagers, children, elderly (i.e. grandparents caring for their orphaned children) who were hopeless, return to normal healthier and enjoyable life.

Brenda Welishe: VC Local Representative

Justice and Peace Hoima Diocese, Uganda:

Strengthening of the Justice & Peace Commission in western Uganda to facilitate the network of Justice and Peace Commissioners in their advocacy and peacebuilding work with vulnerable members of the local community.

Brenda Akullo: VC Local Representative/ National Volunteer

INCOME GENERATION & LIVELIHOODS PROJECTS 2021

Caritas Kampala Uganda:

Microfinance and Cooperatives support at Diocesan level. - Poverty reduction programme that empowers local communities to establish cooperatives; providing an alternative source of income from the traditional local businesses to alleviate localised poverty.

Rita Formolo: VC Volunteer



Coffee farmers supported by Caritas Kampala Cooperatives Project

Our sincere thanks



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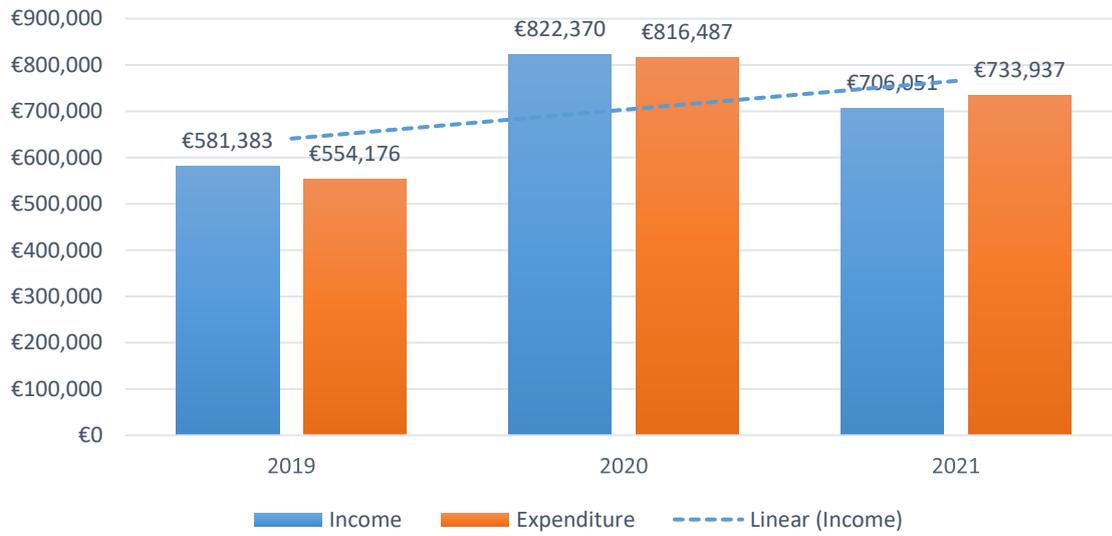


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