

Partners in Ministry

Report 2021



Sisters of the
Good Samaritan
FOUNDATION

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation continued to flourish and grow in 2020, despite the many challenges brought by COVID 19. Our fundraising income increased and disbursements to ministries and programs also grew to over \$350,000.

The Foundation Board was particularly delighted to be able to respond positively to a request for additional funds from the Bacolod Outreach Centre, in the Philippines. An additional \$32,000 was provided in addition to the budgeted funds of \$164,562, allowing the sisters and their local partners and volunteers to deliver 170 food packs and 100 hot meals to the streets and squatter settlements each day during the worst of the lockdowns. Additional funds were also provided at Christmas, replacing funds that would normally be provided by school immersion groups. The Bacolod sisters were delighted to have this support which brought much joy to families at the end of a very difficult year.

Another success in 2020 was the transition of the Timor Leste scholarship program to local

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management. Thanks to a new partnership with the Aloia Foundation, Dili, we were able to provide direct financial support for over 60 young people from the rural community of Railaco to attend university and another 63 to attend high school, despite the COVID travel bans. Sr Rita Hayes and the Foundation’s Executive Director maintain oversight of the program.

As a Board, we continue to be inspired by the works and lives of the sisters, past and present. We acknowledge that partnerships will increasingly be the way of the future as the direct role of sisters in ministry reduces over time. We look forward to the challenges ahead and to being part of the continuing Good Sams story.

Katrina Flynn
Board Chair



2020

The impact of your support

In 2020, thirteen programs across four countries were supported, all focused on supporting and empowering vulnerable women, children and families.

Despite the pressures and challenges of COVID 19, the continued generosity of our

donors and supporters meant we were able to increase the quantity funds we disbursed to ministries beyond 2019 levels.

In addition, we were able to respond to additional requests for support from the Bacolod ministries, where the community was particularly hard hit by the impact of lockdowns.

13 Total number of programs supported

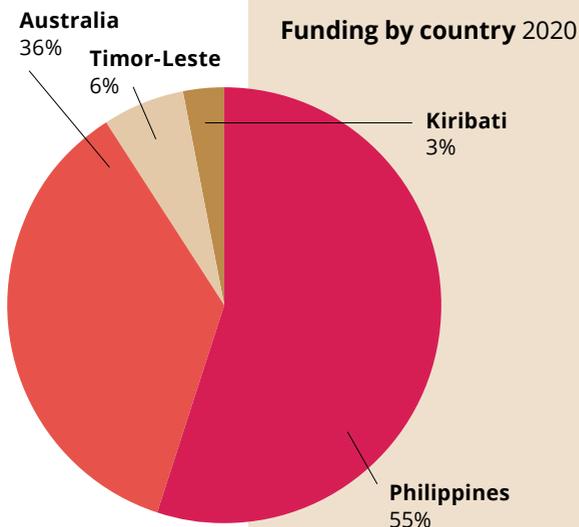
4 Across 4 countries: Australia, Philippines, Timor-Leste, Kiribati

\$354.6k

Total funds distributed

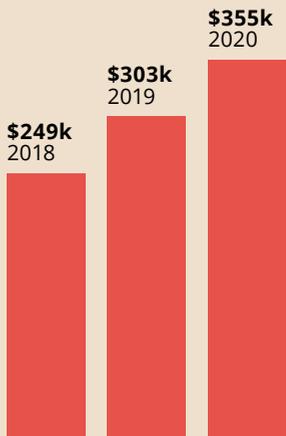
\$25,330

Average per program



Total funding distributed
to ministries and programs
2018-2020

A 42% increase

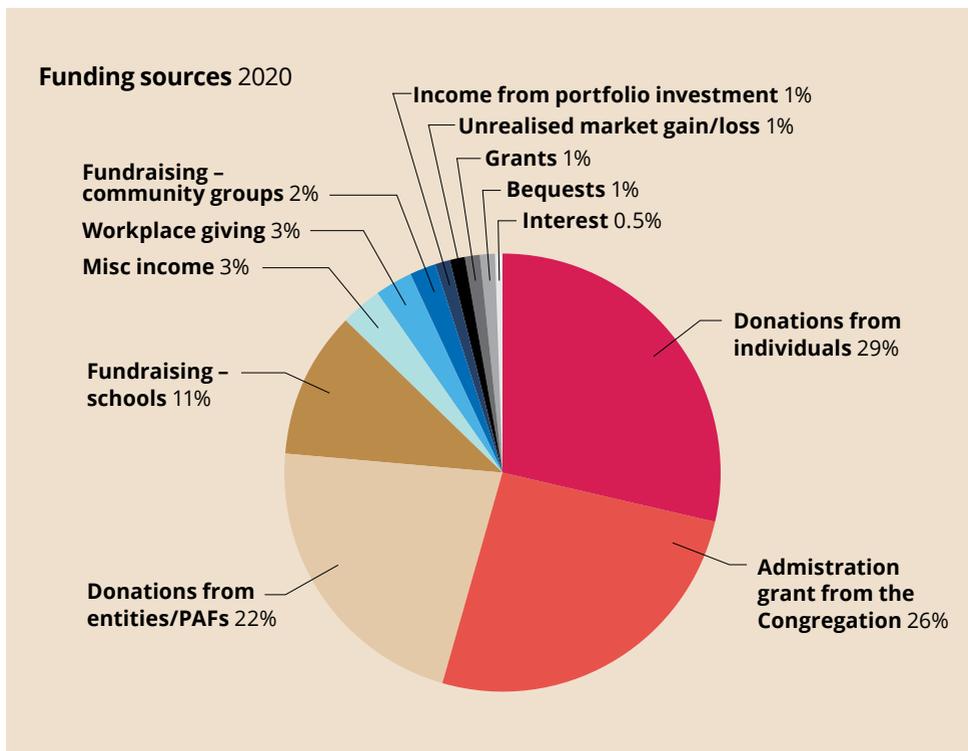


Donations from individuals currently represent the largest income source for the Foundation and are essential to the continuation of the ministries.

The Foundation has committed to direct 100% of all gifts and donations we receive towards ministries and programs. This means that all operating expenses (including fundraising expenses) must fit within the amount provided by the administration grant provided by the Congregation of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and any investment earnings income. The Congregation also provides the foundation with in-kind support such as office space and equipment.

Any donations received but not distributed are held in reserves and can only be used to meet the future needs of ministries and programs in line with the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation constitution, vision and purpose. Building this reserve is a Board initiative to ensure the long term sustainability of the Foundation and ministries.

Our full year, audited financial results are available for download on our website, goodsamsfoundation.org.au.



Programs & funding 2020–2021

Location	Program	2020 support	2021 support
Philippines <i>Bacolod</i>	Good Samaritan Kinder School A pre-school and supports for children from poor families	\$28,582.00	\$29,083.00
Philippines <i>Bacolod</i>	Good Samaritan Kinder School - Feeding A daily meal for children at the Good Samaritan Kinder School	\$42,050.00	\$42,900.00
Philippines <i>Bacolod</i>	Outreach Centre Programs for women and families living in local squatter settlements	\$65,180.00	\$58,602.00
Philippines <i>Bacolod</i>	Tertiary Scholarships for young people from the squatter settlements	\$28,750.00	\$40,000.00
Philippines <i>Bacolod</i>	COVID 19 Emergency Assistance Food and support to alleviate COVID impacts on very poor families	\$32,000.00	\$10,000.00
Kiribati <i>Abaokoro & Temaiku</i>	Early Childhood Centre & Other Programs A free preschool, support for people with disabilities, prisoner support	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00
Timor Leste <i>Railaco</i>	Scholarships Fees and support for high school and tertiary education	\$20,350.00	\$30,000.00
Australia <i>NSW & VIC</i>	Education Grants Needs-based scholarships for students at GSE colleges	\$28,000.00	\$40,000.00
Australia <i>QLD</i>	Good Samaritan Housing* Supported housing program for young mums and their children	\$42,489.00	\$42,871.00
Australia <i>VIC</i>	Good Samaritan Inn Short term emergency housing for women fleeing family violence	\$42,489.00	\$42,871.00
Australia	Refugee & Asylum Seeker Medical Fund Emergency fund to assist with essential medical costs	\$6,561.00	\$6,620.00
Australia <i>Remote WA</i>	Remote Outreach School / tertiary study assistance for young indigenous students	\$3,158.61	\$5,000.00
Australia <i>Remote WA</i>	Remote Pastoral Support Program Support for women in remote community pastoral roles	–	\$4,500.00
Australia <i>Remote NT</i>	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre A safe place for women to share culture and generate income	\$5,000.00	\$5,045.00
Totals		\$354,609.61	\$372,492.00

* To be provided via a partnership with St Vincent De Paul in 2021.

The Philippines

Hope and opportunity



Sisters of the Good Samaritan in the city of Bacolod, the Philippines provide a Kinder School (pre-school) so children from some of the poorest areas can get a good start to their education. One hundred and twenty children attend each day, in two sessions. The children also receive a meal when they attend – for some this may be their only meal that day.

Since 2018 we have been able to offer Kinder School graduates who have gone on to finish school the opportunity to apply for a tertiary scholarship. The gratitude and determination of these young people is incredibly inspiring – they are so thankful for the opportunities they have been provided and so determined to give back to their community!

At the Good Samaritan Outreach Centre, the sisters and their partners deliver a healthy meal to 450 children living in squatter settlements each day, provide scholarships for children to attend school (including books and transport), provide a daily meal for children in the local orphanage and offer programs for local women including employment and skills development. On top of this, **during COVID lockdowns more than 170 hot meals and 100 food packs were delivered each day.** This was an extraordinary effort and deeply appreciated by families who would otherwise face the real threat of starvation.



- ↑ *Food parcel distribution, Bacolod City.*
- *Sr Anne Dixon, one of the Good Samaritan Sisters in Bacolod.*

In 2021, a new Livelihood Assistance program is being offered in Bacolod. This program provides small loans for purchase of the equipment needed to start a small business.

So far, **22 families have joined the program** with the loans being used for a range of purposes – from buying an oven to bake and sell bread and cakes, purchase of fishing nets, carpentry tools, weaving materials and two pigs! The loans range from about 5,000–35,000pp and most are re-paid at a rate of 250pp per week (about \$6 AUD.)

Welma Jalandoon was one such case. As a result of the lock-downs, Welma's husband was unable to go to his job as a helper/driver and Welma could not go to her job delivering food to the local orphanage. With both confined to their house, they decided that they would like to re-open the bed weaving business they had run before their children were born. To get started they needed 20,000pp capital, which was provided through the Livelihood Assistance Kit. They are now doing well and paying back 2,000pp a month.

↓ *Welma Jalandoon's bed weaving business was the recipient of a 20,000pp loan through our new new Livelihood Assistance program.*



Timor Leste



Education for the future

Sr Rita Hayes lived in the remote, coffee growing region of Railaco for over 15 years. The scholarship program she started continues to flourish with over 1,000 young people already supported to complete high schools and tertiary qualification. Students have gained tertiary qualifications in fields such as teaching, nursing and engineering. This is not only a success story for individual students but for the entire community as these graduates help to build their young nation and support their community.

In 2021, the program will **support 120 young people to attend high school or complete tertiary study**. We are grateful to partner with the local Jesuit community and the Alola Foundation,

Dili to deliver this program. On top of the challenges presented by COVID 19, the community is now dealing with the impact of severe floods that hit Dili and surrounds in April. We will continue to stand beside them throughout these additional challenges.

"Thank you Sr Rita and Good Sams Foundation for your constant concern & support to the Timorese in our Railaco school and for our working together!!! God bless!!"



Kiribati

Listening with the ear of the heart

There are seven i-Kiribati Good Samaritan sisters in two communities in Kiribati. They provide an early childhood centre, work in higher education and support people with disabilities. Construction of a new community centre in Temaiku (South Tarawa) is planned and this will allow the sisters to offer new programs with a focus on education and support for young women and girls. Construction has been delayed by COVID restrictions which have stopped shipment of materials and affected movement of people.

Recently professed i-Kiribati sisters Katarina and Taabeia have been in Australia for over a year after all flights to Kiribati were halted in March 2020. Fortunately, thanks to the quick action of the Kiribati government, there have been no reported cases of COVID 19 in the country. Taabeia and Katarina are hoping

that with the roll-out of the vaccine, restrictions will ease and they will be able to return to work in their communities.

- ↑ Sr Tenta at the Early Childhood Centre.
- ↓ Early Childhood Centre prior to recent building works.





There will be some changes in delivery of our Australian programs in 2021 due to the movement of sisters to new locations and ministries. We will continue to support the Santa Teresa (NT) community through funding for the women's Spirituality Centre following Sr Liz Wiemers' departure earlier this year. The Spirituality Centre is an important, safe place for Aboriginal women to share their culture and also to earn income through sale of their beautifully painted crosses and silks.

The Good Samaritan Rural Outreach in remote Western Australia will continue under the stewardship of the local Good Samaritan Oblates, following Sr Anna Warlow's departure from the community. Thanks to the support of CCI's Small Grants program, we will also commence a trial program to support

women in pastoral roles in remote locations. Thanks to CCI for supporting these new shoots!

Our Good Samaritan Education Grants program has been running since 2015. Students attending Good Samaritan Colleges can apply for a grant of up to \$4,000 to help with education essentials. 47 students have been supported to date with 2021 our biggest year so far. Each student is facing a significant challenge – it could be family violence, serious illness, refugee status or other circumstances.

"I would like to thank the sponsors of my education grant for your generosity, which has helped alleviate the financial burden and serves as an inspiration as I continue my studies. I would also like to thank you for your personal investment and good faith you have put in my future."



←← Artist at work,
Santa Teresa Spirituality
Centre.
← Colourful silks and
crosses from Santa
Teresa artists

*"Thank you for
making me feel
safe and for
helping make
my little girl
smile everyday.
I felt your
kindness and I
have thanked
you from my
heart each
day."*

— Good Samaritan Inn
guest

The Good Samaritan Housing program in Brisbane will be delivered via a new partnership with St Vincent De Paul. We will also continue to support the work of Good Samaritan Inn, Melbourne and their provision of much needed accommodation and services to women and families facing homelessness, mainly due to family violence. In the last financial year **the Inn supported 190 women, children and young people** while also managing the additional challenges of keeping staff and guests safe during COVID restrictions.





Our 2021 Strategic Priorities

In early February, the Foundation Board held a planning day to reflect and discern a new strategic plan for 2021–2023. The desire to continue the vision and tradition of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan was strongly apparent throughout the discussions.

The board is convinced that good Samaritans come in many forms,

whether they be professed sisters, oblates, community members, men or women. The new statement of purpose reflects the understanding that the Foundation's work will continue to evolve but always remain grounded in community and in connection to the deep wisdom and message of our much-loved, founding parable.

Our Purpose:

Connecting good samaritans to create a safe and sustainable future for women and children in need.

Our Impact:

Vulnerable women and children have pathways to education and improved well-being.

Overall Strategic Direction:

Focus on expanding and firming up education pathways for women and children in the existing geographies we serve.

Our Strategic Priorities:

1. Increase scholarship opportunities for vulnerable women and children.
2. Provide wrap-around support for women and children throughout their education journeys.
3. Develop and deepen our key partnerships (for example with schools, parishes, sisters, ministries.)
4. Continue to focus on storytelling and raising awareness of the ministries, the works of the sisters and the Foundation.
5. Grow our funding base (and fundraising) to support continued growth.

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