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Who we are

Continuing a 76-year Lasallian tradition, our non-profit organization celebrates 10 years of commitment to promoting children's rights, especially among marginalized populations.

Every day, we accompany thousands of youth who live the challenges associated with migration, multidimensional poverty, isolation, and lack of opportunities. Thanks to our educational centers, youth discover the tools to build their future and dream of a productive tomorrow.

In imagining their future, every child should believe that anything is possible.

Our team



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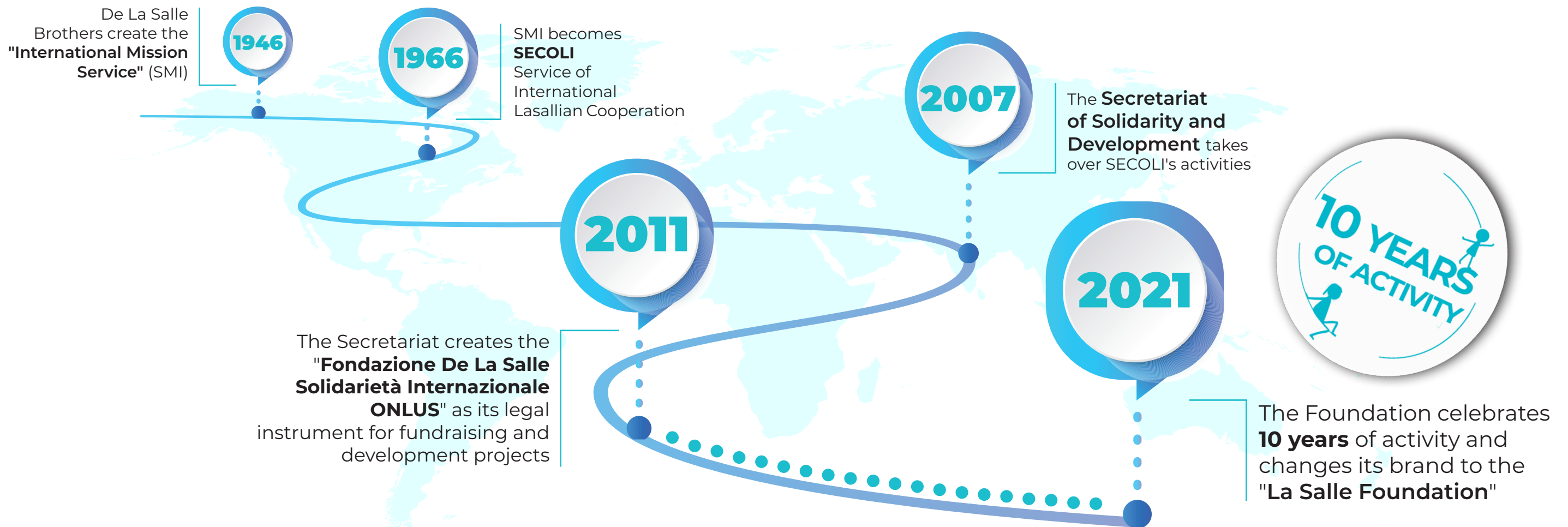
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Vision

We dream of a tomorrow where children can realize their dreams and develop talents to ensure their productive future.

Mission

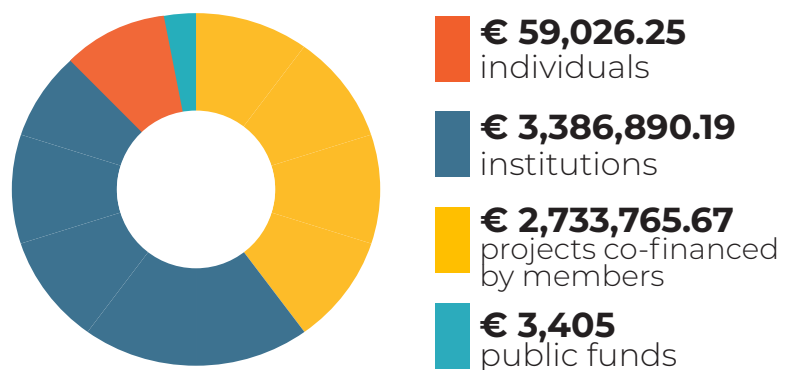
Establish educational centers and programs that provide quality, equitable, and inclusive education for all, while promoting children's rights.

Agenda 2030

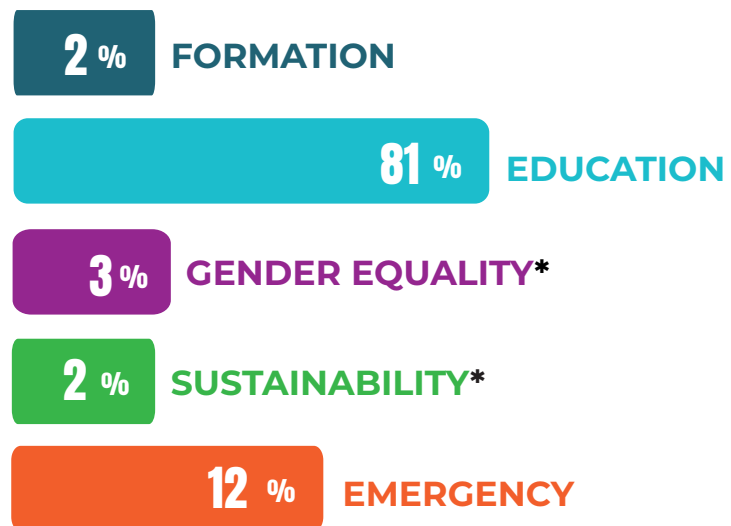
All our initiatives support the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals in its 2030 Agenda. We promote positive community change. We ensure inclusive education. And we work towards successful, enduring, and healthy solutions.

2021 in numbers

Funds raised
€ 6,183,087.11



96 projects realized



*in each of our projects, we promote gender equality and sustainability. Additionally, we donated funds to projects dedicated exclusively to these two areas.

funds per area



CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Three percent of the funds were distributed to 8 projects in: Brazil, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, Peru, Paraguay, and Venezuela.



AFRICA

Sixty-eight percent of the funds were distributed to 54 projects in: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, and South Sudan.

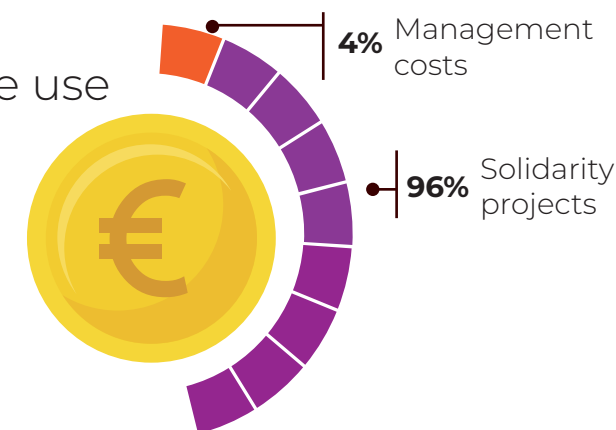
EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST

Thirteen percent of the funds were distributed to 13 projects in: Belgium, Italy, Israel, Lebanon, and Palestine.

ASIA & OCEANIA

12 percent of the funds were distributed to 14 projects in: Cambodia, India, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam.

How do we use
YOUR EURO





What we do

- Formation
- Education
- Gender Equality
- Sustainability



3710
educators
trained
on children's
rights

 **128k**
people
benefited from
the best practices
promoted by the
courses

Formation

& children's rights

Every child should grow up without abuse, exploitation, or violence.

Disturbingly, UNICEF surveys indicate the people closest to children often betray their trust.

How can a child take an interest in the world's problems and become a confident adult if they are constantly belittled, humiliated, slapped, and exploited?

How can we break a cycle of violence that teaches abused children to become abusers themselves?

Every year, our educational centers create courses which raise awareness of children's rights and advocate for non-violence.

Thanks to workshops and collaborative activities, we create a culture of listening, and caring, that supports healthy communities.

In Chad

we are training educational personnel from Lasallian and non Lasallian schools in N'Djamena, the country's capital, and Lai. Thanks to a partnership with the *Bureau Catholique de l'Enfance (BICE)*, more than 200 teachers have been trained in the promotion of peaceful dispute resolution. As a result of their planning, more than 17,000 students will be positively impacted.



In Peru

with our partner *Asociación Tarpusunchis La Salle*, we conducted training courses in Lasallian schools, which addressed the psychological and educational repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our educational teams helped families create practical changes to benefit their children. More than 500 students were positively engaged with workshop activities, documentaries, and radio programs on inclusivity, respect, and anti-bullying.

Education

Every child has the right to receive an education, but many are still excluded.

There are 258 million youth out of school [UNESCO 2018], a number that grows every day due to the COVID-19 emergency.

What would life be like if you never learned to read, write, or count?

What if you couldn't play with peers your own age?

What if you never discovered your skills and talents?

At the heart of our mission is ensuring education for all.

Our classrooms are educational communities where students feel protected and encouraged to build their own path. In these safe spaces, they are provided clean water and nutritious meals. They become advocates for their rights and opportunities. They are welcomed regardless of their gender, religion, or tribal affiliation.

Our education centers create multidimensional projects in the communities in which we operate. We bring new perspectives that foster continuous learning opportunities and expand school participation.

For girls who were told that their education was not worth investing in;

for children with special needs or disabilities who could not access school;

for minority students who are denied the right to education;

for youths who gave up on the dream of college or learning a job,

our commitment of support is for you!

we supported the activities of:

20
PRIMARY &
SECONDARY
SCHOOLS

3 CENTERS
of non formal
education

4
EDUCATION
CENTERS
under
construction
or expansion

3
VOCATIONAL
centers

7
TERTIARY &
HIGHER
education
centers

we realized projects for

11K students
in **23 countries**

1300
scholarships
awarded



Some examples..

...in Kenya

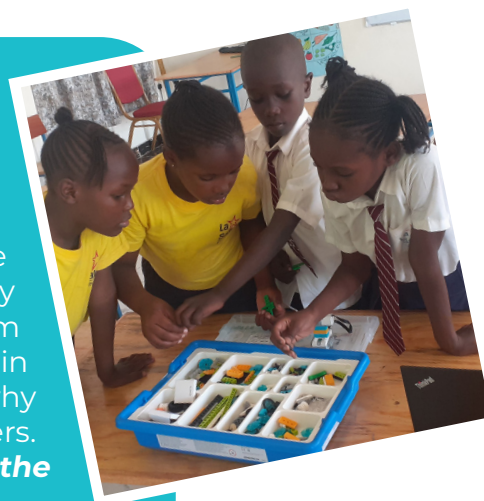
“ **La Salle! La Salle! La Salle!**
It is the most beautiful school I have ever seen in my life.

I like the playground, the garden, and everything in this school. Ever since I started studying, I have been comfortable. I like the teachers, the director (Brother Antone Oloo), and Mr. David (administrator).

When my grandmother told me that I was going to study here, I was so happy. I enjoy playing and working with my classmates. ” *Adyan 7 years old*



In July 2021, we opened a new school in Homabay, Kenya, where many other educational centers closed due to the pandemic, leaving many boys and girls without an education. We have completely renovated an old building and transformed it into the “**La Salle School-Homabay**” which today, has a nursery school and the first two classes of primary school. From a very young age, our pupils are encouraged to believe in their abilities and develop their own talents. This is why we started art workshops and a club for young engineers. **The school is also a hub for clean, potable water for the local community.**



...in Cambodia

Together with the Bureau Catholique de l'Enfance (BICE), we have created *new educational opportunities for 450 youth in the most isolated villages of Sihanoukville province.*

The lack of nearby public schools forces children to travel many kilometers every day. This long commute interferes with their study time and risks their dropping out of school.

By creating six non-formal schools, three educational and recreational spaces, and six support groups, we've made education easily accessible.

At these centers, children attend recreational activities and receive school support while their families and teachers are trained about children's rights and best practices for child protection.

...in Papua New Guinea

In our secondary school, "La Salle Technical College - Hohola", in the country's capital, Port Moresby, we educate more than 700 vulnerable youth. This technical college enrolls boys and girls who have been unable to continue their secondary education due to academic, family, or personal problems.

Thanks to courses in carpentry, electricity, tourism, computer science, and many others, these students receive a second educational opportunity and learn a trade that will allow them to build their future. This year, *we transformed their small library into a research and media center, with new books, desks, chairs, and computers. With this new facility, they can challenge themselves and become more competitive in the job market.*



...in Sri Lanka

We have built *new dormitories for our pupils, students, and teachers of the "English Medium & Primary School" in Mannar.*

These dormitories are essential to welcome students who otherwise would need to travel many kilometers every day. Residing at the school allows our students to concentrate on their studies, without the distraction of family household chores. Their academic performance improves and at "English Medium & Primary School" they can live their childhood and adolescence to the full.

The majority of students in this school belong to vulnerable Tamil ethnic minority groups.

They face many difficulties in accessing higher education and decent work because they do not speak Sinhalese, the most widely spoken language in the country.

Thanks to a school curriculum entirely in English, not only are their cultural and linguistic origins respected, but also a new world of opportunities is made available to them!



...in Burkina Faso



“My name is Anita Sylviane Ouedraogo Pegdwendé.

I am a 2nd year student in the Mathematics, Physics and Engineering (MPSI) course at the Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles La Salle (CPGE-La Salle) in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

My dream is to become a mechatronics engineer. The mission of the mechatronics engineer is to design new intelligent systems and ensure their proper functioning by combining electronics, computers, and mechanics.

I want to help my country develop through training in this field. In fact, after my studies, I will have the skills and abilities to contribute to the development of the Burkinabe industry through the design of machines that meet the country's technological needs.

I will also be able to contribute to the training of young people to develop the scientific and technical skills necessary for sustainable development.

I am proud to study at CPGE-La Salle because this new Lasallian university in Burkina Faso offers quality educational opportunities for students like me. The courses are taught by qualified teachers who are fully committed to young people's education, which allows us to better prepare for our future.”

Since 2018, we have been committed to the scientific and technological higher education of the new Burkinabe generations. Initially, we built the center for the first two years of required preparatory classes. Today, we are building the engineering university that will offer a three-year course to complete their studies. The center provides Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Sciences (BCPST), Mathematics, and Engineering (MPSI).



“My name is Do Ficenimi Clovis Tuina and after attending the Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles La Salle in Burkina Faso, I was admitted to UniLaSalle, Campus Beauvais, in France.

I am in my 5th year of Geosciences and Environment, majoring in Mining and Quarrying.

My dream is to become a geotechnical, civil engineer to help my country develop its mining sector in an environmentally friendly way.

I am proud to have studied at the Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles La Salle because this course offers an ideal framing of scientific, analytical, and personal development skills.”

...in Ethiopia



The dream of becoming a doctor for the community

“My name is Estella Onyinyechi Nwosu and I am from Nigeria.

Today, I am an international medical student at Lasallian University “Ethiopian Catholic Higher Learning Institute.”

I am thankful for this scholarship that allows me to study in college and gives me hope for a brighter future. Studying medicine and graduating to become a doctor has always been my dream and I plan to work hard to make it happen and be of service to my community.

The university is beautiful, the people have been kind and accommodating, the teachers are great, and the campus environment is ideal for studying.

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to study at this wonderful university with dedicated people.

One day, I hope to help students achieve their goals just like you all helped me. Once again, I am grateful for your help and support.”

...in Cameroon



La Salle and the Schneider Electric Foundation are working together to train hundreds of youth, creating new opportunities for all.

“I am based in Douala Cameroon, in charge of Schneider Electric Foundation (SE Foundation) activities for Central and West Africa, and I manage day to day interactions between the SE Foundation and different Partners.

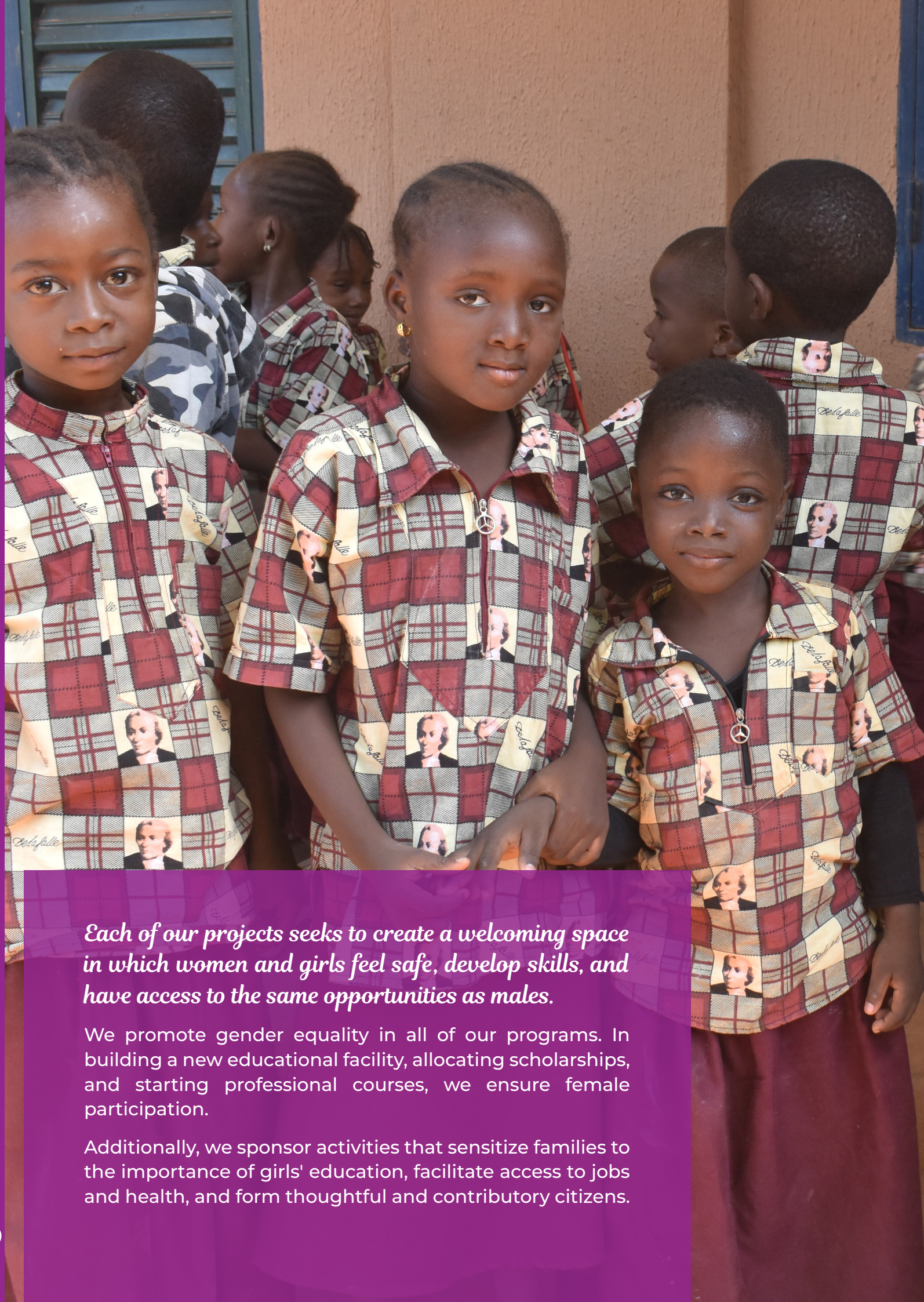
In Central and West Africa, La Salle and the SE Foundation enjoy working to strengthen human capacity in the electrical, renewable energy, and automation fields. This collaboration increases the employability and empowerment of more than 1,000 young women and men per year.

This successful partnership also supports the De La Salle Educational Complex in Cameroon (through its three entities: the secondary school; the École Supérieure Technique; the Centre pour la Formation Professionnelle Continue), in Chad (Centre Technique d'Apprendissage et de Perfectionnement in Djamaena, and LETI St Joseph in Kelo), and in Niger (Licée d'Enseignement Professionnel in Issa Beri).”



Frank Ekobo
SE Foundation





Each of our projects seeks to create a welcoming space in which women and girls feel safe, develop skills, and have access to the same opportunities as males.

We promote gender equality in all of our programs. In building a new educational facility, allocating scholarships, and starting professional courses, we ensure female participation.

Additionally, we sponsor activities that sensitize families to the importance of girls' education, facilitate access to jobs and health, and form thoughtful and contributory citizens.

Gender Equality

552
scholarships
awarded

7 SPECIFIC ACTIONS
benefitting
1000
women & girls

...in Pakistan

“Girls' education transforms communities, countries, and the world.

It strengthens economies and reduces inequality. It saves lives and makes families healthier and stronger. An educated female population increases a country's productivity and helps create a more resilient and stable nation that empowers all its citizens to realize their potential.

Yet, there are still so many barriers that keep girls like me from going to school. In Pakistan, my country, most girls are forced into early marriages instead of focusing on their academic desires and life goals. About 32% of girls do not attend elementary school.

Many people believe that a girl's education is a burden on her parents; they think women are destined to cook, clean, and deliver babies.

That's why many of us suffer and are ignored.

In my country, it is not always easy for a girl to continue her studies, but my school, La Salle High School & College Faisalabad supports me and broadens my perspectives. I feel safe in being a part of the Lasallian family, which encourages girls to be independent and creates strong daughters of the earth, able to face the challenges of the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my principal Brother Shahid Mughal, as well as the teachers and the administrative staff who have given us the wonderful opportunity to have a true and independent education. And thank you to all those who have supported our school. Lasallian solidarity can really enhance our curricular and co-curricular activities.”

Minahil, 15 years old



Sustainability & wellbeing

Everyone talks about sustainability, but what exactly does that mean? Is it just about the environment?

According to UN definitions, sustainability is a development that “meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”, i.e. combining economic growth, environmental protection, and social inclusion.

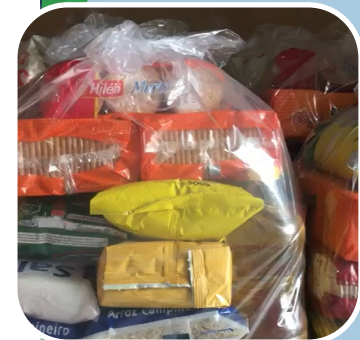
This means we need to ensure a bright future for people and the planet.

To achieve this end, we need to provide clean water, food security, access to medical care, use of clean energy, and economic inclusion for all. In planning our projects we promote protection for our common home and those who live in it.

10 PROJECTS

- to improve housing conditions;
- to bring clean energy;
- to ensure food security.

2200 beneficiaries



In Brazil

in the Amazonian area of Tabatinga, we have helped 300 families (the majority of indigenous origin) by distributing food and hygiene materials for covid-19 relief. In the heart of the Amazon Rainforest, we work with projects with indigenous communities, promoting human rights, in contrast to the rampant of drug and human trafficking.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo

half of all girls between the ages of 5 and 17 do not go to school and most of them do not finish their studies, leading to early marriages, poverty, and teenage pregnancies. That's why, in addition to a scholarship program for girls, we started a vocational course for women who dropped out of school. These are often teenage mothers, who live in the school with their children. We also dedicated agricultural land to the beneficiaries, allowing them to learn cultivation techniques and provide food security for their families.





**How you can
support us**

Participate...

...As an international volunteer

Get involved as an international volunteer, putting your skills to work for vulnerable youth in educational programs.

Discover the amazing opportunities we offer you, by contacting our International Volunteer Coordinator Eleonora Munaretto: emunaretto@lasalle.org



“My name is Irene and today, as you are reading this, I am in Kenya, at the Lasallian Center for Tertiary Education "Mwangaza College" in Nakuru! I started in November 2021. Since that time, I have worked with two other volunteers implementing projects for women and youth empowerment. In particular, I conduct a photography course that orients young people to a global education. Every day we immerse ourselves in a completely new culture, full of challenges and new discoveries.

What are you waiting for? Get going too!”

...joining our campaign on global citizenship education

Each year, together with other Lasallian, Claretian, and Marist nonprofit organizations, we implement a global citizenship education campaign based on one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Thanks to posters, flyers, videos, and educational workshops, new generations are guided towards topics of international relevance. They become true citizens of the world!

In 2021, we launched the “Let's plant seeds to sow the future” campaign focused on clean energy and combating climate change (Sustainable Development Goals 7 and 13).

Download all the material!



or contact Laura Ballerini: lballerini@lasalle.org



all the ways to support us

...With a donation

You can make a single donation or regular monthly donations to enable children and young people around the world to attend school.

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...With a bigger commitment

Whether you're an individual or a business, you can join us in creating new educational opportunities for thousands of students. Help bring positive change to the world!

Contact us: foundation@lasalle.org

...With your solidarity legacy

Remembering us in your legacy will enable continued Lasallian efforts to ensure the rights of the most vulnerable.

Consult your legal advisor for details.



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