



**WORLD
MISSIONS
IRELAND**

Annual Review
2019



Extraordinary Month of Mission Prayer

Heavenly Father,
when your only begotten Son
Jesus Christ rose from the dead,
He commissioned His followers to
'go and make disciples of all nations'
and you remind us that through
our Baptism we are made sharers
in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the
gifts of the Holy Spirit to
be courageous and zealous
in bearing witness to the Gospel,

so that the mission
entrusted to the Church,
which is still very far from
completion, may find new and
efficacious expressions that bring
life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for
all peoples to experience the saving
love and mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.

Amen



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woman is a mission'*

Pope Francis, 2019
World Mission Sunday

Our cover image features Salesian Sister , Sr Clara Deveraj, who is based in Michaelpuram, Southern India

Introduction

World Missions Ireland seeks to help everyone to understand and respond to the call of mission. We respect all cultures and traditions by treating everyone as brothers and sisters under one, loving God. We serve those most in need, in some of the most impoverished, inaccessible areas of the world - and none of this is possible without **You!**

You are providing the basic infrastructure from which the Church can thrive by helping communities to build schools, parish halls, churches and chapels.

You are preparing the future leaders, teachers and carers of our Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, religious brothers and catechists.

You are supporting programmes that protect and care for children's spiritual and physical well-being, by offering them

safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future.

We also send heartfelt thanks to our overseas missionaries, Irish Bishops, Diocesan Directors, Mission Teams, volunteers and local priests. We deeply appreciate your tireless work and ongoing support.

Together we are helping the Church to grow and flourish - together we are mission!



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Who We Are

Originally founded in 1822, by laywoman Pauline Jaricot, World Missions Ireland is part of a global network serving the Church in over 120 countries. Internationally we are known as Missio or the Pontifical Mission Societies, and together we are Pope Francis' official charity for overseas mission.

We highlight the vital work of overseas missionaries and fundraise so that they can build and maintain a vibrant Church in over 1,100 mission dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. By providing essential funding we allow missionaries, who are compelled by the message, life and love of Jesus Christ, to proclaim their faith through their words, actions and lives. World Missions Ireland further ignites God's love by helping men, women, and children regardless of their background or belief.

Missionaries' needs can vary - anything from a motorbike for a priest so he can celebrate Mass in a remote village, a basic community hall to allow people to gather, or vaccinations

to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need so they can share the joy of the Gospel, World Missions Ireland strives to provide it!

Our work focuses on four core areas, historically known as:

Propagation of the Faith: caring for our Church family by enabling local people to form and sustain communities of faith, by building and maintaining churches, hospitals, schools, nurseries, and community and pastoral centres.

The Society of Missionary Children: enabling brighter futures by supporting vulnerable children through educational, medical, welfare and formation initiatives.

St Peter the Apostle: training the future of our Church by funding the education of priests, brothers and sisters overseas.

Missionary Union of Priests, Religious and Laity: nurturing the missionary spirit by educating the faithful about mission.



Caring for Our Church Family



Enabling Brighter Futures

ONE MISSION | FOUR STORIES



Training the Future of Our Church



Nurturing the Missionary Spirit

World Mission Sunday 20th October 2019

Since its announcement as a papal collection in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, the entire global Church comes together on World Mission Sunday to support mission. Our Church is a global community. We depend on one another, on our shared prayer, solidarity and generosity. This special papal celebration recognises this by calling every parish, in every corner of the world to stand together and share what they can – no matter how little.

The 2019 World Mission Sunday theme ‘Together We Are Mission’ was a message for everyone. As Pope Francis said in his World Mission Sunday message, ‘I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptised man and woman is a mission.’ This goes to the heart of our baptismal call. It also challenges the idea that mission work is solely done by missionaries, by asking people to consider the part their own missionary hearts can play in changing the lives of others.

2019 was a very special year in the history of World Mission Sunday, as it was celebrated during an Extraordinary Month of Mission. Pope Francis announced October 2019 as the Extraordinary Month of Mission - an extra-special month of prayer and action to help the faithful to rediscover the meaning

and importance of mission in the modern world. World Missions Ireland coordinated efforts, and across the country, schools, organisations, orders, congregations, dioceses, parishes, communities and individuals got behind this worldwide Church initiative.



Mission Sunday Contributions & Donations

The contributions offered on World Mission Sunday are essential for the survival of the Church. They become part of the Universal Solidarity Fund and are used to help build much-needed church infrastructure, from chapels and clinics, to nurseries and schools, in some of the most impoverished

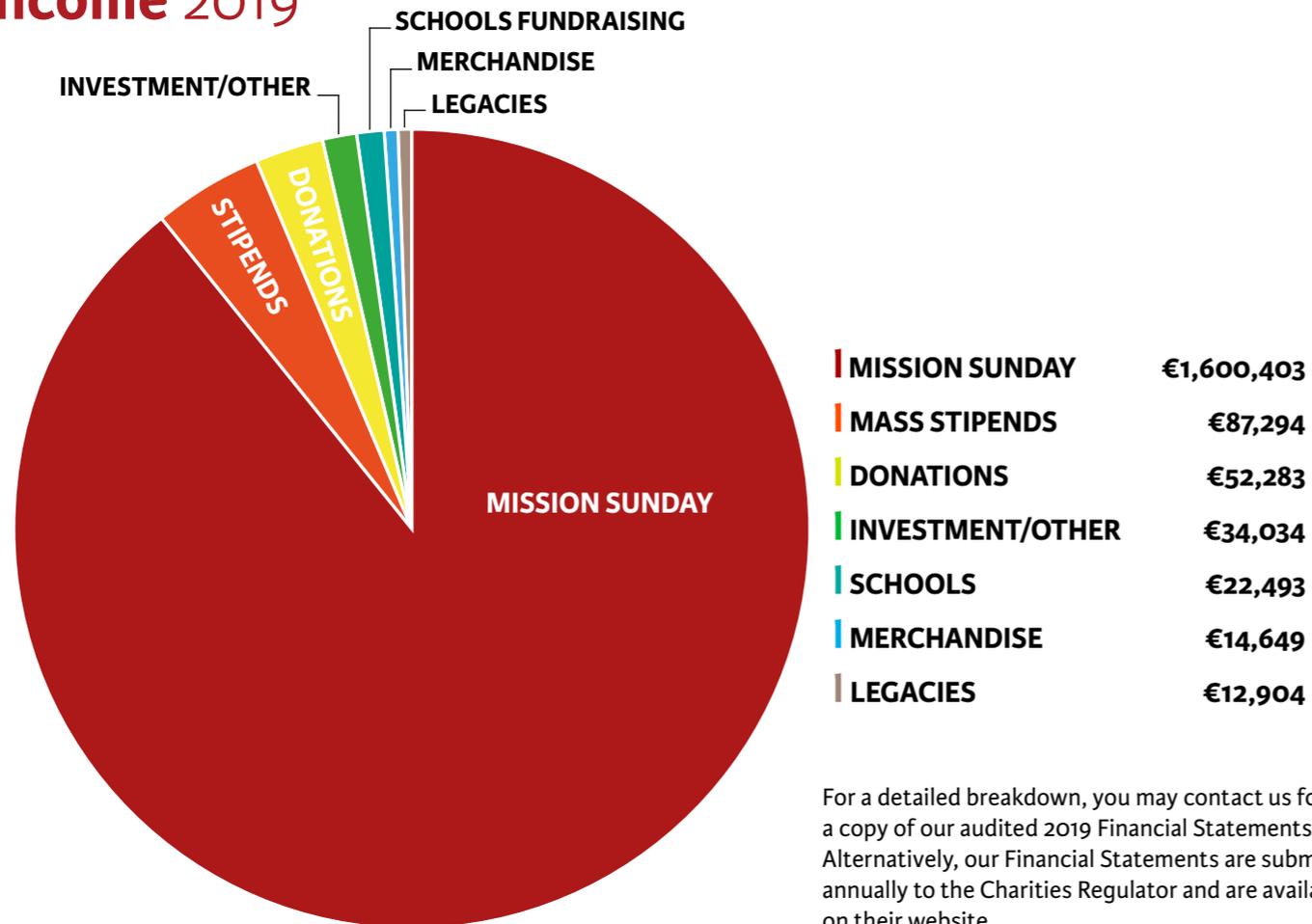
communities in our Church family. It also supports the training and education of priests, brothers and sisters overseas. World Mission Sunday not only helps the Church to survive; it allows it to thrive! Below is a break-down of contributions and collections as per each diocese.

Achonry	€24,699.75	Ferns	€21,500.00
Ardagh & Clonmacnois	€24,287.70	Galway	€22,554.31
Armagh	€80,982.72	Kerry	€41,254.34
Cashel & Emly	€43,197.84	Kildare & Leighlin	€60,209.37
Clogher	€62,865.28	Killala	€20,000.00
Clonfert	€19,079.00	Killaloe	€63,469.92
Cloyne	€42,971.55	Kilmore	€46,099.00
Cork & Ross	€76,790.00	Limerick	€34,808.22
Derry	€108,766.33	Meath	€98,784.03
Down & Connor	€107,284.07	Ossory	€30,273.23
Dromore	€17,801.84	Raphoe	€22,375.91
Dublin	€285,043.21	Tuam	€95,482.85
Elphin	€56,569.16	Waterford & Lismore	€52,960.69
		Religious Donations	€21,502.85
		Individual Donations	€18,789.83

All figures as per our audited Financial Statement 2019

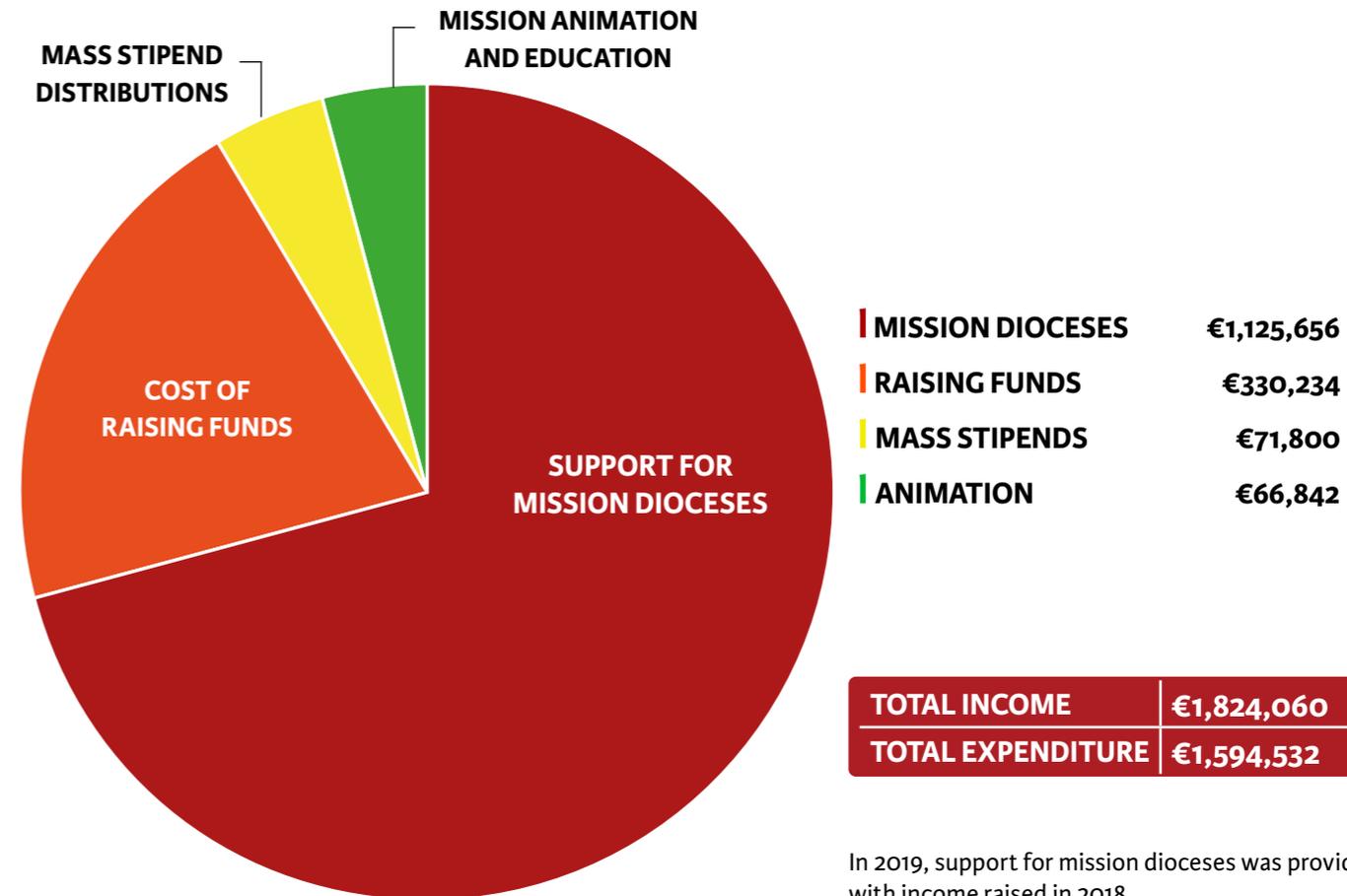
TOTAL €1,600,403.00

Income 2019



For a detailed breakdown, you may contact us for a copy of our audited 2019 Financial Statements. Alternatively, our Financial Statements are submitted annually to the Charities Regulator and are available on their website

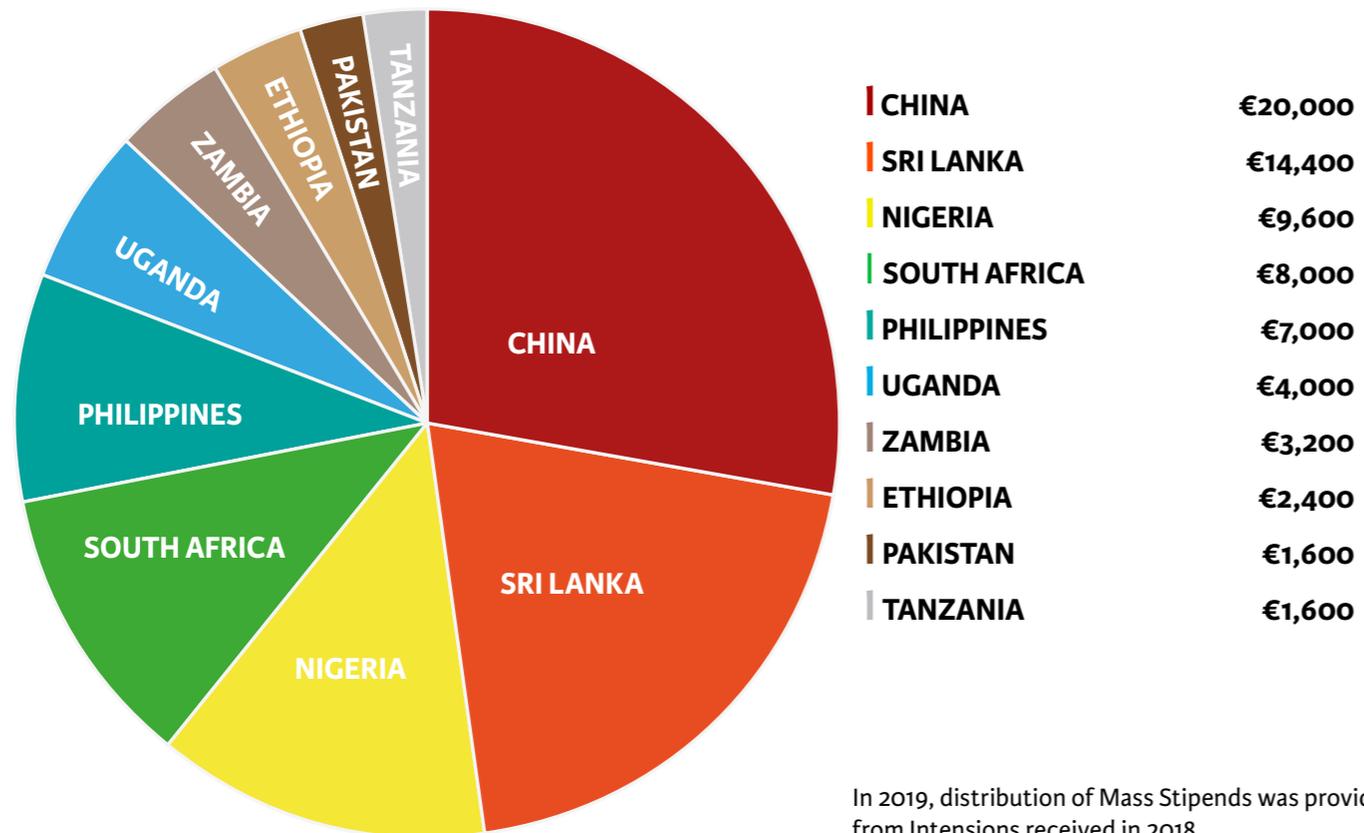
Expenditure 2019



TOTAL INCOME	€1,824,060
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€1,594,532

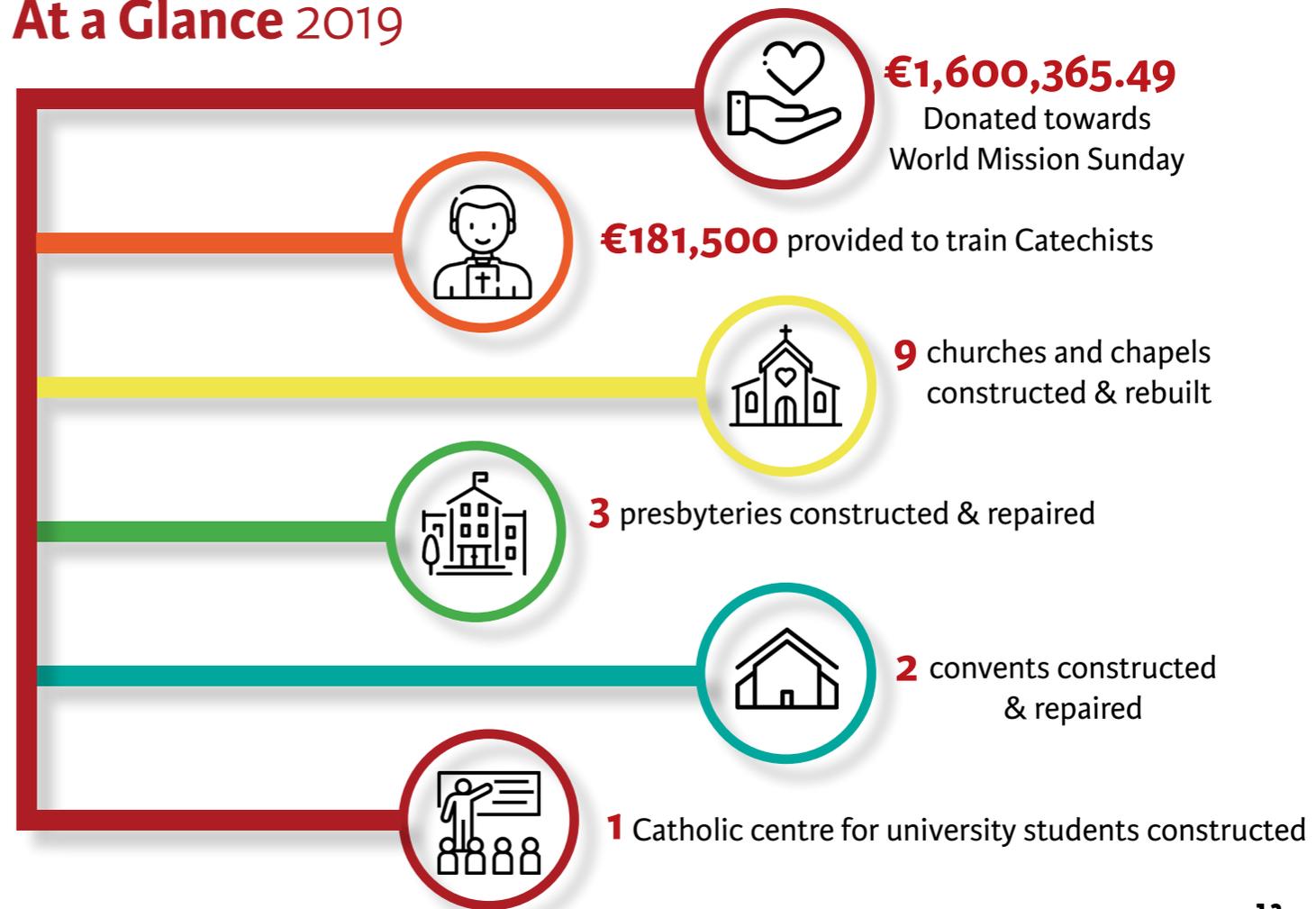
In 2019, support for mission dioceses was provided with income raised in 2018

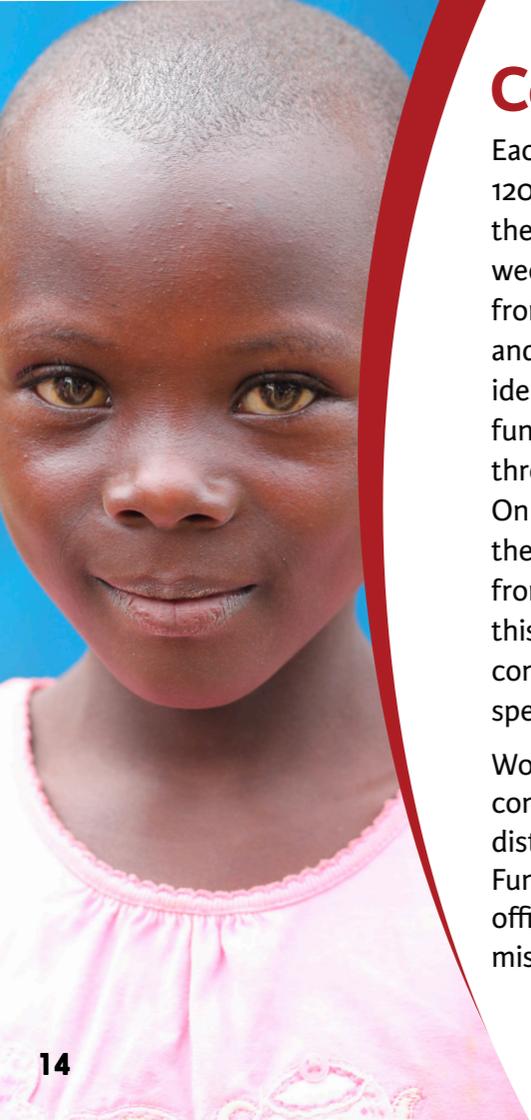
Where We Sent Mass Stipends 2019



In 2019, distribution of Mass Stipends was provided from Intensions received in 2018

At a Glance 2019





Communities Supported 2019

Each year, National Directors from our 120 global offices meet in Rome for the 'National Assembly'. During this week-long meeting, funding requests from mission dioceses are reviewed and those with the greatest need are identified. Each office then agrees to fund specific projects and partners, through the Universal Solidarity Fund. On the opposite page we've illustrated the main countries that received funding from World Missions Ireland in 2019, this includes World Mission Sunday contributions from 2018, individual gifts, special appeals and school fundraising.

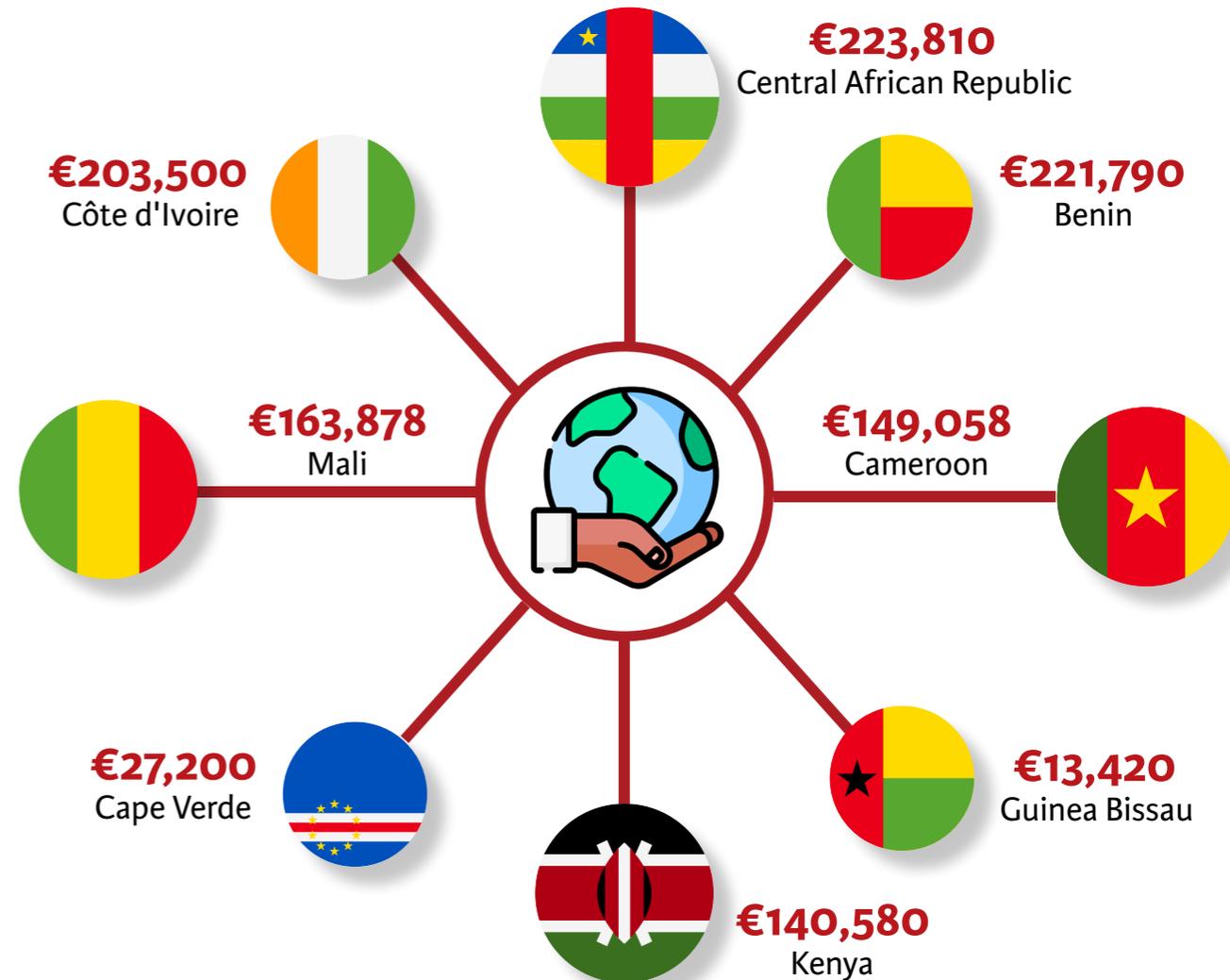
World Missions Ireland ensures that contributions and donations are distributed justly and transparently. Funding is given directly from the Irish office to local bishops, churches and missionary congregations.

We wish to extend our thanks to our donors, supporters and friends. On behalf of the missionaries, and the men, women and children whose lives continue to be changed, we extend our sincere gratitude!

Jesus said 'The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches' (Matthew 13:31-32).

Jesus knew what this tiny seed would achieve. Together we have grown to become one of the largest community of believers in the world. A tree where all can find refuge and shelter. Together so much is possible.

Thank You!



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