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MENTAL HEALTH CARE • EDUCATION • CARE FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

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Cover picture: SD Karitas Elementary School in Purwokerto, Indonesia.  
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# Chairman's message

## If we do not serve, we serve no purpose

Whenever we are allowed to visit projects in the field that are supported by Fracarita International and look into the eyes of the people who received care, support or education, we can only be grateful.

First of all, we are grateful for those who give their all every day in the many facilities of the Brothers of Charity all over the world. They are part of a long-standing tradition of care and commitment for people who are struggling in society: people with a mental illness, who are ostracized from their environment; people with disabilities, who are in danger of being marginalized; young people who, because of poverty, have no educational opportunities and end up in a vicious circle of underdevelopment.

Indeed, it is about development, aimed at the whole man and every man, so powerfully expressed in Pope Paul VI's encyclical 'Populorum Progressio'.

'Aimed at the whole man', meaning holistic care and support, in which we want to focus on all aspects of man. This was one of the great concerns at the very outset of the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity, whose founder Canon P. J. Triest puts it as follows: "When we nurse the sick, we must pay attention to the whole person, to both the body and the mind. When we teach children, we must pay attention to the child's soul, as well." Involuntarily, the important dimensions of man are indicated here: the physical, the psychological, the social, and the spiritual dimension. This remains Fracarita International's adage for today: wherever we start, guide, and support projects, we want to make sure that the person is cared for, guided, and encouraged in every aspect. This requires quality care and support, based on a loving attitude, which translates into a deep compassion and specific professional assistance.

That is the charism of charity for which the Brothers of Charity and our NGO Fracarita International stand, through which we want to make a difference. It is up to Fracarita International to pay special attention to this professionalism, which will express itself in solid staff training, suitable accommodation, and a sound organizational work structure.

'Aimed at every man', without distinction and always open to new emergencies. That too is an endless story, and we are constantly called not to close our ears to the requests for help we receive. It is therefore gratifying to find that in 2017 Fracarita International was able to take new initiatives and to support new projects. These are all in this annual report as concrete translations of our charism of charity.

Again, Fracarita International was able to collaborate with various other NGOs to achieve the set objectives and could count on the financial support of many benefactors. We would like to thank them all very much for this.

We would also like to thank our continental and regional coordinators and their staff who help shape the structure of Fracarita International and, above all, bring it to life. They make sure that there is a strong connection at the grass-roots level and that everything is ultimately focused on service. Because this continues to apply for Fracarita International, as well: if we do not serve, we serve no purpose.



Bro. Dr. René Stockman  
General Superior Brothers of Charity  
President of Fracarita International

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# Mission

Fracarita International is the **nonprofit organization** of the Congregation of the **Brothers of Charity** whose aim is to support the services of the congregation especially in **Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe**. It will exercise this task in line with the mission of the Brothers of Charity which is oriented to radiate God's love in the world, especially in the lives of the most vulnerable people through concrete works of charity in the fields of **mental health care, care for people with a disability and education**.

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Fracarita International will fulfil its mission through concrete support to the services developed by the Brothers of Charity with special attention being given to **capacity-building, coaching, exchange of knowledge and expertise, international fundraising and influencing policymakers**. Through the creation of **regional fundraising offices** in several countries, Fracarita International will try to find new funds for projects.

A network of **continental and regional coordinators** has been established in order to improve professionalism in the services and enhance the local capacity for **self-reliance** through better management and a higher level of creativity and skills in setting up initiatives for local fundraising and income generating activities.

As a nonprofit organization with a special consultative status to the **United Nations**, Fracarita International respects a **human rights** based approach and will play its role as an advocate for those whose rights are not respected because of their specific life situation.

In order to achieve these objectives, Fracarita International will always be open to **collaboration** with other groups who share the same vision.

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Through its activities, Fracarita International, in line with the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church, will **serve humanity** and especially those whose human dignity is at risk. In line with the mission of the Brothers of Charity, Fracarita International will help to improve the **quality of life** and contribute to a more **humane society** where there is a place for the poor and the weak.



▲ Programa de Reintegración Socio-Familiar 'Casa Amanecer', Granada, Nicaragua

# International governance

When the governance structure of Fracarita International was developed, special attention was paid to ensure that the organization is not only in word but also in deed a truly **international** organization. Brothers and co-workers from different parts of the world and with different cultural backgrounds are therefore involved in the governance structure and give direction to the organization. Cultural diversity really is a gift for our organization.

Another element that was incorporated into the governance structure is the principle of **subsidiarity**. Fracarita International is convinced that many tasks could be performed more effectively and in a more sustainable way at country level than at international level. That is why the 18 country offices form the centrepiece of our structure and are strongly encouraged to take responsibility with regard to local fundraising, monitoring and training.



Nevertheless, Fracarita International continues to support the country offices by taking up activities that can best be organized at international level such as international fundraising, stimulating the international solidarity within the congregation, providing training in capacity building to the country offices and international representation.

A third element that is typical for Fracarita International's organization structure is that the NGO is still **embedded in the congregation**, unlike many other NGOs founded by religious orders. The leading and decision making positions within Fracarita International are still held by the Brothers of Charity themselves to ensure that the congregation and the NGO act along the same lines.

## Governance structure:

### General Assembly:

The General Assembly is Fracarita International's sovereign body. It meets at least once a year.

*President: Bro. René Stockman (BEL)*

*Members: Bro. Jos Mathijssen (BEL), Bro. Jean Mbeshi (DRC), Bro. Victor Hugo Merine Conde (PER), Bro. Adrian Hartotanojo (IDN), Bro. Godfried Bekaert (BEL), Bro. Joel Ponsaran (PHL), Bro. Paulin Kindambu (DRC), Bro. Veron Raes (BEL)*

### Governing Board:

The Governing Board is the deliberative body responsible for controlling the management activities of the Executive Committee.

*President: Bro. René Stockman (BEL)*

*Members: Bro. Adrian Hartotanojo (IDN), Bro. Jean Mbeshi (DRC), Bro. Victor Hugo Merine Conde (PER), Bro. Jos Mathijssen (BEL)*

### Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee is the executive body of Fracarita International and supervises the implementation of decisions taken by the General Assembly and Governing Board and represents the organization at international level.

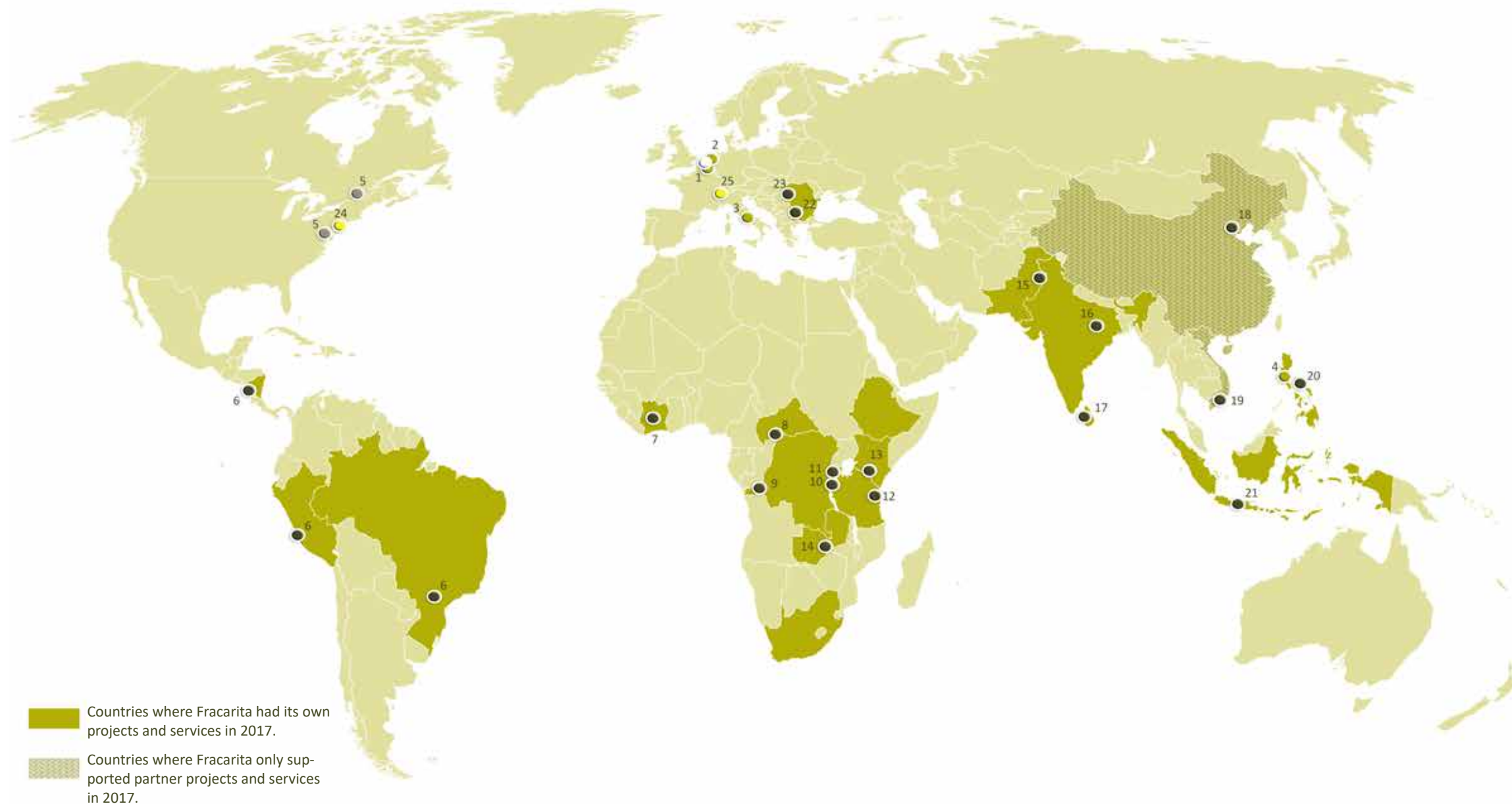
### International Development Office:

This body coordinates and supports the different country offices of Fracarita.

◀ See our organization chart for an overview of our NGO's structure.

# Where does Fracarita International work?

Fracarita supported thousands of people through 127 services in 20 countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe in 2017.



## Head Office:

Central services, based in Bruges, Belgium.



Current

## Regional Fundraising Offices

Provide material, financial and professional support to the country offices.

1. Fracarita Belgium, Ghent
2. Fracarita Netherlands, Eindhoven
3. Fracarita Italy, Rome
4. Fracarita Philippines, Manila



Planned

- Planned regional fundraising offices:
5. Fracarita Americas (USA + Canada)



## Country Offices:

Monitor the project implementation locally and are responsible for local fundraising and income generating activities.

### Latin America

6. Fracarita Latin America, Lima (PER)  
(Peru + Nicaragua + Brazil)

### Africa

7. Fracarita Ivory Coast, Yamoussoukro
8. Fracarita Central African Republic, Bangui
9. Fracarita DR Congo, Kinshasa
10. Fracarita Burundi, Bujumbura
11. Fracarita Rwanda, Kigali
12. Fracarita Tanzania, Dar es Salaam
13. Fracarita Ethiopia & Kenya, Nairobi (KEN)
14. Fracarita Southern Africa, Lusaka (ZMB)

### Asia

15. Fracarita Pakistan, Lahore
16. Fracarita India, Ranchi
17. Fracarita Sri Lanka, Ja Ela
18. Fracarita China, Taiyuan City
19. Fracarita Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh
20. Fracarita Philippines, Tabaco
21. Fracarita Indonesia, Yogyakarta

### Europe

22. Fracarita Bulgaria, Sofia
23. Fracarita Romania, Timișoara



## International Advocacy

Representation on international bodies

24. ECOSOC, New York, USA
25. International Catholic Centre of Geneva, Switzerland



# 3 areas, one objective: human dignity

***Fracarita International supports services in 20 countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe in three very specific areas: mental health care, education & formation and care for people with a disability. All 127 services work for different beneficiaries, in different socio-cultural settings and face different problems. But they do share one and the same objective: to restore the human dignity of the most vulnerable people. On the following pages you will find an overview with data for each country where Fracarita International supported services in 2017 in different ways: financially, by supporting their capacity building efforts, by representing them at international fora, by encouraging them to continue the great work of bringing about a change in the lives of so many wonderful people.***

## MENTAL HEALTH CARE

When thinking about health challenges in low-income countries, diseases like tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other tropical diseases quickly come to mind, but few think of mental health. In fact, according to the WHO, three-quarters of those afflicted with mental disorders live in developing countries. Mental disorders are a leading cause of disability globally and represent 14 per cent of the global burden of disease. Despite the enormous health burden, it remains one of the most neglected illnesses.

Research by the American Institute of Medicine (IOM) shows growing levels of mental health disorders particularly in developing countries. Violence, human rights abuses, poverty, gender inequality and low levels of education all exacerbate mental health problems. In many societies it remains a taboo to discuss it openly.

***Fracarita International manages to restore the human dignity of thousands of men, women and children by providing mental health care in 35 psychiatric facilities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe.***



▲ Centre Psychiatrique Caraes Butare, Huye, Rwanda  
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## EDUCATION

The 2012 report of the United Nations on progress towards the Millennium Development Goals highlights that many developing countries have made significant progress with regard to universal primary education. Enrolment rates of children of primary school age increased significantly in sub-Saharan Africa, from 58 to 76 per cent between 1999 and 2010. In four other developing regions (Northern Africa, Eastern Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and South-Eastern Asia), the rate increased to at least 95 per cent.

More and more children seem to have access to education, a very positive evolution, but there is still a huge challenge with regard to the quality of education. In many developing countries there is a serious lack of teachers resulting in overcrowded classrooms, lack of school furniture and didactic material, lack of basic teaching skills, ... The drop-out rate is still high in many developing countries, especially among children from disadvantaged groups, which makes it more difficult for them to escape poverty. In 2010, there were 71 million young adolescents (typically aged 12-15 years) out of school around the world, this is about twice the population of a country such as Canada. Millions of young people lack the skills that could help them to improve their own living conditions.

***By giving quality education to more than 14,000 vulnerable children and adolescents in 55 schools in Africa, Asia and Latin America, Fracarita International contributes to make education a dream-come-true for all.***



▲ Canon Triest Middle School for Girls, Lahore, Pakistan

## CARE FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

According to the World Health Organization, about 15 per cent of the world's population, or more than one billion people, live with some form of disability. The vast majority of these people (80%) live in developing countries. The linkage between poverty and disability seems very strong and goes in both directions. Those who live in poverty are more likely to acquire a disability through malnutrition, poor health care and dangerous living conditions. The World Bank estimates that 20 per cent of the world's poorest people have some kind of disability. Those who already have a disability are more likely to become impoverished because they can hardly participate in the economic and social life of their communities and are forced into a situation of dependency. In most developing countries, services and accommodations for people with disabilities are not available. The UN cited a figure of more than 350 million people with disabilities, living in areas where essential services needed to help them in overcoming their limitations are not available. As a result, people with a disability must depend on their families, but they are mostly too poor to give them the support they need.

Children and adolescents with a disability in developing countries are very likely to end up in the vicious circle of poverty, exclusion and dependency as most of them have no access to any form of education. UNESCO states that 98 % of children with disabilities in developing countries simply do not attend school. Instead they are often shunned, isolated and stigmatized by their community and sometimes even hidden by their families.

***In 2017, Fracarita International assisted hundreds of children, youngsters and adults with disabilities to gain greater independence by providing rehabilitation programmes and special needs education in 24 facilities. With a focus on their abilities instead of disabilities, they could improve their quality of life.***

# AFRICA



*Brother Freddy talking to a patient at Psychiatric Centre SOSAME, Bukavu, DR Congo*  
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# Burundi

Providing mental health care in one of the world's poorest countries, plagued by ethnic conflicts in the past.

Since:	1979
Coordination	Bro. Hippolyte Manirakiza
Brothers:	6
Co-workers/volunteers	191

SERVICES IN BURUNDI:	PLACE
1. Centre de Soins Mentaux St. Camille	Gitega
2. Centre Neuro-Psychiatrique Kamenge	Bujumbura
3. Centre Neuropsychiatrique de Ngozi	Ngozi



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Congregation receives Certificate of Appreciation from Burundi Embassy

On 10 October 2017, World Mental Health Day, Bro. Stockman received, on behalf of the Congregation, a ‘Certificate of Appreciation’ at the Embassy of Burundi.

During the meeting he had with the Superior General, Mr Jérémie Banigwanizigo, Burundian Ambassador in Brussels, underlined that the people of Burundi owe the Brothers of Charity a great deal, both in terms of education and in terms of care for psychiatric patients and Burundian refugees, both within national borders and in neighbouring countries. He also welcomed the initiatives for further decentralization of mental health care and the development of a psychiatric nursing programme in his country. The ambassador expressed the wish that the Congregation would continue its efforts and underlined that the certificate is only awarded to organizations of special merit.

Bro. Stockman assured the ambassador that the brothers intend to continue to work on quality care and education for the Burundian people affected by mental illness. He made an emphatic appeal to the Burundian government to join forces in order to offer the people of Burundi the care that they are entitled to when they are affected by mental illness or trauma or need therapy for drug abuse or alcohol-related issues.



# Central African Republic

Restoring the dignity of marginalized people and giving new perspectives in a destabilised nation, still facing a large scale humanitarian crisis.

Since:	2011
Coordination	Bro. Théophile Luenge
Brothers:	5
Co-workers/volunteers	23

SERVICES IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:	PLACE
OTHER	1. Social service at Bangui prison
	2. Centre Psychothérapeutique



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Extended social services for prisoners in Bimbo

In addition to social and pastoral care (since 2011) in the central male prison in Ngaragba (Bimbo) and the development of a pharmacy and a nursing post, from 2016 on also psychotherapy, literacy, education and a number of cultural and religious activities have been offered. In 2017, the Brothers of Charity expanded these humanitarian and medico-psychosocial activities to the prison for women in the annex Camp de Roux (Bimbo).

### 2 Professional mental health care in Bangui: state of affairs

Within an unabated climate of insecurity and internal violence, an absolute breakdown of public services and particularly harrowing human needs in almost all areas of society, the second phase of the long-term plan for the development of professional mental health care was started in 2017, focusing on children with PTSD (posttraumatic stress disorder).

In the first place, the ambulatory consultations, the community-based interventions by means of a mobile clinic, the outreach therapeutic sessions, the psycho-educational awareness campaigns to schools and local communities were further expanded and intensified in the wider region of Bangui.

This sensitization aims to clarify the concept of mental health and traumatism, to anti-stigmatize the person with psychiatric problems, to promote early detection, and to prioritize adequate treatment.

As a result of this intensive operation, the number and differentiation of treated patients increased spectacularly. As well as the sharp increase in referrals from clients of other organisations. This in turn resulted in the need of professional management and strict financial follow-up.

This second phase of the multi-year plan (2016-2019) also included the further expansion of a fully functional hospitalization module by means of the new construction of a number of small-scale pavilions. As a result, the possibility of short-term, intensive and specialized hospitalization was added as a module to the existing (and mainly ambulatory and outreach) treatment facilities.

This second phase also provided, spread over 2017 and 2018, for the operationalization of a team of qualified professionals to guarantee the quality of this service.





# DR Congo

**Mental health care, care for people with disabilities and education for a vulnerable but resilient population.**

Since:	1911
Coordination	Bro. Ernest Ciza
Brothers:	96
Co-workers/volunteers	869

SERVICES IN DR CONGO:	PLACE
 1. Tulizo Letu	Goma
2. Jukayi, département Santé Mentale	Kananga
3. Centre Neuro-psychiatrique Pierre Joseph Triest	Lusanga Kikwit
4. Centre Neuro-psychiatrique Dr. Joseph Guislain	Lubumbashi
5. Centre Psychiatrique Shabunda	Shabunda
6. Centre Psychiatrique SOSAME	Bukavu
7. Centre Psychiatrique Uvira	Uvira
8. Simama, département Santé Mentale	Kisangani
9. Nioki Centre Elikya, département Santé Mentale	Nioki
10. Peter Joseph Triest Psychiatric Centre	Kikwit
 11. Centre de Rééducation et Handicapé Physique Jukayi (CRHPJ)	Kananga
12. Centre de Rééducation pour Handicapés Physiques (CRHP)	Kinshasa
13. Elikya	Nioki
14. Shirika la Umoja	Goma
15. Centre Simama	Kisangani
 16. Ecole de Vie	Goma
17. Ecole pour assistants kinésithérapeute	Goma
18. Ecole primaire Ditaba	Lusambo
19. Ecole primaire Ditekemena	Lusambo
20. Ecole primaire Kintu Kimune	Kabinda
21. Ecole Soins Infirmiers Psychiatrique	Goma
22. Institut Bumune	Kabinda
23. Institut Dinanga	Lusambo
24. Institut Professionel (IPRO) Kifulo	Kabinda
25. Institut Technique Fundi Maendeleo	Bukavu
26. Institut Technique Professionel (ITP)	Lusambo
27. Ecole spéciale Monzoto	Kisangani
28. Ecole spéciale Rafiki 1	Kisangani
29. Ecole professionnelle Rafiki 2	Kisangani



▲ Social assistant leaving for home visit, Bukavu, DR Congo  
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## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 New psychiatric centre inaugurated and consecrated in Kikwit

On 13 May 2017, the new Peter Joseph Triest Psychiatric Centre was inaugurated and consecrated in Kikwit, DR Congo.

The Brothers of Charity have been taking care of the psychiatric patients in the Lusanga hospital buildings at the request of the local bishop since early 2004. Due to the hospital's poor accessibility, the Congregation decided to acquire a property in Kikwit and build a entirely new psychiatric centre. In May, the new centre was inaugurated, which allowed for the continued care of the patients.

### 2 Laying the foundation stone of the new psychiatric centre in Uvira

On 16 September 2017, Bro. René Stockman laid the first stone of the new psychiatric centre in Uvira in the presence of the local community of brothers, the regional superior, and the regional coordinator of Fracarita DR Congo. The centre will soon serve the population in this part of the South Kivu region. Two years ago, the brothers started outpatient care. Now, they are hoping to help even more people with mental illness with this new centre, which will have 30 beds. For the time being it will serve as satellite facility of Sosame, our psychiatric centre in Bukavu.

### 3 Schools in Kabinda inaugurated and consecrated

In the presence of a large gathering, including the Governor of Lomami Province, the new construction projects and the reconstruction work in the Kintu Kimune primary school and the IPRO Kifulo vocational school were inaugurated and consecrated in Kabinda on 4 May 2017.

With the new classrooms and the refurbishment of the existing buildings, we want to offer greater quality in our education and training at the 'Saint-Ambroise' school complex in Kabinda. Since 1912, the Brothers of Charity have been continuously active in Kabinda and have taught many thousands of students. It is a moment to be grateful to the many Belgian missionaries who have lived and worked in Kabinda throughout the years and motivated the Congolese brothers who have now fully taken over the reins.

Special thanks to the many benefactors who made these projects possible, and to the support of the 2015 South Action Campaign in Belgium, the intervention of the Italian Bishops' Conference, the financial support of the Belgian National Lottery and the Province of West Flanders, and the contribution of a number of volunteers from Belgium who came to Kabinda several times via Fracarita Belgium to supervise the works, install machines, and provide training to the teachers.





# Ethiopia

*Mental health pioneers in a country with widespread prejudice against people with mental health issues.*

Since:	2011
Coordination	Bro. Edouard Manda
Brothers:	6
Co-workers/volunteers	133

SERVICES IN ETHIOPIA:	PLACE
1. Gefersa Mental Health Rehabilitation Centre	Addis Abeba
2. Day Care Centre for Children with a Mental Disability	Yirgachaffe



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Care for children with a mental disability in Yirgachaffe

In June 2017, the Brothers of Charity in the southern SNNP state were granted permission to start activities in the city of Yirgachaffe for children with a mental disability. These children often lead a hidden existence and receive hardly any education or guidance. In 2017, thirty children were identified in collaboration with the local community. They received education and therapy at home and a social assistant gave counselling to the family. It was also examined how these children could eventually be brought together in a day-care centre in order to increase the efficiency of care provision.



# Ivory Coast

*Introducing mental health care in a country where mental disorders are still believed to be the result of evil spirits.*

Since:	2003
Coordination	Bro. Félicien Ngendahimana
Brothers:	4
Co-workers/volunteers	32

SERVICES IN IVORY COAST:	PLACE
1. Maison de Soins Psychiatriques Saint Vincent de Paul	Yamoussoukro



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Patients and staff celebrate World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day (WMHD) is celebrated on 10 October every year. Fracarita International gives its full support to this worldwide initiative (see page 49). The psychiatric centre of the Brothers of Charity in Yamoussoukro organized different activities at the occasion of WMHD. The theme of 2017 was 'Depression, let's talk'. Several special guests were invited to give speeches about depressions and about the importance of decent mental health care. This was followed by a small ceremony, together with the patients, families and staff of the psychiatric centre. Different sensitization actions were organized and the services of the centre were promoted via the local radio.





# Kenya

*Pioneering a small-scale health care initiative in the East African country of Kenya.*

Since:	2016
Coordination	Bro. Christianus Rwehikiza
Brothers:	4
Co-workers/volunteers	15

SERVICES IN ETHIOPIA:	PLACE
1. St. Lazarus Buyangu Mission Health Centre	Kakamega



**REMARKABLE IN 2017:**

**1 State of affairs of the St. Lazarus Buyangu Mission Health Centre**

On 24 April 2016, this health facility was handed over officially to the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity by means of a Memorandum of Understanding. In 2017, the Brothers of Charity did their best to integrate the services which were offered before: laboratory, maternity, mother & child health and mental health care. Currently, the centre has 25 beds: 6 for children and youngsters, 10 for women, and 9 for men that can serve the inpatient care. However, the total capacity of the centre is 50 beds. Buyangu village is situated in Jepakoyai Ward with about 80,000 inhabitants. Within this village, there are only a few government-owned health facilities that serve the entire population. Buyangu Health Centre is a big health facility compared to the others. An ambulance helps in different activities of the centre and so many other logistic issues that need transport. The centre will expand its services in the near future.



Care of children with cerebral palsy at Centre pour Handicapés Physiques Shirika la Umoja, Goma, DR Congo  
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# Rwanda

*Providing mental health care, education and care for persons with a disability in a country trying to come to terms with its past.*

Since:	1929
Coordination	Bro. Kizito Misago
Brothers:	24
Co-workers/volunteers	632

SERVICES IN RWANDA:	PLACE
1. Centre Psychothérapeutique Icyizere	Kicukiro
2. Centre Psychiatrique Caraes Butare	Huye
3. Hôpital Neuropsychiatrique Caraes Ndera	Gasabo
4. Centre de jour Humura	Gasabo
5. Home de la Vierge des Pauvres (HVP) Gatagara/Gikondo	Kicukiro
6. HVP Gatagara/Nyanza	Nyanza
7. RBC Ruhango	Ruhango
8. Groupe Scolaire HVP Gatagara	Nyanza
9. HVP Gatagara TVET School	Nyanza
10. School for the blind and visual impaired	Rwamagana
11. School for Mentally Challenged Children/Gikondo	Kicukiro
12. Groupe Scolaire Gatagara	Huye
13. Ecole Maternelle la Charité Maman Andrea	Gasabo



▲ Children with a disability at HVP Gatagara, Nyanza  
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## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Renovations at Rwamagana's school for the blind

A roof of old, handmade clay roof tiles and worn, leaky asbestos cement sheets was a reality at the school for the blind of Rwamagana until recently. In the dry season, asbestos fibres spread through the air and in the rainy season the boarding school had wet mattresses, damp classrooms, poor hygiene, lots of mold... The Assante project of the 2016 'South Travellers', participants of Fracarita Belgium's Journey to the South or 'Zuidreis', and the support of the Province of West-Flanders solved the problem! The roofs were renovated in the first half of 2017 so that the blind and visually impaired students could go to class again in clean and safe classrooms and sleep in comfortable rooms.

The sanitary facilities in the main building of the school for the blind were completely renovated as well. The hygiene was utterly inadequate. The toilets were sanitized, among other things, and they chose tile walls and flooring, which is easier to clean. A world of difference for the centre's 200 blind and visually impaired children and for the people who work there!

### 2 Occupational therapy training in Ndera

Every year, courses in mental health care are set up for our partners in the South thanks to the support of Flemish partnership hospitals and Zorgnet-Icuro. The Sint-Amandus Psychiatric Centre in Beernem, Belgium, facilitated extensive training in occupational therapy at its partnership institution, the Caraes Ndera neuropsychiatric hospital in Rwanda. In the framework of this training, new occupational therapy equipment was acquired and incorporated into the occupational therapy services.

## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 3 Friends Committee of the Brothers of Charity made a memorable visit to Rwanda and the Kivu Region of DR Congo

With the intention of personal acquaintance with the local apostolic works of the Brothers of Charity, a group of 36 participants of the 'Friends Committee' of the Brothers of Charity (mostly business leaders and CEOs) organised a highly appreciated and memorable visit to Rwanda and the Kivu region of DR Congo from 3 to 10 september 2017.

The large delegation, led by the president of the Committee, Belgian Senator Steven Vanackere, and Bro. Stockman, visited the apostolic works Caraes Ndera (psychiatric care), the nursery school and the Humura Day Centre in Gasabo, the school for the blind and visually impaired in Rwamagana, the orthopaedic hospital recently recognized by the Rwandan government and the school for children with disabilities in Gatagara. Followed by a guided tour to the museum in Butare, the school 'Groupe Scolaire Gatagara' and the Caraes Butare psychiatric centre.

This very intensive week has been completed by a successful guided tour of the Sosame psychiatric centre and the ITFM technical school in Bukavu, DR Congo.



▲ Hôpital Neuropsychiatrique Caraes Ndera  
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# South Africa

*Mental health care, care for people with a disability and education with a special focus on the most vulnerable people.*

Since:	1929
Coordination	Mr Benjamin Kazule (since 2018)
Brothers:	12
Co-workers/volunteers	182

SERVICES IN SOUTH AFRICA:		PLACE
	1. Thandanani Centre	Johannesburg
	2. Triest Training Centre	Klerksdorp
	3. Pax Hostel	Polokwane
	4. Pax Institute	Polokwane
	5. Pax Skills Development Centre	Polokwane
	6. Paxajana	Polokwane
	7. Paxana	Polokwane
	8. Saint Conrad's Primary School	Klerksdorp
	9. St. Conrad's High School	Klerksdorp
	10. St. Conrad's Little Saints	Klerksdorp



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Refurbished dormitories and new school bus for South African boarding school

The renovation works of the old buildings and dormitories at Pax Hostel were completed in August 2017. The smell of the septic tanks has been taken away, because it was becoming unbearable for the students. Pax Hostel also managed to purchase a school bus for the junior boys, all this with the money from boarding fees.

Pax Hostel is a boarding school owned and managed by the Brothers of Charity in Polokwane. The majority of the resident pupils follow classes in the secondary school of the Pax College. The majority of students originate from homes whereby they experience extreme poverty. The boarding school offers them the opportunity to grow up in better circumstances and to study. Students benefit from nutritious meals, potable water, good pedagogical supervision and the opportunity for socialisation.





# Tanzania

*Dynamic projects in one of the poorest regions of the country, home to generations of refugees from neighbouring states.*

Since:	1994
Coordination	Bro. Gilbert K. Kilassa
Brothers:	100
Co-workers/volunteers	158

SERVICES IN TANZANIA:	PLACE
1. Saint Cornelius Mental Health Centre	Kigoma
2. Saint Dymphna Psychiatric Centre	Kasulu
3. Rumonge Deaf Cooperative	Kigoma
4. School for the Deaf and Centre for Audiology and Speech	Tabora
5. Sheltered Home Bangwe	Kigoma
6. Mount Tabor	Tabora
7. Care for People with Albinism	Shinyanga
8. Maendeleo Youth Centre	Kigoma
9. Ahadi	Kigoma
10. Educational Resource Centre	Kigoma
11. Kigoma Training College (KTC)	Kigoma
OTHER	
12. Father Triest Dispensary	Dar Es Salaam
13. Aqua Lodge Hotel (Income Generating Activity)	Kigoma
14. Mwanga Hostel	Kigoma



▲ Care for People with Albinism, Shinyanga

▼ Aqua Lodge Hotel (Income Generating Activity), Kigoma



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Go-ahead for Management of Boarding School in Shinyanga

On 17 January 2017, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity and the local authorities in Shinyanga, Tanzania. This means that the Brothers of Charity got the go-ahead to take over the management of the Buhangija Special Education Boarding School.

Quite special about this boarding school is the fact that it accommodates about 200 children with albinism. Albinism is a genetic condition characterized by a lack of melanin causing people to have very pale skin, a hypersensitivity to sunlight, and frequent visual problems. Because of their appearance, these children are often rejected by their parents. Because of superstition, they even run the risk of being killed, because people believe that their limbs have special powers, which witch doctors use to make potions and amulets.

Through the agency of the local bishop, the government asked the Congregation to take over management of this school and particularly to work toward developing better care and education. It will take a lot of energy to improve the quality of care, but the Congregation and Fracarita International see it as a true challenge to restore the human dignity of these children and give them the security that they don't have now.

### 2 Inauguration of the Aqua Lodge Hotel in Kigoma

Aqua Lodge is a small hotel with – for the time being – nine fully equipped rooms and a modern conference room, which the Brothers of Charity in Tanzania want to use to generate extra income to support their apostolic activities. It was inaugurated on 19 January 2017.

Simultaneously, 19 shops were opened as another part of the project. The whole project came about thanks to the support of the Belgian government through the Belgian

embassy in Tanzania and in association with various agencies including Enfora from Belgium and AHD from Burundi. It was coordinated by Fracarita International, Belgium, and Tanzania. The project also includes the organization of education for young people with hearing impairment and social disorders in Rumonge and an agricultural project in Kasaka.

The hotel wants to be a hospitable place for its guests, in the spirit and the specific spirituality of the Brothers of Charity, whose original name was 'Hospital Brothers of Saint Vincent'. That's a definite plus for the Aqua Lodge Hotel.

### 3 Start of additional training module for Nursing and Midwifery at the Kigoma Training College

The Kigoma Training College (KTC), formerly Newman Institute of Social Work, profiles itself on an explicit mission to become a self-sufficient and innovative higher education institution in Tanzania providing high quality education.

The four-year programme for social work, which started in 2000 (until 2011) at Advanced Diploma level, was initiated by the Ahadi International Institute for Distance Learning and the Arteveldehogeschool Ghent, Belgium, under the auspices of the Brothers of Charity and the Diocese of Kigoma.

As of 2012, the KTC will offer, among other things, a certificate of basic social engineer (NTA level 4), a certificate of social engineer (NTA level 5) and a regular diploma in the social sector (NTA level 6). The bachelor's programme in social work is in full preparation.

In 2017, an intensive process was started for an additional training module for Nursing and Midwifery, whereby the management of the KTC (June 2018) is going through the final phase in order to meet the licensing requirements of the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport for the organisation of this training module.





Patients and staff play games at the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre Nhan Ai in Dong Nai, Vietnam



ASIA



# India

## Small-scale initiatives in mental health care and education for vulnerable people in India.

Since:	1992
Coordination	Dr. John Tharakan
Brothers:	35
Co-workers/volunteers	32

SERVICES IN INDIA:	PLACE
1. Jeeva Vihar Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Centre	Calicut
2. Param Mitra Sadan	Ranchi
3. Saint Giuseppe Moscati Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Centre	Sivagangai
4. Saint Peter's School	Ranchi
5. G-SET	Ranchi

### REMARKABLE IN 2017:

#### 1 Belgian nursing students visit psychiatric centre

Students and teachers of the Sint-Augustinusinstituut in Aalst, Belgium, visited the Centre for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Saint Giuseppe Moscati in Sivagangai, India in February 2017. The staff of the Indian centre explained the students everything about the centre. There was also time to ask questions. Afterwards, the students had a group conversation with the patients. Despite the language barrier, the communication went well. It was an interesting and beautiful day for both parties, ended with a delicious meal.



▲ Saint Peter's School, Simalia, Ranchi, India

### REMARKABLE IN 2017:

#### 2 New computer room for the Saint Peter's High School in Simalia

In October 2017, the Saint Peter's High School in Simalia could officially open a fully equipped computer room for the students of the secondary school in the presence of the head of the education department of Fracarita International, Mr. André Ornelis. This computer room is one of the infrastructural requirements for the school authority to be able to apply for CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) affiliation as English medium school.



Yoga Class at the Saint Giuseppe Moscati Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Centre in Sivagangai, India



# Indonesia

*Providing mental health care and ensuring quality education on the islands of Java and Flores.*

Since:	1929
Coordination	Bro. Polikarpus Manao
Brothers:	36
Co-workers/volunteers	319

SERVICES IN INDONESIA:	PLACE
<div>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kunci</li> <li>Renceng Mose</li> <li>Sahabat Kita</li> </ol> </div>	<div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yogyakarta</li> <li>Ruteng</li> <li>Purworejo</li> </ol> </div>
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▼ Sahabat Kita, Purworejo



▼ SD Karitas Elementary School, Yogyakarta



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Don Bosco Institute of the Deaf celebrates 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary

The Don Bosco Institute of the Deaf in Wonosobo celebrated its 62nd anniversary on 31 January 2017. As usual, every time Don Bosco celebrates its anniversary, the school invites LPATR Dena Upakara Wonosobo (Residential School For Girls with Deafness), an Institute owned by a Sister Congregation called PMY. In their turn, when Dena Upaka celebrates its annual anniversary, they also always invite Don Bosco Wonosobo. To celebrate this special day, there was a mass and children played games together and shared lunch.

### 2 Construction works at Renceng Mose

Renceng Mose, the mental health care centre in Ruteng, on Flores Island, was officially opened in 2014. At that time, only the main building was finished, some additional, yet crucial, construction works still had to be carried out. In March 2017 the Brothers started the construction of retaining walls to fortify the adjacent slopes and minimize erosion. Rainwater channels were also installed to cope with the heavy tropical rainfall in this area. The works could not be finalized before the end of the dry season and will therefore be finished in 2018.

The construction project is financed by the Brothers of Charity in the Netherlands, individual donations and some Dutch foundations such as Bantu Anak Anak, Wilde Ganzen and others. This construction project is crucial to allow patients to work on their rehabilitation and reintegration in a safe environment.



### 3 Productivity Training and Education Centre for the Deaf Alumni (PROTECDA) in Wonosobo

For giving the best possible education to our students in the Don Bosco Institute for Boys with Deafness, the school offers a more advanced training: industrial engineering. This new development is called PROTECDA (Productivity Training and Education Centre for the Deaf Alumni). PROTECDA was established through the formal collaboration between two schools and polytechnic university ATMI (Technical Academy of Industrial Engineering).

With this initiative, alumni can choose to develop their knowledge by using high tech industrial machines before they decide to look for a job or continue their studies to a higher level. PROTECDA also gives advantages to other students in Don Bosco who still follow their present curriculum studies. While they still use less-complicated/old machines, they can witness their older friends/alumni dealing with high-tech machines and will be ready when they decide to officially join PROTECDA. The training also provides computer engineering design.

As for ATMI, this polytechnic university in Indonesia received the certificate of ISO-quality assurance in education and production. It is widely recognized for its record in high quality educational and training systems and has also become the role model for technical training systems throughout Indonesia. ATMI has educational partnerships with more than 100 companies in Indonesia. ATMI is managed by the Society of Jesus Province of Indonesia.





# Pakistan

*Mental health care and education for all, in an environment of religious tensions and social injustice.*

Since:	1990
Coordination	Mr. Ashraf Rahmat
Brothers:	7
Co-workers/volunteers	47

SERVICES IN PAKISTAN:	PLACE
1. Holy Rosary Hostel	Gujrat
2. Canon Triest Middle School for Boys Primary Section	Lahore
3. Canon Triest Middle School for Girls Primary Section + Middle Section	Lahore
4. Canon Triest Middle School for Boys Middle Section	Lahore
5. Canon Triest Primary School	Eisa Nagar



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Professor Victoria Patrick visits Fracarita Pakistan Office

Professor Victoria Patrick visited the office of Fracarita Pakistan on 15 May 2017. Professor Victoria Patrick is a writer, teacher, translator, poetess, songwriter, educator and educationalist. She has more than 35 years of teaching experience, having taught for 32 years at the Kinnaird College for Women in Lahore. She is an expert in the field of education. Coordinator Mr Ashraf Rahmat explained her about the services being provided by Fracarita Pakistan. Professor Victoria Patrick appreciated all the work and services of Fracarita Pakistan. She also shared her thoughts with the students.

### 2 'Canon Triest Schools' as umbrella name for schools in Lahore

At the end of 2017, the former Umeed-E-Nau Middle School and Friends Public High School in Lahore were added to the Canon Triest School. Currently, these three schools are run by the Brothers of Charity under the umbrella name of 'Canon Triest Schools'.

### 3 Universal Children's Day

Fracarita Pakistan celebrated Universal Children's Day 2017 on 20 November 2017 by organizing activities (events, games, festivities) in the Canon Triest Schools in Lahore.

United Nations Universal Children's Day was established in 1954 and is celebrated on November 20<sup>th</sup> each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.



# Philippines

*Reducing the stigma associated with mental illness and disability by offering sensitization and professional care.*

Since:	1981
Coordination	Bro. Edcel Lacierda
Brothers:	9
Co-workers/volunteers	29

SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES:	PLACE
1. Holy Face Rehabilitation Centre for Mental Health	Tabaco
2. Saint Dymphna Mental Health Rehabilitation Centre	Gingoog
3. Orthopedagogical Institute	Manila



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Damage to the Holy Face Rehabilitation Centre for Mental Health after typhoon Nina is now repaired

On 25 December 2016, typhoon Nina conquered several areas in the Philippines. It left a trail of death and destruction throughout the Philippines. The Holy Face Rehabilitation Centre in Tabaco was also hit hard by this typhoon. Thanks to the support of Fracarita Belgium and its partners, the damage was largely repaired in 2017. In addition, measures could be taken, such as the construction of drains, to reduce damage in the event of subsequent typhoons.

### 2 Students practise all kinds of household task for later self-reliance

In the Philippine capital of Manila, children and youngsters with mental disabilities from the poorest sections of the population can go to the Orthopedagogical Institute for quality education. Parents do not have to pay sky-high tuition fees, as is the case in other private schools. In contrast to overcrowded government schools, the pupils in the school of the Brothers of Charity are followed up individually and an action plan is drawn up for each pupil. The school wants to prepare its pupils to live as independently as possible in their later lives.

In 2017, in collaboration with pedagogy students of De la Salle University in Manila, thought was given to redesign one of the classrooms into a space in which students can practise all kinds of household tasks that are important for their later self-reliance: preparing food, washing, cleaning, making beds, etc. The classroom was therefore converted by the university students into small living quarters. The cooperation between the Orthopedagogical Institute and the la Salle University was facilitated by Fracarita Manila.

▼ Typhoon Nina damaged our centre in Tabaco



▼ The roof was repaired in the course of 2017








# Sri Lanka

*Reducing the widespread stigma associated with mental illness and mental disability by offering professional care.*

Since:	1988
Coordination	Lucian Ranasinghe
Brothers:	15
Co-workers/volunteers	70

SERVICES IN SRI LANKA:	PLACE
 1. Saint Benedict Menni Mental Health Rehabilitation Centre	Kalmunai
 2. Nisansala Special Training Centre	Ja-Ela
3. Nisansala Special Training Centre	Negombo
4. Saint Joseph Special Education Centre	Batticaloa
5. 'Theeraniyam' Centre for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder	Batticaloa
 6. St. Mary's Boys Home Kalmunai	Kalmunai
7. St. Joseph's Technical Institute	Trincomalee
8. Pre-school	Kalmunai

## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

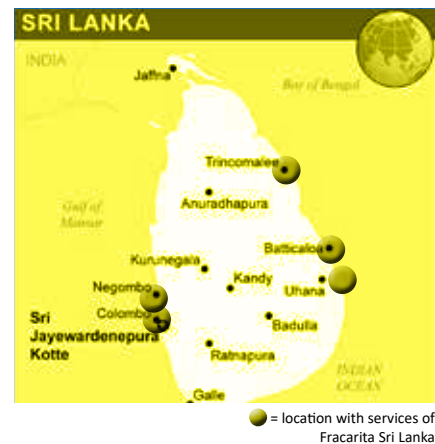
### 1 'Theeraniyam': new initiative for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Theeraniyam, a new centre of the Brothers of Charity since 2017, is located on Sri Lanka's East coast and provides education and therapy to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). In the past, these specially talented children remained at home, attended common schools without guidance or were sent to centres for children with a mental disability, but did not receive any adapted care.

In Theeraniyam, specialized teaching methods are being used and specific support is given to allow these children to develop themselves and learn how to cope with their disorder.

Adolescents with mild ASD can continue to go to common schools under supervision of Theeraniyam. The more severe cases can follow a vocational training at the Brothers of Charity's St. Joseph's Special Education Centre in the same city when they reach the age of 15. On Saturdays, parents are invited for counselling and group activities.

This project received support from the US based International Medical Health Organization and has its classrooms on the property of the Brothers of Charity.



▼ 'Theeraniyam' Centre for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Batticaloa



▼ St. Joseph's Technical Institute, Trincomalee



▼ St. Joseph's Special Education Centre, Batticaloa



# Vietnam

*Pioneer work of mental health care, care for persons with a disability and education for children with autism in southern Vietnam.*

Since:	2003
Coordination	Bro. Dominic Maria Tam
Brothers:	14
Co-workers/volunteers	3

SERVICES IN VIETNAM:	PLACE
 1. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre	Bao Loc
2. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre	Đồng Nai
 3. Collaboration work with children with a disability	Ho Chi Minh
 4. Day Care Centre for Autistic Children	Ho Chi Minh

## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Mooncakes in Đồng Nai

Nhan Ai (meaning 'charity'), a private initiative set up by a local benefactor, is a rehabilitation centre in the southern Đồng Nai Province that provides a home to elderly people, orphans and psychiatric patients. In 2016, the Vietnamese Brothers of Charity took the decision to take up the responsibility to run the psychiatric ward together with local volunteers. The patients receive food, shelter and medical care. The Brothers also organize all kinds of social activities for the patients to improve their mental wellbeing and to show the local population that these patients, notwithstanding their mental illness, are still part of society and should have the right to participate in it. That's why at Nhan Ai, traditional festivals such as Tết Trung Thu, the Vietnamese mid-autumn festival, are celebrated with the patients and volunteers. In 2017, traditional lion dances were performed at the centre for this occasion and the typical mid-autumn mooncakes were distributed among the patients, a symbol of unity and companionship.



▼ Day Care Centre for Autistic Children, Ho Chi Minh City



▼ New Year Celebration in Đồng Nai





# EUROPE






# Bulgaria

# Romania

Addiction care in one of Europe’s top 10 poorest countries, where more than 240,000 persons have an addiction.

Since:	2017
Coordination	Roel Geboers
Brothers:	/
Co-workers/volunteers	15

SERVICES IN BULGARIA:		PLACE
	1. Solidarnost	Sofia



REMARKABLE IN 2017:

1 Installation of ‘Fracarita Bulgaria’ as a new name of the organization and development of a new website

After two-year negotiations with the Brothers of Charity Congregation, we reached the point of association to the network of organizations of ‘Fracarita International’. Bulgaria is the second country on the Balkan Peninsula after Romania to attract the interest of the Congregation. The Brothers of Charity work with disadvantaged people and therefore the programmes of ‘Solidarnost’ are included in their mission. As from the beginning of March 2017, the organization officially bears the name ‘Fracarita Bulgaria’. ‘Solidarnost’ will be kept as name of the project, which includes ‘Solidarnost’ Therapeutic programme and all the other services.

The new website of Fracarita Bulgaria was launched on 4 May 2017. Visit the website here: <http://www.solidarnost-bg.org/>

2 Solidarnost: addiction care in the capital of Bulgaria through three entities

‘Solidarnost’ is a mental health project in Sofia for the care of people addicted to alcohol, drugs or gambling and was founded in 2003. The project consists of three entities. There is a treatment centre, in the form of a day centre, in which 9 to 11 people with addiction problems are supervised continuously with the purpose to successfully reintegrate in society. Secondly, there is a helpline, where people can ask all kinds of questions about addictions and addiction care, both by telephone and via the website. Finally, there is an easily accessible shelter (Posokahouse), located in a district where many people suffer from an alcohol or drug addiction.



▼ Posokahouse in Sofia



Small-scale initiatives for abandoned, underprivileged children and residential care for ill elderly people.

Since:	1994
Coordination	Roel Geboers
Brothers:	/
Co-workers/volunteers	40

SERVICES IN ROMANIA:		PLACE
OTHER	1. Effata (Guidance Centre for Underprivileged Children)	Timișoara
	2. Home for Abandoned Children	Butea
	3. Residential Care Centre for Ill Elderly People	Butea



REMARKABLE IN 2017:

1 Holiday week for Effata’s disadvantaged children in Belgium

Nine people from the Belgian province of Limburg, including two associate members of the Belgian region travelled to Romania as part of an Erasmus project in November 2015. These people organized a holiday in Belgium for eight disadvantaged children from the Effata support centre in Timișoara from 1 to 8 July 2017. The children and the two mentors who were visiting stayed with a group at the Saint Ferdinand Orthopedagogical Centre in Lummen for the week. For these children, everything was their ‘first time’. Travelling by plane was new to them, as well as the first time swimming in the sea or the first boat trip. Despite the language barrier between the children and the volunteers who accompanied them everywhere, genuine friendships were forged.

Effata was founded by the Brothers of Charity in 2001, initially as a day centre for young people with HIV. Later, this initiative evolved into a centre for after-school support for disadvantaged children from the neighbourhood. Currently, 25 children from 6 to 14 years of age are accommodated at Effata. In addition, there are two side projects in schools in Timișoara, where another 100 disadvantaged children, including many Roma youth, receive support from Effata.

2 Visit to the projects of the Missionare Dello Passione Sisters in Butea

In the autumn of 2017, a new group of volunteers formed in Hasselt, Belgium, and inspired by Franciscan spirituality, were looking for a project in Romania to which they could give support. It was decided to support the projects of the sisters in Butea in northeast Romania. During the visit, it became clear that there was a need for certain material goods for older, bedridden people. In April 2018, an important part of the requested goods will be delivered in Butea. The Brothers of Charity support two projects in Butea through the Missionare dello Passione Sisters: the residential care centre for ill elderly people and a home for children who were placed there by child protection.





# LATIN AMERICA





# Brazil

# Nicaragua

*Giving a warm home to vulnerable children in a country with one of the highest degrees of income inequality in the world.*

Since:	1998
Coordination	Bro. Eric Verdegem
Brothers:	2
Co-workers/volunteers	8

SERVICE IN BRAZIL:	PLACE
 1. Aldeia Infantil Estrela da Manhã	São Sebastião de Amoreira



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 A year full of activities in the small children’s village of Estrela da Manhã

In 2017, 20 adolescents took part in the project ‘young people in apprenticeship’. This unique project is very important for youngsters from poor families to give them a better future perspective. Its main objective is to contribute to their personal, social and professional education. The training consists of various modules: interpersonal relations, personal development, human rights, legislation at work, ethics, consumption and quality. The students also participated in volunteer activities for 6 to 14-year-olds, working on building interpersonal relationships, communication and conflict resolution.

The children’s village also started with cooking workshops with reference to the different cultures and recipes. There were interactive activities that brought a lot of joy and harmony. In parallel with the cooking workshop, the youngsters followed courses/training sessions that improved their skills in mathematics, learning to count, estimating quantities, organisation and planning.



For the third time in a row, there was a talent contest in Aldeia Infantil Estrela da Manhã. After a few weeks of preparation, the competition was opened with a drama by the educators, followed by fantastic performances of the children and youngsters.

Finally, the children’s village organised another championship in athletics: high jumping and far jumping, short and long distance races. This is very important for the psychomotor development, the emotional and social education of the youngsters. The children’s village in Brazil sees sport as an important event to provide rules and boundaries, essential for healthy interpersonal relationships. It is the concrete and effective response that they are trying to give to the fight against drugs, because even in the small village of Amoreira, with its 9,000 inhabitants, the use and trafficking of drugs remains a major problem.



*Bringing hope to children and youth affected by exploitation, in a country where tensions are still running high.*

Since:	2009
Coordination	Bro. Jimi A. Huayta Rivera
Brothers:	1
Co-workers/volunteers	19

SERVICES IN NICARAGUA:	PLACE
 1. Programa de Intervención Psicosocial ‘Jesús Amigo’	Granada
 2. Programa de Reintegración Socio-Familiar ‘Casa Amanecer’	Granada



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Director of Nicaraguan centres participates in meetings of Fracarita Latin America

The director of the ‘Casa Amanecer’ and ‘Jesús Amigo’ centres, Mr Ronald Aguirre, visited Peru for the first time at the beginning and middle of 2017 to participate in the planning and evaluation meetings of the operational plans of the programmes administered by Fracarita Latin America. During his stay, Mr Ronald also did internships at ‘Escuela de Vida’ in Peru to share experiences and acquire new knowledge that can contribute to the programmes in Nicaragua.

### 2 New watertanks for ‘Jesús Amigo’ centre in Granada

In cooperation with the Roncalli Foundation, two water tanks were built to improve the water storage and distribution at ‘Jesús Amigo’. In this way, the children will have better conditions of service and sanitation.

### 3 Dutch primary school raises funds for ‘Casa Amanecer’

Students of the Dutch primary school ‘De Berckacker’ participated in a campaign to raise funds for the benefit of ‘Casa Amanecer’, in collaboration with Fracarita Netherlands. Thanks to the campaign, ‘Casa Amanecer’ is able to purchase sports equipment such as balls and t-shirts. This improves the development of the centre’s recreational activities.








# Peru

*Providing care to children and adults with a mental illness or disability in a region recovering from years of fear and terror.*

Since:	1962
Coordination	Bro. Jimi A. Huayta Rivera
Brothers:	3
Co-workers/volunteers	74

SERVICES IN PERU:	PLACE
 1. Centro Especializado de Salud Mental de Ayacucho (COSMA)	Ayacucho
 2. Centro de Rehabilitación en Adicciones 'Escuela de Vida'	Lima
 3. Centro de Educación Básica Especial 'Pedro José Triest' (CEPETRI)	Lima



▼ Centro de Educación Básica Especial 'Pedro José Triest' (CEPETRI), Lima



## REMARKABLE IN 2017:

### 1 Local news interviewed CEPETRI's principal for the access interruption to the school

Local Peruvian media interviewed Mrs Gabriela Morote, CEPETRI's principal, to learn more about the problem they had with cargo trucks that used the passage of the school as a parking lot, thus blocking the entry of students and putting them at risk. Fortunately, after this interview, the municipality of the district contacted the school in order to provide a prompt solution and punish drivers who violated the safety of children and their families.



### 2 CEPETRI's educative enforcement programmes made a big impact

In 2017, there have been 16 educational reinforcement workshops in the SAANEE programme, and there were 214 assistances (teachers and support students) for the inclusive children. During the year, 497 trainings have been carried out, 145 home trainings and 351 trainings at school with parents and their children.



The SAANEE programme aims at improving the conditions of inclusion for children from CEPETRI in regular basic education, through the programme of Support and Counselling Services for the care of Special Education Needs (SAANEE).

### 3 Documentary about Escuela de Vida and COSMA

In alliance with Toulouse Lautrec, a higher educational institution in Peru, two groups of students filmed a documentary in Escuela de Vida about a patient who successfully recovered from an addiction after a rehabilitation programme. The documentary followed him and his family during his recovery.



At COSMA, the students interviewed patients of political violence and patients who have been diagnosed with schizophrenia. They share their progress of recovery since they have received treatment at COSMA. The final documentaries have been presented at an internal contest and at the services' beneficiaries.

### 4 Construction of roofs at common areas of Escuela de Vida's residence

Thanks to a project financed by the Roncalli Foundation, the roofs of various rooms in Escuela de Vida were repaired. It concerns the roofs of the therapy hall, the office for the staff, the recreation room and the room where workshops take place. This contributes to the comfort of the centre's residents and staff.





# International Advocacy



## Discussing mental health with World Council of Churches in Geneva

Mr Prakash Goossens (International Advocacy) presented Mental Health Programmes of the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity to the Health Committee of the World Council of Churches in Geneva on 9 October 2017.

Fracarita International (FI) and the World Council of Churches (WCC) are keen on collaboration in the field of mental health. FI and WCC organized a Conference with the topic of 'breaking the chains of stigma in mental health' during the

World Mental Health Day in Geneva, Switzerland. As a positive outcome of that conference, both faith-based organizations explored possibilities to collaborate in the field of mental health.

In 2017, WCC launched the designing of a new Health Strategy (2018-2022) and would like to forward mental health as one of their priorities. Mr Prakash Goossens had the occasion to give a presentation on the Congregation, Fracarita International and the involvement in mental health.

In 2018, the next steps will be to start-up concrete small steps in the collaboration on the field. WCC is especially interested in the mental health expertise, training, and capacity building modules of the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity. Secondly, WCC endorses fully the global campaign of Fracarita International on breaking the stigma in mental health. The combination of awareness and capacity building might be very useful for the different health workers of WCC around the globe.



▲ Mr. Prakash Goossens (fifth from the left, with blue coat) was present on behalf of Fracarita International and the Brothers of Charity

## Fracarita International endorses that mental health is included in the UN Sustainable Development Goals

For the first time, world leaders are promoting mental health and well-being, and the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, as health priorities within the global development agenda. The inclusion of mental health and substance abuse in the Sustainable Development Agenda, which was adopted at the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015, is likely to have a positive impact on communities and countries where millions of people will receive highly necessary support.

This is envisioned in the declaration as a place “where physical, mental and social well-being are assured” in staying in line with the WHO definition of health. Specifically, goal 3 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focuses on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages.



*“The inclusion of mental health under the health goal is a historical turning point. Finally these diseases are getting the attention they deserve. Through their 169 interactive and synergistic targets, the SDGs seek to move the world towards greater fairness that leaves no one behind.”*

Dr M. Chan, WHO Director-General

Within the health goal, two targets are directly related to mental health. Target 3.4 requests that countries: “By 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being.”

The adoption of the Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan in 2013 by the World Health Assembly paved the way for the inclusion of mental health and substance abuse in the SDGs. Mental health and substance abuse are very poorly resourced at present. Through the SDGs they are likely to become part of country development plans and of bilateral and multilateral development assistance. This could mean that millions of people will finally receive support.



▲ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all



# Giving a voice to the voiceless

**Fracarita International is involved in advocacy for its vulnerable target groups. Through its special consultative status at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (UN), its presence in international organizations such as the International Catholic Centre of Geneva (ICCG), its awareness raising campaigns and the celebration of international days, Fracarita International aims to make the “voice of the voiceless” heard by national and international policy makers.**

## 1. Dr. Guislain Award 2017

On 10 October 2017, World Mental Health Day, the Dr. Guislain Museum and Janssen Research & Development, LLC named **Dr. Sotheara Chhim** the 2017 winner of the Dr. Guislain “Breaking the Chains of Stigma” Award. The award honors Dr. Chhim for his extraordinary efforts developing mental health services in Cambodia through scientific therapeutic approaches.

Dr. Chhim is the executive director and senior consultant psychiatrist of the Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO) Cambodia, the country’s leading Non-Government Organization (NGO) in the field of mental health care and psychosocial support. Under his leadership, TPO Cambodia has developed and implemented programmes to raise awareness about psychosocial and mental health conditions in many parts of Cambodia. Dr. Chhim and TPO have also provided mental health counselling, treatment, and specialized services for prisoners, gender-based violence survivors and torture survivors. To date, more than 220,000 patients and families have benefitted from his and his team’s work.



▲ From left to right: Bro. Stockman (Superior General of the Brothers of Charity and President of Fracarita International), Dr. Sotheara Chhim (2017 winner Dr. Guislain Award) and Mr Stef Heylen, M.D. (Chief Operating Officer, Development, Janssen Research & Development)

## 2. International Conference on Anti-Stigma

Fracarita International participated at the International Conference on ‘Anti-stigma’, organized by One of Us, in Copenhagen (Denmark) from 20 to 22 September 2017. This 8<sup>th</sup> conference against stigma in mental health focused on ‘Overcoming barriers in minds and society’. The aim of this conference was to create an overview on research, campaigns and other initiatives combatting stigma as well as providing a deeper understanding of effective methods for identifying and challenging knowledge, attitudes and behavior constituting barriers in minds and society. The reason for Fracarita International’s participation is its promotion of the campaign ‘breaking the chains of stigma in mental health’ and to give international exposure to the mental health services of the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity. More info: <http://www.againststigma2017.com/>



## 3. World Mental Health Day

On 10 October 2017, the World Health Organization organizes World Mental Health Day. Fracarita International gives its full support to this worldwide initiative.

The psychiatric centres of the Brothers of Charity in Latin America, Asia and Africa were also invited to organize different activities at the occasion of World Mental Health Day (see below).

### List of activities organized by our country offices for World Mental Health Day:

**Theme WMHD 2017: Depression, let's talk.**

#### Burundi

**Centre Neuro-Psychiatrique Kamenge (CNPK), Bujumbura:**

- Broadcasting of television and radio spots;
- Mobile hospitals in the Province of Makamba;
- Integration project of mental health care;
- Leisure activities and sensitization activities
- Celebrations at the National Institute of Public Health (INSP).

#### DR Congo

**Centre de Santé Mentale ‘Tulizo Letu’, Goma**

- Sensitization activities through local media, organizations and companies;
- Mass;
- Speeches by several representatives.

#### Centre Hospitalier Jukayi, Kananga

- Visit of the city’s Mayor, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Bishop and the Governor;
- Speeches;
- Cocktail drink for all participants.

**Centre Neuro-Psychiatrique Dr. Joseph Guislain, Lubumbashi**

#### Fracarita Latin America

- Fracarita Latin America attends to the MINSA event for the WMHD where the reform of mental health care was presented and discussed;
- Collage of the awareness activity with the collaborators of Fracarita Latin America’s office.

#### Ivory Coast

**Maison de Soins Psychiatriques Saint Vincent de Paul, Yamoussoukro**

- Promotion of the services provided in the centre;
- Rehabilitation and sensitization activities
- Invitation of patients, relatives, friends and staff;
- Special guests;
- Conference and mass.

#### Nicaragua

**Programa de Intervención Psicosocial ‘Jesús Amigo’, Granada**

- Advocacy;
- Discussion group about the importance of educational and cultural values at home;
- Risks of a misuse of free time.

#### Peru

**Centro Especializado de Salud Mental de Ayacucho (COSMA), Ayacucho**

- Training on psychotherapeutic intervention of children as victims of family violence;
- Broadcasting in local media about COSMA and the participation of private enterprises and social organizations to boost mental health care;
- Diffusion of campaign “Doses of vitamins for the soul”;
- Interviews in the local media;
- Information fair.

**Centro de Diagnóstico, Psicoterapia y Rehabilitación en Adicciones ‘Escuela De Vida’, Lima**

- Workshop with the residents in social reintegration stage and their families, about the importance of mental health;

- Workshop about the importance of mental health with Escuela de Vida residents, combined with recreational and sports activities.

#### Philippines

**Holy Face Rehabilitation Centre for Mental Health, Tabaco City**

- Physical fitness enhancement programme (zumba and dancing).

**Saint Dymphna Rehabilitation Centre for Mental Health, Gingoog City**

- Wall painting contest and team building activities (theme for this year: “Managing Mental Health in the Workplace”).

#### Tanzania

**St. Dymphna Rehabilitation Centre, Kasulu**

- Sensitization programme about stress (causes, types, symptoms, consequences, coping with stress, Q&A session);
- Providing information about stress to students of two schools in Kasulu;
- Speech by the director of Saint Dymphna Psychiatric Centre;
- Breaking the chains.



▲ Playful activities at an information fair at Centro de Salud Mental de Ayacucho (COSMA), Peru



## News from the main office



### **May: Open World Day panel discussion in Bruges**

Fracarita International took part in a panel discussion at the Major Seminary of Bruges on Open World Day on 3 May 2017. Open World Day is an initiative of Kontinenten vzw and Misson Pastoral Work. The aim was to find answers to questions such as ‘How do the congregations see mission pastoral work today?’ and ‘What do they want to continue to invest in?’



### **June: Visit of Mgr. Lode Aerts, bishop of Bruges**

On 12 June 2017, the Brothers and team members of Fracarita International were delighted to welcome Mgr. Lode Aerts, the new bishop of Bruges, to ‘Huize Leven’. Mgr. Aerts received a warm welcome from Bro. René Stockman, Superior General of the Brothers of Charity. The visit started with a reflection, followed by a presentation of Fracarita International’s activities and a conversation with the Fracarita International team.



### **August: Mr Luc De Schepper passed away**

Mr Luc De Schepper, staff member of Fracarita International in Bruges, passed away in Ghent on Monday 14 August 2017 after a long illness of almost two years. Since 1 October 2014, Luc was employed as a fundraiser of Fracarita International. Later on, from January 2015, he became the coordinator of Fracarita International. Luc was on sick leave since September 2015. We deeply regret that we lose Luc, who was a dedicated colleague who always gave himself totally for his duty for the sake of people in need.



### **September: Celebrating 50 years of ‘BFOS’**

On Monday 18 September 2017, an event was held in the Gothic Hall of the Bruges City Hall marking the 50th anniversary of the Bruges Development and Cooperation Fund (BFOS) with the theme ‘The sense of development cooperation in a historical perspective’. BFOS has subsidized dozens of development projects over the past few years, including a Fracarita International project. Since 2015, BFOS has advised the city council on project support in the South.



### **November: Successful fundraising dinner**

On November 9th, Fracarita International and Fracarita Belgium held their fourth fundraising dinner. The joint event was very successful. No less than 70 supporters attended the dinner. The profit of this evening will go entirely to initiatives in the Great Lakes Region in Africa that pay attention to education, awareness and access to medication for people with epilepsy (2017 South Action Campaign of Fracarita Belgium: <https://zuidactie.wixsite.com/stanislas>)

## News from the regional fundraising offices

### **Manila, the Philippines**

The Papal Foundation granted the proposal for the start-up fund of livelihood activities per centre. The foundation granted 13,050 USD for the three centres. The planning and implementation of this project was facilitated in the course of 2017. Another fund arrived for the Orthopedagogical Institute in Manila. This grant came from Pondo ng Pinoy Foundation, a local foundation under the Archdiocese of Manila. It granted 1,600 USD for a livelihood programme which is part of the curriculum of the institute.

### **Rome, Italy**

In 2017, Fracarita Italy received donations from different Church Authorities, private persons and other foundations for the benefit of the Centre Psychothérapeutique in Bangui, Central African Republic. For more details about this project, you can read page 13 (Central African Republic) in this annual report.

### **Ghent, Belgium**

#### **Annual campaign**

In 2017, the annual campaign of Fracarita Belgium raised an amount of 142,062 EUR for its epilepsy centres in Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, and Tanzania. In Africa, nearly 1 in 67 people have epilepsy, three times more than in Belgium. Seven out of ten people go without any form of treatment in Africa, particularly due to ignorance. Often the condition is not considered a physical problem that can be treated medically, but rather a punishment for an alleged sin. Most people with epilepsy can lead a perfectly normal life. With medication, the seizures can be completely suppressed in most cases. People can work again, study, raise a family... and build a real future. Because epilepsy is a medically treatable condition, nothing more than that...

The proceeds of the 2017 South Action Campaign will be used to raise more awareness on epilepsy in the heart of Africa and will support the poorest patients to obtain their much needed medication. The different facilities and services of the Brothers of Charity in Belgium participated in the South Action campaign by informing their pupils, students, patients and clients about the campaign’s theme and by organizing a whole range of fundraising activities. On November 9th, a fundraising dinner was organized for this campaign by Fracarita Belgium and Fracarita International in the town of Maldegem, Belgium (see page 50).

#### **50th anniversary**

On Sunday 28 May 2017, Fracarita Belgium celebrated its 50th anniversary with a presentation and concert in the chapel of the Dr. Guislain Psychiatric Centre in Ghent. Fracarita Belgium was established as ‘Caraes’ in 1967, on the occasion of the establishment of a psychiatric centre of the same name in Rwanda, the first psychiatric centre in the country. In order to be able to work with government funding, it was necessary to establish a legal entity both in Belgium and in Rwanda. A few years later, Caraes became the first certified NGO for development cooperation of the Brothers of Charity. Since the international reform within the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity, Caraes was renamed ‘Fracarita Belgium’ and several more offices were founded on different continents.

### **Eindhoven, the Netherlands**

Fracarita Netherlands took a good look at its own organization in 2017. The conclusion of their scrutiny was short but fine: more focus on the local level. They set to work right away. And so, in the first half of the year, there was a wonderful collaboration with primary school ‘de Berckacker’ in Veldhoven. The children had classroom visits about a shelter for street children in Nicaragua. A charity run enabled them to buy sports equipment. Later in the year, there was an Advent campaign together with Sint-Joris parish from Eindhoven to buy teaching materials for children in Pakistan. In addition to these two campaigns, there was a Lent campaign at Eikenburg chapel and a charity bicycle ride organized by Bro. Frans.

In the course of the year, the fundraising for the 2016/2017 annual campaign was successfully completed, in aid of the psychiatric centre in Ruteng, Flores, Indonesia. As a result, the construction of the wall around the Renceng Mose Centre could be started in order to improve the safety of the patients.



# Financial Figures

of Fracarita International and its regional fundraising offices

## € EURO

	Fracarita International ivzw	Fracarita Belgium	Fracarita Netherlands	Total 2017
<b>COMBINED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 2017 - EURO</b>				
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Services and miscellaneous goods	1,555,896.83	93,402.17	26,750.00	1,676,049.00
Staffing costs	254,321.84	731,985.92	112,500.00	1,098,807.76
Depreciations	25,048.93	3,435.44	-	28,484.37
Other operational costs	1,011.40	2,084,460.68	-	2,085,472.08
Financial costs	997.92	168.38	153.00	1,319.30
Exceptional costs	246.71	197.05	-	443.76
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,837,523.63</b>	<b>2,913,649.64</b>	<b>139,403.00</b>	<b>4,890,576.27</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Donations, contributions, subsidies,...	1,722,460.93	2,936,238.17	112,500.00	4,771,199.10
Recovery	10,473.09	1,486.38	28,817.00	40,776.47
Financial revenues	11,834.29	8,212.13	257.00	20,303.42
Exceptional revenues	241,709.38	-	-	241,709.38
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,986,477.69</b>	<b>2,945,936.68</b>	<b>141,574.00</b>	<b>5,073,988.37</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>148,954.06</b>	<b>32,287.04</b>	<b>2,171.00</b>	<b>183,412.10</b>

### COMBINED BALANCE SHEET FOR 2017 - EURO

<b>ASSETS</b>				
Intangible fixed assets	-	432.37	-	432.37
Material fixed assets	322,673.00	7,217.22	-	329,890.22
Accounts receivable > 1 year	118,000.00	2,018,499.25	57,161.00	2,193,660.25
Accounts receivable < 1 year	193,943.24	490,507.77	871.00	685,322.01
Investments	992,378.79	501,139.30	-	1,493,518.09
Liquid assets	78,189.48	193,950.02	-	272,139.50
Deferred charges & accrued income	116,457.32	167,587.85	-	284,045.17
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,821,641.83</b>	<b>3,379,333.78</b>	<b>58,032.00</b>	<b>5,259,007.61</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Funds of the association	1,231,836.02	502,208.21	11,451.00	1,745,495.23
Appropriated funds	-	-	-	-
Transferred loss	-1,017,781.88	-	-	-1,017,781.88
Transferred profit	-	17,637.03	-	17,637.03
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Accounts payable < 1 year	483,729.18	255,595.09	44,410.00	783,734.27
Accruals and deferred income	974,904.45	2,603,893.45	-	3,578,797.90
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>148,954.06</b>	<b>32,287.04</b>	<b>2,171.00</b>	<b>183,412.10</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,821,641.83</b>	<b>3,411,620.82</b>	<b>58,032.00</b>	<b>5,291,294.65</b>

## \$ USD

	Fracarita International ivzw	Fracarita Belgium	Fracarita Netherlands	Total 2017
<b>COMBINED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 2017 - USD</b>				
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Services and miscellaneous goods	1,863,746.58	111,882.72	32,042.76	2,007,672.06
Staffing costs	304,641.96	876,816.65	134,759.25	1,316,217.86
Depreciations	30,005.11	4,115.18	-	34,120.29
Other operational costs	1,211.52	2,496,892.07	-	2,498,103.59
Financial costs	1,195.37	201.70	183.27	1,580.34
Exceptional costs	295.52	236.04	-	531.56
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,201,096.06</b>	<b>3,490,144.36</b>	<b>166,985.28</b>	<b>5,858,225.69</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Donations, contributions, subsidies,...	2,063,267.05	3,517,202.25	134,759.25	5,715,228.55
Recovery	12,545.30	1,780.48	34,518.73	48,844.50
Financial revenues	14,175.82	9,836.98	307.85	24,320.65
Exceptional revenues	289,534.00	-	-	289,534.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,379,522.17</b>	<b>3,528,819.71</b>	<b>169,585.83</b>	<b>6,077,927.71</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>178,426.11</b>	<b>38,675.35</b>	<b>2,600.55</b>	<b>219,702.02</b>

### COMBINED BALANCE SHEET FOR 2017 - USD

<b>ASSETS</b>				
Intangible fixed assets	-	517.92	-	517.92
Material fixed assets	386,517.08	8,645.22	-	395,162.30
Accounts receivable > 1 year	141,347.48	2,417,879.51	68,470.88	2,627,697.87
Accounts receivable < 1 year	232,316.85	587,559.64	1,043.34	820,919.82
Investments	1,188,730.86	600,294.72	-	1,789,025.58
Liquid assets	93,660.05	232,324.97	-	325,985.02
Deferred charges & accrued income	139,499.57	200,746.78	-	340,246.35
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,182,071.88</b>	<b>4,047,968.76</b>	<b>69,514.21</b>	<b>6,299,554.86</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Funds of the association	1,475,567.09	601,575.13	13,716.69	2,090,858.92
Appropriated funds	-	-	-	-
Transferred loss	-1,219,160.20	-	-	-1,219,160.20
Transferred profit	-	21,126.69	-	21,126.69
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Accounts payable < 1 year	579,439.84	306,167.13	53,196.96	938,803.93
Accruals and deferred income	1,167,799.04	3,119,099.81	-	4,286,898.85
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>178,426.11</b>	<b>38,675.35</b>	<b>2,600.55</b>	<b>219,702.02</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2,182,071.88</b>	<b>4,086,644.12</b>	<b>69,514.21</b>	<b>6,338,230.21</b>

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