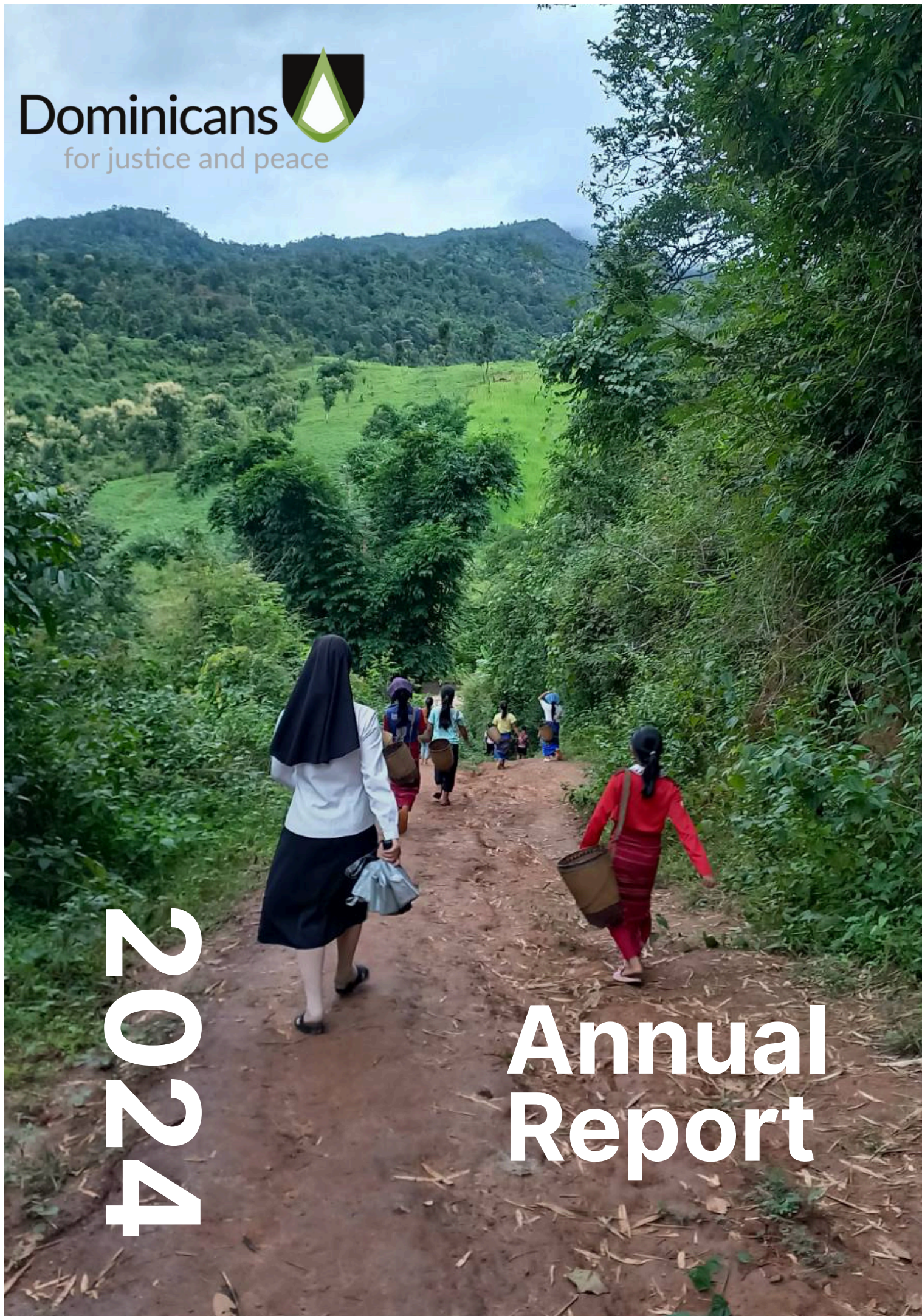


2024

**Annual
Report**



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear FRIENDS,

We are pleased to present to you the report of the Dominicans for Justice and Peace which represents the work of our brothers and sisters who are present at the United Nations in Geneva, Nairobi, and Vienna.

This year 2025, we celebrate Jubilee Year, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". The "theology of the jubilee year" as read in Old Testament is complemented and completed by Jesus' messianic mandate in the New Testament:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:16-21)

To a significant sense, this is the reason for the presence of the Dominicans at the United Nations – to bring the good news to the poor, to the oppressed, to those who suffer injustice.

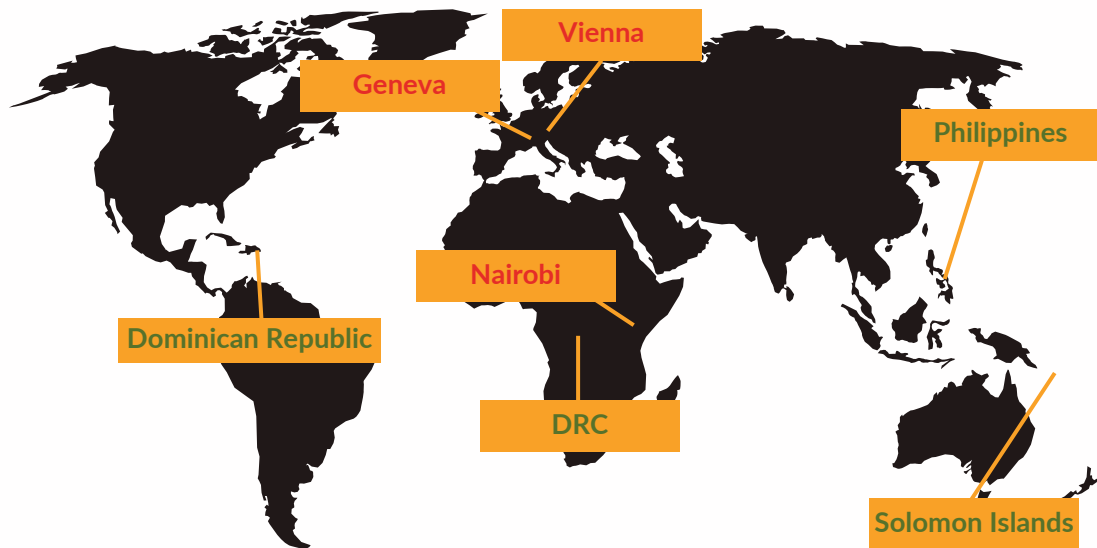
In this Jubilee Year, Pier Giorgio Frassati (April 6, 1901 - July 4, 1925) will be canonized a saint. He was a member of the Dominican Laity, who was called a "man of the Eight Beatitudes by St. John Paul II. He has inspired countless people worldwide, especially the youth. One of his biographers called him a "Daredevil Athlete, Roguish Prankster, Unrelenting Activist and Unexpected Mystic"! That is the kind of personality that can truly inspire people with diverse backgrounds. And he did inspire young people to aspire *verso l'alto*, towards the top, not just to go with him to mountain peaks but also to see the grandeur of creation and adore the Creator. But Pier Giorgio's most profound encounter with God on a "mountain" was on the mount of the Beatitudes" (Matthew 5). When asked how he could stand visiting the filthy and smelly home of the poor, Pier Giorgio responded: *Gesù mi fa visita ogni mattina nella Comunione, io la restituisco nel misero modo che posso, visitando i poveri*, "Jesus comes to me every morning in Communion, and I return the visit by going to serve the poor." As a member of Catholic Action, he said: "Charity is not enough: we need social reform."

This is the same spirit which inspires the Dominicans for Justice and Peace at the UN. As you can see in the following pages, it is a huge task which fr. Aniedi Okure, our dedicated representative at the UN, and his team cannot sustain without your support.



FR. GERARD FRANCISCO TIMONER III, OP
PRESIDENT

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



Offices

Current
engagement



TEACHERS

from 20 different schools from private and public sectors in the Philippines trained on how to educate about climate change and human rights



COMMUNITY MEMBERS

interviewed on the impacts of cobalt and copper mining on local populations, with a focus on women and youth, in Likasi, DRC



STATES

reached during the UN Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Dominican Republic to inform about human rights violations of migrants of haitian nationality and persons of haitian descent



PARTICIPANTS

from various faiths around the world attended the COP29 online Interfaith Talanoa Dialogue

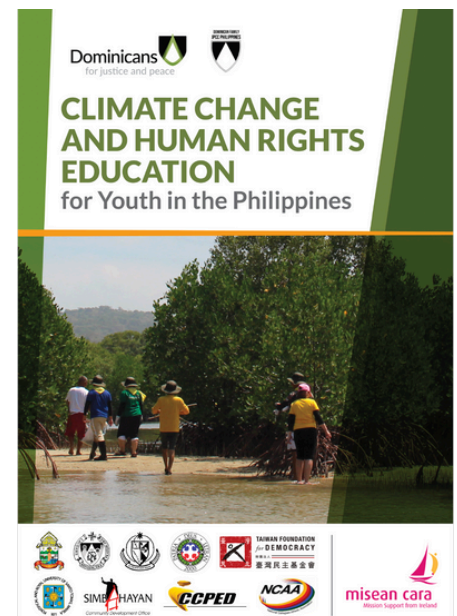
MILESTONES IN 2024

TAKING THE LEAD IN CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES



As one of the countries most affected by climate change, the Philippines' most vulnerable communities bear the greatest burden. In response, Dominicans for Justice and Peace (UNOP) launched an initiative to raise awareness among young Filipinos about the human rights impacts of climate change. The organisation developed a new educational resource, entitled Climate Change and Human Rights Education for Youth in the Philippines (CCHRE). Designed to support school administrators and teachers, this handbook is the first of its kind in the country, integrating climate change and human rights into compulsory education.

It discusses the intricate relationship between people and the environment while emphasising the crucial role of education in addressing the climate crisis and its impacts on human rights. In just three months, thousands of students benefited from the handbook's teachings.



“ By empowering our children to recognise the significant human rights impacts of climate change, we hope that they themselves will work together to mitigate its effects.”

Fr. Aniedi Okure OP

EMPOWERING WOMEN AND YOUTH: A TRAINING MODULE ON THE IMPACTS OF ARTISANAL MINING IN LIKASI

Dominicans for Justice and Peace conducted capacity-building sessions and community data collection in Likasi, DRC, to assess the impacts of cobalt and copper mining. The workshop, attended by 22 participants, aimed to raise awareness of the consequences of artisanal mining, not only on individuals and communities but also on their surroundings and the environment. Following the workshop, community visits and data collection were carried out to document the perspectives and experiences of local populations, particularly women and youth, regarding the impacts of artisanal mining in their lives. Building on these efforts, Dominicans for Justice and Peace, in collaboration with the sisters running a local literacy program, developed a training module designed to raise awareness and encourage women and youth to transition out of the mining sector by exploring alternative livelihoods.



RAISING URGENT HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS IN HAITI, UKRAINE, MYANMAR, AND VENEZUELA

Dominicans for Justice and Peace monitored Human Rights Council sessions at the UN on Haiti, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Venezuela, ensuring that our partners in these countries were informed in a timely manner about international community efforts to address their situations. To further amplify their concerns, we shared short statements on social media, denouncing the injustices taking place. We also joined 137 organisations in condemning the abusive deportations of Haitians in Dominican Republic and co-signed a declaration at the UN highlighting Haiti's humanitarian crisis. Finally, to strengthen advocacy efforts in Venezuela, we provided training to the local Dominican Justice and Peace Commission to help them prepare for the upcoming Universal Periodic Review with the aim to enable them to effectively raise concerns before the UN regarding the critical situation in the country.



PARTICIPATION AT THE COP29 IN BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

Dominicans for Justice and Peace participated in the annual UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, to advocate for the intersection of climate change and human rights. To bolster exposure and capacity-building, a teacher and a student from a school in the Philippines joined the UNOP's delegation. Among the various initiatives organised was the coordination of a side event highlighting the non-economic impacts of climate change on people's lives. In the lead-up to COP29, UNOP co-organised the Annual Interfaith Talanoa Dialogue. This gathering served as a pivotal moment, offering faith-based organisations and climate justice advocates a platform to exchange views.



ADVOCACY

EVENTS

- Interfaith Talanoa Dialogue
- World Café on Sustainable Business and Innovation
- Human Rights in the Philippines
- Launch of the CCHRE Philippines
- COP29 and HRC Side Events on Non-Economic Loss and Damage

STATEMENTS

- COP29 Call to Action
- Mining in the DRC
- Appointment of the UN Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights
- Abusive Deportations in the Dominican Republic
- Working Conditions in Central Romana's Sugarcane Fields
- Human Rights and Humanitarian Crisis in Haiti
- Appointment of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to a Healthy Environment

REPORTS

- CCHRE Philippines
- UPR Nigeria
- UPR Dominican Republic

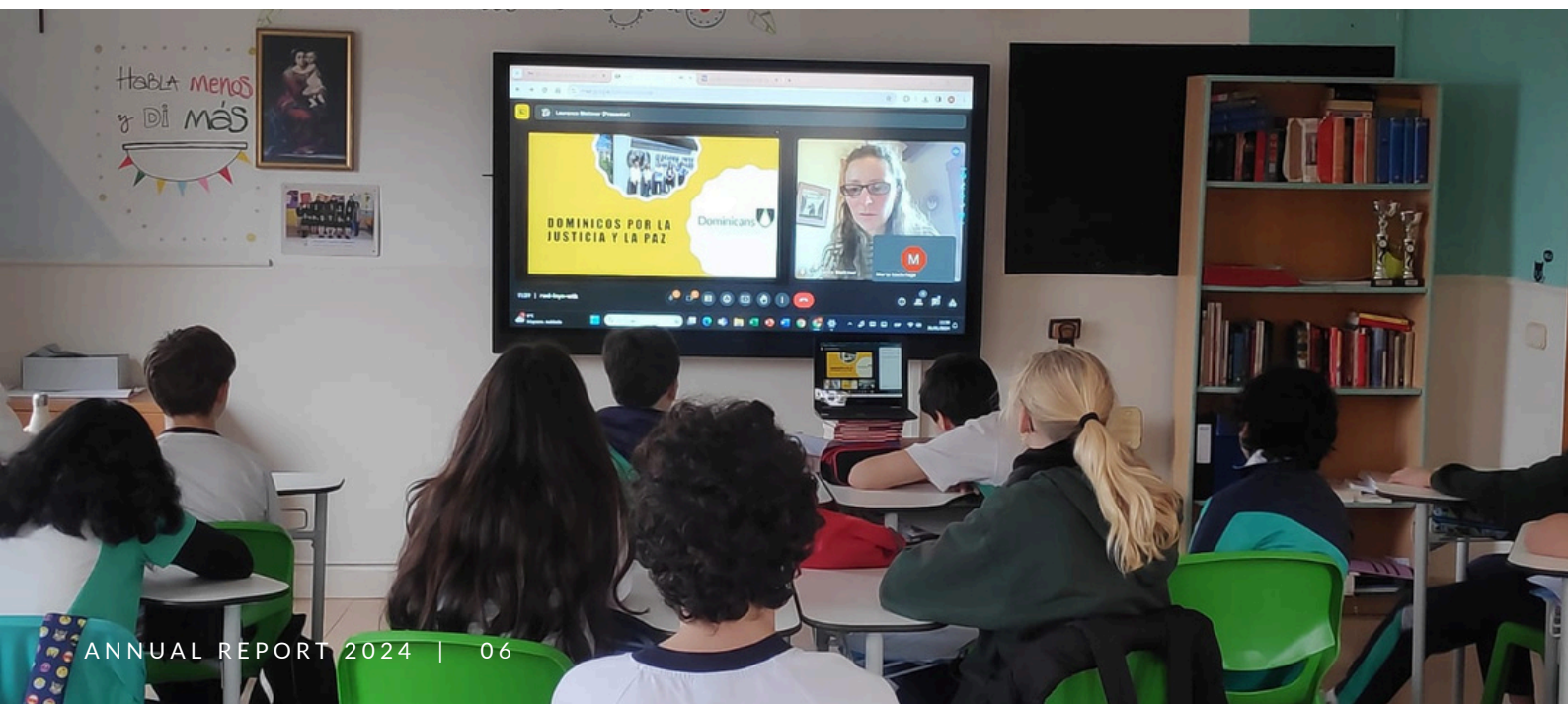
TRAINING

ON SITE

- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Philippines

ONLINE

- Venezuela
- Solomon Islands
- Spain



OUR IMPACTS

EMPOWERING YOUNG GENERATIONS



Over the years, UNOP trained Innocent Madrandele, a young advocate from the DRC. He **became a trainer on the good governance in the mining sector, passing on his knowledge and inspiring others on the advocacy work.**

“Having been selected to participate to COP29 was a blessing. There I was, a young lady just starting to find her footing in the world of climate advocacy. It opened my eyes to the realities of global negotiations, the inequalities we must confront, and the importance of youth voices in these spaces.”

Candice Dangilan, Environmental Planning student at Miriam College, Philippines



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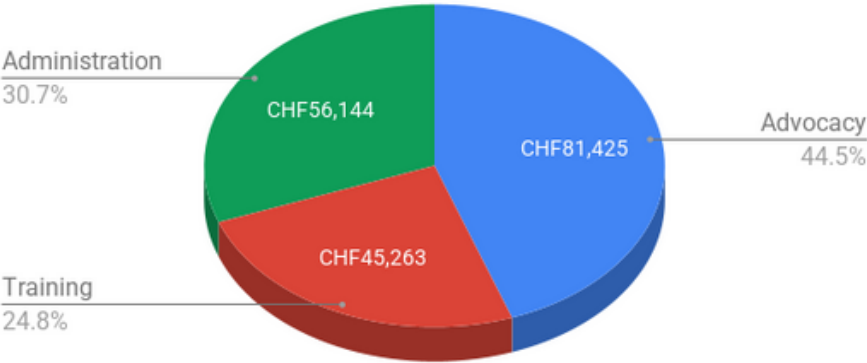
**Statistic based on a survey sent to all teachers participating in the project.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

2024

	2023	2024
INCOME		
Fundings	146,966.25	144,719.58
Donations	15,624.60	58,691.19
Other incomes	-3,729.94	-3,127.11
Total INCOME	158,860.91	200,283.66
EXPENSES		
PROGRAMMES		
Advocacy	61,032.35	81,425.29
Training	65,140.02	45,263.28
Academic engagement	0.00	0.00
Total PROGRAMMES	126,172.37	126,688.57
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	26,075.78	56,144.15
TOTAL EXPENSES	152,248.15	182,832.72
Net Income	6,612.76	17,450.94

Expenses 2024



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Thank you!

To our donors and volunteers!

We deeply appreciate the generosity of our donors and volunteers, whose financial and in-kind contributions made our advocacy efforts and trainings possible in 2024. As a non-profit organisation, we rely on external support to carry out key initiatives that benefit our partners in the various countries. Your commitment enables us to continue this vital work.

Thank you for standing with us!

We are also pleased to have established a strong internship partnership with Providence College in the United States, which sends us motivated and committed interns each year.

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