



Annual Report 2019-2020

La Salle International Foundation, Inc.



*Starting in December 2019, a highly contagious coronavirus spread to every continent in the world causing schools to close, individuals to quarantine, economies to collapse, hospitals to overload, people to panic, and the poor to suffer even more.
Yet amidst global chaos, generosity of the human spirit blossomed.*

Highlights of the Year

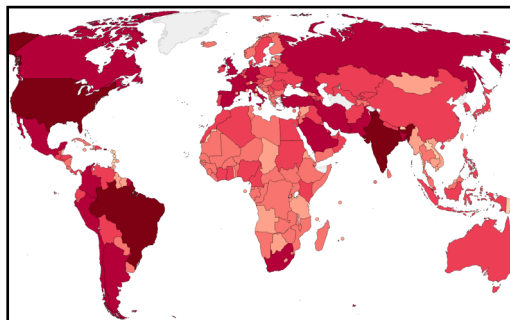
- *Responding benevolently to Covid-19*
- *Educating Stateless Youth in Thailand.*
- *Building Global Collaboration.*



Covid-19: Pandemic Benevolence

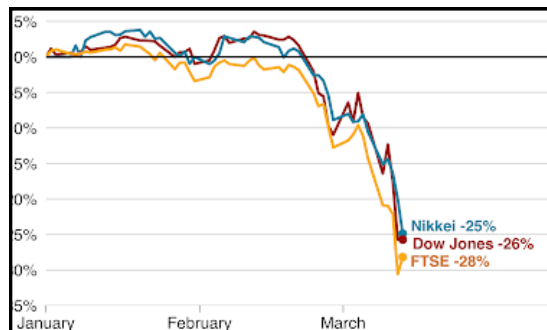
Suspected of originating in the Huanan Seafood Market of Wuhan, China, a novel coronavirus began its lethal journey in December of 2019. Eventually, it would travel to every continent in the world. By February 2020, the World Health Organization would designate the disease caused by this virus as COVID-19, and a month later the WHO would declare its spread an official “pandemic.”

European countries were among the first to battle the spread of coronavirus, but ubiquitous international travel, quickly spread the virus around the globe.



Picture showing the global distribution and intensity of the coronavirus at the end of July, 2020.

The pandemic caused enormous social and economic disruptions, and fractured the health-care systems of many countries. It resulted in the postponement or cancellation of sporting, religious, cultural and political events.



Stock market performance at the start of Covid-19.

Recognizing the harsh effects COVID-19 could have on the developing world, La Salle International teamed up



Campaign materials coordinated by the Solidarity Secretariat in Rome helped to create uniform optics for the COVID-19 International Appeal and to link our efforts with other International NGOs around the world.

alumni, faculty, staff and students around the world. The campaign raised social awareness and financial support for emergency, humanitarian action among vulnerable peoples.

This campaign involved approximately 150 collaborative key-stakeholders from all Lasallian regions, utilized publications in 10 different languages, and resulted in more than 350,000 social media contacts. Supporters enthusiastically submitted photos and videos of hope, and they organized fundraising initiatives to help people affected by the coronavirus, particularly in the developing world. We are grateful to the many benevolent donors whose sponsorship empowered extensive humanitarian activities in fragile areas around the world.

The funds collected supported such initiatives as securing face-masks, disposable

with De la Salle Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS to start a global campaign for COVID-19 relief in developing countries.

Using the Lasallian network, collaboration was initiated among Districts, NGOs, non-profits, Young Lasallians,



COVID-19's mortalities were especially difficult on frontline health care workers such as nurses and doctors.



gloves and other PPEs for students and families, providing disinfectants, accommodating the homeless, and feeding the impoverished.

During this campaign, La Salle International raised \$107,302.31 USD and used funds directly to support emergency, humanitarian actions in



Lebanon, Jerusalem, Kenya, Madagascar, Peru, Rwanda, Florida, Thailand, and the United States. To maximize its impact, La Salle International grouped some of its relief funds with other International NGOs to address needs in Africa, Asia, South America and the Caribbean.

More than 70,000 direct beneficiaries were served through the combined efforts of La Salle International and its associated

entities, the vast majority being located in developing nations.

As part of the International COVID-19 Appeal, students launched Facebook and Twitter campaigns encouraging everyone to stay in their homes, wash their hands frequently, and stay safe.





Educating Stateless Youth in Thailand

It is a familiar routine. Each morning, stateless adults and their children cross the border from Myanmar through the Three Pagodas Pass. The parents will labor in northern



Thailand's rubber factories all day for about \$1.50 in wages and then return to the forests of Myanmar to pass the night. Ineligible for public primary education, a nearby charity school has been constructed specifically for these otherwise neglected children.

Because the government prohibits permanent structures on the border, the school creatively has been constructed from bamboo. Along

with an associated structure in nearby Sangklaburi, more than six hundred children are educated each day.



La Salle International supports the work of the Bamboo School in



Sangklaburi, Thailand, which is a primary school for the education of stateless children. (Stateless children lack citizenship: they fail to be officially recognized by either Myanmar or Thailand.) Through this innovative educational program, the children are taught academic fundamentals as well as the Thai language. Upon graduation, the students receive public documentation which is formally recognized by the government, thus allowing them to attend public middle and high school in Thailand. The Bamboo School enables otherwise stateless and marginalized children to be assimilated into the public educational system. In doing so, the children break out of the poverty into which they were born.

This year, La Salle International teamed up with the Lasallian foundation in Australia to construct a new science and administration building. Closed on one-side to the prevailing winds and rain, the opposite side has large windows from which to view the canopy of the rainforest.



Students meditate before the school day begins, preparing themselves for the day. With a view overlooking the rainforest, La Salle International's newly constructed building featuring an open-air ground floor café, is in the background.



Building Global Capacity

In an effort to build collaboration and leverage the fund-raising capabilities of the Lasallian network, the Solidarity and Development Secretariat in Rome is bringing together 40 people from around the world for capacity building via Zoom conferencing.

To guide the process, a well-known UK-based international consulting firm, Caplor Horizons, has been retained.



The program aspires to: (i) increase strategic effectiveness; (ii) establish a consistent operational model for the design and delivery of activities; (iii) strengthen teams; (iv) engage leadership effectively, and (v) develop a more collaborative culture. The program is designed not only to advance the Institute's Secretariats, but also to build capacity, develop resources, and enhance the operations of all participants as well as their local and regional operations. As such, it will bring enhanced professional value to the participants as well as organizational effectiveness to the De La Salle Institute.

Peter Stemp, a Director of La Salle International and Associate Director of the De La Salle Solidarietà – ONLUS, is coordinating this initiative. La Salle International Foundation is assisting with the coordination of this project as well as participating fully in the informational sessions which are designed to extend over the next two to three years.

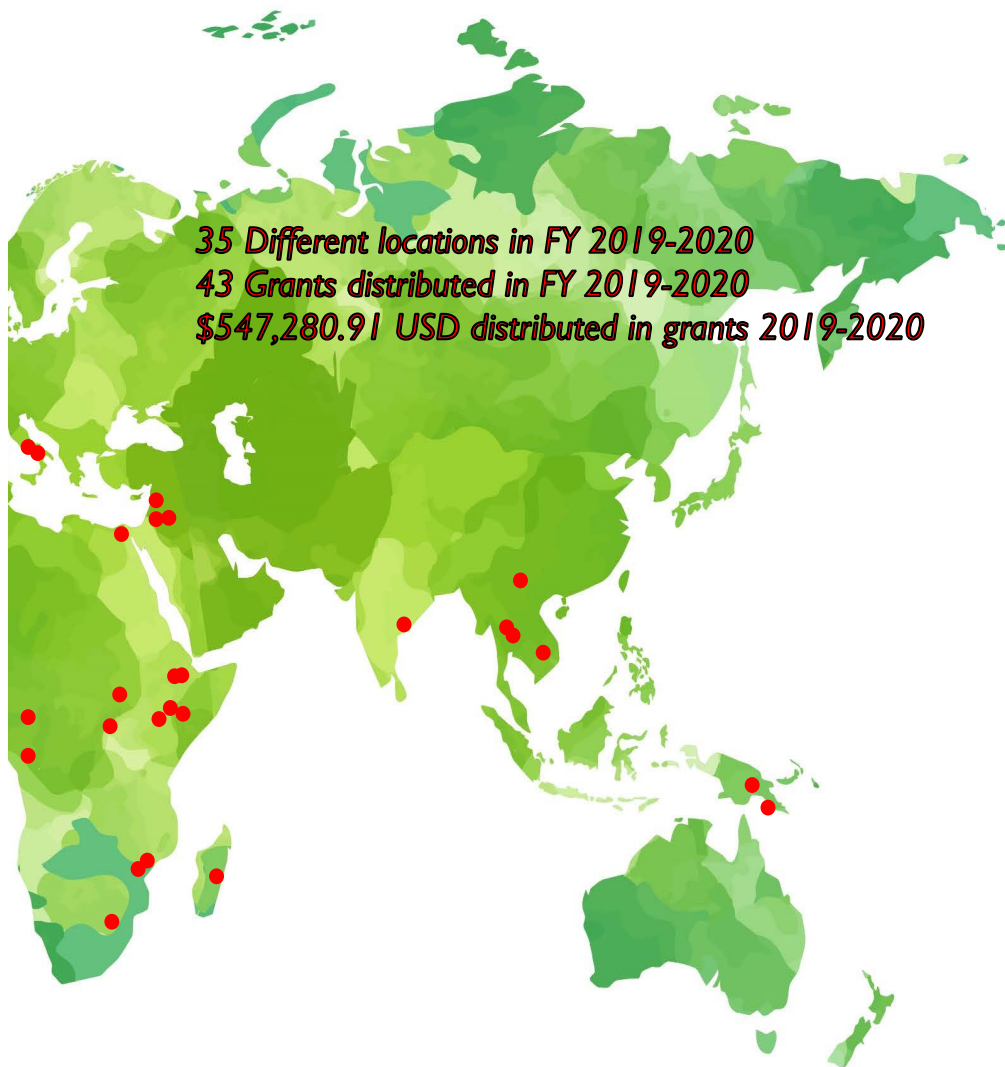


*Location of Support Offered by La
During FY 20
(Map does not include recipient locations from ξ*





by La Salle International Foundation
for FY 2019-2020
to support International Covid-19 Relief efforts,





Grants 2019-2020

Ananindeua, Brazil	Women's programming	\$ 14,260.00
Île de la Tortue, Haiti	School photovoltaics	\$ 17,000.00
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	School grant	\$ 1,000.00
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Educational support	\$ 1,000.00
Beauvais, France	International sponsorships	\$ 65,640.00
Beira, Mozambique	Disaster relief	\$ 20,232.51
Bethlehem and Jerusalem	Student sponsorships	\$ 41,200.00
Cairo, Egypt	Special needs children	\$ 10,000.00
Caracas, Venezuela	Student hunger relief	\$ 3,879.38
Dakmil, Vietnam	School property purchase	\$ 17,500.00
Elementaita, Kenya	HIV hospice support	\$ 1,000.00
Hohola, Papua New Guinea	Vocational equipment	\$ 15,000.00
Homestead, Florida	Covid-19 relief	\$ 10,000.00
Huehuetenango, Guatemala	School grant	\$ 8,555.00
Ipoh, Malaysia	School Repair	\$ 19,070.00
Mamoeramanjaka, Madagascar	Covid-19 relief	\$ 4,500.00
Mbalmayo, Cameroon	Women's scholarships	\$ 500.00
Minnesota, USA	Educational research	\$ 616.59
Nairobi, Kenya	Student scholarships	\$ 5,000.00
Nyeri, Kenya	Student sponsorships	\$ 61,800.00
Port-au-Prince, Haiti	School grant	\$ 3,000.00
Rebiamul, Papua New Guinea	Children's programming	\$ 19,400.00
Rome, Italy	Educational advocacy	\$ 541.87
Rome, Italy	Covid-19 relief	\$ 35,308.81
Rumbek, South Sudan	School Construction	\$ 31,895.80
Rustenberg, South Africa	Women's health	\$ 3,000.00
Rwanda, Madagascar, and Peru	School grant	\$ 49,939.40
Sangklaburi, Thailand	School Construction	\$ 43,800.00
Scampia, Italy	School grant	\$ 1,081.55
Tamil Nadu, India	School bus purchase	\$ 20,000.00
Tripoli, Lebanon	Therapeutic equipment	\$ 19,860.00
Tumba, Congo	Women's health	\$ 1,700.00
	Total Grants	\$ 547,280.91



Financial Disclosures

In accordance with our status as a 501(c)(3) public charity, a Form 990 has been filed with the Department of the Treasury for the fiscal year beginning 1 July 2019 and ending 30 June 2020. We have also filed with the Department of Regulatory and Consumer Affairs, Washington DC.

Total revenues received by La Salle International during FY 2019-2020 were \$540,965.11. Of this, \$547,280.91 was distributed directly to charitable causes and, when combined with net assets or fund balances from the previous year, \$45,916 of assets remain in the Foundation. There are no restrictions, conditions or limitations on these remaining funds. All gifts have been acknowledged and funds tracked. Copies of current and previous IRS 990s are available from La Salle International and our books are open to public inspection.

During FY 2019-2020, La Salle International Foundation closely assisted the development efforts of the De La Salle Solidarity International ONLUS in the solicitation and/or reporting requirements for grants serving Lasallian operations in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Sri Lanka, Congo, Kenya, Pakistan, Vietnam, Madagascar, Cameroon, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Burkina Faso, Thailand, Eritrea, Chile, and Peru.



The Foundation is grateful to our individual, corporate and foundation benefactors who have partnered with us in assisting worthy global projects. Through your support, we were selected the **“2020 Best Philanthropic Organization in Washington DC.”** Thank you!



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