



2015
Annual report

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Message from the President

Dear CM Co-partners, Friends;

Peace to ALL!

Welcome to Caritas Mongolia's 2015 Annual Report. It has always been my pleasure to encourage and witness positive changes taking place in Caritas Mongolia, as an institution, and in a way, assisting me in my pastoral mission of Christian Charity!

Over the years, CM has grown to become an effective, efficient, and trusted Organization. I am always delighted to hear words of encouragement from CM partners visiting Mongolia. The very fact that today Caritas Mongolia plays an important role in the newly established Central Asia Sub Region is in itself a sign of trust and growth!

I am glad to see that CM is becoming more and more a real tool for the Prefecture in reaching out to my brothers and sisters, living in less humane conditions and longing for solidarity and love. The involvement of CM in pursuing the integral human transformation, reconnects me to "Gaudium et Spes", as I am reminded that: "The joys and hopes, the sorrows and anxieties, of the women and men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way oppressed, these are the joys and hopes, the sorrows and anxieties, of the followers of Jesus Christ."

My sincere thanks and appreciation to all who trust Caritas Mongolia, allowing it to be a real instrument of Solidarity, Support, and Love-in-Action!

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

+Msgr. Wenceslao S. Padilla, C1CM
Apostolic Prefect / Bishop



Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

This year again, kindly accept the 2015 Annual Report of Caritas Mongolia, and as you move from page to page you will be introduced to the activities and achievements of the “Social Arm” of the Apostolic Prefecture of Mongolia.

As you will notice in this report, it is with pride that I can say we are growing. Our activities and programs are having an impact, and our reach is increasing. This is not true only in Mongolia, but it is true in the Region as well. Thanks to the trust of colleagues within the Region, CM was elected to sit in the Regional Commission, representing the Central Asia Sub Region; CM hosted a workshop, organized for the Sub Region; thanks to our President, CM has its new and permanent headquarters... So many signs of trust and also of responsibility! Thus, Caritas Mongolia will continue striving to deserve such a trust.

2015 was a very important year: CM started a new venture with a Day Care Center and responded to an emergency situation. But the year announced also many things to come in 2016: the end of some of our main projects such as “Innovative Farming Approaches in Mongolia” (IFAM), “Capacity Building of extension services and cooperatives in rural areas of Gobi-Altai Province” (CESCO). All this to happen as the new Strategic Plan will start being prepared.

To each and all of you I wish a pleasing reading, while expressing our gratitude for the time you give to go through these few pages; they will surely help you to know a bit more about Caritas Mongolia.

Fr. Pierrot KASEMUANA

1

Family and Gender Program 1: Skill Training Center (STC)



At the beginning of 2015, STC sketched out its main objective, namely to empower and skill about 85 women through sewing programs and to reach out more than 1,500 persons through its other different trainings and activities.

By end of the year, 77 beneficiaries underwent training programs for the Mongolian Traditional clothing, Western Style Clothing and Handicrafts; and 558 persons benefited from the micro business program, enabling them to generate income for a better livelihood. They also benefited from some cooking classes, guiding them to diversify their eating habits. Thanks to some organized workshops, they were made aware of some socio-economic issues directly or indirectly affecting them, these include, among others: domestic violence, human trafficking and migration.

More and more, STC is making its way into the society as it is well appreciated by beneficiaries and local administrative authorities; not only we have training programs, but the after-graduate support (equipment, rental costs, textiles...) is seen as an added value, in



accompanying beneficiaries to become self-employed. This year 27 individuals and groups benefited from the program. As a result, visible changes are taking place in the life of these households and most importantly these women reclaimed their self-esteem and dignity.



'External' stakeholders also appreciate STC, and this can be seen as the number of visitors from Embassies, young volunteers and scholars from abroad goes up.

In terms of future perspectives, the Skill Training Center (STC) will continue providing its programs with focus on quality. Also, in past years, STC mostly focused almost exclusively on "teaching", however in 2016 more out-reach programs like family visits and counseling.



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Family and Gender Program 2: Day Care Center (DCC)



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Thanks to its partners, CM was able to purchase two big Gers to serve as the DCC and also to repair and renovate an old building, transformed into DCC kitchen, next to a small room to serve as the teachers' and medical room.

After a time of administrative and logistical preparations, Caritas Mongolia was able to kick off the real running of its *Day Care Center* on June 16, 2015. Coming from very poor families, DCC has provided healthy, nutritious meals to 20 children; this goes from tea upon arriving to real meal at noontime, including some “*merianda*” in between meals. The menu is weekly altered to assure a balanced diet for the children. Beyond the natural need of the children to be fed, DCC gives them the opportunity of having a daily proper meal for the sake of their physical, mental and intellectual growth. DCC also provides the children with an opportunity for medical checkup and treatment to ensure they are in good health and not become a danger for others because of some contagious sicknesses, such as hepatitis. This is a real opportunity for the children as parents are unable to offer such a chance.





The very existence of the DCC in Bayankhoshuu area has brought an added value to Caritas Mongolia since a very urgent need of the inhabitants is being answered to, although in a very limited manner.

Not only selected children and parents are grateful to CM and its partners, but also local authorities and neighbors find the project very relevant and hope for better set up in the future.



3

Food Security and Innovative Farming Approaches in Mongolia Project-II (IFAM-II)



CM has become well known in Mongolia thanks to, among others, its IFAM-II project through the introduction of Passive Solar Green Houses, adapted to the local weather conditions and the promotion of vegetables' intake.

The project is currently covering 2 Soums of Uvurkhangaï Province and 3 Districts of Ulaanbaatar, reaching out more than

200 households through various capacity building workshops, innovative construction measures and income generating activities.

Another highlight of the project is the Research and Development component, through which CM works in partnership with academics, INGO/NGO's and other like-minded institutes.

Among the 2015 key implemented activities, we can mention that:

- Under 5 different topics, 71 trainings were organized for 1085 beneficiaries
- 98 Passive Solar Greenhouses (PSGH) were built with 50% contribution from beneficiaries
- 11 Trench Greenhouses (TGH) were constructed by the beneficiary households
- 8 PSGHs are constructed for Research and Development purpose
- Beneficiaries have been organized to form and establish 9 new groups.





One of the highlights in 2015 was an “exchange of experience” event, organized in Ulaanbaatar among urban and rural beneficiaries. Thanks to this event, beneficiaries from Khar-khorin and Arvaikheer joined those in Ulaanbaatar; they visited the commercial and household greenhouses, as well as the Research & Development field of CM. This turned out to be an interesting and enriching experience, as they shared respective best practices accordingly.

In 2015, CM continued giving priority to the training of its staff members in order to become more and more professionals in the way they serve people. Following the long-standing tradition of Caritas Asia, Representatives from CM joined the CREAM exposure in Nepal. The dramatic earthquake that took place at that time could not prevent participants to learn from other Asian Member Organizations.

Next to this, 8 staffs were sent for a study tour to Huh Hot, Inner Mongolia, where they found out that some of the practices can be adopted to the Mongolian context.

In addition to this, the project staffs were involved in various capacity building trainings including developing of proposals; data analysis “SPSS” program application, leadership, trainer’s skills and team building workshop within the country.



4

Capacity Building of Extension Services and Cooperatives in the Rural Areas (CESCO)



The Capacity Building of Extension Services and Cooperatives in the Rural Areas of Gobi-Altai Province (CESCO) project was on track according to planned activities and expected results despite the delay of few activities.

This year was particular as we received Mrs. Inna Baida from EU who came for a Result Oriented Monitoring visit on the process

implementation of the project. Thus, after her evaluation and based on the External Result Oriented Monitoring Report, the logical frame was revised to reflect recommended changes and new ideas. This brought the project team to develop an Exit Strategy and consider actions to improve the trainings and other services methodology, keeping in mind that this project officially ends by the end of 2016.



10 more cooperatives joined the action, totaling up to 31 cooperatives, comprising approximately of 2,110 members in the 8 target Soums. The project also went through financial auditing.

The project focused more on provisions of technical assistance to cooperative groups to improve horticulture productions. Consequently the action provided a total of 12 trainings for both cooperatives and horticultural aspects, involving 861 individual beneficiaries, government extension officers and cooperative members.

The Action beneficiary cooperatives planted 16 various types of seeds including wind protection bushy plants in 269.35-hectare land and in a 1,414-sq/m greenhouse. The updated harvest information showed sum of 3924.8 kg of leafy and berry vegetables, 18 tons of potatoes, 76 tons of barley and 34 tons of green fodders.



5

Voluntary Return and Social Reintegration



Through this program, CM works with some European partners for achieving the social and economic reintegration of Mongolians returning home after an unsuccessful stay in Europe. This year, CM supported returnees coming from Belgium and England with the cooperation of Caritas Belgium and “Refugee Action”, England. Contract for cooperation with Refugee Action came to an end in December.



CM welcomed a delegation from Belgium, coming for monitoring and auditing purposes. The program team also implemented a project called **“Surprising Europe”** in cooperation with Maatwerk Bij Terugkeer, Netherlands, funded by the European Return Fund. The project allowed some publications, including an article on a local daily newspaper; notebooks and pens all for distribution during the awareness raising workshops, meetings and discussions among women and youth group in both Ulaanbaatar and Uvurkhangai Province.

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Emergency



Between April 01-04, 2015, Mongolia was hit by devastating blizzards with heavy snow. Although the whole country was touched, 9 provinces were seriously affected. This happened at a time when people were less expecting such a devastating disaster in April, theoretically it is already mid-Spring in Mongolia. When the disaster hit, many people were caught up either on roads

as they were travelling, or in very isolated places while camping. Depending on locations, the snowfall was between 40 cm to more than 2 meters high. Consequently, many roads became out of proper use, and hardly be found, making it almost impossible to reach out to affected areas. With a goal to help them, Caritas Mongolia started disaster risk reduction activities in Uvs province.



Within the province the most affected areas were rural towns of Malchin, Naranbulag, Olgii, Omongobi, Tarialan and Ulaangom. According to rapid needs assessment there was loss of human lives, homes, properties and livestock. The storm has also brought suffering from lack of drinking water, food and basic medical assistance.

The DRR actions organized by CM included 4 main categories. Around 50 households were given livestock to keep their lives on and another 8 households were given Mongolian Gers. In consultation with the local government and local Emergency Management Agency CM built 3 new fully functional water deep wells in different places. Moreover public awareness raising workshops were held in different Soums to help residents know more about disaster risk reduction. Children aged between 4 to 10 in all Soums were given short lessons by their teachers about emergencies and domestic accidents and how to prevent, which are clearly illustrated by 16 different cartoony posters. The local Emergency Management Agency will continue giving small lessons to the kindergarten and schoolteachers using the provided visual aid material.



7

Supporting Greener and More Energy Efficient Construction Industry in Mongolia



This project is led by Caritas Czech Republic, with Caritas Mongolia as one of the implementing partners. Due to some delays, and after some negotiations with the EU, the project was extended for 6 months up 30 June 2016. However, Caritas Mongolia was able to achieve its assignments as per the signed MoU; these included the following aspects:

- To identify vocational schools to work with the project
- To organise training with the teachers on the construction related topics
- To monitor the teaching of the new contents
- To include the new contents into the existing curricula



With the aim of introducing in the civil construction the green practices in Mongolia, the project signed MoUs with 7 more partners (5 vocational schools, 1 college and 1 university) totalling up to 16 educational institutes since 2013.

About 590 students have access to an updated content thanks to available student's books and CDROMs at the school libraries. Thanks to all these efforts, the action was able to inspire and increase the interest among the students for the greener and more energy efficient construction practices.

For more effectiveness and wider coverage, the project advocates the integration of these training materials into the national academic program in order to increase students' ecological awareness for them to recognize the benefits of the emerging green construction practices.

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Meeting, Capacity Building and Travels



- **Mar 09-11.** Emergency Leadership Training for CA Directors and the Asia Regional Conference, Thailand. Attendant: Fr. Pierrot



- **Apr 19-26.** CREAM, Nepal. Attendants: S. Dalaisaikhan, S. Altantuya and beneficiary S. Gotov



- **May 15-17.** CI General Assembly, Italy. Attendants: Fr. Pierrot, O. Byambajav, J. Nasanjargal and Ts. Baasansuren



- **May 19-Jun 17.** One Human Family Food for All International Campaign, France. Attendant: J. Nasanjargal

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■ **Jun 3-5.** AHT Conference, Thailand.
Attendants: B. Bolortsetseg and G. Erdene



■ **Jul 22-24.** CA Regional Commission Meeting, Thailand. Attendee: Fr. Pierrot



■ **Aug 19 – Sep 3.** Young Caritas - Volunteer's Meeting, France. Attendees: Camille. L and B. Bolortsetseg as group leaders and 3 volunteers B. Azjargal, S. Mijid, and H. Myagmarsuren



■ **Nov 4-7.** Right to Food Core Committee Meeting, Thailand.
Nov 9-10. CI Emergency Toolkit Training, Thailand. Attendees: S. Dalaisaikhon and J. Nasanjargal



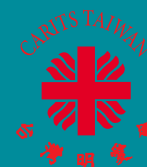
■ **Oct 19-21.** CI-MS Coordinator's Training, Thailand. Attendee: B. Bolortsetseg



■ **Dec 7-13.** Study Tour to Huh Hot, Inner Mongolia. Attendees: 8 staff and 7 beneficiaries.

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Volunteering & Internship



CM has been collaborating with Secours Catholique-Caritas France on volunteering and internship activities since 2014. This year CM sent four young volunteers to France to take part in the annual youth gathering, giving them opportunity to share the different ways of being a volunteer in Caritas. After the event, they found the experience very enriching and fruitful. Indeed, our new young volunteers are convinced that helping people for free is a worth service.

CM also received one intern-student from Paris Est Creteil University, France and two groups of volunteers from France and Taiwan.

Ms. Camille Lacaze, the intern-student, had an immersion experience within CM and got involved in the different CM Programs for 6 months. The French scouts helped in the Food Security program, the Day Care Center and the Skill Training Center for about 2 weeks. Then followed a group of 4 students from Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan, who volunteered for the Food Security and Family & Gender programs for 2 weeks. STC was again happy to welcome Ms. Tereza and Mrs. Guo. A now well-known volunteer from Taiwan who provides training to both STC teachers and beneficiaries.



10 Others



Central Asia Sub Regional Workshop in Ulaanbaatar

Upon the official decision from the Caritas Asia Regional Conference 2015, held in March, in Bangkok, the Central Asia Sub Region was formed comprising of members in Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan.

Consequently the first Central Asia Sub-Regional Workshop was organized in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia between 11 and 14 August being sponsored and facilitated by Caritas Internationalis, Caritas Asia and Catholic Relief Services.

The presence of H.E. Wenceslao Padilla, CICM, Bishop and President of Caritas Mongolia, accompanied by some of the CM Board members, was a sign of support and encouragement. As was expressed by the bishop, it was a great honor for Caritas Mongolia to be appointed as the host organization for this workshop. The main results from the workshop were having an Action Plan and forming of its Steering Committee.

With the material and financial supports from many the event was successful thanks to the facilitation task of Mr. Aloysius John, in charge of "CI Institutional Development and Capacity Strengthening", and Mr. Eleazar Gomez, the Caritas Asia Regional Coordinator.





Inauguration of CM Headquarters

Caritas Mongolia, the Social Arm of the Apostolic Prefecture of Ulaanbaatar, in view of planning and implementing its humanitarian and socio-developmental programs, was offered, by Bishop Wenceslao PADILLA, CM President, to use from now onwards the Northern wing, #138 of the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral as its permanent Headquarters' Office.

The presence of the Bishop, the CM Board members and friends made the opening ceremony special. The new venue is believed as a place that will surely motivate employees to be more performant and dedicated to their respective tasks.

Timeline 2015



February

- Visit Fr. Antony Samy Irudayaraj and Ms. Yoko Yokoyama from Caritas Japan.



April

- Visit of a film crew from Caritas France



June

- One Human Family Food for all International Campaign in France

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March

- Visitors from Fu Jen University, Taiwan



- Emergency preparedness workshop for staff by NEMA on natural disasters: Flood, Fire, Snow storm and Earthquake

May

- Sport day



- CI General Assembly in Italy



- Visit of Ms. Teresa and Mrs. Guo from Caritas Taiwan



August

- Central Asia Sub-Regional Workshop in Ulaanbaatar



October

- Result Oriented Monitoring visit from EU for CESCO project



- CM Outing

December

- Inauguration of CM Headquarters



- Study Tour to Huh Hot, Inner Mongolia



2016

July

- CA Regional Commission Meeting in Thailand



September

- CM Volunteers participated in Young Caritas Event held by SCCF, France
- Visit of a film crew from Misereor, Germany



November

- Executive Director Fr. Pierrot as keynote speaker in Social Enterprise international conference at Fu Jen University, Taiwan



For Family & Gender Program:



Training Notebook



STC Brochure



DCC Leaflet

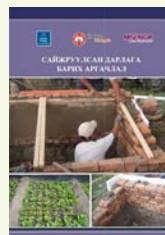


Table Calendar 2016

For Food Security and Capacity Building Projects:



Benefits and Usage of Vegetables Handbook



Trench Greenhouse Construction Handbook



Notebook for Gobi-Altai Cooperatives Annual Forum 2015



Eco bags



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Others:



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New year Greeting Card

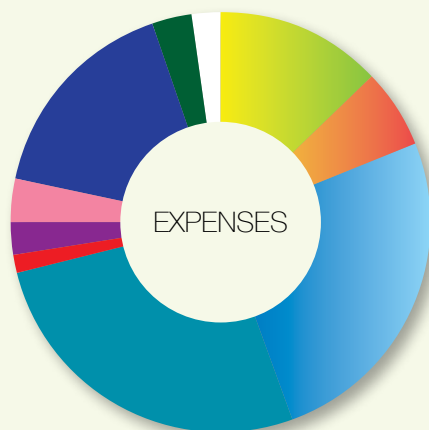
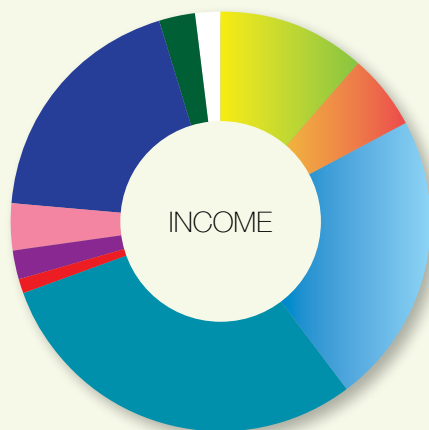


Emergency Appeal Brochure



16 types of Emergency and Disaster Posters

Finances



Year 2015	Income MNT	Expenses MNT
Administration	187 691 200,67	178 325 716,96
Skill Training Center	92 167 430,46	83 147 078,79
IFAM II	362 053 511,79	347 795 118,53
CESCO	481 713 010,20	366 574 247,94
SWITCH	18 192 911,76	16 355 763,63
Voluntary Return and Social Reintegration	36 692 546,80	34 014 916,82
Day Care Center	58 986 123,00	49 021 504,30
Emergency	304 564 733,96	220 065 013,11
Central Asia Sub Regional Workshop	45 921 643,22	45 865 548,23
DCC Bus	27 062 500,00	27 062 244,99
Total	1 615 045 611,85	1 368 227 153,31

- Administration
- Skill Training Center
- IFAM II
- Capacity Building of Extension Centers
- SWITCH
- Social Reintegration
- Day Care Center
- DCC Bus
- Emergency
- Central Asia Workshop

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