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THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus sent his disciples out to proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom, saying: 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19). The signs of this Kingdom were to be found in his own words and actions: he healed the sick, forgave the sinner, reconciled enemies, welcomed the outcast, fed the hungry, defended the weak, and gave new life to the dead. In all this he revealed to us the immense love of God, which empowers and challenges us.

With your invaluable support, Missio seeks to help everyone to understand and respond to

the call of Jesus Christ to mission, always respecting the culture and traditions of others, treating all as brothers and sisters under one all-embracing God. With you, we choose to serve those most in need in the poorest areas of the world.

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

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

You are supporting programmes that protect and care for children's spiritual and physical wellbeing, offering them safe lodging, healthcare, education, and hope for the future.

Together we are helping the Church to grow and develop, enabling it to serve those most in need in the poorest areas of the world.

Thank you.

With every blessing,

Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director

WHAT IS MISSIO?

Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is part of the worldwide network of Pontifical Mission Societies.

Missio brings the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor.

Missio empowers local people to form and sustain communities of faith and we train and nurture future leaders so that the vital work of the Church in the world can take place.

MISSIO IN NUMBERS 2018

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£4.6 million

raised by Missio England and Wales



£543,456

raised on
World Mission Sunday

£2.9 million

raised for Missio's APF and Mill Hill
through the Red Box





£153,558

distributed to children's projects

59

convents, churches
and chapels built



**More than
20,000**

children supported
around the world

3,165

seminarians trained
for the priesthood



'The negative attitudes are changing; already the seed of faith in Christ is being planted as a result of this project.'

Sr Roshini,
Sri Lanka



CARING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND SENDING MISSIONARIES

In 2018, one of the many impoverished communities you supported through the Red Box was in southern Sri Lanka.

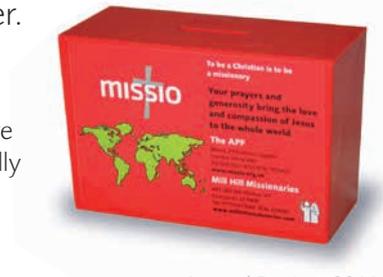
Sachini and her family struggle to earn a living, surviving on less than £2 a day. Sachini's husband works hard to repair bicycles whilst Sachini stays at home to care for their daughter, Vibasha, who has learning difficulties.

Until recently the family had no visitors, not even the locals, who are wary of Vibasha, despite her gentle nature. But now, thanks

Internationally, Missio's Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) supports 1,070 mission dioceses and is responsible for building new Churches and providing pastoral care to young faith communities. The APF also supports new and emerging churches, especially where poverty is most severe.

to a small community of Sisters coming to settle in the area, the family has a regular visitor - Sister Roshini.

Sister Roshini's encouragement, love and support is giving parents of children with learning difficulties a more positive outlook and the strength to keep going. Twice a month, the Sisters open up their convent for health clinics and cultural days for local families, bringing the community together.



'I want to encourage a new generation, rooted in faith. Young people need someone who understands them and their way of life.'

Fr Stephen,

a past seminarian from Christ the King Major Seminary, Kenya



TRAINING FUTURE PRIESTS AND SISTERS OVERSEAS

In 2018, Missio in England and Wales supported Christ the King Major Seminary in Kenya (see the full list of seminaries supported on page 19).

Fr Stephen's mother and brothers paid for his education by working in coffee farms after his father died. When he told his mother he wanted to become a priest, she said: 'Join the seminary with both feet, as a whole person.' Fr Stephen recalls: 'what she meant was, don't go there with a double heart – either be at university and enjoy married life or join the

seminary and become a priest. She encouraged me to dedicate myself to God.'

Fr Stephen was supported through the SPA Sponsorship Scheme and became a priest in 2017.

The SPA is the only funding organisation in the Church which guarantees a place for all who are accepted for formation in mission dioceses. This is a unique role the Pope has given to the SPA. Through the SPA, our supporters share the gift of faith with others and ensure that no one who has a religious vocation to serve the Church is turned away through lack of funds.

Internationally, Missio has the unique role of training the future leaders of the Church in mission dioceses through the Society of St Peter the Apostle (SPA). Students training for the priesthood and religious life in over 150 countries around the world receive formation and support.



MISSION TOGETHER

'I feel the responsibility to do God's work by providing the love, care and security they need.'

Sr Dinesha,
caring for children
in Tel Aviv



SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

In 2018, the focus of Mission Together (MT) was the welfare of children in the Holy Land.

Sister Dinesha works and lives in south Tel Aviv, where a scandalous system of 'childcare' has claimed the lives of innocent children. Proper childcare costs almost as much as the poverty wage of many refugees, so parents who need to go to work to feed their families have no choice but to leave their children with inexperienced carers.

Mission Together (MT) is the society of Missio that supports vulnerable children via educational, medical and welfare projects, regardless of their background or belief. The food, education, medications, shelter and formation that Mission Together provides fulfils both the children's spiritual and practical needs.

To help support the community and literally save children's lives, Sister Dinesha oversees the running of four crèches through the Our Lady Woman of Valour Pastoral Centre. With six children to each trained carer and good meals, parents know their children are properly looked after during their long working days.

When asked why she wants to support this community and their children, she says: 'I want to offer Our Lady's compassion to all those who suffer.'



NURTURING A WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

The Pontifical Missionary Union (PMU) promotes an awareness of mission and a spirit of unity, prayer and generous sacrifice among priests, religious and laity. Through the PMU, the following programmes are run:

Mission Experience Programme (Missio, Mill Hill & CAFOD):

This course introduces seminarians to overseas mission and includes the opportunity to travel and spend time in a missionary parish run by Mill Hill Missionaries overseas, in addition to visiting projects run by Missio and CAFOD.

Overseas Priests Course: A course for overseas missionary priests serving in England and Wales to help deal with aspects of British culture and the Catholic Church in this context.

Mission Animation events: These national events are held for supporters and volunteers to promote an awareness of and support for mission, with talks, slide presentations, Mass and a shared lunch or tea.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A FUTURE OF HOPE

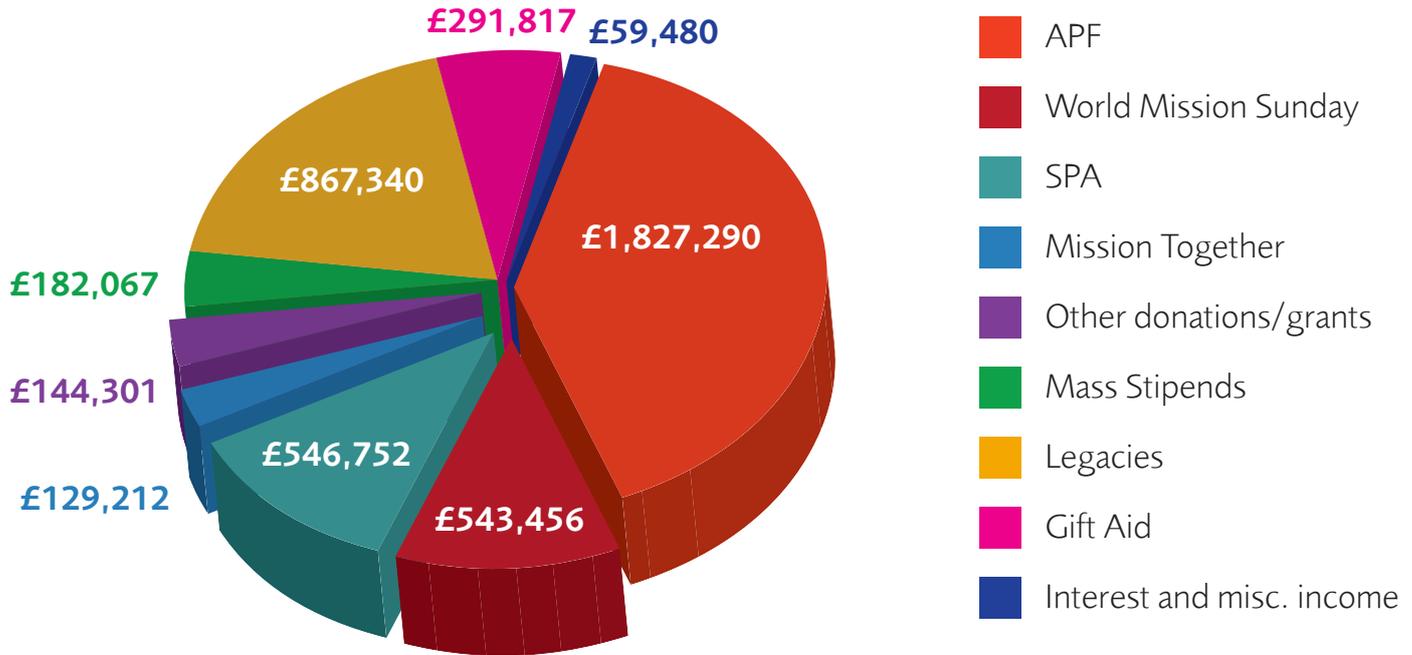
World Mission Sunday is celebrated each year in October by every Catholic Church in the world. It is a day of recognition and awareness of our call as Catholics to be missionary. We are encouraged to pray for the missionary work of the Church and to share what we can to support faith communities overseas.

In 2018, Missio focused on the work of Sister Karlo who is caring for Menja families in one of the poorest regions of Ethiopia.

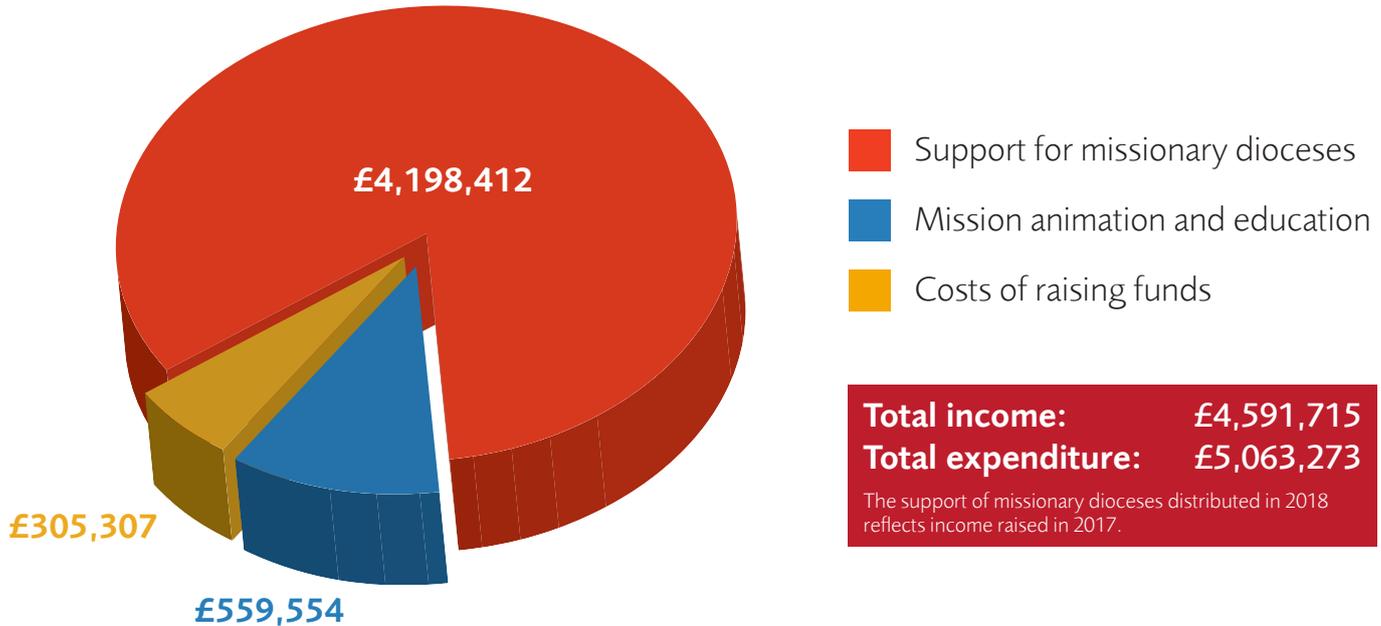
'Everyone looks down upon the Menja people as poor, uneducated and socially untouchable,' Sister Karlo explains. 'We Sisters live among them and proclaim the Gospel by our living. We invite them to our house and welcome them as friends. I find Jesus in them; they are a kind people and have a lot to teach us. They are the ones who will decide about following Jesus. We are here only to show the power of His love.'



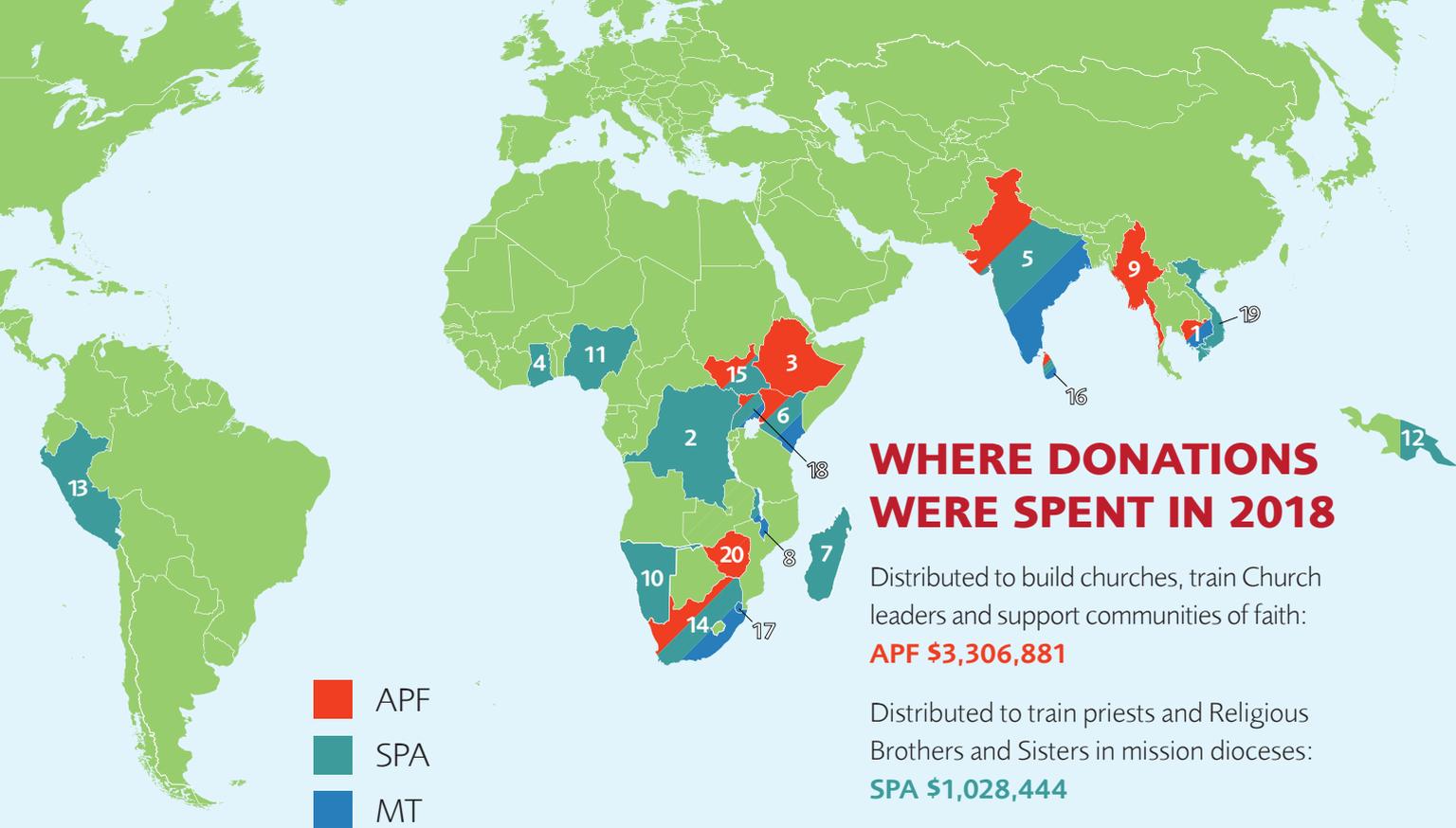
MISSIO INCOME 2018



MISSIO EXPENDITURE 2018



These figures are taken from the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet which are audited by Buzzacott Chartered Accountants. A complete account of financial activities is included in the 2018 Annual Report and Accounts which are available on the Charity Commission website. Registered Charity Number 1056651.



WHERE DONATIONS WERE SPENT IN 2018

Distributed to build churches, train Church leaders and support communities of faith:
APF \$3,306,881

Distributed to train priests and Religious Brothers and Sisters in mission dioceses:
SPA \$1,028,444

Distributed to support the spiritual and physical wellbeing of children in mission dioceses:
MT \$204,232

Total Allocations \$4,539,557

This information relates to Missio England and Wales. Missio internationally supports the work of the Catholic Church in 157 countries.

(US \$)

1. Cambodia for 3 dioceses: For 4 projects to support children:	\$246,725 \$28,000
2. Democratic Republic of Congo for 5 Major Seminaries and 6 Minor Seminaries:	\$179,404
3. Ethiopia for 1 diocese:	\$132,570
4. Ghana for 2 Minor Seminaries:	\$24,309
5. India for 9 dioceses: For St John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad and the Formation of men and women Religious: For 5 projects to support children:	\$692,903 \$38,272 \$31,000
6. Kenya for 5 dioceses: For Christ the King Major Seminary, Nyeri: For 6 projects to support children:	\$627,856 \$149,672 \$32,432
7. Madagascar for Minor Seminaries and Formation courses:	\$30,029
8. Malawi for St Peter's Major Seminary, Zomba: For 3 projects to support children:	\$15,000 \$22,800
9. Myanmar (Burma) for 5 dioceses:	\$362,671
10. Namibia for St Charles Lwanga Major Seminary, Windhoek:	\$11,700

(US \$)

11. Nigeria for Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu and new Formators house:	\$320,238
12. Papua New Guinea for the training of Major Seminararians:	\$10,236
13. Peru for St Louis Gonzaga Major Seminary:	\$12,636
14. South Africa for 3 dioceses: For the Seminaries in Lesotho and Port Elizabeth: For 4 projects to support children:	\$164,448 \$35,245 \$23,000
15. South Sudan for 3 dioceses: For the Major Seminary and 2 Minor Seminaries:	\$154,850 \$29,124
16. Sri Lanka for 4 dioceses: For the National Seminary of Our Lady of Lanka, Kandy: For 6 projects to support children:	\$452,210 \$20,000 \$27,000
17. Swaziland for 2 projects to support children:	\$16,000
18. Uganda for 2 dioceses: For the Major Seminary and a Minor Seminary: For 2 projects to support children:	\$197,570 \$114,282 \$24,000
19. Vietnam for the training of Major and Minor Seminararians:	\$67,421
20. Zimbabwe for 5 dioceses:	\$429,928



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 The Association for the
Propagation of the Faith (APF)

 Society of St Peter the
Apostle (SPA)

 Mission Together
(Holy Childhood or MT)

 The Pontifical
Missionary Union (PMU)



APF

Caring for our
Church family and
sending missionaries



SPA

Training future Priests
and Sisters overseas



MT

Supporting children's faith
and development projects



PMU

Nurturing a worldwide
missionary spirit