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## EDITORIAL

### 365 new opportunities

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more life here



**Y**ou have in your hands the Memory of our Itaka - Escolapios Network. In a few pages there is a lot of life, many places and countries, many projects, many joys and challenges, many reasons to be happy and to be worried... because there is a lot of life.

Above all, there are many names, of children, adolescents, and young people, of adults who participate in our actions, of people who collaborate with Itaka - Escolapios so that it can continue its work of solidarity. It is impossible to name them all, but it would be the most important thing, because each of these people is the most important thing about Itaka - Escolapios.

This year was not easy. The prolonged situation of the pandemic with its painful effects in terms of loss of people, with the difficult economic consequences for many people, with the actual dropping out of school of many children and young people, with the discouragement that all this causes, presents us with enormous challenges. But, at the same time, we have been able to see very generous people, surprising acts of solidarity, and transformation projects that fill us with hope.

This publication is intended to serve as a reminder of this journey, gathering some information. But, above all, it wants to thank the good people who share their time, their dedication, their affection, their money, their knowledge with this Network that unites thousands of people from all over the world. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Behind these people we discover the hand of God acting through our action, encouraging, giving strength, suggesting new proposals, helping to improve every day. And this is another reason to give thanks because it allows us to trust and to continue to move forward.

In addition to giving thanks, today we want to renew our commitment to continue building a better world for thousands of people and for those who will come. We want to continue educating, making life proposals, promoting solidarity projects everywhere.

And we invite you to continue by our side, to take advantage together of these 365 opportunities that a new year offers us to continue building this precious collective story of being happy by making others happy.

**JAVIER  
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PRESIDENT ITAKA-  
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**W**hen a few years ago we reflected in our teams and planned the future of Itaka-Escolapios, 2021 appeared on the horizon as a key year: end of the strategic period 2015-2021 of the network, time to evaluate and plan for the new six-year period, year of anniversaries and important Piarist meetings ... Now we can say that, of course, this year has been key for all this, but it has been in a special way and certainly not expected in that not-so-distant past.

A large part of the reason for this is undoubtedly due to the pandemic situation that began two years ago, and which has continued to affect all levels in this academic year 2020-2021. This has forced the Itaka-Escolapios Network to reposition itself as an organization, to adapt its actions and to respond, as far as possible, to the new challenges that this reality has placed before us.

As a response to a great challenge for the whole international network, we launched a new **solidarity campaign** this year, with the slogan “Restarting to transform”, to raise awareness of the economic, social, and educational effects of the crisis, to know how the Itaka-Escolapios Network is facing them and to mobilize solidarity to support and strengthen our mission in this context. Certainly, the overall assessment of this campaign has been positive, due to the level of participation and involvement achieved, as well as the resources obtained, which are essential for Itaka-Escolapios to continue its work in many impoverished places with particularly vulnerable populations.

A particular highlight of the past academic year was the March 2021, at the beginning of which we participated as Itaka-Escolapios in the II Assembly of the General Piarist Fraternity. It was a valuable meeting that served to make visible and strengthen the intense bond between the Fraternity and Itaka-Escolapios (of which the Fraternity is a founder), as well as the commitment to mutual support in the development of both Piarist realities.

Also, in March we held the **IV Advisory Council of Itaka-Escolapios**, which is the most important meeting of our network and which brings together the main leaders and teams every three years. On this occasion, due to the pandemic, it had to be an online meeting (as was the Fraternity Assembly), which was a limitation but also an opportunity: this format allowed us to increase the number of participants, making it a more numerous, diverse, and participative meeting than ever before: up to 80 people participated online, connected from around twenty different countries.

During the working days of this Advisory Council, we celebrated a very significant anniversary for our organization: March 9th, 2021 was the twentieth anniversary of the constitution of the Itaka-Escolapios Foundation, an occasion to look back with gratitude on the road travelled and to look to the future with enthusiasm. In this spirit, our way of celebrating it as a network was a special meeting of those who have always been the heart of Itaka-Escolapios and are its hallmark: our volunteers. This first virtual International Meeting of Itaka-Escolapios Volunteers was an important moment to get to know and recognize the diversity and richness of our volunteers, as well as to share our concerns and dreams.

The past year has left us with an important outcome, which at the same time is a great task for the coming years: the new Strategic Plan 2021-27 of the Itaka-Escolapios network, a plan whose strategic lines can be summarized in advancing in participation and shared mission. At the time of writing this report, we are already at work in the different teams and areas of the network to concretize, from the diversity of situations, the objectives of this plan and to make them a reality.

I will end these lines with a reference to something very typical of these times, which in Itaka-Escolapios we are perceiving in our day-to-day life and it is an ambivalent feeling: on the one hand, the experience of fragility, especially felt from the projects and the work with the poorest and most vulnerable people; on the other hand, the strength of what is shared. These are two lessons that call those of us who form part of Itaka-Escolapios, to take care of our network, to persevere in our commitment to people and to grow in co-responsibility and solidarity. This is what we are doing!

## MILESTONES OF THE YEAR

### Campaign

Last year the Solidarity Campaign managed to raise a total of € **161,968.42** and involved the participation of **64** educational centers

### Advisory Council



More complete information on the IV Itaka-Escolapios Advisory Council here:

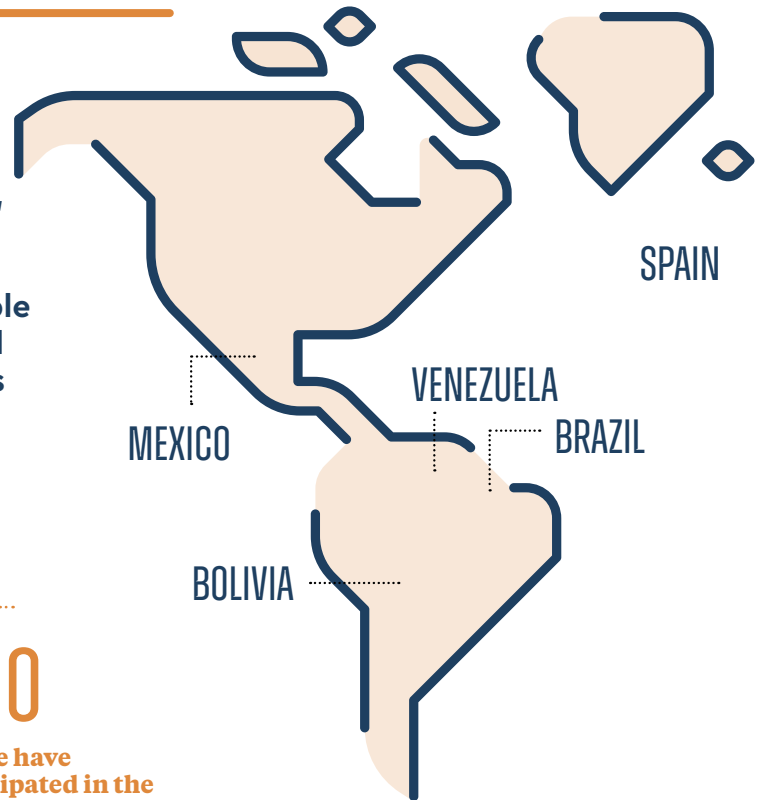


**IGOR IRIGOYEN**  
GENERAL  
COORDINATOR  
ITAKA-ESCOLAPIOS



## ACTIVITY REPORT

Throughout the academic year 2020-2021, Itaka-Escolapios has been present in 55 municipalities in 16 countries, favoring the education of the most disadvantaged people as the best way to transform the world and prepare a better tomorrow. To achieve this goal, the following projects have been set up:



### LITERACY

There are many people who leave their countries in search of a better life and learning the language of the place where they arrive is the first step to progress. More than 800 people have participated in the different literacy programs of the network in Spain, Senegal, and Ivory Coast, which facilitate the integration of migrants.

800

people have participated in the different literacy programs



### VOLUNTEERING

1.600

people around the world

In 2020-2021, more than 1,600 people around the world participated in many ways in the social action that we carry out, working as educators and monitors, working in the management and organization of Itaka-Escolapios, as volunteers in courses or training workshops.



### SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS

The social and school integration of boys and girls with learning problems, and sometimes in a situation of vulnerability, is the objective of the school reinforcement projects developed in Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Spain, Indonesia, Mexico, and Venezuela in which nearly 900 boys and girls have participated during the 2020-2021 academic year.

900

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### SCHOOL CENTERS 15.000

Itaka-Escolapios has supported the operation of 30 Piarist school centers aimed at a mainly disadvantaged population, to guarantee a comprehensive quality education for more than 15,000 children and young people in Bolivia, Cameroon, the Philippines, Gabon, India, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, and Venezuela.

children and young people



### HOMES

In Brazil and Spain, we have opened the doors of our homes to accompany, train and welcome 120 minors and young people in situation or risk of social exclusion.

120

minors and young people



### SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL CENTERS

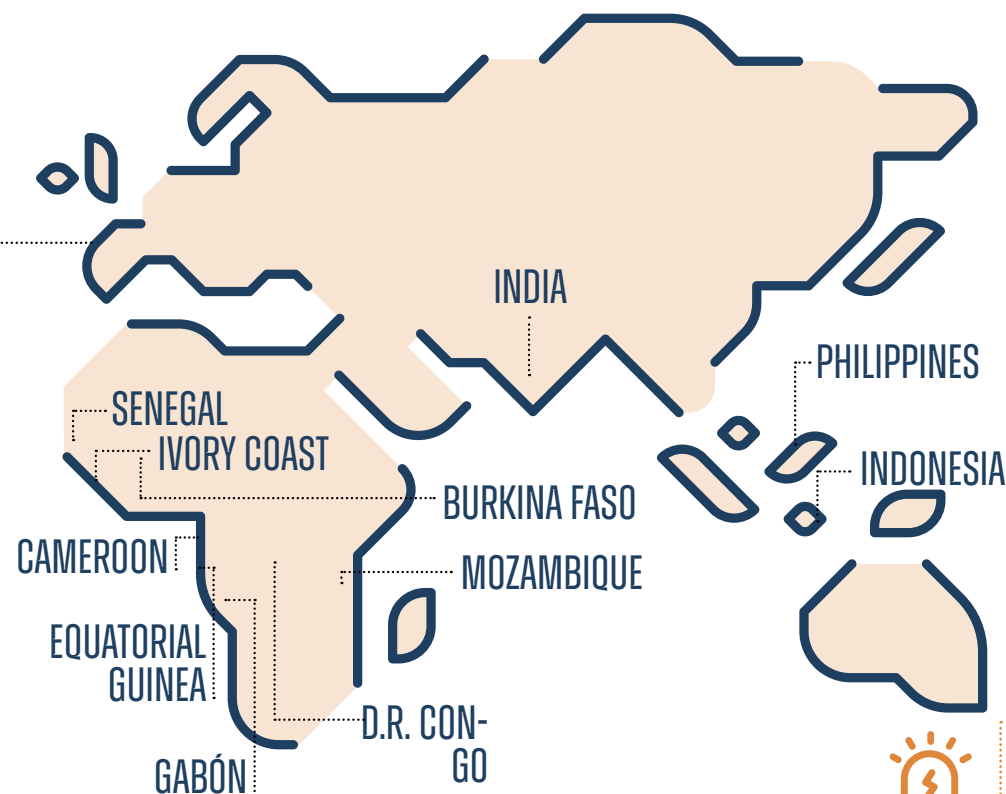
Occupational training, attention to the disabled, the promotion of art or sport and education in leisure time, among others, play a fundamental role, which is why we promote a network of twenty-eight cultural and socio-educational centres which, inserted in the community, have attended to nearly 8,000 people in Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Spain, Indonesia, Mexico, Senegal, and Venezuela.

8.000

people

28

Socio-educational centers



## CANTEENS

Itaka-Escolapios is responsible for the canteens of the primary schools in Cameroon, which guarantee a sufficient and balanced diet to around 3,700 children. In Spain, we have coordinated with 9 educational centers a system of scholarships for 69 children who do not have access to quality food.

**3.700** children



## HUMANITARIAN AND EMERGENCY AID

The situation of social, economic, or armed conflict in some Piarist presences has obliged us, in 2020-2021, to assist more than 1,200 displaced and host families in Cameroon and more than 400 displaced families who have settled in the communities of our presence in Mozambique, in a camp for displaced persons/refugees. In addition, we have assisted more than 300 people from the Piarist communities in Venezuela who are unable to access a basic food bag.

**1.200** displaced and host families



## EDUCATION FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

The actions of education for social transformation have the task of ensuring education in values in each Piarist presence in which Itaka Escolapios is based. Throughout the 2020-2021 academic year, we have deepened the values of solidarity and peace education. Through the Solidarity Campaign we were present in 64 Piarist educational centers in Brazil, Spain, Mexico, Mozambique, Senegal, and Venezuela, raising awareness and raising €162,000 for the Piarist missions most affected by COVID-19.

**64** Piarist educational centers



## SOCIAL GUIDANCE

We accompany, advise, and empower the beneficiaries of our projects to promote their autonomy and social integration. More than 500 people have been accompanied in Spain and the DRC on employment issues, life skills or access to resources, among other services.

**500** people have been accompanied



## BOARDING SCHOOLS AND RESIDENCES

Throughout the academic year 2020-2021 we have managed a network of accommodation in Bolivia, Indonesia, India, and Senegal aimed at guaranteeing access to education for around 650 children and young people who otherwise would not have access to education.

**650** children and young people



## CALASANZ MOVEMENT

More than 6,000 children and young people from Bolivia, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Spain, Senegal, and Venezuela have participated in the Calasanz Movement in 2020-2021, enjoying in Itaka-Escolapios a group itinerary of education and evangelization.

**6.000** children and young people

# ECONOMIC REPORT 2020-2021

We hereby present the annual accounts of the Itaka-Escolapios Foundation for the 2020-2021 academic year. These accounts have been approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting of January 13th, 2022 and externally audited.

The 2020-2021 academic year, although far from the extraordinary of the previous academic year, marked by the confinement and the impact on a large part of the activities of Itaka-Escolapios, has still been marked by a context in which, although the activities have been recovering normality, the effects of COVID-19 and the restrictions affecting the activities have still been felt and, ultimately, have had an impact on the Foundation's accounts.

On the economic side, the most relevant facts have been:

A significant drop (-331,000 £) in the fees charged for the different projects, especially: in the Calasanz Movement, due to the activities that could not be organized in some venues; and in the hostels, due to the lower use of these. Although the expenses have also been lower than those of a course at full capacity, they have meant a significant drop that has prevented the minimum expenses incurred from being covered.

An increase in subsidies and agreements signed with the Spanish public administration (+196,000 £), especially due to the start-up of two new homes in Soria. Overall, the subsidies included in the budget have been obtained for all projects.

A recovery of solidarity contributions from tithes, provinces, members, and other donations, remaining somewhat above not only the budgeted amount (+65,000 £) but even above the levels prior to the beginning of the pandemic.

The development cooperation grants obtained to support projects in other countries have been, although less than budgeted (-81,000 £), considerably higher than what has been achieved in recent years.

On the more negative side, a solidarity campaign more necessary than ever to support the projects in all the countries of the Itaka-Escolapios Network, although not as bad as the previous year, has not yet recovered the fundraising capacity of the years prior to the arrival of COVID-19 (-54,000 £ worse than expected), which has a huge impact on many projects supported thanks to this campaign.

Overall, Itaka-Escolapios revenue amounted to 5,468,353.91 £ and expenses to 5,499,581.66 £, leaving a deficit of 31,227.75 £.

## Complete accounts

The complete audited annual accounts can be consulted in the credibility section of our website.



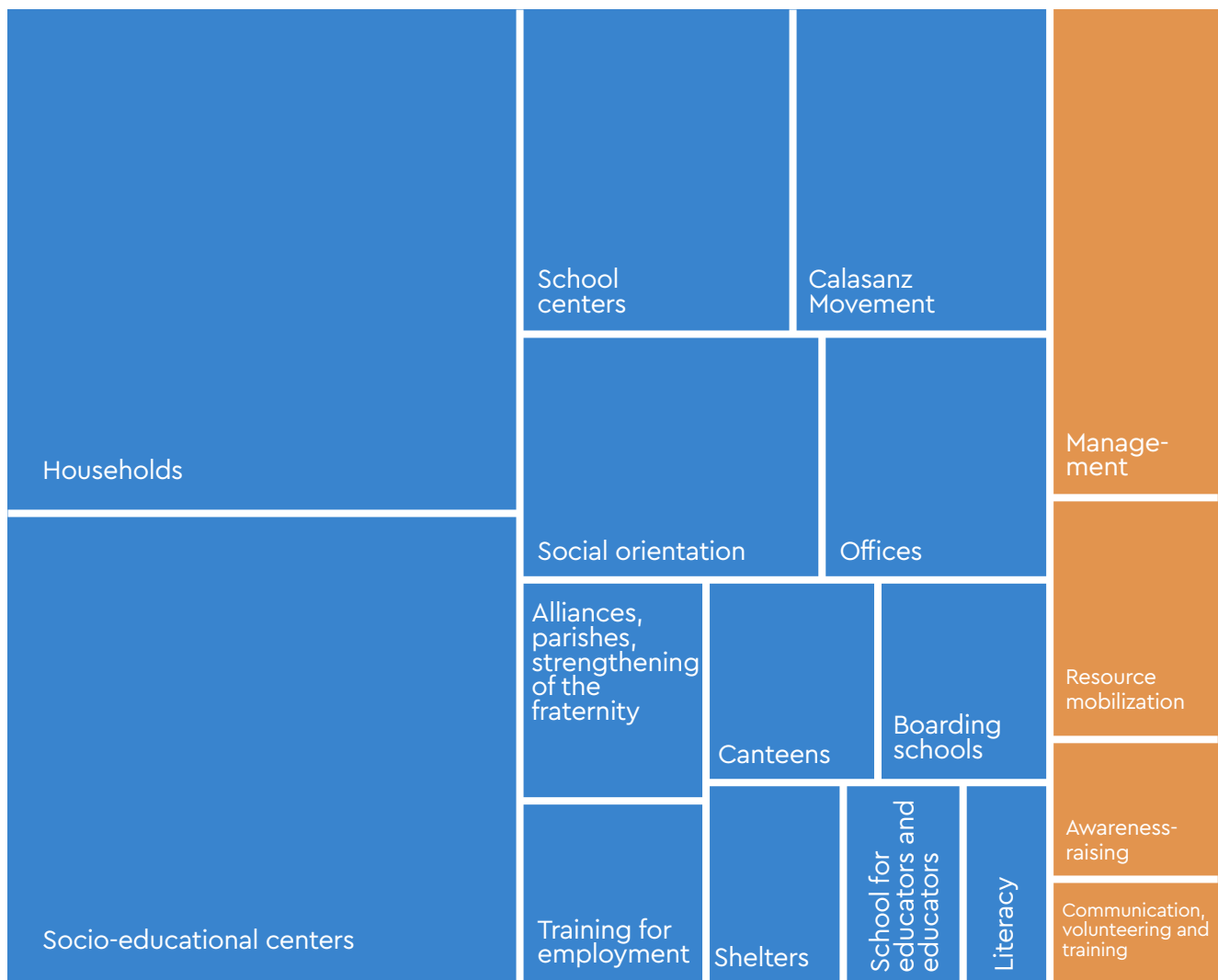
The graph showing the distribution of expenses by programs considers the new organizational chart approved by the IV Advisory Council of Itaka-Escolapios, which includes new programs such as training for employment, social orientation, or the strengthening of the Piarist fraternity, which is financially supported by Itaka-Escolapios in some districts.

Looking ahead to next year, costs are expected to increase as all countries in the network resume full project activity, making it necessary to continue to look for ways to increase income to sustain this.



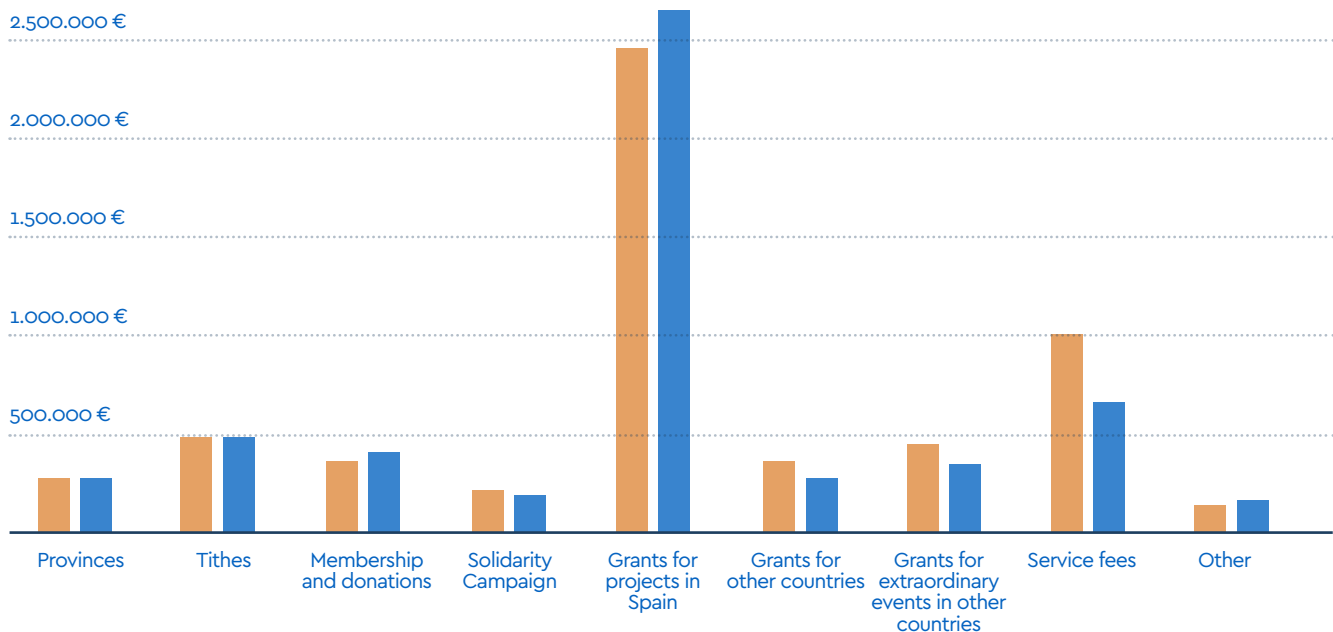


■ Projects ■ Transversal areas



## Budget / Real

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# Thank you very much

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the institutions and entities that support Itaka-Escolapios, because without a doubt with their effort and trust they make it possible for our projects and actions to go ahead and go further and further.

We extend our thanks to the hundreds of individuals who, as volunteers of Itaka-Escolapios, teachers at Piarist schools, collaborating members or with their occasional support, have also contributed to carry out our work. Special thanks and recognition also go to the Piarist districts and fraternities who, as founders and patrons of Itaka-Escolapios, bet and trust in this entity as a platform of solidarity in which we share the Piarist mission.

## Participate

Do your bit, make a donation by scanning this code.



### PIOUS SCHOOLS

General Congregation de las Pious Schools,

Pious Schools of Central Africa, West Africa, Central America and the Caribbean, Asia Pacific, Bethany, Brazil-Bolivia, Congo, Emmaus, India, and Mexico.

Piarist Fraternities of Bethany, Bolivia, Brazil, Emmaus, Mexico, and Venezuela.

Below is a list of friendly entities that participate and collaborate with Itaka-Escolapios in Spain.

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### EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND

Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration

### AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENTS

of Andalusia, Aragon, Castile and Leon, Madrid, Navarre, Basque Country, and Valencia.

### DIPUTATIONS

of Araba, Bizkaia, Gipuzkoa, Granada, Teruel and Valencia.

### CITY COUNCILS

of Balmaseda, Berriozar, Bilbao, Cendea de Galar, Dos Hermanas, Ejea de los Caballeros, Erandio, Fondo Navarro de Municipios y Concejos, Granada, Jaca, Logroño, Madrid, Monreal, Pamplona, Sangüesa, Tolosa, Tudela, Vitoria and Zaragoza.

### PUBLIC COMPANIES

such as the Basque Agency for Development Cooperation, Bilbao Ekintza, Basque Employment Service-Lanbide and the University of Seville.

### PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATIONS

such as Carmen Gandarias, Enrique Esteve Balet (Enesba), Gondra Barandiarán, Iturburu, Menchaca de la Bodega and Víctor Tapia.

### SOCIAL WORKS

of the banking institutions of Bancaja, Bankia, Caixa Popular, Caja Granada, Ibercaja, Kutxabank (Vital) and La Caixa.

### DIOCESES

of Bilbao, Teruel and Vitoria-Gasteiz.

### ECCLESIAL ENTITIES

such as the Spanish Episcopal Conference and Manos Unidas.

### COMPANIES and ASSOCIATIONS

that reinforce our projects through their social responsibility: Aitzeder Mendi Taldea, Ausolan S. Coop., Autobuses Guillermo, Autobuses Hermanos Arriaga, Cianoplan, Motorland Aragón, Delfin Componentes SL, Ditext, DKV Seguros SA, Embalajes Goñi SL, Giroa-Veolia, Julián Goñi e Hijos SL, Peñascal S. Coop, Productos Vencedor, Serunió and Tendenzias Media SL.

