

Charities Committee Report 2023



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CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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Introduction

The Charities Committee's main task is to evaluate and select projects that have been submitted by registered parishioners so that the objectives of the projects can either be partially or fully sponsored, using the funds collected during the preceding Food Fair event.

After a multi-year break during the corona pandemic where the Food Fair wasn't held, the charities committee is now happy to resume its tasks following the resumption of a mini version in 2023.

Due to the reduced size of the Food Fair and expected lower collection, the guidelines for charity sponsorship at the start of the process were modified compared to previous years. In the table below, you will see what considerations were adopted for the 2023 process.

#	Consideration	Before 2023	2023 Edition
1	Nomination	Open to any registered parish member	Restricted to Food Fair booth members
2	Number of Nominations	No restriction	Max of 2 nominations per booth

In 2023, we received 14 applications. We are glad to note that as part of the Go-Green initiative, over 95% of the applications were submitted digitally to the newly created charitiescommittee@parish.nl email address, thereby limiting paper wastage during the process.

Charity nomination submissions were initially closed on 31st August but was extended by 2-weeks to allow for late entries and collection of physical forms directed to the parish office.

The parish treasurer made € 20.000 available to disburse to successful projects. The amount was based on the net proceeds of the 2022 and 2023 Food Fair".

Ranking Process

The Charities Committee has been meeting every Saturday from 7th till 28th October 2023 to discuss and evaluate the different projects submitted. Part of the due diligence that the committee has been taking is to run through all the project details to check that they are not only genuine projects with knowledgeable sponsors but also deserving of the hard-earned collections from parishioners.

The Charities Committee consists of the following persons:

1. Helen Andriessen
2. Gary Anderson
3. Rupert D'Mello
4. Stephen Otim - Chair

The selection criteria that the charities committee use to rank the nominated projects have remained unchanged throughout the years. The underlying principle is to ensure that the funds raised reach **maximum utility** - benefit the greatest number of people in a sustainable way. As a reminder, funds may only be requested for educational, spiritual, medical, agricultural, and social welfare projects but not for personal development. Preference is given to small, non-governmental self-help projects. We require projects to be yielding and self-sustaining, oriented to family and community development

We therefore rank allocation based on the following priorities.

1. Is the charity working towards lifesaving activities?
2. Does the charity benefit a large group of people (how far will our donation go)?
3. Is the charity work sustainable (has the community been involved and been invested) or will it require recurrent sponsorship?
4. Does the charity have alternate funding from other sources?
5. Has the project been supported by the church before?

The Charity Committee has scored the various projects based on merit and when allocating funds to the selected projects also evaluated whether a project could do with a less than what was originally requested in the application. As with prior years, the project reports were also reviewed during this years deliberations where applicable.

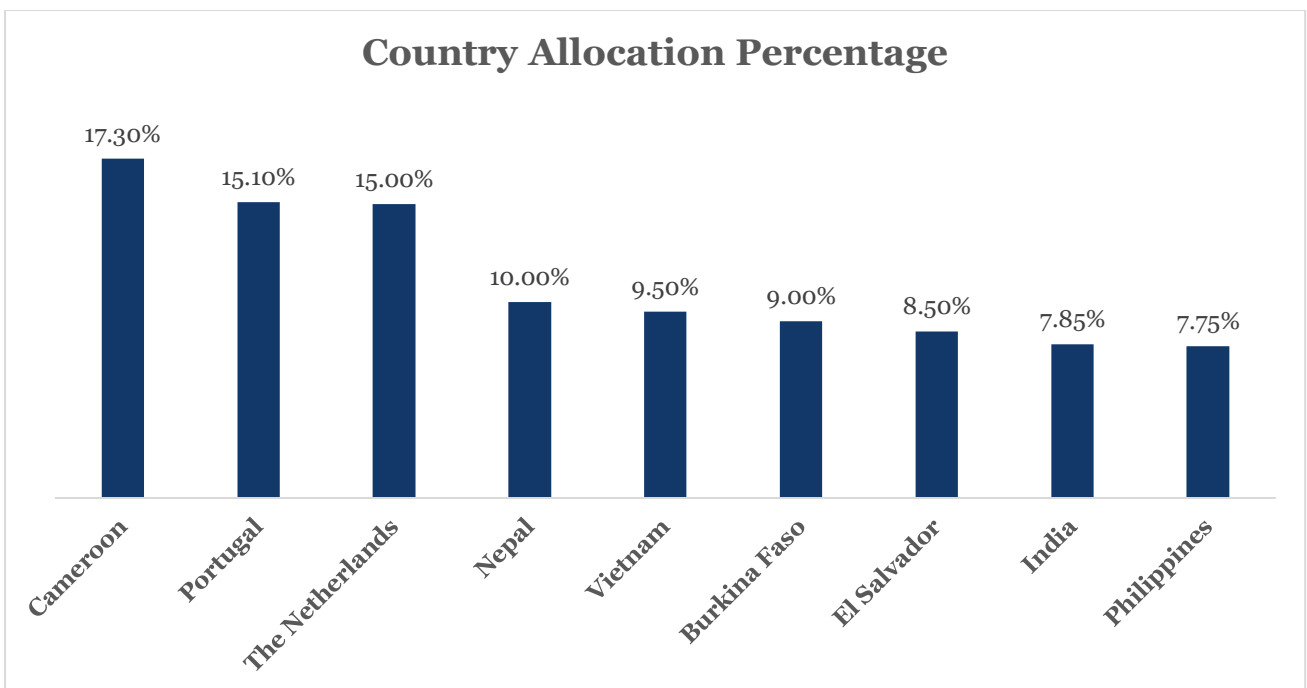
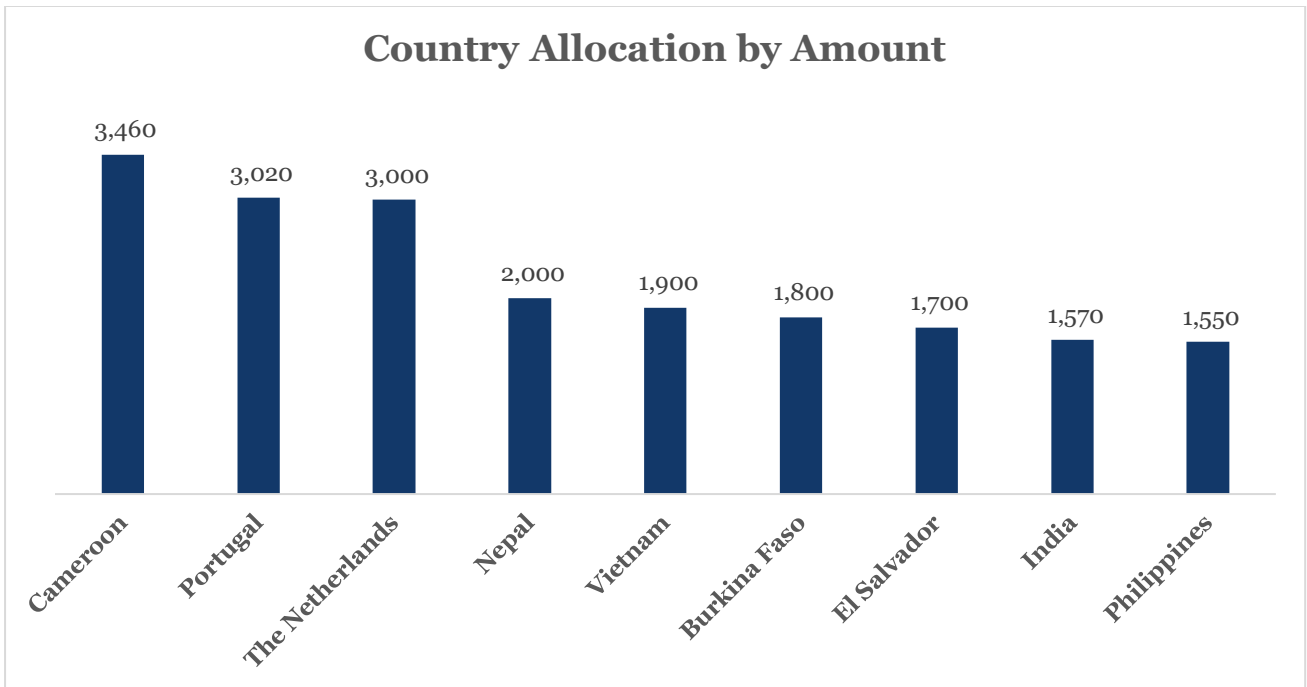
Ranking Outcome

In the table below, you will see the projects that have been ranked and selected based on the information provided from the sponsors and careful consideration from the charities committee.

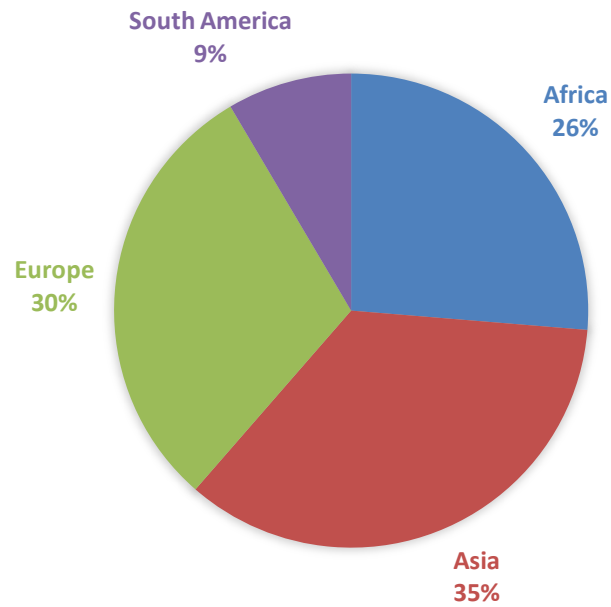
#	Country	Name of Project	Charity Name	Total Score	Ranking	Amount Allocated
23-5	Nepal	Teach Nepal Project - desktops and furniture	Janata Basic School in Koleli Village	19.0	1	€ 2,000
23-7	Vietnam	-Emergency care for 18 street children and youth; -Family reunion and long-term support plans for 5 young people	BLUE DRAGON CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION	18.0	2	€ 1,900
23-8	Cameroon	Furnishing of St Francis Xavier's Catholic School Boyui.	Catholic School Boyui C/O St Jude's Parish Fundong	18.0	3	€ 1,900
23-11	Burkina Faso	Supplying sewing machines for the sewing classes of the Centre de Formation Professionnelle Saint Benoit l'Africain de Korsimoro in Burkina Faso	Centre de Formation Professionnelle Saint Benoit l'Africain de Korsimoro is under the authority of the Paternité Franciscaine de Korsimoro l	17.0	4	€ 1,800
23-4	El Salvador	Installation of Septic tank in school Caserio Los Sanchez	Caserio Los Sanchez together with Nederland Stichting	16.0	5	€ 1,700
23-12	India	Udayan Ghar Project	Udayan Care	14.7	6	€ 1,570
23-2	Cameroon	GENERATOR FOR THE RADIO OF THE DIOCESE OF KUMBA FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVANGELIZATION	Radio Evangelium	14.0	7	€ 1,560
23-6	The Netherlands	Purchase of professional staff mixer to help volunteers prepare the soup - Meals for the Homeless	Church of Our Saviour	14.0	8	€ 500
23-14	Philippines	Project PAG - UKILID	Project PAG - UKILID	13.0	9	€ 1,550
23-9	Portugal	"Bora lá estudar" – Let's go study	CAZA association	11.0	10	€ 1,520
23-10	Portugal	Just a Change – Renovating Homes, Rebuilding Lives	Just a Change	10.0	11	€ 1,500
23-13	The Netherlands	Helping children in the Netherlands who are neglected or abused	HET VERGETEN KIND	10.0	12	€ 1,500
23-1	The Netherlands	Support of Street Homeless Providing food and shelter	HMS Koeckhoven Missionaries of Charity	9.0	13	€ 1,000
						€ 20,000

Outcome Analysis

As a committee, we also spend considerable time to examine the outcomes of the ranking process to check that no particular country or region gets overly skewed portion of the food fair basket. We inquire to see these proportions so that we can make necessary adjustments to the allocated amounts to improve fairness. Overall, the committee is happy with the current allocation and distribution across the different dimensions.



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Next Steps

Subsequent to the approval from the Parish Board, the following activities need to be conducted:

1. Send Acceptance & Denial Letters – 15th Dec 2023
2. Publish Results On Parish Website/Sunday Bulletin – 31st Dec 2023
3. Make payments towards the Charities selected. – 31st Dec 2023