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**Methodological note** | This annual report refers to the financial year 2020 and was drawn up in accordance with the guidelines for Third Sector bodies adopted by Decree of July 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 and published on the Official Gazette on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. The annual report complies with the principles of relevance, completeness, transparency, neutrality, expertise, comparability, clearness, integrity and verifiability, reliability and, in case of third-party evaluations, autonomy. The methodology adopted for the drafting of the annual report does not follow pre-established reporting standards. Reported data were processed by an internal working group based on data related to project reporting activities, which involved the main stakeholders as well. 'Other information' required by Decree of July 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 concern only non-financial information related to gender equality and environmental protection; those factors characterize the Association's purposes and, for this reason, have been included in the 'About us' section.

*Dear supporters,  
volunteers and collaborators,  
may the Lord give you peace!*

*Last year was an unusual one for everyone all over the world and for the people of the Holy Land. The pandemic and the containment measures left churches and sanctuaries empty and, without pilgrims, there was no income to support the local communities; the explosion in Beirut's port casted a country already struggling with a long ongoing economic crisis into poverty; Syria is facing extreme poverty conditions.*

*In this apparently discouraging situation, I would like to thank our many benefactors for their generosity as they allowed us to continue to take care of the Holy Places and the Living Stones of the Holy Land: to support poor families and sick people, to ensure quality education, to support the communities affected by the war in Syria*

*Dear friends,*

*I would like to simply thank you for what we achieved in 2020, for all your efforts in giving real support to all the situations of need we face in the Holy Land. It was a difficult year for all of us, but the many limitations caused by the pandemic and the conflicts that are troubling our lands did not stop our projects. We are overwhelmed and grateful for your support which proves how significant and important it is to keep alive the bond with the Holy Land. The annual report describes and shows in numbers what we have done, how many funds we raised and how we used them, in addition to how many beneficiaries we were able to reach. You will notice that the ongoing projects are many and that, as always, they aim not only to provide the needed help and support but also to create spaces and opportunities for dialogue to*

*and the refugees in all the countries where we carry on our mission.*

*In this difficult moment, we shall not forget that the Son of God became man in this Land to save us, He who manifests the love, the mercy and the liberation of God.*

*May Risen Christ keep you in hope and make you see the life coming from the empty sepulchre, giving you and your family everything good.*

*Francesco Patton ofm*

Custos of the Holy Land and  
President of Association pro Terra Sancta

*make a culture of peace flourish. We particularly focused on the sustainability of our interventions so that they can really lead to the growth and development of the local communities. Circumstances are getting better globally and from May, according to the new regulations, we will be able to travel again. Therefore, I would like to renew my invitation to you all to come and visit us in the Holy Land: we will be more than happy to welcome you, to show you all the places we are currently working in and to let you meet all the communities involved in our projects.*

*As Pope Francis said during his trip to Iraq: "It is important to become pilgrims and see the Holy Places: it is the most beautiful sign of our nostalgia towards Heaven from Hearth".*

*Tommaso Sattini*

Director General  
of Association pro Terra Sancta



**ASSOCIAZIONE PRO TERRA SANCTA TAX CODE 97275880587**

**Registered office:** via Matteo Boiardo, 16 – 00185 Rome (Italy) | **Headquarter:** Piazza Sant’Angelo, 2 – 20121 Milan (Italy)

Our Association is formally recognised in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan. We have headquarters in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Beirut, Damascus and Aleppo. We work for people in developing countries, in transition economies and in all the countries where situations of need or emergency states occur. In particular, we carry out our activities in the Middle East in the following countries: Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and Greece.

The Association is a partner of AOI (Association of Italian NGOs), AITR (Italian Association for Responsible Tourism), Cooperazione Lazio and Info-cooperazione.

Association pro Terra Sancta is a non-governmental organisation (art. 28 L. 49/1987) according to Ministerial Decree n. 2006/337/001504/0 of 04.12.2006, and it is registered within the list of non-profit organisations (art. 26 clauses 2 and 3 of L. 125/2014 and art. 17 of M.D. n. 113/2015) under Decree n. 2016/337/000140/4 of 04.04.2016. In 2019 we adapted our statute according to the Third Sector Code in view of the registration within the National Single Register of the Third Sector. In 2018 the Association adopted an Organisational Model according to Legislative Decree n. 231/2001; the Association also has a Code of Ethics and a policy for protecting minors defining the general principles and rules of conduct for all those who work at it.

**We pursue civil, charitable and social objectives through the following statutory activities (identified under the Article 5 of Legislative Decree n. 117/2017):** a) cooperation for international development; b) charity; c) protection and enhancement of the cultural heritage; d) promotion and protection of human, civil, social, and political rights; e) education and professional training; f) organisation and management of tourist activities of social, cultural, and religious interest; g) organisation and management of cultural activities; h) fair and equitable trade programmes and ethical, social, and micro-credit finance programmes; i) child sponsorship.

Our actions are guided by the following principles: love for the destiny of every person you meet; constant dialogue with all those involved in local projects to get to know the reality of the place in depth and to identify the specific needs and opportunities, and thus define the possible development processes; sharing the decisions on the strategies adopted and the projects implemented; involvement of the supporters, so that they can significantly contribute to the activities of the Association. Moreover, we work according to transparency, honesty and truth; equity and fairness; legality; non-profit; privacy protection and confidentiality; sustainable development; preservation of cultural heritage; safety and hygiene at work; separation of duties.

We are sensitive to environmental issues: our link with the Franciscan world and the implementation of our projects is characterised by attention to the Creation. Our activities of sustainable tourism aim at promoting awareness for the places and their culture against the dynamics of consumerism and globalisation. Attention is paid to gender equality: in all our projects and areas of intervention, we promote women's work and support the most vulnerable groups of society (children, people with disabilities, women). Finally, we do not discriminate based on the religious beliefs of our beneficiaries.

**MISSION**

*To foster bonds between  
the Holy Land and the world*

We are a non-profit organization that carries out projects to **preserve the Holy Places, support local communities** and bring **aid in humanitarian emergencies**.

We are present in the **Middle East**, wherever the Franciscan friars of the **Custody of the Holy Land** are.

Participating to the work of the Association pro Terra Sancta means to **love the Holy Land in places and people**. It means living a lasting bond with the Holy Places and the ancient Christian communities, getting involved with all its religious, cultural and social aspects.



# Our presence in the Holy Land

We work in the Middle East besides the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land. Our activities are strictly related to our areas of intervention (**Preservation and development, Education and support, Emergencies in the Middle East, Socio-entrepreneurial activities**) and they aim to face the challenges of the complex Middle East contex and to propose operations aiming to encourage the development of the local community in a perspective of dialogue and peace.

## 01 ISRAEL/PALESTINE

We preserve the cultural heritage and support the local community by providing education, social and medical care. We contribute to the development of the local community through education and job creation.

- Jerusalem
- Bethlehem
- Bethany
- Jericho
- Sebastiya
- Gaza
- Nazareth

## 02 JORDAN

We support cultural heritage preservation and educational projects.

- Amman
- Mount Nebo

## 03 SYRIA

The mitigation of the violence related to the conflicts has unfortunately left people in poverty. Families cannot meet their basic needs because of unemployment and inflation. Our projects aim to mitigate the suffering of this country's population and, if possible, to build a brighter future.

- Damascus
- Aleppo
- Latakia
- Knaye-Yacoubieh
- Hama

## 04 LEBANON

We provide social and humanitarian support to Lebanese people and the refugees. The country is currently going through a deep social, economic and political crisis exacerbated by the global pandemic and the explosion in Beirut's port.

- Beirut
- Tripoli
- Tyre and Sidon
- Harissa

## 05 GREECE

Rhodes and Kos, two islands of the Dodecanese, are part of the Custody of the Holy Land and, for many years, have been the arrival point for many refugees. We provide humanitarian aid to refugees and the local community.

- Rhodes
- Kos

## 06 EGYPT

In Cairo and other sites, we support the poorest with financial aid and study-support.

- Cairo
- Alexandria
- Port Said
- Assiut

- PRO TERRA SANCTA STAFF
- LOCAL AND RELIGIOUS PARTNERS



## STATUTORY AND SUPERVISORY BODIES

■ **General Assembly:**

**15 Associates, both religious and laic.**

The Assembly deliberates on the programme and the activities of the Association, it approves financial statements and appoints Associates of the various corporate bodies. It meets once or twice a year. In 2020 the Assembly met twice and more than 90% of its Associates took part in the meetings.

■ **Board of Directors:**

*Appointed on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019, in office for 5 fiscal years:*

**President: Francesco Patton**

**Advisors: Jacek Jasztal Dobromir, Tommaso Saltini, Carla Benelli, Francesco Cassese, Francesco Ielpo.**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the ordinary and extraordinary administration of the Association and it formulates views and proposals concerning the activities. It meets four or more times a year. In 2020 it met four times and 100% of its members took part in the meetings.

■ **President: Francesco Patton**■ **Vice-President: Jacek Jasztal Dobromir**■ **Director General: Tommaso Saltini**■ **Supervisory Body: Federico Pamovio**

*(appointed on October 29<sup>th</sup> 2020, in office for 5 fiscal years).* The Supervisory Body monitors compliance with the law, the statute and the principles of proper administration.

■ **Auditors: Deloitte & Touche s.p.a. (appointed on October 29<sup>th</sup> 2020, in office for 3 fiscal years)**■ **Secretary General: Marco Carrara**

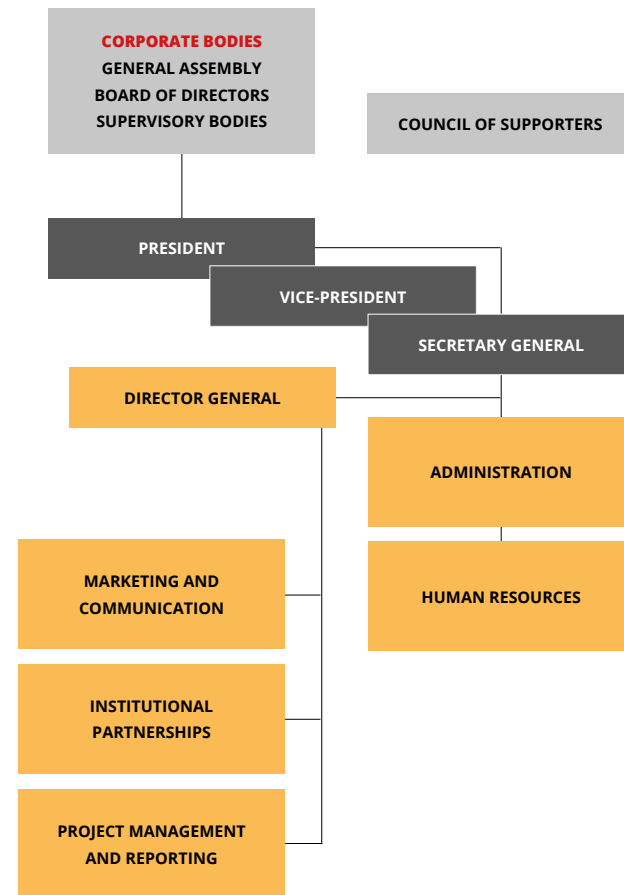
*(appointed on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, in office for 5 fiscal years)*

■ **Supervisory Committee: Libero Buzzi,**

**Giacomo Cardani, Federico Pamovio.** *(Appointed on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, in office until September 6<sup>th</sup> 2021)*

The Supervisory Committee is responsible for monitoring compliance with the Organisational Model and its provisions pursuant to Legislative Decree n. 231/2001.

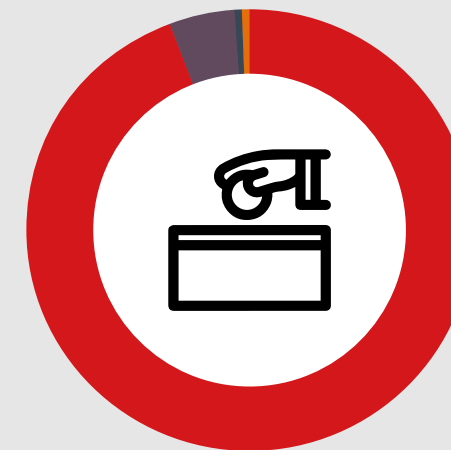
■ **Council of Supporters:** Established in 2013, the Council of Supporters is an advisory body external to the statutory system of the Association; it gathers people with experience and professionalism who can encourage the promotion of the programmes and projects of the Association.



## AREAS OF ACTIVITIES



## Stakeholders



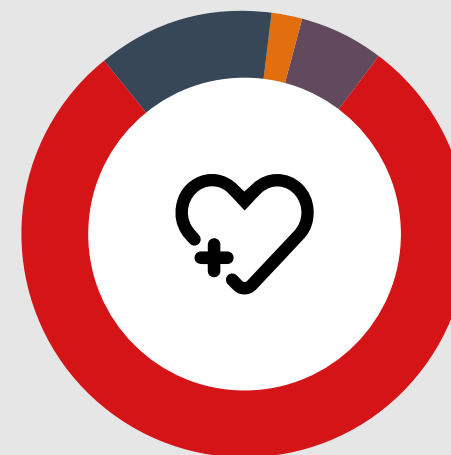
**52,273 Donations**

*Support the development and implementation of our projects*

**31,308 Single donors, including:**

- **30,396 Natural persons**
- **889 Groups and associations**
- **19 Private institutions**
- **4 Public institutions**

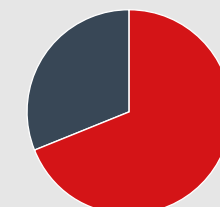
*Our major donors (considering both public and private institutions): CEI, Missionszentrale der Franziskaner, FAI, Misereor, AICS, EU*



**69,700 Direct beneficiaries**

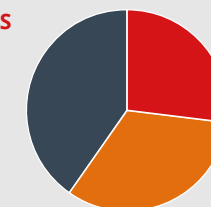
*Reached by our activities and projects*

- 55,000 Syria**
- 9,000 Israel and Palestine**
- 1,500 Lebanon**
- 4,200 Other countries**

■ **59 STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

*Engaged in various activities in Italy and abroad*

- **39 women**
- **20 men**

■ **37 suppliers in Italy**

*involved in marketing and promotion activities*

■ **45 local suppliers\***■ **55 local partners\***

*\*involved in the implementation of the projects*



**41,000 Facebook followers**

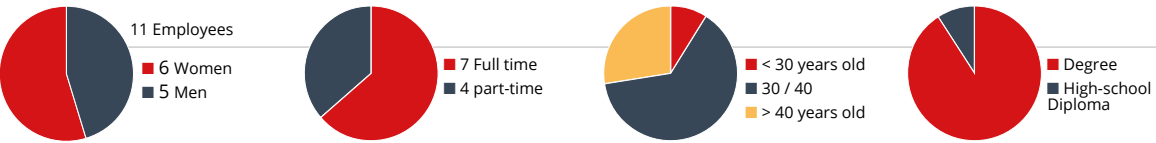


**62,628 Newsletter subscribers**



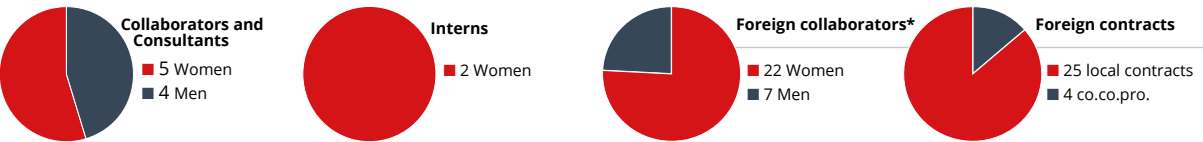
STAFF

EMPLOYEES



Employees are applying to the National Commercial Contract. The ratio between annual total retribution and workers' minimum salary is currently at 2.5 points.

OTHER COLLABORATORS



\* local staff involved in the project's operations is not to be included in this section but it is to be accounted for in the direct beneficiaries. The category is composed of 74 teachers, 108 educators, 52 workers and technicians.

Education

Staff's education is taken into great consideration. The Association contributes to further education of its employees by covering part of the application fees for specialization courses and Masters.  
In 2020 we supported the formation of 4 employees attending digital marketing, marketing management, social impact, development and preservation courses.  
Our Milan staff also attended workplace safety training pursuant to Legislative Decree 81/2008

Civil service

Thanks to partnerships, Association Pro Terra Sancta was able to host volunteers involved in 2 civil service projects (6 volunteers hosted in our Jerusalem offices and 4 in our Bethlehem headquarter). For the civil service projects, we received the refund due according to the Italian Legislation.

Volunteering

We promote and facilitate volunteers' involvement in the activities and charitable works that we support. Their contribution to the fulfilment of our activities, thanks to them being highly qualified and trained, is of great relevance. In 2020, due to the pandemic and travel restrictions, the number of volunteers greatly decreased for a total of 8 volunteers contributing with their professionalism to our Preservation and Development activities in Jerusalem (8 volunteers) and the teaching of Italian (1 volunteer).

**Administrative and Management Staff due salary** | Director General: € 48,000.00 plus taxes and other duties as prescribed by Italian law | Auditing: € 13,000.00 plus taxes and other duties as prescribed by Italian law | Supervisory Body: € 1,500.00 plus taxes and other duties as prescribed by Italian law



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# Preservation and development

We contribute to preserving the historical places of the **Holy Land** to raise awareness of their value by all the local communities, including the Jewish and Muslim ones, and by tourists and pilgrims as well. The renovation, conservation and enhancement activities are also an opportunity to train skilled workers and craftsmen, create job opportunities especially for the most vulnerable population groups (young people, women, people with disabilities), and generate income sources through social and cultural activities linked to sustainable tourism and new forms of hospitality. The enhancement of cultural heritage facilita-

tes and creates opportunities for meeting and coexistence among different people living in this land chosen and loved by God. In 2020 our actions focused on the restoration of buildings in Bethlehem and Jerusalem and the reconstruction of houses in Syria to promote social recovery.

## 01 ISRAEL/PALESTINE

- **BETHANY**  
*Hospitable Bethany*
- **BETHLEHEM**  
*Dar al Majus Community Home*  
*Our Home*  
*Bethlehem Mosaic Centre Workshop*
- **JERUSALEM**  
*Terra Sancta Museum*  
*Books bridges of Peace*  
*Terra Sancta Organ Festival*
- **NAZARETH**

## 02 JORDAN

- **MOUNT NEBO**
- **AMMAN**  
*Terra Sancta College*

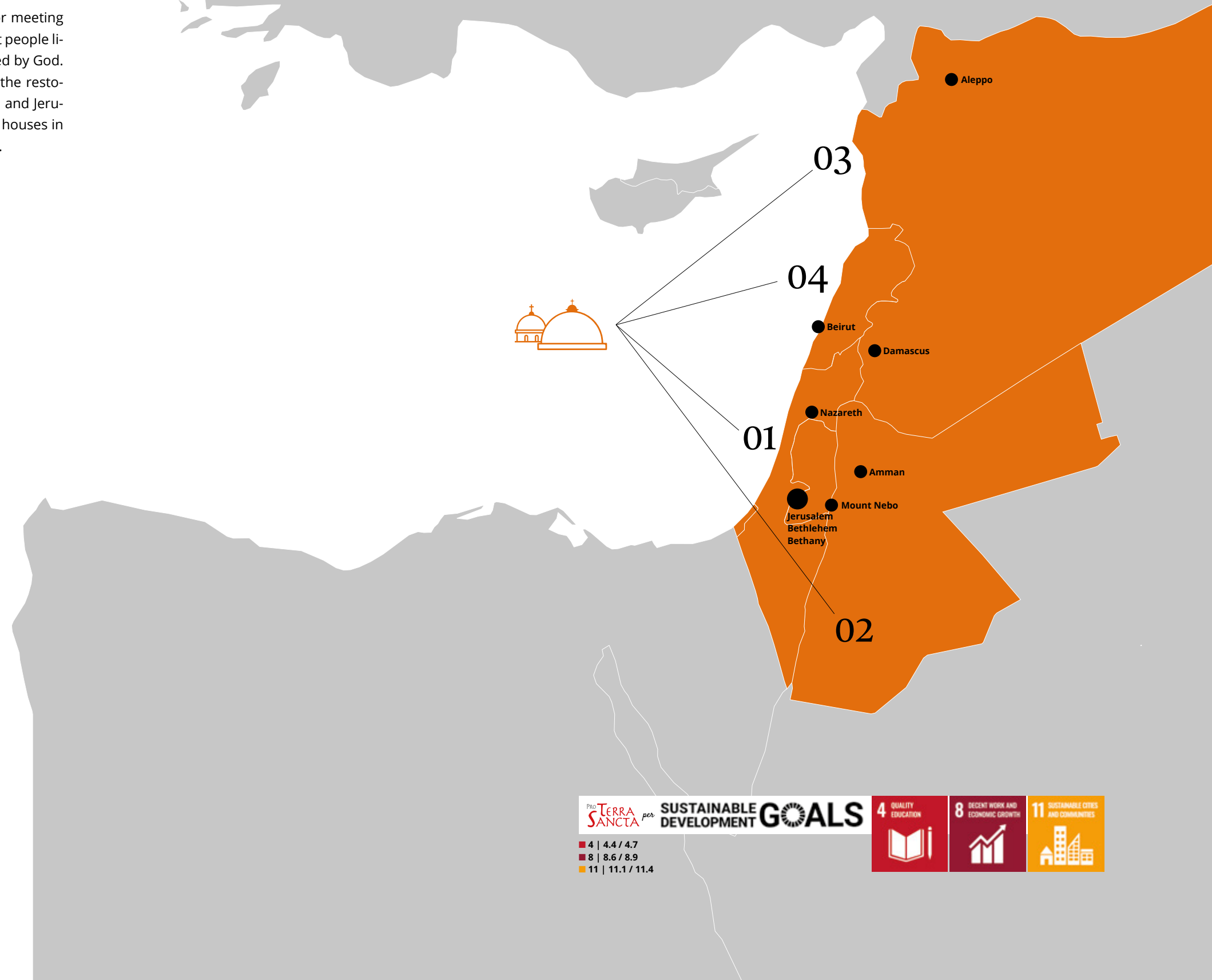
## 03 SYRIA

- **ALEPPO**  
*A home to start over again*
- **DAMASCUS**  
*The Welcome Culture - Dar Bulus*

## 04 LEBANON

- **BEIRUT**

■ **PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OPERATIVE SITES**



**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

4 | 4.4 / 4.7  
8 | 8.6 / 8.9  
11 | 11.1 / 11.4

4 QUALITY EDUCATION  
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH  
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES





# Israel/Palestine



## BETHANY

### HOSPITABLE BETHANY

We have been operating in Bethany for quite some time to preserve the ancient remains near the Tomb of Lazarus and increase the tourists' flux in favour of the local community. The historical and cultural heritage can become key for the improvement of the lifestyle of locals and for inclusive and sustainable growth, in particular for those who are living in difficult socio-economic conditions. At the end of 2020 the project 'Hospitable Bethany: sustainable development in support of the local community' was finalised. The project involved local young

people in preservation and protection activities (restoration and enhancement of cultural sites). In the city of Mary and Martha (Lazarus' sisters), particular attention was given to the professional formation of the women involved in the courses of local products handcrafting, for example, the making of nard-scented candles.

### BENEFICIARIES

■ **180**

*local youths involved in preservation activities*

■ **12**

*local university students involved in archaeological excavations*

■ **800**

*school pupils attending guided tours and didactic workshops*

■ **20**

*women involved in professional formation courses*



## BETHLEHEM

### DAR AL MAJUS COMMUNITY HOME

We focused on the designing and the first steps of the restoration of Dar al Majus Community Home, the cultural centre dedicated to the promotion of educational and cultural activities, work placement and assistance for the most vulnerable social groups of Bethlehem. The design and restoration involved local suppliers and personnel to contribute, even in these phases, to the community's economic development and the creation of job opportunities. In addition, we organised events and meetings to promote, inform and involve the local community in the project.

### BENEFICIARIES

- **9** *technical experts*
- **3** *technical firms*
- **2** *enterprises*
- **15** *suppliers*
- **16** *employees*

### OUR HOME

In 2020 as well, we fostered job creation by involving the local human resources in the making of small renovation operations related to the water emergency and the improvement of accessibility and housing conditions for poor families.

- **9** *technical experts*
- **3** *technical firms*

### BETHLEHEM MOSAIC CENTRE WORKSHOP

We completed the mosaics' workshop, now equipped to produce copies of the antique mosaics and new artworks, and educated 5 young people, 2 of them being deaf girls, on the art of mosaic making. The artworks were sold in the small cafe where visitors are welcomed. We also continued to improve the education of 10 mosaicists thanks to a specialisation course headed by a local mosaicist and thanks to the organisation of cultural workshops.

- **50** *students*
- **4** *teachers*
- **100** *people attending the workshops*



## JERUSALEM

### TERRA SANCTA MUSEUM

We carried on with the architectural restoration and the conservation of artworks soon to be exhibited in the Terra Sancta Museum. We reinforced the structure of the archaeological section to go on with the setting up of the halls. We also carried on with the preservation of the grand Franciscan Pharmacy (a collection composed of more than 400 artworks) and restored some paintings of high historic interest. We also started the restoration and improvement of the halls destined to the historic section of the Museum and, by doing so, discovered some rooms dated to the 14th Century which were probably used for the reception of pilgrims. In 2020 we

also started the ambitious project entirely dedicated to the improvement of the didactic activities of the Museum: we created a team of professionals that will lead the Museum to a strong presence in the schools and the Arab community of Jerusalem. Having to postpone the activities attended by pupils, we focused on the design and the online presence of the Museum, activities that will reinforce our next steps toward the improvement and the growth of the Museum itself.

### BOOKS BRIDGES OF PEACE

In 2020 we carried on with the valorisation and preservation of the books of the Franciscan Libraries in Jerusalem through cataloguing and supporting libraries in managing their collection and their services.

### BENEFICIARIES

■ **400** *libraries' users*

### TERRA SANCTA ORGAN FESTIVAL

We support the activities of the Terra Sancta Organ Festival aiming to allow everybody to enjoy the beauty of the Holy Land organs through the organisation of concerts and events. After the outbreak of the global pandemic, the concerts were streamed and some recordings are now available online.

■ **20** *concerts organized*



## NAZARETH

In the place where the Word became flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, we help the Sanctuary of the Basilica of the Annunciation with

the ordinary management and some extraordinary renovation expenses.



## Jordan

### MOUNT NEBO

Not being able to carry on with the archaeological missions due to the pandemic, we focused on the production of a guidebook and a brochure

in different languages for tourists and pilgrims. We also implemented capacity building activities for our local staff.

## AMMAN

### TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE

We promoted and supported the implementation of the Church of the Terra Sancta College in Amman.

### BENEFICIARIES

■ **1,500** *students and professors*



## Syria



### ALEPPO

#### A HOME TO START OVER AGAIN

We increased our contributions supporting the repair of houses, stores and small businesses to contribute to the creation of job opportunities and to sustain the economic recovery of the city.

#### BENEFICIARIES

- **250** *families*
- **180** *stores/small businesses*

### DAMASCUS

#### WELCOME CULTURE - DAR BULUS

In a context of great neglect and destruction, we started supporting some recovery actions for ancient buildings sited in Damascus' central area, linked to the presence of the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land. In 2020, in the heart of Damascus, we activated the renovation project of an old private palace, now belonging to the Franciscans, renewing all the rooms and organising new spaces for operational offices for the local staff, for the distributions to the beneficiaries and the numerous families in need, halls for education and training of young and adults and wider spaces for receptions and cultural events. The main goal was to create spaces of aggregation and education, renewing

and giving back to the city important, ancient and beautiful palaces by making them more accessible to the public. With the collaboration of a cultural centre in Moscow and some Christian communities, we started a dialogue with some Muslim organisations and created an exhibition on the meeting between Saint Francis and the Sultan while developing more cultural initiatives. We promoted the cultural presence of the Franciscans in Damascus with in-person and online meetings and organised capacity building activities for our staff.



## Lebanon



### BEIRUT

Following the explosion of August 2020, the convent, the church and the guest house complex of the Franciscans of Gemmayze, in Beirut, were badly ruined by the shock wave that greatly damaged and partially destroyed the buildings. Therefore, we launched a renovation and rehabilitation plan for the church and convent complex, historical buildings of the city and main centres not only for the Latin and other Christians. Thanks to this project, it was possible to repair the most important parts of the

church, especially the ceiling, the central wall and some benches for the worshippers, enabling them to use it just a month after the explosion. The internal repairs of the convent allowed 2 out of 5 friars to go back to living in the building and carrying on some activities, creating also a new emergency relief centre for needy families in the open courtyard of the complex.





# Education and support

The education of new generations is essential to build hope for a future of peace and development in a land battered by conflicts, while access to basic medical care gives dignity to the poorest and increases life quality. Education and support projects, carried out in collaboration with other charitable works in the Holy Land, assist the needy (with particular attention to children with disabilities and women in

need) and train new generations of young people by providing them with access to quality education and vocational training opportunities. Finally, we are committed to provide medical and health assistance to people who cannot afford essential care.

## 01 ISRAEL/PALESTINE

### ■ BETHLEHEM

Counseling service  
Music Therapy Diploma  
Training courses  
Child sponsorship  
Nativity Parish

### ■ JERUSALEM

Language courses  
Charitable works

## 03 SYRIA

### ■ ALEPPO

Franciscan Care Centre (FCC)  
Franciscan Care Centre – A name and a future  
School for deaf-mute children (Er Ram)  
Rosary School  
Parish centre (Azizieh)

### ■ DAMASCUS

Emergency relief centre (Bab Touma)  
Memorial kindergarten  
St. George kindergarten (Maaloula)  
Franciscan Music Centre (Tabbaleh)

### ■ KNAYE AND YACoubIEH (IDLIB)

Elementary and middle school  
Darkoush kindergarten

### ■ LATAKIA

School Assistance Centre  
Latakia Summer Camp for Children

## 04 LEBANON

### ■ BEIRUT

Reception home for young Syrians  
Youth centre (Harissa)

### ■ TRIPOLI

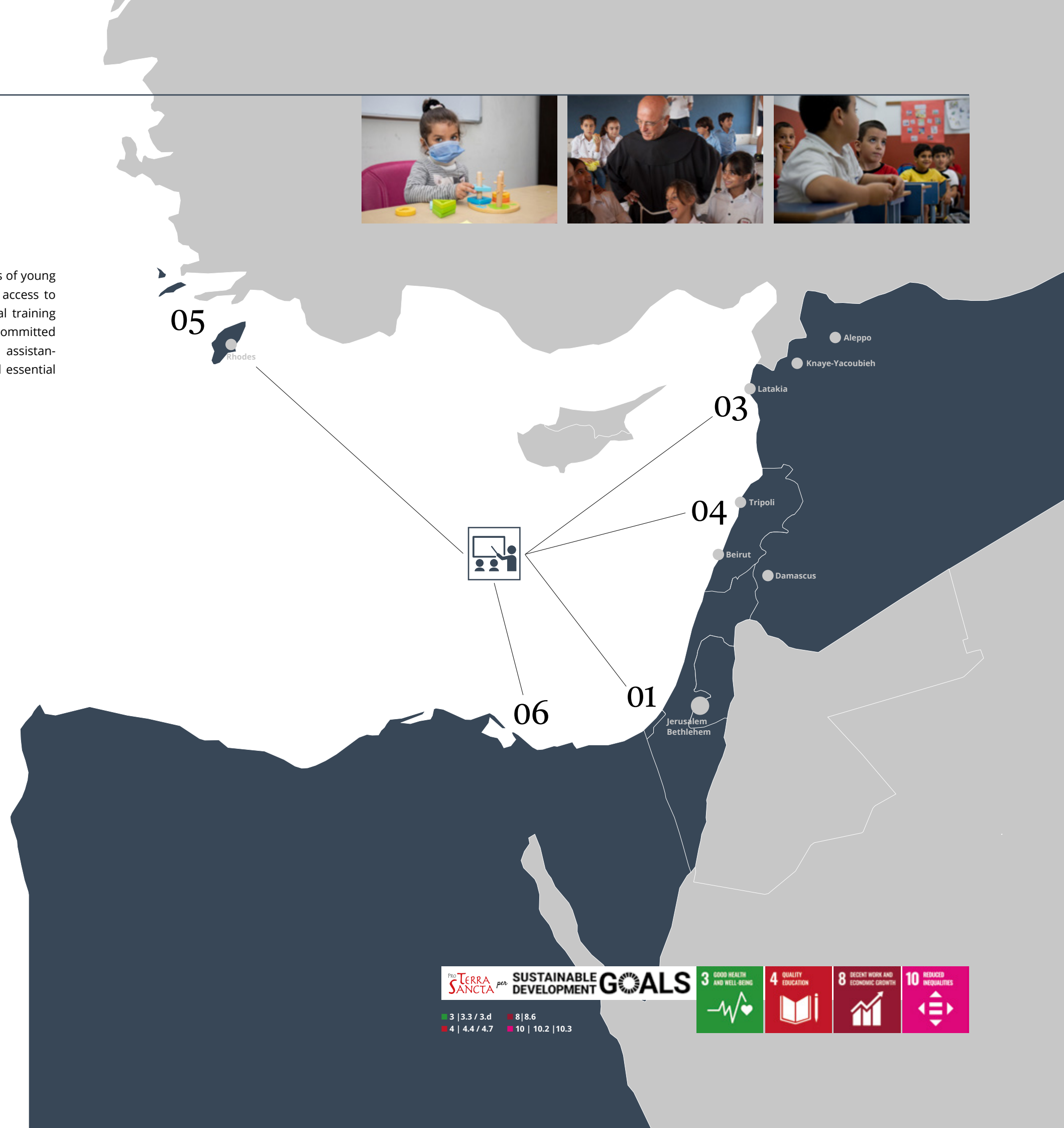
Saint Francis sports centre (El-Mina)

## 05 GREECE

### ■ RHODES

## 06 EGYPT

■ EDUCATION AND SUPPORT OPERATIVE SITES





# 01 Israel/Palestine

In 2020 we carried on our initiatives to support the local community and ensure access to education and medical care. Our activities are intended especially for the most vulnerable groups of society: to needy families and charitable works that take care of the last (elderly people, children, people with disabilities).

Our goal is to contribute to the creation of better social conditions that promote encounter and dialogue.



## BETHLEHEM

### COUNSELING SERVICE

With regard to the medical assistance, we cover fees for surgical interventions and emergency drugs. Our counseling service (which ensures psychological support and family mediation with home visits to the families) carried on its activities even during lockdowns, thanks to telephone support, mediation with medical facilities and family care.

### BENEFICIARIES

- **381** families
- **1,524** people
- **16** medical facilities and hospitals

### MUSIC THERAPY DIPLOMA

This year too we organised music therapy and resilience courses (for social and health workers).

- **23** students
- **7** medical facilities

### TRAINING COURSES

We increased our vocational training activities through scholarships to allow students who dropped out of school to attend professional courses as well as through art and handicraft courses for women in difficult social and economic conditions.

- **15** young people
- **8** women with difficulties

### CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Our child sponsorship programmes ensure access to quality education to children from needy families. In 2020 we supported the schools of the Holy Land through funds to face the needs related to the Covid-19 emergency.

### BENEFICIARIES

- **251** students and their families
- **4** schools involved

### NATIVITY PARISH

We support Bethlehem's social office in its activities intended for needy families and vulnerable people. Aid provided is used to cover household (rental and bills) and health expenses.

- **10** families
- **25** sick people



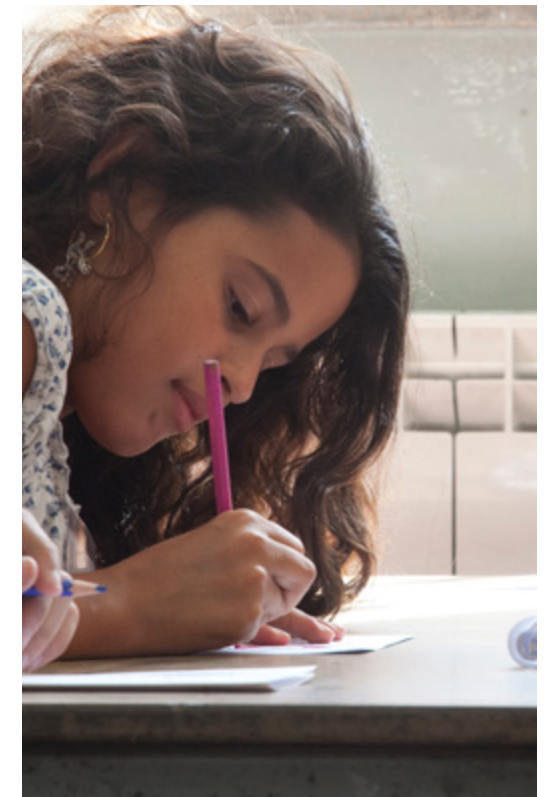
## JERUSALEM

### LANGUAGE COURSES

We are involved in the organisation of Italian courses for the Franciscans, the Latin Patriarchate and the local people living in Palestine and Jerusalem. Language knowledge promotes knowledge of the other and his culture through dialogue, encounter and cohesion. We organise about 10 courses a year held by qualified teachers. The global pandemic made it difficult to carry out the courses, but we tried to guarantee their continuity by carrying on our activities online: unfortunately, this wasn't always possible and not all the students decided to continue. In September 2020 we started 10 new courses both in-person and online.

### BENEFICIARIES

- **70** students





## JERUSALEM

## CHARITABLE WORKS

We support charitable works. The Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul manage a reception facility with a kindergarten for 240 children and a centre for people with severe disabilities located within walking distance of the old town. We support their activities with both private funds and funds collected from the activities of our guest house located inside the convent. In 2020 we donated the necessary funds to buy furniture and put into operation a hydrotherapy and physiotherapy centre for people with disabilities. For almost a decade, the Jerusalem African Community Centre (JACC) has been supporting asylum seekers from Eritrea, Sudan and

Ethiopia in Jerusalem. The needs it faces have increased significantly because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2020 we subsidised some administrative expenses and supported the staff in project management and fundraising. Home Notre-Dame des Douleurs is a facility located in East Jerusalem which hosts elderly people living alone, regardless of their religious belief, offering them medical and social assistance. In 2020 we supported the renovation of part of the plumbing.

## BENEFICIARIES

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

- **204** children
- **30** people with disabilities

## JACC

- about **3,000** asylum seekers

## HOME NOTRE-DAME DES DOULEURS

- **40** elderlies
- **4** nuns
- **18** employees
- **2** volunteers

## JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM, AMMAN

## SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY LAND

The schools of the Holy Land are training grounds for coexistence and dialogue and they ensure quality education to children and young people. In 2020 we supported 4 schools through funds for scholarships for students who cannot afford school fees, as well as funds to cover some of the facilities expenses and the costs of the renovation of some of their spaces.

## BENEFICIARIES

- **4** schools
- **4,300** students



## Syria

In the last years of the war there was an increase in the military forces employed in the country, especially foreign forces, and in the air attacks which have, mostly unintentionally, struck many school buildings. In addition to the material damage, the exacerbation of the situation in 2019 and 2020 pushed most of the specialised local staff to migrate.

According to UN data, in 2019-2020 103 schools were attacked, 40% of school buildings is still damaged, 2 million children are not enrolled in schooling and 1.3 million children risk to drop out of school with all the dangers related to this situation.

Most of the children aged 3 to 14 are born and/or grown up with the war which is the only condition they know. This results in severe psychological consequences, such as relational, affective and behavioural problems as well as difficulties in accepting themselves and the others.

Our goal was that of supporting Syrian families in trying to go back to normal life and ensuring a better education and future to their children by guaranteeing the right to education to the most needy ones and encouraging opportunities and resilience paths to children and young people affected by the tragedy of the war (both physically and psychologically).

We supported psychological rehabilitation centres for children, provided annual aid to students and families for school fees and supported local schools.



## ALEPPO

## FRANCISCAN CARE CENTER (FCC)

## BENEFICIARIES

In operation since 2018, the centre offers psychological rehabilitation through the following activities: art therapy, music therapy, individual psychological support, sports, English and French courses.

- **1,050** children





## ALEPPO

FRANCISCAN CARE CENTRE (FCC)	BENEFICIARIES
<p><b>A NAME AND A FUTURE</b>   In East Aleppo we help orphan children who are not registered within the civil registry through the same activities as the FCC in addition to an after-school service, pediatric care, Arabic, English and training classes for women.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>1,200</b> children</li> <li>■ <b>600</b> women</li> <li>■ <b>70</b> people involved in the activities</li> </ul>
SCHOOL FOR DEAF-MUTE CHILDREN (ER RAM)	
<p>We subsidised the arrangement of some classes and bathrooms and we covered part of the current expenses of the school, the only one for deaf-mute children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>150</b> children and their families</li> <li>■ <b>24</b> teachers</li> <li>■ <b>20</b> employees of the school</li> </ul>
ROSARY SCHOOL	
<p>The Rosary school is among the most important ones of central-western Aleppo. We covered some of the school current expenses and the purchase of computers, desks and school equipment. Moreover, we provide aid to needy families for after-school activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>300</b> children and their families</li> <li>■ <b>3</b> teachers</li> <li>■ <b>4</b> local workers</li> </ul>
PARISH CENTRE (AZIZIEH)	
<p>We started an after-school service for needy students by renovating 7 classes and covering the centre's current expenses. Moreover, we support the poorest students through scholarships that cover part of the school fees and the purchase of books and school equipment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>250</b> students and their families, beneficiaries of scholarships</li> <li>■ <b>100</b> students and their families supported through after-school activities</li> </ul>



## DAMASCUS

EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE (BAB TOUMA)	BENEFICIARIES
<p>We opened an emergency relief and a training centre where we organise livelihood, marketing, Covid-19 prevention, and stress management courses in order to train young people and adults to approach the labour market and face the many daily stress situations existing in Syria. We also offer annual support to cover school fees and buy school equipment, in addition to providing families with an after-school service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>100</b> adults and young people trained</li> <li>■ <b>250</b> students supported</li> <li>■ <b>90</b> children attending the after-school service</li> </ul>
MEMORIAL KINDERGARTEN (TABBALEH)	
<p>We covered part of the school's current expenses, the purchase of an electric generator and the renovation of some spaces.</p>	
	
ST. GEORGE KINDERGARTEN (MAALOULA)	BENEFICIARIES
<p>The kindergarten is the only operating educational option for pre-school aged children living in this area. We covered part of the current expenses and monthly fees of needy families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>30</b> children and their families</li> </ul>
FRANCISCAN MUSIC CENTRE (TABBALEH)	
<p>We covered part of the centre's current expenses, the purchase of musical instruments and part of the teachers' salaries, allowing free attendance to music courses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>90</b> children</li> <li>■ <b>8</b> teachers</li> </ul>



## KNAYE AND YACOUBIEH (IDLIB)

## ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

## BENEFICIARIES

In Knaye and Yacoubieh's Franciscan convents, we opened an official school where children and young people who can no longer afford the other regular schools of the area have the opportunity to study all the most important subjects and take part in educational activities which follow Syrian national education path.

- **70** *children and their families*
- **65** *students supported with school equipment*
- **11** *local teachers*

## DARKOUSH KINDERGARTEN

We supported the kindergarten (the only one in the area) buy purchasing furniture and school equipment and renovating some of its spaces.

- **150** *children*
- **6** *local teachers*



## LATAKIA

## SCHOOL ASSISTANCE CENTRE

## BENEFICIARIES

We started an after-school service for needy students and we offered families financial aid to cover part of the school fees and the purchase of books and other school equipment.

- **150** *students and their families*
- **30** *young people*

## LATAKIA SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN

We opened a recreational and psychological support centre for children and internally displaced families with rehabilitation activities carried out through artistic and cooking workshops and sports.

- **200** *young people*
- **22** *teachers*



## Lebanon



## BEIRUT

## RECEPTION HOME FOR YOUNG SYRIANS

## BENEFICIARIES

We support young Syrians in finding a steady and decent job by providing them with accommodation at the reception home for 3 months in order to lift them up of part of the living expenses.

- **20** *young people*
- **2** *collaborators*

## YOUTH CENTRE (HARISSA)

We covered the renovation expenses to allow the reception of refugees and groups of young Lebanese. Moreover, we subsidised scholarships to cover school fees of young university students.

- **200** *children and young people*

## TRIPOLI

## SAINT FRANCIS SPORTS CENTRE (EL-MINA)

## BENEFICIARIES

We supported the renovation and expansion of the centre which is very important in the neighbourhood and is currently attended by Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian children and families.

- **300** *children and young people*





## Greece

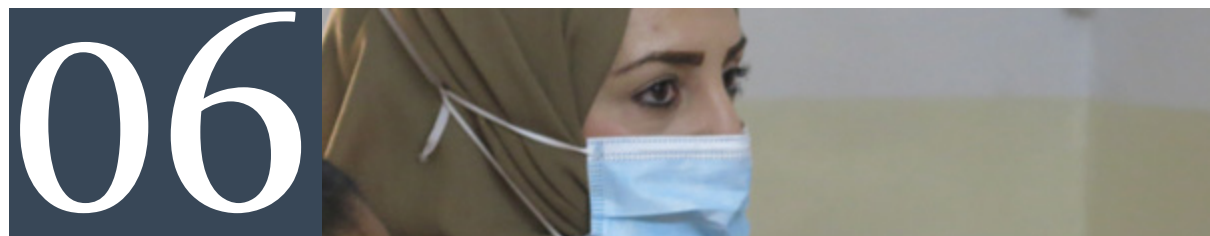


### RHODES

After the outbreak of the Syrian war, Rhodes has become a point of arrival for many displaced people and refugees who are fleeing from Syria and Gaza. Most of them find asylum in a refugee camp which develops around the city's ancient slaughterhouse. Thanks to the Franciscans being on site, we support Palestinian and Syrian refugees and poor families through the distribution of food parcels.

#### BENEFICIARIES

- **460** *Greek families, immigrants and refugees*
- **60** *families in the refugee camp*



## Egypt

We support the education of the poorest students by providing their families with aid for school fees and equipment. We support the poorest families in covering essential expenses such as food, clothing and medical care. We support young families through aid for engaged and recently married couples to look for a house and pay the rental.

#### BENEFICIARIES

- **280** *children distributed into 3 centres*
- **90** *families*
- **3** *students*
- **450** *sick people in 3 medical dispensaries*





# Emergencies *in the Middle East*

Humanitarian emergencies in the Middle East are still dramatically relevant, especially in the region called the 'Saint Paul Region' (Lebanon, Syria, Jordan). Emergency relief projects guarantee the distribution of essential goods to support the population affected by the war and, where possible, the reconstruction of what has been destroyed during the conflict to encourage the rebirth and development of the civil society. In 2020 two major challenges

were added to the emergency related to the Syrian conflict and the dramatic situation of refugees: the Covid-19 pandemic and the explosion in Beirut's port. Our intervention in this sector has thus increased by providing aid and assistance to the population affected by the health and economic crisis, and by supporting local hospitals and charitable works.

## 01 ISRAEL/PALESTINE

### ■ BETHLEHEM

Covid-19 Emergency

Nativity Parish

### ■ JERUSALEM

Covid-19 Emergency

Saint Saviour Parish

### ■ GAZA

Parish

## 03 SYRIA

### ■ ALEPPO

Emergency Relief Centre

### ■ DAMASCUS

Emergency Relief Centre

Community Home Shelter/Medical Assistance Centre (Tabbaleh)

St. Louis Hospital

Dr Souleiman Medical Assistance Centre

### ■ KNAYE AND YACOUBIEH (IDLIB)

Emergency Relief Centre

### ■ LATAKIA

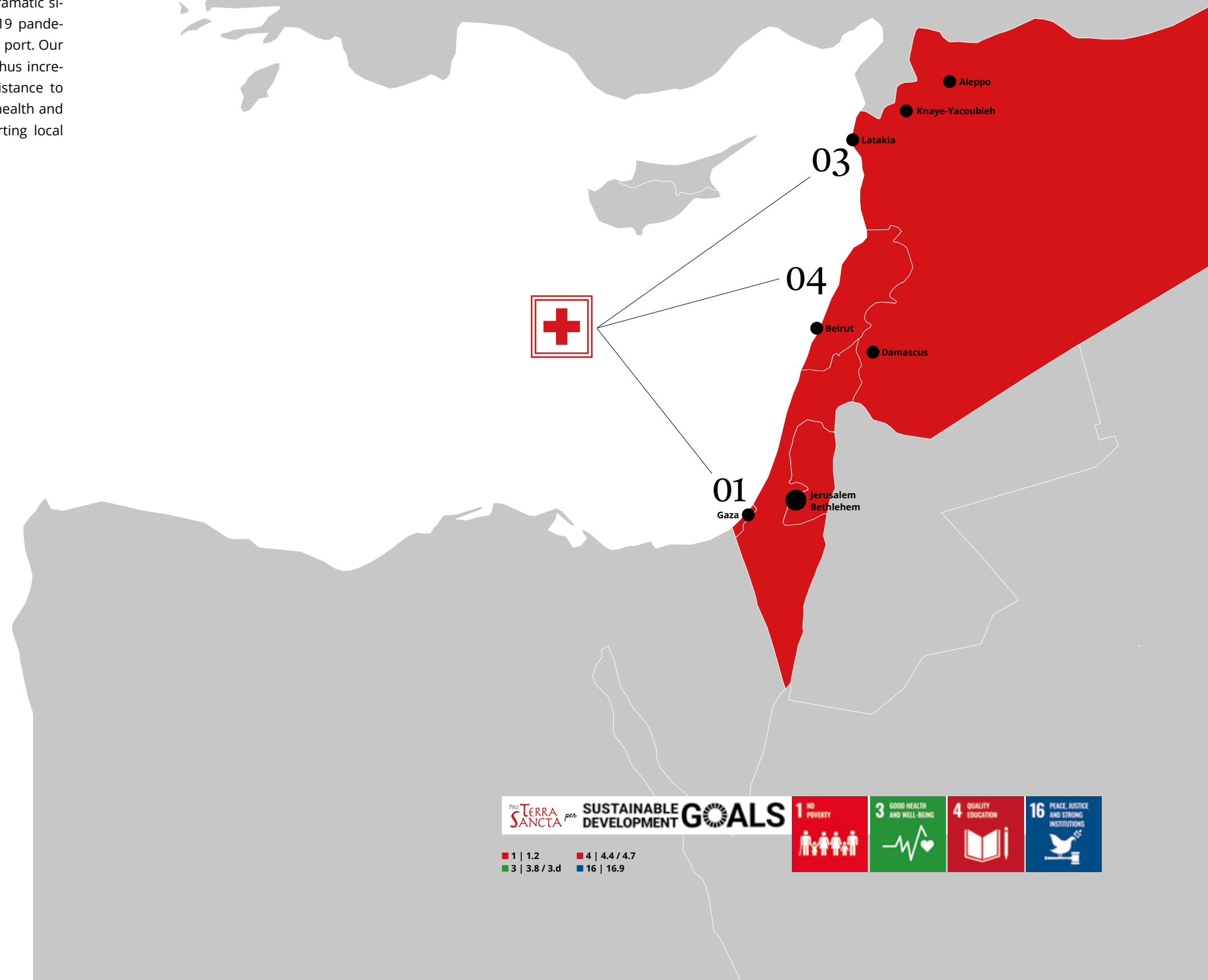
Emergency Relief Centre

## 04 LEBANON

### ■ BEIRUT

Gemmayze Emergency Relief Centre

### ■ EMERGENCY OPERATIVE SITES





# Israel/Palestine



## BETHLEHEM

### COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Our activity never stopped and our commitment increased during the pandemic. We supported needy people living in Bethlehem with medical, social and psychological assistance. Due to the pandemic, many educational and social organisations of Bethlehem went through difficult times in managing their activities (also due to the shortage of partners and employees) and in ensuring their hosts adequate Personal Protective Equipment. We therefore offered our help and support to the weakest in order to protect them from the ongoing health

and economic crisis. In particular, we financially supported the social and medical assistance for the hosts of the Antonian Society and the renovations needed to create a Covid-19 reserved area. We supplied two hospitals of Bethlehem and Jerusalem's surrounding area with Personal Protective Equipment and Covid-19 therapy systems. We also supplied 4 structures for poor and/or children with disabilities with PPE and helped them with the management of the emergency.

### BENEFICIARIES

■ **2** hospitals

#### ANTONIAN SOCIETY

■ **42** residing elderlies

■ **37** soup kitchen hosts

■ **21** employees

■ **15** suppliers

#### MOTHER TERESA SISTERS' HOME OF PEACE

■ **32** children

■ **15** psychiatric adults

#### ORTAS KINDERGARTEN

■ **150** children

■ **3** nuns

#### HOGAR NIÑO DIOS

■ **40** children with disabilities

■ **6** nuns

■ **9** workers

#### FRANCISCAN BOYS HOME

■ **22** children



## BETHLEHEM

### NATIVITY PARISH

### BENEFICIARIES

We supported Bethlehem's parish in its efforts of helping families casted into poverty because of the pandemic.

■ **20** families

## JERUSALEM

### COVID-19 EMERGENCY

### BENEFICIARIES

The Covid-19 pandemic was challenging for East Jerusalem and its healthcare system. We donated funds to purchase an isolation stretcher for the Covid ward of St. Joseph Hospital. We also promoted the purchase of 2 oxygen therapy and 402 pulse oximetry devices.

#### ST. PAUL HOSPITAL COVID-19 WARD

■ **28** beds

■ **300** bedridden people

### SAINT SAVIOUR PARISH

We supported Jerusalem's parish in its efforts of helping families casted into poverty because of the pandemic.

■ **15** families

## GAZA

### PARISH

### BENEFICIARIES

We support Gaza's parish in helping poor families.

■ **40** families



## Syria

Since the end of 2019, the situation in Syria has worsened because of the new violent conflicts in the north-eastern area of the country and the deriving new wave of internally displaced people (more than 800,000 people). In 2020 the outbreak of the pandemic and the renewal of international sanctions against Assad's Government exacerbated the condition of poverty and emergency in the country, where 69% of the population currently lives below the poverty line and 6.5 million people live in food insecurity. Unemployment, inflation, price increase and difficulties in finding basic goods once easily available on the market worsened the conditions of poverty and vulnerability of the local people. Families are no longer able to meet their basic needs. A father needs to

work for a month to buy 2 kilos of meat. What was not destroyed by the war, might be destroyed by hunger. The aim of our interventions is to help and support needy families in buying basic goods and face these times of crisis and poverty. The stability and food security of supported families has increased, making them able to keep staying in the country without leaving their hometowns and families.



## ALEPPO

### EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE

We monthly provided local people with medical care and we distributed food parcels, vouchers to buy diesel oil for electricity and heating, clothing, detergents, hygiene products, diapers, milk powder and PPE to prevent and protect from Covid-19, thus supporting the ones affected by the war and the global pandemic.

### BENEFICIARIES

- **1,050** children
- **4,500** families  
(for a total amount of 20,000 people)
- **500** families with young children
- **100** kids with disabilities
- **5,000** people helped  
with drugs and medical care



## DAMASCO

### EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE

We monthly distributed vouchers to buy food and drugs, helped people with medical prescriptions, supported the purchase of diesel oil for electricity and heating and provided people with clothing, detergents, hygiene products, diapers and milk powder. Our centre started a partnership with local groceries and pharmacies to allow the use of vouchers and then monthly settle the payment. In the second half of 2020 our activities were focused on facing the Covid-19 pandemic.

### BENEFICIARIES

- **700** families
- **1,200** people helped  
with drugs and medical care
- **100** kids with disabilities
- **200** families with  
young children

### COMMUNITY HOME SHELTER/MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CENTRE (TABBALEH)

We opened a shelter and assistance centre to host seriously ill patients who have to go through long-term treatments helping them to cover medical expenses and ensuring them board and lodging.

- **140** hosted patients
- **120** financially supported people

### ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL

We contributed in covering the renovation and current expenses of the hospital, one of the busiest of the city.

- **12,000** patients
- **144** nurses
- **130** doctors
- **7** renewed wards

### DR SOULEIMAN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CENTRE

We support the medical centre (which assists patients from poor and needy families) by covering its general expenses and we provide the poorest and the most seriously ill patients with financial aid.

- **3,200** patients
- **4** nurses
- **2** doctors





## KNAYE AND YACOUBIEH (IDLIB)

## EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE

We supported needy families with food, drugs, vouchers to buy diesel oil for electricity and heating, clothing, detergents, hygiene products, diapers and milk powder.

## BENEFICIARIES

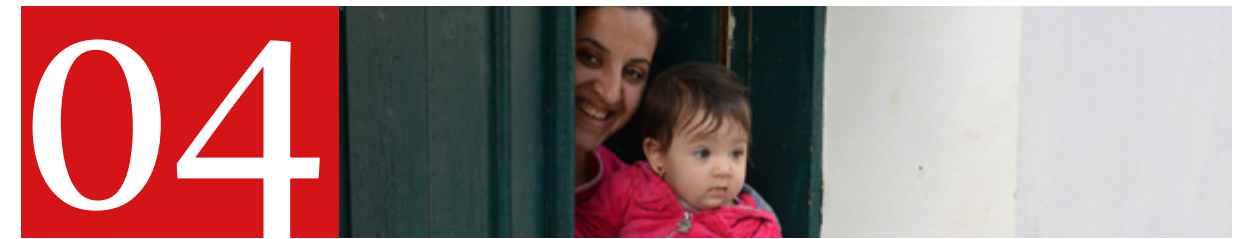
- **260** *families*
- **60** *internally displaced families*

## LATAKIA

## EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE

We support needy families with food, drugs, vouchers to buy diesel oil for electricity and heating, clothing, detergents, hygiene products, diapers and milk powder. We support young people attending school by covering expenses for school equipment and books and we support needy families by covering rentals.

- **500** *families*
- **130** *people helped with drugs and medical care*



## Lebanon

One out of 4 people in Lebanon is a refugee. In the last 10 years the country went through a deep social, economic and political crisis. The explosion of August 2020 destroyed the port and the nearby area in a 24 km range causing hundreds of deaths and more than 6,000 injured people, damaging buildings, businesses and the strategic economic facility of the country. Lebanese people are currently facing the consequences of such a disaster, a never-before-seen economic crisis and a new contagion wave. Needy families' help requests related to basic goods shortage, food emergency and the need for houses repair are increasing. Association pro Terra Sancta supports needy

families, especially in the poorest neighbourhoods of Beirut and other small Lebanese cities to face food emergency and poverty by distributing basic goods and ensuring decent housing solutions.



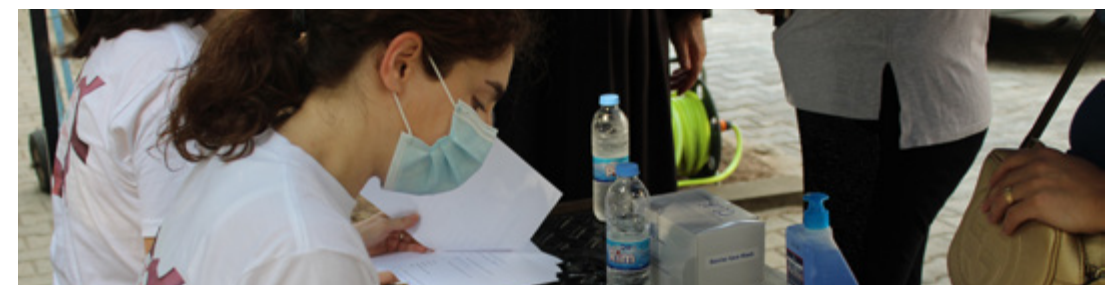
## BEIRUT

## GEMMAYZE EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE

## BENEFICIARIES

We opened an emergency relief centre to distribute basic goods, drugs, PPE for Covid-19 prevention, hygiene products, diapers and powder milk. In September 2020 we also started to repair some of the flats damaged by the explosion in partnership with two local engineering and architectural firms.

- **250** *families*
- **35** *repaired flats*
- **80** *people helped with drugs and medical care*









## Bethlehem's Guest house

Bethlehem's two guest houses arise in the city centre, very close to the Church of the Nativity. Through the activities of our guest houses, we offer employment opportunities to local people and we support social and cultural initiatives for the local communi-

ty. Lacking pilgrims and visitors, we engaged in the renovation of our guest houses thus providing local people with job opportunities.

### BENEFICIARIES

■ **12** workers and **11** suppliers



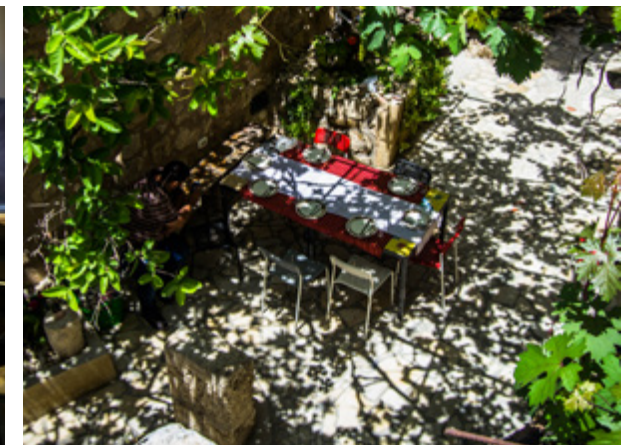
## Sebastiya and Nisf Jubeil's Guest houses

In Sebastiya, village of ancient Samaria, we have been carrying out sustainable tourism initiatives for several years, involving the local community and the most disadvantaged. In 2020 we carried on our work, and, despite the limitations caused by the global pandemic and the

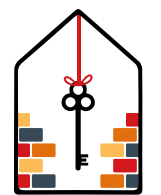
lack of tourists, we managed to keep people engaged in our activities; we carried out ordinary maintenance and renovation of our guest houses and we started hygiene courses as well as pottery and cooking classes for local people in order to ease their sense of loneliness.

### BENEFICIARIES

■ **16** people durably engaged in the management of the guest houses and other activities



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**Dar Mamilla**  
powered by  
PRO TERRA SANCTA

## Jerusalem's Guest house

In 2020 we turned our guest house (which hosted about a hundred visitors early in the year) into a centre for Italian courses for the local community. The

activities of the guest house support the charitable work of the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul.

### BENEFICIARIES

■ **11** local people

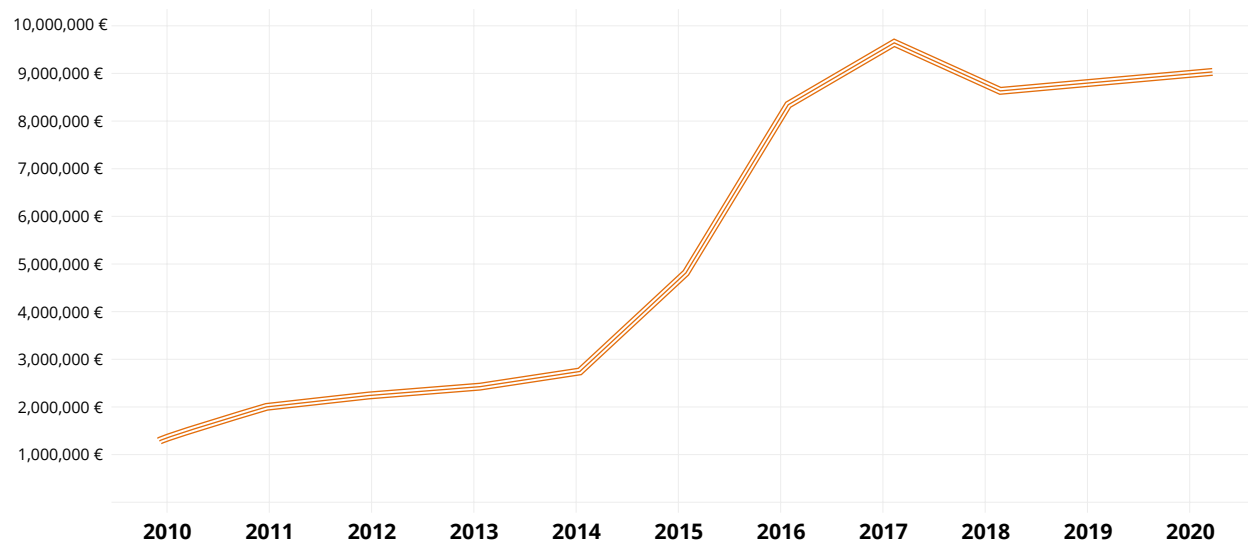


# Economic and financial situation

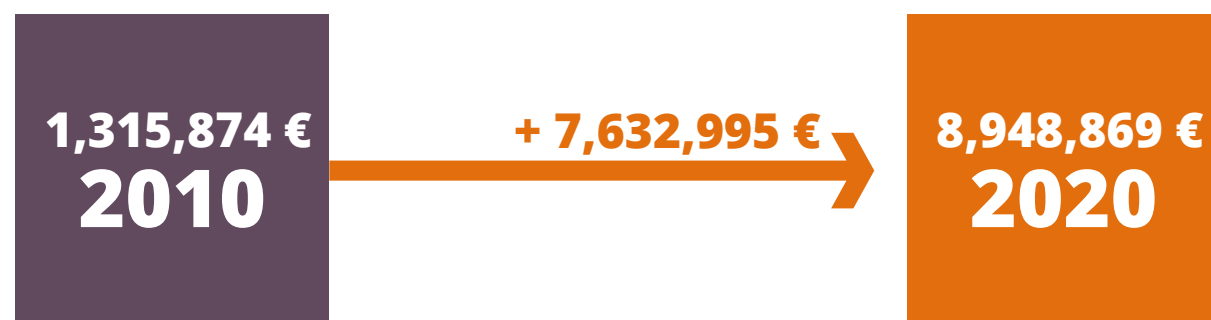
## CONTRIBUTIONS



### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED 2010-2020



The growing trend of fundraising is a sign of both the **loyalty** of our supporters and their **increasing** number.



Our fundraising activities are carried out in different languages with the purpose of potentially reaching the entire world. Strong and relevant is, above all, the bond with Italy, numerous European countries and the Anglo-Saxon public.

Our fundraising activities involve both public and private institutions through participation in calls for proposals, and private individuals through postal and digital communication (only digital communication for foreign countries); acquisition of new donors is carried out offline by renting mailing lists, through communication by mail on magazines and online through lead generation.

Funds collected from calls for proposals are used according to the submitted application and reporting and monitoring activities are carried out as requested by the donor and/or the supplier.

Funds collected from private donors through spontaneous donations or donations received in response to our communications are allocated

according to the purpose of the donation itself; if the contribution does not indicate a specific purpose, it is assigned according to the needs defined in the forecast budget and the annual planning developed by the Board of Directors. Activities realised thanks to collected funds are described on the website of the Association and/or in letters sent to the donors.

**In addition to providing support for our projects, our communication activity aims also to inform and keep alive the bond between our benefactors and the Holy Land, which is the core of our mission: great attention is paid to contents creation to enhance knowledge of the Holy Land and its places (on religious and significant topics), as well as provide information on our activities and ongoing projects.**

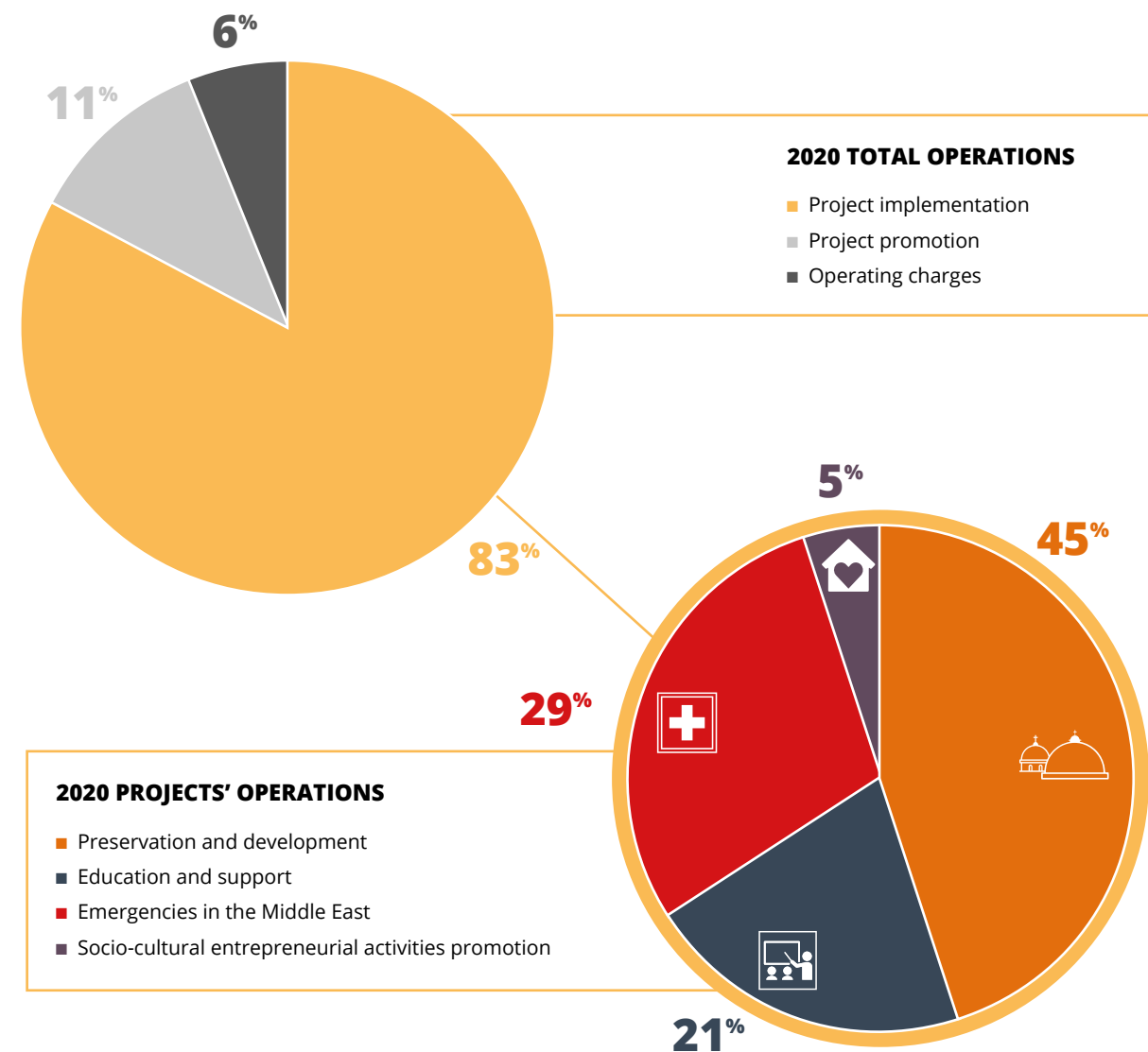
In 2020, the major topics of private fundraising have been: Syria, Holy Places (with focus on Nazareth in May), emergency in Lebanon, schools of the Holy Land, Covid-19 emergency in Bethlehem, Dar al Majus project.

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

- Italy
- Foreign countries



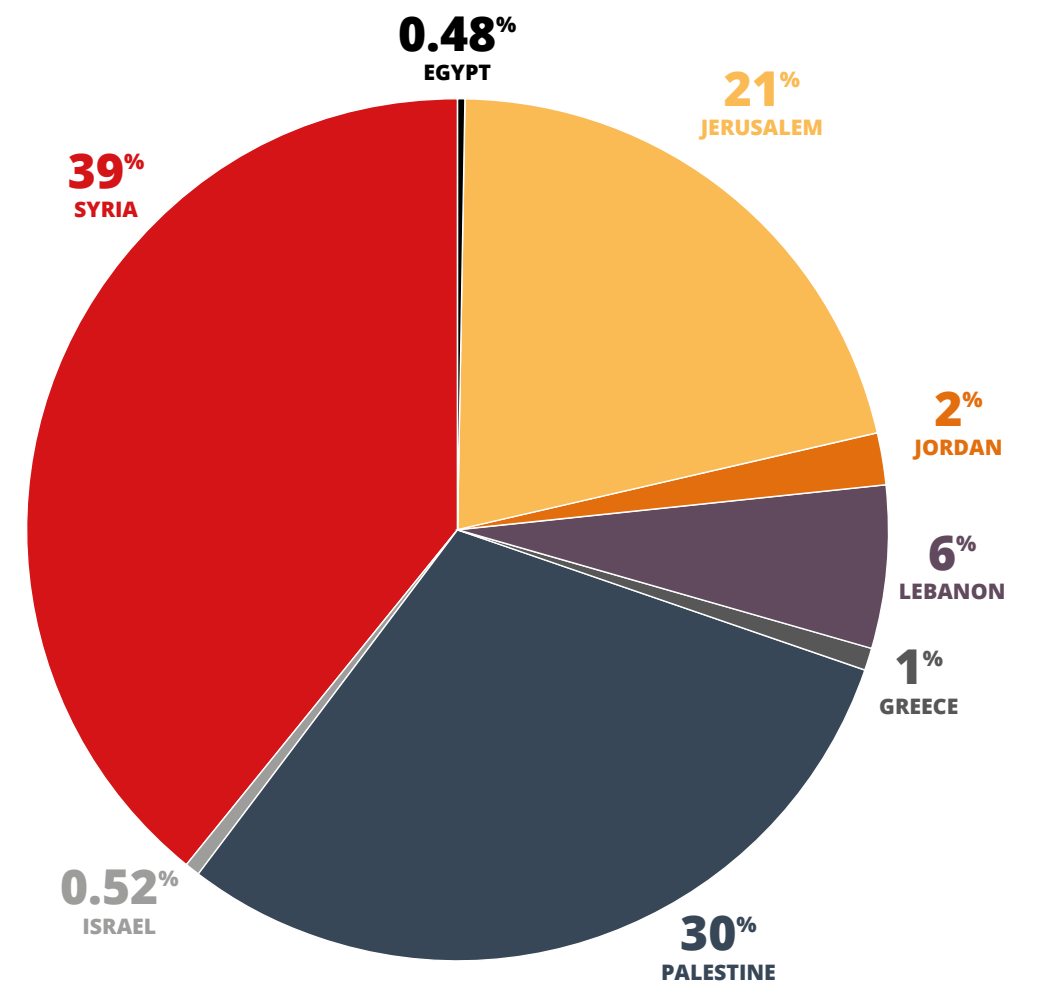
## PROJECTS AND ALLOCATIONS



The use of resources among typical, support and project promotion activities reflects the attention of the Association to operate efficiently while maintaining as primary aim the allocation of resources for statutory purposes. In 2020 there was an increase in our activities in the **Preservation and development** area due to some interventions related to the end of the violent phase of the war in Syria; an increase occurred as well in the **Emergency** area because of the needs related to the humanitarian emergency (resulting from the conflicts and the explosion in Beirut's port) and the Covid-19 emergency.

## PROJECTS' OPERATION FOR GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

- EGYPT
- JERUSALEM
- JORDAN
- GREECE
- ISRAEL
- LEBANON
- PALESTINE
- SYRIA



# Annual report 2020

BALANCE SHEET 1/1 - 31/12/2020

FINAL BALANCE		
ASSETS	2020	2019
INTANGIBLE AND FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Long-term chargers	0	2,491
Investments	1,725	1,725
TOTAL ASSETS	1,725	4,216
CREDITS AND NON-IMMOBILIZED FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Receivables within the next financial year	4,028	3,914
Deposits in supporting operating activities	500,000	500,000
TOTAL CREDITS	504,028	503,914
CASH AND BANK DEPOSITS		
Bank Deposits for project implementation	2,009,262	1,540,209
Cash equivalents	256	1,643
TOTAL CASH AND DEPOSITS	2,009,518	1,541,852
ACCRUED INCOMES AND PREPAID EXPENSES	219,989	202,479
TOTAL ASSETS	2,735,260	2,252,461

FINAL BALANCE		
LIABILITIES	2020	2019
NET EQUITY		
ENDOWMENT FUND	43,919	43,919
Operating Surplus/(Loss)	268,557	42,201
Reserves of previous years	1,906,029	1,863,828
TOTALE NET EQUITY	2,218,505	1,949,948
EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION INDEMNITY	68,756	51,702
PAYABLES		
Payables to banks	981	2,250
Payables to suppliers	177,133	185,347
Payables to tax authorities	11,068	12,567
Payables to employees	24,905	35,014
Payables to social security agencies	14,541	15,633
TOTAL PAYABLES	228,628	250,811
DEFERRED INCOME	219,371	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,735,260	2,252,461

PROFIT AND LOSS 1/1 - 31/12/2020

FINAL BALANCE			FINAL BALANCE		
SOURCES	2020		2019		
From Private Donors	3,903,475	43.6%	2,981,586	34.2%	
From Groups and Associations	1,926,787	21.6%	1,687,428	19.4%	
From Private Institutions	1,946,099	21.8%	2,765,866	31.7%	
From Public Institutions	315,256	3.5%	474,768	5.4%	
From Italian Government (5xmille program)	378,445	4.2%	174,715	2.0%	
From Legacies	108,866	1.2%	36,000	0.4%	
From Social entrepreneurial activities	278,068	3.1%	341,979	3.9%	
Enhancement of materials and volunteers	91,873	1.0%	257,183	2.9%	
TOTAL PROFIT	8,948,869	100%	8,719,525	100%	
FINAL BALANCE			FINAL BALANCE		
ALLOCATIONS	2020		2019		
ORDINARY ACTIVITY					
Projects of Preservation and Development	3,228,852	37.2%	3,117,456	35.9%	
Projects of Education and Support	1,522,460	17.5%	1,797,305	20.7%	
Emergency in the Middle East	2,101,226	24.2%	1,907,487	22.0%	
Social entrepreneurial activities	357,877	4.1%	346,003	4.0%	
Ordinary activity of projects promotion and implementation	926,052	10.7%	964,553	11.1%	
TOTAL TYPICAL ACTIVITIES	8,136,467	93.7%	8,132,804	93.7%	
OPERATING COSTS					
Cost of staff	420,865	4.9%	402,378	4.6%	
Cost of services	122,980	1.4%	142,142	1.6%	
TOTAL STAFF AND ORGANISATION COSTS	543,845	6.3%	544,520	6.3%	
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	8,680,312	100%	8,677,324	100%	
OPERATING SURPLUS/LOSS	268,557		42,201		



**Attestation of conformity of Association pro Terra Sancta's annual report according to Decree of July 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 adopted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies – Guidelines for the drafting of the annual report adopted by the Supervisory Body**

The purpose of this document is to provide the Assembly, met for the approval of the annual report, with a report on the activities carried out by the supervisory body to monitor and certify (1) the observance of civil, charitable and social objectives by Association pro Terra Sancta (hereafter, 'Association') and (2) the compliance of the annual report with the guidelines adopted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies by Decree of July 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 (hereafter, 'Guidelines') according to art. 30, clause 7, of Leg. Decree of July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017, n. 117 – Third Sector Code (hereafter, 'CTS').

According to the provisions of art. 14 of the CTS and in the light of the clarifications provided by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (henceforth, 'MLPS') by note 12604 of December 29<sup>th</sup> 2017, the associations that have revenue, profits, or income otherwise denominated exceeding 1 million euros and have adjusted their statute to the provisions of the CTS are required to adopt the annual report in accordance with the provisions of the Guidelines since their entry into force. In the annual report, the supervisory body has to acknowledge the results of its monitoring activities related to: (1) the observance of civil, charitable, and social objectives by the Association, especially by verifying compliance with forecasts concerning the implementation of activities of general interest and other activities, fundraising and non-profit-making; and (2) the drafting of the annual report in accordance with the provisions of the Guidelines. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 the Association adapted its statute to the provisions of the CTS and, by reason of the volume of its achieved revenue, it drafted the annual report pursuant to art. 14 of the CTS.

The supervisory body carried out monitoring activities in accordance with the 'Rules of conduct of the supervisory body of third sector bodies' issued by the National Council of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts in December 2020. The appointment of the supervisory body took place on last October 29<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, verifications were carried out mainly in the light of the results of the activities carried out by the previous supervisory body and by the supervisory committee. Moreover, in view of the preparation of the draft annual report, three meetings were held with the bodies involved in the drafting in order to verify compliance with the mandatory provisions of the Guidelines.

The results of the verification activities show that the Association:

- carried out exclusively or mainly activities of general interest pursuant to art. 5 of the CTS and other activities in compliance with the provisions of art. 6 of the CTS;
- carried out fundraising activities in accordance with the principles of truth, transparency and fairness in the relation with its supporters;
- carried out its activities in accordance with the principle of non-distribution of profits;
- drew up the annual report in accordance with the Guidelines and, therefore, its conformity with the Guidelines is certified.

Milan, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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