



John D.V. Salvador  
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THE John D.V. Salvador  
*foundation*

# Remarkable Resilience



2020







## Weathering the Storms

DEAR FRIENDS,

As I reflect on the year, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride. During this difficult year, we not only fulfilled many of our funding goals for The John D.V. Salvador Foundation, but also witnessed the amazing resiliency of our children.

The Philippines faced not only the pandemic but also two harsh typhoons. While educational and social opportunities grounded to a halt, our children helped others in their community. I was proud that we helped Don Bosco students bring food to the poor in Tondo during the first lockdown when no government help arrived.

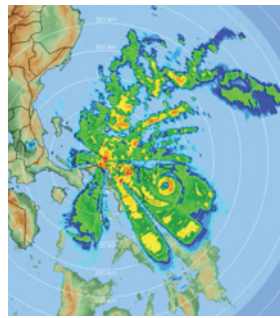
After violent storms hit the area, our children immediately helped clean up gardens and fields at their school. Their families' homes may have been destroyed, but their positive spirit remained intact.

We also completed the 3rd Hijas house this year, financed teacher salaries for the Hijas girls and ran a scholarship program. We also renovated the classrooms for engineer students in Don Bosco TVET and finished the kitchen and the power supply for the tourism & hospitality school in Don Bosco.

I know the pandemic has impacted us all in different ways, and I am more grateful than ever for your unconditional support during a very difficult year. We couldn't continue our work without your unwavering support for our children. Your generosity gives me much hope for our future.

With my best wishes,

M. Lizelle Salvador, Chairman



▲ Typhoon Goni approaching the Philippines

## 2020 Highlights

★ San Martin de Porres introduces vocational training courses to provide a more rounded education



## Reinventing our Community

WHILE THE WORLD was shaken by Covid-19, there was also a contagion of mercy and compassion. We see these loving attributes best through our mission which embodies the 3 Ps: Pagkain (food), Pagkalinga (care), and Pag-asa (hope).

Over the last year, our children and volunteers have reached out and offered support to jails, indigenous peoples, victims of calamities, and neighboring poor families. The children, in their own small way, have radiated Christ's light onto others by doing good deeds such as packaging goods for those less fortunate.

They are also training for practical skills in massage therapy, vegetable farming, gardening and landscaping, cookery and baking, sewing, driving, basic electrical maintenance, and house-keeping, among others. Our goal is for them to be equipped with different skills they can use once they leave the confines of BYSMPI. We also have volunteers that teach them about gymnastics, music (choir and instruments), and dance. In addition, those 15 years old and older are assigned to different committees (for example, waste management and segregation, music, liturgy, sports, academics, culture and the arts, grounds, peace and order, gardening and vegetable farming) that assist the mission in running smoothly. They are empowered, happy and proud. –Father Boyet



## A Note from the Treasurer

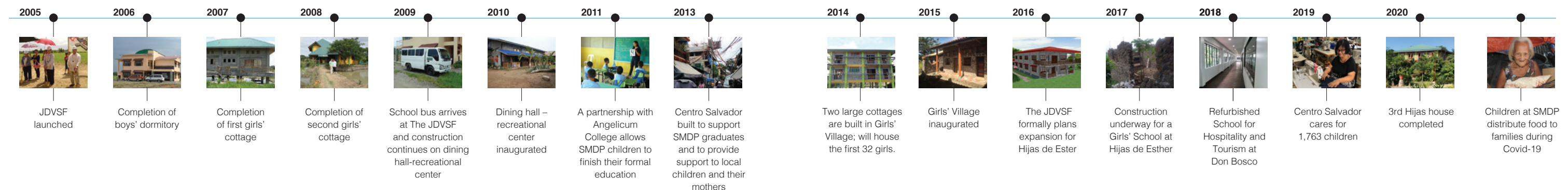
THE JOHN D.V. SALVADOR'S financial performance during the fiscal year 2019/20 was in line with previous years and our budget:

- A. Consolidated donations amounted to USD 146,435.99 (159,731.13). We almost reached the annual budget target of USD 150k. Donations were again highly concentrated with 15 people and institutions supporting the foundation. The Swiss Chapter contributed again roughly 20% of our revenue.
- B. As in previous years, costs remained well controlled and dropped to a new record low of USD 1,216.12 (1,470.15). The reduction is mainly due to a decrease in bank service charges. The Efficiency Ratio improved thus to 99.17% (99.08%) and is well above our target range of 97%. Of every USD 1 donated, less than one cent is spent on admin.
- C. Transfers to projects amounted last year to USD 147,351.55 (256,396.27) and were channelled to the following projects:
  - a. USD 97,351.55 transfer to San Martin de Porres for Teacher and Chef Salaries. Due to a mistake USD 35,856 were not paid in 2019. Another USD 22,837.26 were paid to the Scholarship Program supported by our Swiss Chapter.
  - b. USD 15,972.81 were paid to Don Bosco TVET for rebuilding homes in the Happy Land District of the Tondo slum which burned down during the Covid-19 Lock-down. The JDVSF financed the reconstruction of houses where Don Bosco's students live.
  - c. USD 34,027.19 were spent on the refurbishment of the classrooms of Don Bosco TVET's Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Department. New wiring was installed, the broken windows repaired, the ceiling panels replaced and all classrooms were freshly painted.

Over the last 15 years, the John D.V. Salvador Foundation raised USD 3.3 million for the street children in the Philippines. –Hugo Banziger, Treasurer



## Milestones: Perservering, Giving and Growing



Children at SMDP distribute food to families during Covid-19

## Helping Hands SMDP and Don Bosco Distribute Food to Family

TO ASSIST in this time of crisis, SMDP distributed more than 1000 food packs to poorer families impacted by COVID. The children of SMDP prepared and sorted the food, and made it ready for delivery.

In addition, the college yard of the Tourism & Hospitality School at Don Bosco TVET in Tondo, Manila served as a logistics center for the distribution of 20,000kg chicken meat for 20,000 families in the surrounding poor areas.

The JDVSF is proud that the newly renovated facility could be used for this



good cause at such a difficult time. While the school is closed, Don Bosco's TVET facility remains open, staffed with a skeleton crew and focused on ongoing food distribution.

## Educational Partnership JDVSF Supports Farming Initiative in Tondo

DON BOSCO, a catholic order helping abandoned children around the world, operates several schools of higher education in the Philippines. For several years, the John D.V. Salvador Foundation cooperated with Don Bosco TVET in Tondo, Greater Manila, where teenagers without means are trained as engineers, accountants and hospitality managers. Due to the excellent results, the JDVSF plans to extend its partnership to the Farming School in Legazpi where Farther Nicolas Boc was appointed Dean last summer.

Located in the far south of Luzon, Don Bosco Legazpi trains poor local teenagers in modern farming techniques to lift their families out of poverty. The school is located around 20km away from the Albay town and has 14 hectares of arable land. In addition to teaching around 100 students, it also regularly offers training courses to

indigenous people who never had any formal agricultural training.

Sitting astride the busy Punta de Jesus Road, the school's main priority is to build a fence around its perimeter to protect its crops which are regularly stolen or eaten by intruding animals. Teaching farming without plants is all but impossible! The fence will be around 1km long.

Over the last few years, the school built several nurseries to grow its own seedlings which are also supplied to local farmers and a few stables for its farm animals. The school's 2021 priorities are the building



of a wide-area covering wifi to use digital technology in the fields, buying a school bus to provide easier access to students living far away and the extension of the boarding house which is now at full capacity.

The John D.V. Salvador Foundation plans to support all of these initiatives.

### THE JOHN D.V. SALVADOR FOUNDATION

*A commitment to give at risk children the opportunity to thrive.*

**The Mission:** As children grow, they enrich the lives of those around them, and once they mature they have the chance to make a difference. But in order to fully develop this potential, children need and deserve a healthy, secure, and supportive environment. The John D.V. Salvador Foundation (JDVSF) works to establish, fund, and support programs to benefit children who, without the consistent care of loving parents, might fall victim to the poverty, disability, and abuse that could thwart development of their innate, unique gifts.

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