

## EXPLANATIONS

The following EXPLANATIONS contains the essential information about the project. This has already been sent to the Solidarity Delegates of the Administrative Unit, as well as to the representatives of the Marist International Solidarity Network.

### GENERAL INITIATIVE:

The "GLOBAL MARIST FAMILY FUND FOR HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES" is the initiative of the General Administration to respond to humanitarian crisis by providing basic human needs including food, potable water, health assistance, and shelter material to those affected in some parts of the Marist world. The General Council approved it during the plenary session of June 2020. This project has three parts.

#### 1.- FMSI.

FMSI work with **external donors** to fund projects in many Administrative Units. FMSI works within the framework of the Marist International Solidarity Network (MISN).

#### 2.- General Administration Fund.

This fund is created in the General House, with the collaboration of the Administrative Units, to support **micro-projects**. The Provinces and Districts are called upon to collaborate in two ways:

A) by presenting micro-projects and receive funds up to 15,000 Euros. To apply for it see (annexes 1 and 2). Once you have prepared your application, sent it to Brothers Ken MacDonald (General Councillor) and Angel Diego (Director of Solidarity).

B) by supporting financially, the **General Administration Fund**. These donations will be used to support the projects in A above).

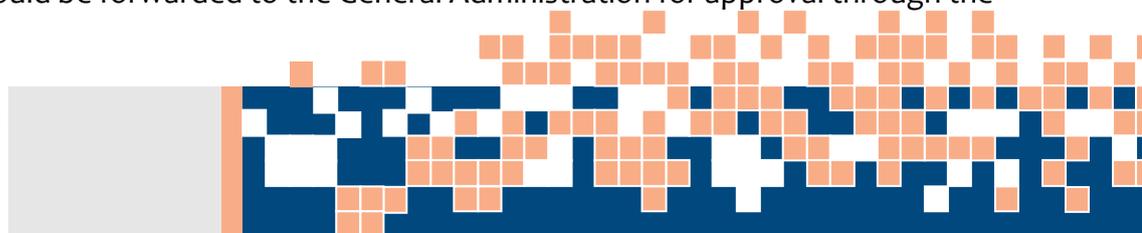
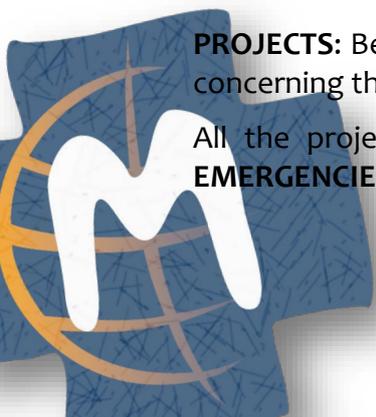
Once again, this fund is destined to present and future "**Humanitarian Emergencies**" caused by the pandemic or by other circumstances (earthquakes, wars...).

#### 3.- Campaign to be carried out in Marist Works, Communities, and Groups of Lay Marists.

This campaign is animated by the Secretariat of Solidarity, with the collaboration of the Department of Communication and FMSI, as well as other Secretariats of the General Administration. Similarly, **all the Marists of Champagnat are called upon to collaborate**.

**PROJECTS:** Before continuing with this third point, we would like to explain the information concerning the Projects in sections 2 and 3.

All the projects related to the "**GLOBAL MARIST FAMILY FUND FOR HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES**" should be forwarded to the General Administration for approval through the



Brothers Provincial / District Superiors. The **application and justification forms** are easy to complete. However, projects forwarded through FMSI and other NGOs or Associations must comply with their requirements.

### **Fundraising:**

The Provincial / District Administrations reserve the right to determine how fundraising will be done in their respective units.

### **CAMPAIGN:**

This campaign aims at responding to **2 main objectives** whatever the disposition of the administrative units:

- To continue to grow in awareness of solidarity with the needy.
- To attend to Humanitarian Projects, through fundraising, which respond to needs resulting from humanitarian emergencies (because of Covid-19 or other circumstances).

### **Dates:**

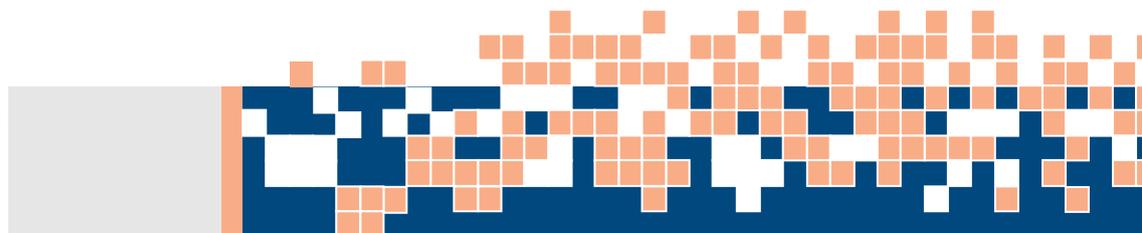
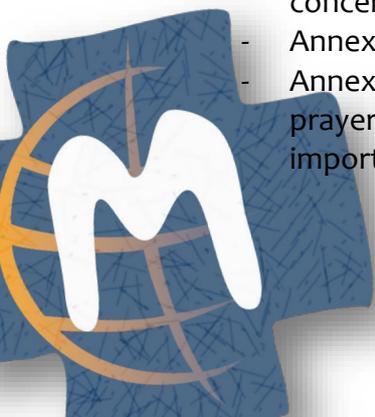
This campaign runs from September 2020 to August 2021. It targets **ALL** members of the **Marist Family**, in all parts of the world. Perhaps there are already initiatives in this direction. In this case, we need not create new activities.

The Institute is present in 80 countries. This is an immense richness in terms of ways of working. What unites us is the desire to respond to the calls of the XXII General Chapter. Every member of the Marist family is called upon to collaborate in this campaign project.

**Materials:** The Secretariat of Solidarity, with the help of the Communication Department, has prepared some materials and sent to the delegates including a logo, a flyer, a letter of introduction and a prayer.

**ANNEXES:** The following annexes are forwarded to the delegates of Solidarity. They are equally available on the Institute's website (<https://champagnat.org/en/fund/>):

- Annex 1: Project Application Form: very easy to complete. It must be signed by the Brother Provincial or the District Superior
- Annex 2: Project Justification Form: easy to complete
- Annex 3: The Information Collection Form: Information about what is happening in the Marist world
- Annex 4: Logo of the initiative. To be used accordingly for the projects.
- Annex 5: Information leaflet. It contains the basic information about the project.
- Annex 6: Letter of presentation. To be used for presenting the project known to those concerned.
- Annex 7: Explanation Document. Contains useful information about the project.
- Annex 8: Prayer: A source of motivation and encouragement. We believe in the power prayer to change lives and situations, help us to equip more people to see the importance of prayer.



**FOUNDATION:** We also offer you some ideas on which this initiative is based. As human beings, as Christians and as Marists, we cannot forget and leave aside those of our brothers who are in need. Solidarity is born of an inclusive sense of the other, of their needs, of their integral development. Solidarity is not exclusive, but inclusive. We can each develop our awareness and our action in solidarity in a different way, and that is why we say it is inclusive. Solidarity cannot exclude, leave out, avoid the relationship with the other.

In the Assembly of the **Marist International Solidarity Network**, held at the beginning of 2018, the mission and vision of the network were defined in line with this initiative. I would like to remind you of some ideas that appeared in the objectives set: "Prompt and effective reaction to emergencies", "...through fundraising, mobilization of human resources...", and "to promote a shared social conscience and an education in transforming solidarity". These three ideas are perfectly in line with the proposed initiative.

Also, in the Message of the **XXII General Chapter** we were reminded of the sense of "global charismatic family" with a specific invitation to "act as a global body". We are equally invited to participate in this type of initiative by responding "boldly to emerging needs. This is an initiative that each one of us can develop in a creative way, as the Message of the Chapter reminds us on several occasions. From the Secretariat of Solidarity, we encourage you to participate fully according to your means. Some Administrative Units, through the Brothers Provincial or District Superiors, have begun responding positively to the proposed initiative (by presenting projects or by making financial donations). This campaign runs from September 2020 to August 2021. If you have not done anything, there is still time. We need each other to give a better and more effective response to the emerging needs of our time.

Once again, thanks for your efforts in favour of the needy of our time. We remain united in prayer for the success of our Global Marist Family project.

Receive our fraternal greetings in Jesus, Mary and Champagnat.

Fraternally,

	
<b>Br. Francis Lukong</b>	<b>Br. Angel Diego García Otaola</b>

Rome, 29 September 2020

