

International Report of the year 2025



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Dear friends

From its very foundation 79 years ago, ACN has relied on private donations to fulfill the promises which we make to our project partners. When we write to say that we are going to help, most of the time we do not yet have the funds.

Some people might think that this is too risky, and indeed, often our faith in Divine Providence is really put to the test, especially when the world is marked by political and financial crises that lead to uncertainty in benefactors. However, God is good and sends us benefactors who understand the needs of the suffering and persecuted Church and who are ready to make sacrifices. To them I express my deepest thanks and assure them that their brothers and sisters in faith in more than 140 countries worldwide are praying for them.

It is thanks to this generosity that, in 2025, we were able to fund 5,368 projects. In the following report, we give you figures showing the income and expenditures in 2025, and you can read about how we have used the donations.



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How were your donations used?



In 2025, we funded a total of 5,368 projects:

1,887,721 Mass Offerings

In 2025, we were able to pass on almost 1.9 million Mass stipends to 40,207 priests—supporting roughly one in every ten priests around the world. On average, Holy Mass was celebrated every 17 seconds somewhere in the world for the intentions of our benefactors. For many priests, this support is a vital contribution to their livelihoods.

883 projects supporting religious sisters

Thanks to you we were able to support approximately 6,200 religious sisters with subsistence aid. We also helped with the formation of novices and the ongoing formation and spiritual exercises of the sisters. We were able to support the purchase of sewing and host baking machines, as well as vehicles and necessary construction at monasteries.

Supporting the training of 13,368 seminarians

The number of seminarians we supported during 2025 was over one third higher than in the previous year. In fact, we helped fund the formation of one in every eight future priests around the world. In Africa, which is currently home to roughly one third of all the semina-

rians worldwide, ACN was able to help 8,341 of them with their training. In Asia, there were 2,193, in Latin America 1,744 and in Europe 919—of whom no fewer than 660 were in Ukraine alone.

847 projects for catechists and other lay leaders

We supported various catechetical and pastoral programs for children, young people and adults in order to strengthen and deepen the faith of the Catholic laity. We also helped with the formation of lay catechists in order to help nurture Church life where there are not enough priests.

92 projects for religious literature and Bibles

Our faith is nourished by good books and especially by the Holy Scriptures. Thanks to your help, we were able to distribute 520,816 of these books worldwide.

791 construction projects

Once again in 2025, we supported the construction and renovation of churches and chapels, as well as convents, seminaries, parishes and pastoral centers. Given the high cost of such projects, construction projects accounted for the highest share of our total aid at 25.1%.

845 vehicles for pastoral work

We supported pastoral outreach in remote and inaccessible regions by funding the purchase of 490 cars, 339 motorcycles, five bicycles, two buses, one lorry and eight motorboats.

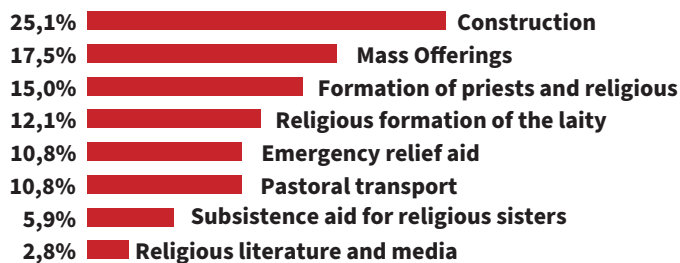
Latest figures:

- Offices in **23** countries
- **363.176** benefactors in the world
- **€145.811.625** in donations and legacies
- Project partners in **141** countries
- **5.368** projects supported worldwide
- **78,7%** of the donations used for mission-related expenses

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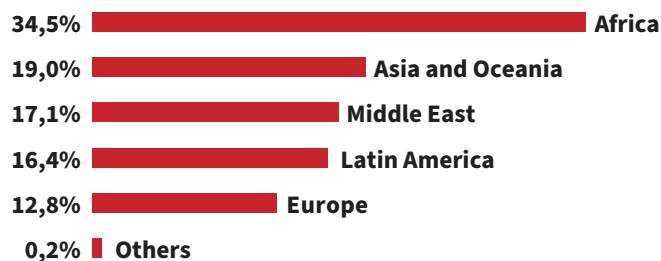
Types of aid



In 2025, the combined income from donations and legacies totaled 145.8 million euros. Together with 2.0 million euros in reserves from previous years, we were able to fund activities to the value of 147.8 million euros.

Of these funds, 78.7% were allocated to mission-related expenditures. Of this, 83.4% was spent on aid projects, enabling us to support 5,368 projects out of the 6,860 requests we received. The remaining 16.6% was allocated to providing information about our suffering

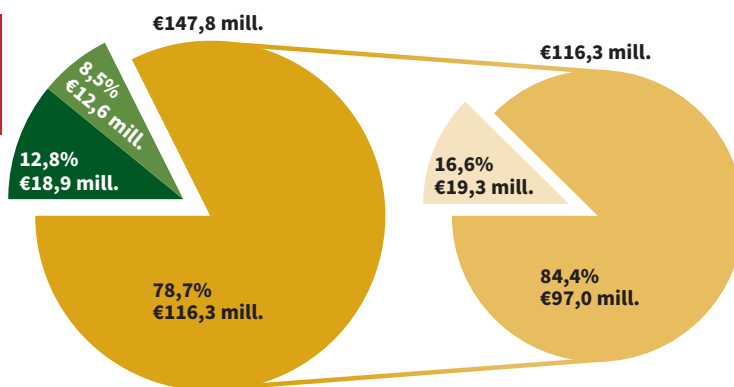
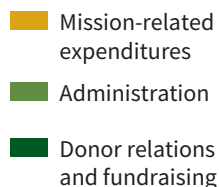
Aid allocated per region



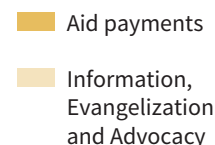
brothers and sisters, proclaiming the faith, and advocacy work on behalf of persecuted Christians. Essential administrative expenditures accounted for 8.5% of total outgoings, and advertising for 12.8%.

Once again last year, legacies accounted for a substantial proportion of the support for the suffering Church (31.3 million euros). Together with our brothers and sisters in need, we gratefully remember our departed benefactors in our prayers.

Total expenditures



Mission-related expenditures



Other activities, not funded by donations (e.g. sale of religious literature and other items), yielded additional income of €4.5 million.



We were able to say “yes” 5,368 times on your behalf!

Once again in 2025, thanks to your generous help, we enabled the Church to be a beacon of hope in 141 countries around the world. You entrusted 145.8 million euros to us, enabling us to respond 5,368 times on your behalf to the urgent appeals we received.

Africa once again received the largest proportion of our aid, with 34.5% of our budget. The number of Catholics and of vocations is growing rapidly here, while, in more and more countries, the Church is facing increasing Islamist terror. In Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali, some of the hardest-hit countries, we increased our aid by some 30%, while our support for the Church in Nigeria was increased by 47%.

Our aid to the Church in Asia, where Christians are a minority in most countries and face frequent discrimination or even persecution, accounted for 19% of the total, including 0.9% for Oceania. In India, the situation for Christians is becoming increasingly difficult, and this was the single country which received the most help from us in 2025.

Lebanon, Syria and Iraq were also among the 10 countries in the world to receive the highest level of our support. Overall, the Middle East accounted for 17.1% of our total budget. Given the escalation in the armed conflicts in this region, over 80% of our emergency aid budget went to the Middle East.

In Latin America, life is made difficult for the Church by anti-Christian regimes, mass migration and rural depopulation, and by a crucial shortage of priests in many places. Our help here accounted for 16.4% of the total budget.

In many countries, war and terrorism are inflicting deep human trauma. Increasingly, the Church is faced with the need to support and accompany traumatized people. This is why we are increasing our support for training courses for priests and religious.

None of this would be possible without your support. Many thousands of priests, religious sisters and laypeople are able to continue their precious ministry thanks to your help. They are praying for you!

A detailed activity report is available at www.acn-global.org.

All figures presented are audited by the independent auditing firm PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers).