



ITAKA-ESCOLAPIOS CENTRAL AFRICA

The Piarist Province of Central Africa was created in December 2012 through the union of two former Provinces: Equatorial Guinea-Gabon, that started in 1971, and Cameroon, where the Pious School arrived towards the end of 1987, with the recent vicariate of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The reality of this mission responds to the educational needs of the different communities and towns where the Piarists are present, managing, mainly, several primary schools and churches, and also taking on the work of some secondary schools, vocational training centers, and socio-educational centers.

Most of the population involved in this work are children of country workers from rural communities or workers from peripheral districts with a very low level of education, and large families below the poverty line. Life expectancy in this area of Africa is around 50 years, with a high level of social inequality, where most of the population work in the agricultural sector. The adult illiteracy rate is close to 30% in some areas, and it affects mainly women.

In 2004, the Itaka-Escolapios Network forged a relationship with the former Province of Cameroon by carrying out awareness campaigns in Spain in order to support Piarist projects in Cameroon. A year later, joint work began and a collaboration agreement was signed to begin working continuously, opening offices and setting up local teams such as Itaka-Escolapios AFC (Central Africa) in order to manage some projects in coordination with the Province.

Nowadays, more than 5,300 people are the direct beneficiaries of the Schools run by Itaka-Escolapios AFC, and many more through the Calasanz Movement, the socio-educational centers, the social orientation projects, the training courses, awareness campaigns and voluntary work, etc., with about 200 people hired and over 150 volunteers.

Those in charge and teams promoting Itaka-Escolapios in 2020-21 are the following:

- **Itaka-Escolapios Demarcational Team:** Fr. Evaristus Akem (coord.), Fr. Pedro Martinez (coord. Ass.), Fr. Clément Tsanga, Fr. Moses Kongmi

- Local Office Teams:

- *Bafia: Fr. Justine Bandin (coord.), Mireille Abogo and Fr. Clément Tsanga*
- *Bamenda/Menteh: Fr. Celestine Moh (coord.), Joël Kougnoué and Fr. Rauch Berinyuy*
- *Bandjoun/Bamendjou: Fr. Leonard Wirnkar (coord), Fr. Jude Numfor, and Fr. Marc Nguemo, Yvette Mougoue*
- *Bata: Fr. Josema Lopez (coord.)*
- *Libreville: Fr. Hippolyte Wirnkar (coord.), Fr. Justine Ghani, and Fr. Emmanuel Tankeng*
- *Yaoundé: Fr. Evaristus Akem, Fr. Pedro Martinez, Dr. Danielle Ngansop, and Emma Sorel A'ganou*

- Other existing teams in the demarcation that are coordinated with Itaka-Escolapios:

- *Liveliness and pedagogical innovation: Fr. Clément Tsanga (coord.), Fr. Moses Kongmi, Fr. Luis Martin, and Fr. Divine Banboye*
- *Calasanz Movement: Fr. Leonard Wirnkar (coord), Fr. Clément Tsanga, Fr. Adalbert Fouada, and Fr. Didier Kololo*
- *Non-formal education team: Fr. Cornelius Bana (coord.) Fr. Celestine Moh, Fr. Patrick Foumane, Fr. Rauch Berinyuy, Fr. Kevin Tantoh, Joël Kougnoué, and Fr. Leonard Wirnkar*
- *Voluntary work: Fr. Clément Tsanga (coord.), Fr. Jude Numfor, Fr. Justine Bandin, Fr. Brice Kamga, Fr. Julien Kounou, y Fr. Serge Akoumou*
- *General Management team: Fr. Evaristus Akem (coord), Fr. Moses Kongmi, Itaka-Escolapios Cameroon staff and the centers' ecclesiastical administrator*
- *Economy secretary's office: Fr. Moses Kongmi (coord), Fr. Evaristus Akem, Sorel A'ganou (Itaka-Escolapios Cameroon accountant), and Stéphanie Ombono (Province accountant)*
- *Laity team: Fr. Marc Nguemo (coord.), Mme Colette Tanguigui, Mrs. Margareth Gham, Mme Valentine Bemelingue, Mme Danielle Ngansop, Fr. Justine Ghani and Fr. Clément Tsanga*
- *Technical projects team: Fr. Moses Kongmi (coord), and Pedro Martínez.*

- *Communication and awareness secretary's office: Fr. Alex Djousse (coord), Fr. Serge Akoumou and Fr. Clément Tsanga*
- *Shared mission: Fr. Clément Tsanga (coord.), Fr. Roméo Ghemteu, Fr. Didier Kololo, Justin Bandin, Fr. Leonard Wirnkar and Fr. Justine Ghani*
- *Participation in Network teams:*
 - *Advisory council (Fr. Evaristus Akem)*
 - *Voluntary work (Fr. Clément Tsanga)*
 - *Awareness (Fr. Clément Tsanga)*

SHARED MISSION PROJECTS

- Officially recognized offices: Bafia, Bamenda, Bandjoun, Bata, Libreville and Yaoundé
- Calasanz Movement: Bafia, Bamenda, Bamendjou, Bandjoun, Ebébiyin, Kye-Ossi, Kumbo, Libreville and Yaoundé
- Service offices: Bafia, Bamenda, Bandjoun, Bata, Libreville and Yaoundé
- Primary schools: 13, including pre-schools in Bamenda (2), Bamendjou (7), Bafia (1), Malibé (1), Abobo (1) and Kyé-Ossi (1)
- Vocational training centers: technical in Bandjoun, and agro-pastoral in Menteh
- Liveliness and educational innovation program
- Educator training school
- Teachers' school in Bamenda
- Social educational centers: Bamenda, Bamendjou and Bafia
- Social orientation programs: Yaundé and Bamendjou
- Awareness actions: Piarist solidarity campaign, Day of the African Child, among others
- Piarist volunteers: Bafia, Bamenda, Bamendjou, Bandjoun, Kumbo, Libreville and Yaoundé
- Funds Mobilization Office: Yaoundé

COUNTRY	CITY	SCHOOL	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL
CAMEROON	Bamendjou	PE (Primary Education) Saint Antoine of Padoue	224	236	460
		PE Sainte Thérèse of Toba	171	157	328
		PE Saint Maurice of Latsit	101	115	216
		PE Saint Fabien of Mboum	117	122	239
		PE Saint Gabriel of Toumi	157	155	312
		PE Saint Michel of Ndang	115	125	240
		PE San José de Calasanz of Tchoum	152	141	293
	Yaoundé	PE Saint Joseph Calasanz	166	157	323
	Bafia	PE Saint Joseph Calasanz	337	325	662
	Bamenda	PE Saint Michael of Futru	496	455	951
		PE Saint Augustine of Mbelem	123	120	243
		PE Saint Joseph Calasanz of Menteh	178	162	340
		Nazaret Center	28	39	67
	Bandjoun	Calasanz Technical Center	183	386	569
GABON	Malibé	PE San José of Calasanz	48	56	104
TOTALES			2.596	2.751	5.347

Resources provided by the IE network to the west Central Africa pious schools

Human resources

	2020-2021	Annual cost un EUR
PAID STAFF	311	413.609 €
PAID PIARISTS DEVOTEES	39	57.000 €
VOLUNTEERS	121	

Itaka-Escalapio has also participated in the mission by sending 4 members of the Emmaus Fraternities.

Económic contributions (up to 15/07/2020).

The solidarity network has provided a total amount of 4,447,677.22 EUR (2,917,490,000 CFA) since 2005.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES		338.971,48 €	45.125,00 €	81.656,76 €	206.715,05 €	150.902,56 €	160.673,16 €	128.550,82 €	157.860,31 €
PRIVATE SUBSIDIES	10.500,00 €	24.000,00 €	107.630,64 €	99.575,57 €	13.800,00 €	46.000,00 €	33.830,00 €	38.641,76 €	17.282,00 €
SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN						43.557,32 €	86.173,93 €	3.040,50 €	72.472,43 €
TITHES					19.491,21 €	19.426,50 €	85.796,97 €	101.556,24 €	15.426,30 €
MEMBERS		10.735,00 €			20.856,05 €	35.729,91 €		29.014,61 €	6.559,13 €
ENTITIES					3.500,00 €		10.000,00 €		29.225,60 €
DONATIONS				220,00 €	2.742,35 €	896,00 €	5.425,00 €	1.800,00 €	14.280,00 €
	10.500,00 €	373.706,48 €	152.755,64 €	181.452,33 €	267.104,66 €	296.512,29 €	381.899,06 €	302.603,93 €	313.105,78 €

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES	219.500,14 €	163.335,23 €	84.753,64 €	18.777,95 €	81.591,48 €	65.000,00 €	67.500,00 €	1.970.913,58 €
PRIVATE SUBSIDIES	42.114,77 €		20.643,00 €	5.000,00 €	7.000,00 €	9.500,00 €		475.517,74 €
SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN	28.586,60 €	42.992,86 €	600,42 €		64.162,07 €	27.199,00 €	39.540,83 €	408.325,96 €
TITHES	55.747,09 €	101.535,81 €	86.519,12 €	116.501,15 €	107.277,32 €	31.134,28 €	17.906,41 €	758.318,40 €
MEMBERS	30.685,74 €	48.599,49 €	13.631,43 €	27.544,00 €	1.030,00 €	70.250,88 €	32.687,85 €	327.324,09 €
ENTITIES	42.886,49 €	107.464,55 €	49.215,49 €	28.116,81 €	34.705,14 €	28.418,24 €	14.526,00 €	348.058,32 €
DONATIONS	19.131,61 €	46.435,19 €	48.105,00 €	4.180,55 €	6.123,00 €	9.630,42 €	250,00 €	159.219,12 €
	438.652,44 €	510.363,13 €	303.468,10 €	200.120,46 €	301.889,01 €	241.132,82 €	172.411,09 €	4.447.677,22 €