



ITAKA-ESCOLAPIOS, INDONESIA

The Piarists arrived in Indonesia in 2013, settling in the city of Atambua, with the aim of getting knowing the reality of the country and gradually discovering the needs and specific actions that could be carried out.

During this period, we have collaborated with schools in the area, established contact with the Atambua educational network, and forged relationships with other entities and boarding schools where teenagers, mostly from neighboring towns and some of them from the city who come to study in the city, are welcomed.

All this prior knowledge of the reality led us to the decision to build a boarding school (Asrama) in 2016-17 as one of the main tasks to be carried out by Pious school in the area, as it was an urgent need.

In the 2019-20 academic year, 77 young people participated in the project and, as a challenge for the future, we were looking to expand the scope and quality of our activities. At the same time, 35 boys and girls participated in the Non-Formal Education project "Learning with Calasanz", which we will detail later.

The plan to be implemented at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year was to expand the boarding school to 100 places, and to improve the quality of teaching at "Learning with Calasanz" in order to gradually attract more children. In fact, for the boarding school, there has been a list of more than one hundred children to enrol, and a better curriculum has been set out for "Learning with Calasanz" with the help of Elena Lopez Cuchillo (Bethany Fraternity).

However, the pandemic has almost completely paralyzed the projects. At the boarding school, the number of children changed every month. There were months when there were almost 80 children, but then there were months when there were only about 40 children. At "Learning with Calasanz", we started in September 2020 with about 35 children with numbers growing, but then, when the pandemic arrived, we had to halt all activities.

Itaka-Escolapios Indonesia has a presence in the city of Atambua, on the island of Timor. The leaders and teams that are to lead Itaka-Escolapios during the year 2020-21 are:

- **Provincial Team of Itaka-Escolapios Bethany:** Iván Ruiz, Pilar Ruiz, Mónica Candel, Constanza de las Marinas, Marta Moratona and Paco García.
- **Non-formal Education Coordination (LWC):** Marcelino Leo Lando
- **Coordination Asrama:** Didimus Supardi

PROJECTS:

Atambua:

Asrama Calasanz

The purpose of Asrama Calasanz is to ensure access to secondary education for many young people coming from rural areas, therefore avoiding school dropouts. Comprehensive training is carried out at the boarding school. This will contribute to the cultural training and the ethical and religious spheres. In the afternoon, during out-of-school hours, activities are offered for doing sports and the students' education is reinforced in subjects such as English, information technology, and music, among others.

Hired Staff	Volunteer Staff	Boys	Girls	Total
3	8	77		77

Learning with Calasanz

The ENF project "Learning with Calasanz" has been carried out since 2014, and serves about 137 children and young people (throughout this school year there has been a significant decline in participation; only 35 children and young people have come), providing them with support studies and training in values, English, arts, and recreation. The activities are from Monday to Friday, two hours a day. Since its beginnings, this pedagogical proposal has seen a great reception and great support among students, parents, and educational institutions.

Hired Staff	Volunteer Staff	Boys	Girls	Total boys and girls
	14	17	18	35

Aspirancy (Initial Stage of Piarist Formation)

It should also be noted that, since the arrival of the Piarists in the country, one of Itaka-Escolapios' objectives has been to support the search for resources for the maintenance and formation of future religious vocations.

In 2016, a new community was started in Yogyakarta, following an emerging demand for young men in training to become religious, establishing the "Beato Faustino Míguez" training house.

In the 2019-20 academic year, there were 32 young people (juniors, postulants, and prenovices) being trained as future Piarist religious devotees in Yogyakarta, and in the city of Atambua another 16 young people (12 aspirants and 4 juniors) have begun their training, and in East Timor they have started a new mission, where Fr. Daniel Hallado and two juniors are awaiting the approval and permission of the Bishop of Dili to open

a house. In the meantime, they welcome small groups of young people who are interested in learning about the spiritual gift of the Order.

Due to the pandemic, the Province has to bring the novitiate to Atambua. For this reason, in the 2020-21 academic year, the aspirancy program in Atambua cannot be opened. Even so, the Community continues to invite candidates for aspirancy to come and spend a week in the community on a monthly basis. There are 9 Indonesian novices and 5 candidates for the aspirancy. Apart from the novices, there are also three postulants from Papua, and one prenovice.

They also participate in some activities of the boarding school and “Learning with Calasanz”.

RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE ITAKA-ESCOLAPIOS NETWORK TO THE INDONESIA PIOUS SCHOOLS

Economic Contributions (up to 13/01/2020)

The solidarity network has contributed a total of 388,429.30 EUR (6,672,430,000 IDR) since 2014 to the Pious schools in Indonesia

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES								€2,308.70
PRIVATE SUBSIDIES	€34,100.00	€1,308.25						€35,408.25
SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN		€39,226.11	€200,835.31					€240,061.42
TITHES		€16,880.00		€2,133.78	€11,336.60	€26,224.73		€56,575.11
MEMBERS				€400.00			€15,394.38	€15,794.38
ENTITIES				€31,908.44				€31,908.44
DONATIONS				€6,043.00			€330.00	€6,373.00
	€34,100.00	€59,723.06	€200,835.31	€40,485.22	€11,336.60	€26,224.73		€388,429.30

Human Resources

	2020-2021	Annual cost in EUR
PAID STAFF	3	
PAID PIARISTS DEVOTEES		
VOLUNTEERS	22	

Itaka-Escolapios has also participated in the mission by sending two people (2017-18), members of the Bethany Fraternity.