

**\*\*\*\*\* PARISH FUNDING AND SUPPORT ABROAD – GOING BEYOND \*\*\*\*\***

The Assistance Abroad Committee (AAC) has been re-branded and as of January 2019, will be called Global Outreach (GO).

The objective of the rebranding is to align our support and services to reflect the current Parish demography. Over the years, the demography of our Parish has steadily expanded, with our Parishioners representing cultures from all corners of the Globe. The support and services of GO aspire to reflect that reality. Whilst there is no change in how GO operates, the Allocation Guidelines are currently under review, to align with the Parish's cultural diversity and the areas to which support has expanded.

The Parish's historical support to Turkana, Kenya, will continue. Additionally, GO will continue to support small-scale, educational-based projects in other developing countries. Proposals for small-scale projects are submitted by Parishioners. GO then invites the Parishioner (the Project Sponsor) to present the proposal at one of its meetings, after which the project proposal is reviewed internally, to ensure compliance with the GO Allocation Guidelines and availability of funding. Once all the criteria have been met, GO approves the financial support for the project and duly informs the Parishioner.

The existing, individual sponsorships for students in Turkana will be subject to a change. Parishioners who currently sponsor the education of an individual student or students in Turkana are welcome to continue with their donations, which will be allocated as a donation in favour of the overall Turkana Education Fund. If you are such a sponsor, you will shortly receive a communication from GO, confirming the information and other relevant details.

In addition to support to Turkana, GO is already supporting other projects in countries, including Cambodia, East Timor, Lebanon, Malawi, Philippines, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and others. Given the number of proposals received from Parishioners, GO would like to take this opportunity to solicit the support of donors and request that they consider offering their donations to an overall fund, which can be used to support small-scale, as well as new projects. This will help us to reach a broader range of beneficiaries. As previously mentioned, all project proposals should be related to Education.

GO is also considering sponsorship of a medium to longer-term project, similar to our support to Turkana. Should a Parishioner wish to discuss a proposal, she/he is invited to contact a member of GO.

The current GO Members are Fr Paul Friel, Frank Kofi, Jacquie Julen, Joselito Benitez, Oscar Fornoza, Oscar Mbeche, Patti McAnulty, Patricia Matthews and Vicky Brohier.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. For any further information or details, please contact a member of GO.