"Do not be content merely with helping people... God asks you to help others so that they may help themselves and, in turn, be ready to help anyone else."

Cardinal Văn Thuận *(CS 583)*

We believe in development that goes beyond simply providing support, empowering people to help and support one another over the long term.

That is why **we are seeking allies and partners** who share this vision and who wish to **help create lasting opportunities in the most vulnerable communities.**

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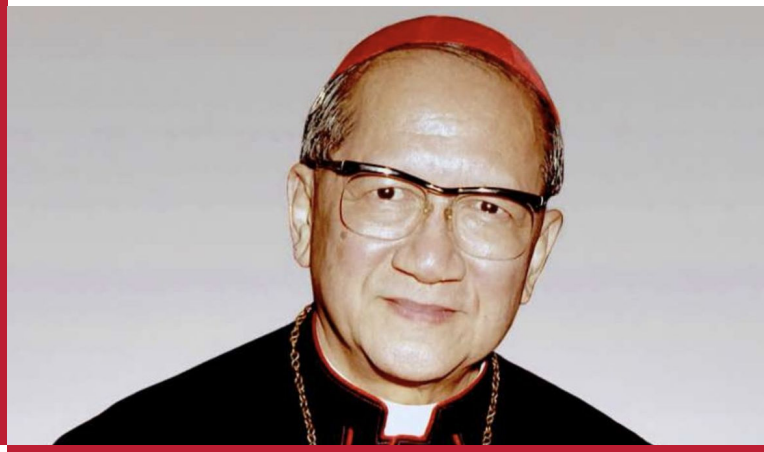
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DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

VĂN THUẬN FOUNDATION

Supporting local Churches around the world for the integral human development of peoples



"Development does not merely mean feeding or clothing humanity, or promoting farming systems, digging wells or canals; development also means promoting human dignity in every sense, so that people may live as human beings in a more dignified manner."

Cardinal Văn Thuận *(CS 582)*

HISTORY

The Văn Thuận Foundation, an instrumental body of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, was established by Pope Francis in July 2023, merging into one the institutional aims of the Justice and Peace Foundation and the Good Samaritan Foundation.

MISSION

The Foundation promotes pathways of integral human development for people living in poverty and marginalisation in the most vulnerable contexts around the world. To this end, the Foundation supports and accompanies local Churches in implementing community development initiatives, strengthening local capacities, and fostering projects capable of generating lasting impact, social inclusion, and human dignity.

VISION

To promote more just and inclusive societies, in which every person can access opportunities and live with dignity, thereby contributing to the reduction of inequalities. The Foundation aims, over time, to become a stable and recognised point of reference in supporting local Churches so that they may play a leading role in promoting integral human development.

ABOUT US

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

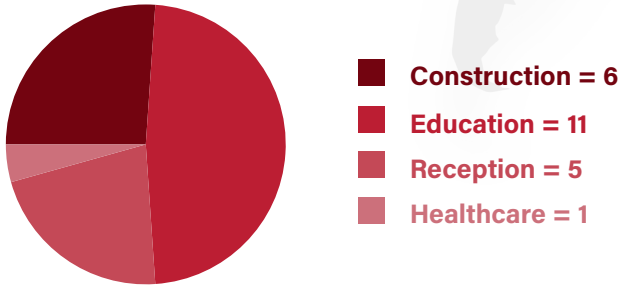
During 2024 and 2025, the Foundation supported **23 projects:**

6 projects related to the funding of construction and modernisation works for infrastructure, such as schools, water extraction systems, and electricity generation from renewable sources;

11 projects related to educational, vocational, and food security programmes;

5 projects to support activities linked to the spread of the Word and initiatives for the reception and protection of migrants and vulnerable and marginalised people;

1 project aimed at ensuring the supply of medical equipment and the training of medical staff.



In 2024, **14 projects** were launched in the following geographical areas:

8 in Africa (Ethiopia, Uganda, Nigeria, Togo, Cameroon, and Kenya);

3 in South America (Peru and Argentina);

1 in Central America (El Salvador);

1 in Asia (India);

1 in Europe (Italy).

In 2025, **9 projects** were launched in the following geographical areas:

7 in Africa (Uganda, DR Congo, Rwanda, Nigeria, and South Africa);

1 in Central America (Guatemala);

1 in Asia (India).