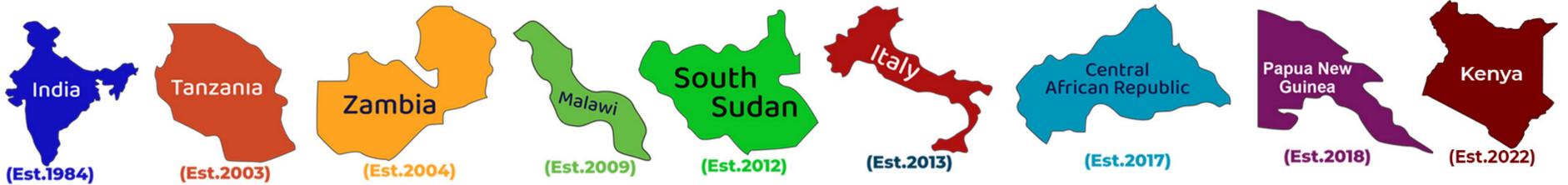


# THE VOICE OF THE DMI GLOBAL MISSION

Loving God and Serving the Poor to be Fully Human and Fully Alive

Issue 1



## WHO WE ARE

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) congregation was founded in 1984 by Rev. Fr. J.E.Arulraj in India with the mission of empowering disadvantaged women, children, and youth. Guided by the respective Bishops' Councils and local Bishops, DMI Sisters have established registered charitable organizations across nine(9) Mission Countries.

DMI currently serves communities in India, Tanzania, Italy, Zambia, Malawi, South Sudan, the Central African Republic (CAR), Papua New Guinea and Kenya. In conflict-affected countries like South Sudan and CAR, DMI began with emergency relief and later shifted to community resilience and long-term development. By strengthening Community institutions such as Self Help Groups (SHG), Federations, Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLA), farmer groups, and grassroots organizations, DMI ensured sustainable progress. Many of these groups have since grown into independent cooperatives and community-based organizations.



## DMI GLOBAL MISSION STRATEGIES FOR 2026–2030

- Mission-Based Revenue & Sustainability
- International Office & Leadership Academy
- Governance, Safeguarding & Systems
- Program Quality, MEAL & Innovation

Together, these strategies function as the foundational principles guiding DMI's mission implementation, ensuring consistency, accountability, sustainability, and transformative impact across all countries where we serve.



# OUR VISION AND MISSION



## VISION

Loving God and Serving  
the Poor to Be Fully  
Human and Fully Alive



## MISSION

To enable underprivileged  
communities, especially women,  
children, and youth, to become  
champions of change by providing  
them with opportunities for  
education and development



## CORE VALUES



## OUR PRESENCE

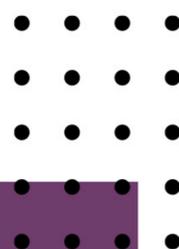
- ▶ **India:** Chengalpattu, Chennai, Chittoor, Dhanapur, Dindigul, Kanchipuram, Nagapattinam, Nagpur, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Salem, Sivaganga, and Tiruvallur(Districts).
- ▶ **Central African Republic:** Ombella M'poko, Lobaye prefectures
- ▶ **Italy:** Rome
- ▶ **Malawi:** Mangochi and Lilongwe
- ▶ **Tanzania:** Dar es Salaam and Songea
- ▶ **South Sudan:** Juba, Wau, and Malakal
- ▶ **Papua New Guinea:** Port Moresby
- ▶ **Zambia:** Chipata and Lusaka
- ▶ **Kenya:** Nairobi

# EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

## 93,652 Women Access Their Fundamental Rights

DMI promotes community institutions such as Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLA) to empower women socially, economically, and politically across India, Africa, and the Pacific region.

These institutions protect women and girls from violence and harmful practices while enabling them to improve their livelihoods through savings, internal lending, and small businesses. Over time, these groups have fostered self-reliant and resilient communities.



### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 93,652 SHG/VSLA members trained in leadership and social development across DMI mission countries.
- 2,400 SHGs in India and 262 VSLAs in Africa are now self-managed.
- 7,600 women members trained in small business management to enhance income and sustainability.
- In CAR, VSLA members established a “Women Bank” to promote savings and provide business loans.
- In India, 13,556 marginalized women accessed government welfare schemes through federation support.
- Federation leaders addressed community issues such as gender-based violence, sexual harassment, alcohol abuse, and access to water facilities.

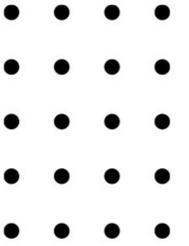


# EDUCATION FOR HOPE AND PEACE

83,628 Children Access Quality Primary Education

DMI ensures access to quality education for impoverished children across India and Africa through four key strategies:

- Schools managed by Communities
- DMI-managed schools
- Partnerships with government schools



Children receive holistic support through qualified teachers, midday meals, sanitary materials for adolescent girls, and teaching learning resources, resulting in 100% retention and transition rates.

The campaign “Drop the Guns and Take the Pens” continues to inspire children in CAR and South Sudan, promoting peace through education.

A total of 83,628 children from rural, marginalized, and refugee communities accessed primary education in India, CAR, South Sudan, Zambia, Tanzania, Malawi, and Papua New Guinea.



## Key Achievements:

- Constructed 35 community schools in South Sudan and CAR, serving children in rural and refugee camps and strengthening community ownership of education.
- 54,628 children accessed quality primary education and midday meals across India and Africa (CAR, Malawi, PNG, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Zambia).
- 12,455 government school children received educational to continue their schooling in India, PNG, Malawi, and Zambia.



# HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Saving Lives and Restoring Dignity of over 5,000 vulnerable families in South Sudan and the Central African Republic

Communities in South Sudan and the Central African Republic (CAR) continue to face severe humanitarian crises caused by conflict, flooding, displacement, and economic collapse. These challenges have disrupted food systems, clean water access, shelter, and basic services—placing women, children, returnees, and persons with disabilities at extreme risk. In response, DMI delivered lifesaving humanitarian assistance, linking emergency relief with early recovery to restore dignity and resilience among the most vulnerable.

## Key Achievements

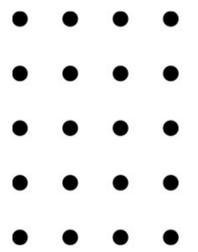
- South Sudan: Over 2,000 vulnerable families received food and essential non-food items.
- Central African Republic: More than 1,800 families supported with food and non-food assistance.
- Inclusive Support: 1,200 households of persons with disabilities in CAR received targeted humanitarian aid.

DMI's humanitarian response saves lives today while building pathways toward recovery and self-reliance.



# PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

24,800 Women Farmers learned to practice sustainable farming in Central & Southern Africa



Semi-starvation and subsistence farming practices have severely affected food security in CAR, South Sudan, and Zambia. To address this, DMI trained marginalized and smallholder farmers in sustainable agriculture, animal husbandry, marketing, and value addition, ensuring improved food production and nutrition.

Farmers were organized into smallholder associations to promote savings, internal lending, and small-scale businesses, generating supplementary income. They were also supported with sustainable agricultural input kits, including basic tools and crop and vegetable seeds for both dry and main farming seasons.

More than 24,800 farming families gained knowledge on climate change adaptation, climate-resilient farming practices, nutrition, and post-harvest management, strengthening food and nutrition security in CAR, South Sudan, and Zambia.



## Key Achievements:

- South Sudan (Juba): 212 smallholder farmers' associations adopted sustainable farming techniques, significantly increasing productivity.
- Central African Republic (Bangui): 1,531 farming families were trained in livestock promotion and supported with micro-credit to strengthen household economic security.
- Zambia (Chipata): 200 women farmers adopted climate-smart agriculture and backyard gardening, producing vegetables and fruits using drip irrigation systems.



# VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR DIGNIFIED EMPLOYMENT

2,813 Youths and Survivors of Trafficking Employed

DMI provides market-driven vocational training to unemployed and underprivileged youth and survivors of trafficking across Africa, India, and the Pacific region. Courses range from 4–12 months and include beautician services, catering, tailoring, computer skills, driving, masonry, electrical and plumbing work, handicrafts, smart agriculture, and more.

Trainees participate in one-month internships, receive certification and starter equipment, and gain the confidence, self-esteem, and skills needed for dignified employment and peaceful coexistence.

## Key Achievements

- 989 survivors of trafficking gained employment opportunities and sustainable livelihoods in Tanzania
- 1,824 unemployed youth secured skills, jobs, and decent income in CAR, South Sudan, Zambia, and PNG.



# EDUCATION AND LIVELIHOOD AS PATHWAYS TO DIGNITY

Education remains a core strategy of DMI's mission. DMI manages model schools, supports teacher training, establishes community schools in underserved areas, and operates vocational training institutes. Youth are trained in employable trades such as bricklaying, plumbing, house wiring, beauty arts, tailoring, sustainable agriculture, and agribusiness.

Through micro-business management training, more than 100,000 women have successfully started and sustained small enterprises across our mission. In addition, climate-smart agriculture, collective marketing, value addition, and market linkage support are generating sustained income for women farmers.

## VOICE — OUR SHARED STORIES

To share the lived experiences of women, children, and youth supported through DMI missions, we are pleased to introduce this newsletter, "VOICE."

Through this platform, we quarterly connect with you, our partners, donors, and well-wishers, whose generosity enables DMI to continue its mission.

We offer our heartfelt prayers to Almighty Christ our Saviour and our deep gratitude to all who journey with us in hope and solidarity.

