



# Supporting grassroots voice on climate finance

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NGO Committee on Financing for Development



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# Misean Cara – mission support from Ireland



- Enabling missionaries to facilitate effective development work to empower marginalised people in the Global South



**Uphold the Right to Quality Education**



**Uphold the Right to Better Health, Clean Water and Sanitation**



**Uphold the Right to Sustainable Livelihoods**



**Uphold and advocate for Human Rights**



**Enhance and Promote the Missionary Approach to Development**

## Values

### Respect

Due regard for the feelings, needs and rights of others and the environment

### Justice

Solidarity with those who are marginalized and advocacy for what is right, fair and appropriate

### Commitment

Long-term dedication to and accompaniment of people amongst whom we live

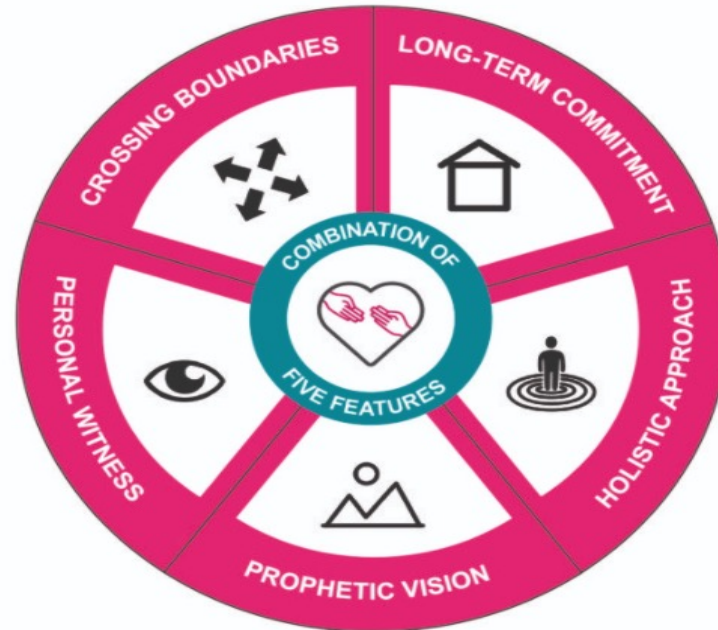
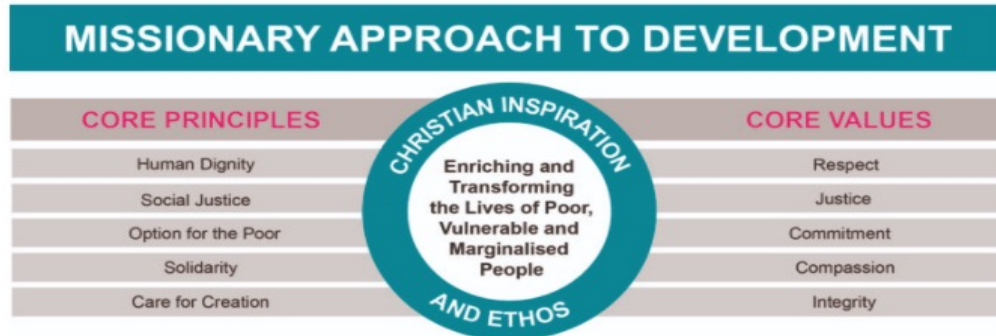
### Compassion

Empathy with and understanding of the reality others live

### Integrity

Transparency and accountability in all our activities

# Misean Cara's distinctive approach



[www.miseancara.ie/missionary-approach-development](http://www.miseancara.ie/missionary-approach-development)

- Originally only Irish Aid funded but diversifying
- Bringing services, collaboration, linkages, resources, capacity, reach, learning, rights focus & accountability....
- Enable communities to participate, challenge injustice, vindicate their rights

# Innovation Fund supports



- Scale or replicate/spread an approach currently being tried
  - Different members, projects, countries
- Something a member or members would like to try but have not yet
- Can include research/ advocacy initiatives
  - Model multi-member approaches, new areas of work
- Additional to core sectors
- Open to all members
  - Outside annual funding cap
- Light-touch expressions of interest & reporting
- Capture the learning & make available to others
- Value of Missionary Approach

# Innovation Fund themes



## 2019:

- Girls' Education
  - Commitment contracts
  - Mothers groups
  - School-related GBV
- Refugee, IDP, Migrant supports
  - International protection policy, Ireland and the EU
  - Wellbeing of frontline staff & volunteers
  - Right2Play

## • Climate action

- Community resilience
- Biogas latrines
- Energy-saving stoves
- Agriculture for biodiversity
- Climate finance research & advocacy (Salesians of Don Bosco Ireland)

## 2020:

## • Safeguarding

- Alternatives to corporal punishment
- Ways of working with local leaders
- Champion & expand use of safeguarding approaches, policies

# Climate finance research



- Advocacy priorities:
  - Girls Education
  - Forcibly Displaced Persons
  - Climate Action  
(Quality ODA for the SDGs)
- Excited by this work
  - Multi-member, multi-country
  - Evidence based advocacy
  - Grassroots research – amplifying community voice
  - Networking with FBOs, NGOs
- See what's in it – learning, advocacy asks, etc.
- Bring to membership – and Irish NGO platform, Coalition 2030?
- Any learning for Mísean Cara funding schemes?
- Share with Irish Aid civil society unit, Irish DFA climate envoy
- How else to amplify?
  - Over to you...

**Communities mobilised,  
empowered and working to  
influence norms, policies and  
practice to vindicate their  
Human Rights**

**Networking, alliance-  
building & advocacy (national  
to international and global)  
supports communities in  
challenging injustice,  
shaping their lives and  
building resilience**



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