



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

Twinning – A new approach

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Guyana – Maurice Heneghan

Romania – Mary Abel

South Sudan – Dee Davey

Small Projects – John Wild

India – Vacant

New manager from 1 July

Rebecca Montgomery

Country updates – India

- Over 1100 active twins
- New livelihoods projects in 23-24 with focus on larger scale. Over 100 beneficiaries in Chennai helped through Microcredit fund to support new livelihoods through self-sustaining fund
- Quilon project in Kerala support women-headed households, over 50 families supported
- 300 families (around 1500 individuals) beneficiaries reached in Small projects in 24-25
- Recent trip by Elaine and Beth
- Major £50k fund for science scholarships – David Copland legacy



Country updates – South Sudan



- 36 active twins
- Challenging circumstances in 3rd poorest country in world and with high numbers of displaced people/continuing instability
- Wide programme of support from humanitarian infant feeding/IDP to homeless youth, vocational training and development activities
- Over 2000 direct beneficiaries reached including part funding for around 15000 health care appointments
- Major donor to modern school building benefitting over 1000 children, inaugurated in February 2024.

Country updates – Sudan

- New conflict and major humanitarian crisis
- One of world's fastest growing humanitarian crises with major new displacement
- Governance issues pre-dating outbreak of violence
- £20k grant to Concern Worldwide to support really vulnerable conflict - affected communities and children with severe malnutrition (coverage for 35,000 conflict-affected people)



Country updates – Grenada and Guyana

- 29 active twins in Grenada, 11 active twins in Guyana
- Reduction in funding in 23-24 compared to previous years as RTTC depleted
- Projects such as social support, household improvement, water harvesting in 23-24 in Grenada
- New Youth projects focusing on mentoring in response to concerns about rising gun crime in 24-25



Country updates – Mini Vinnies in Grenada

- 1 location established in 2023 as a first in the region (St David's) with 2nd now underway thanks to SVP Towcester
- Funding sought for running costs like consumables, uniforms, handbook printing and other types of basic costs

Mini Vinnies in Grenada

Programme update

St Vincent de Paul England & Wales (E&W) has a long-standing partnership with St Vincent de Paul Grenada (SSVP Grenada) through Twinning. In 2023, SSVP Grenada established Mini Vinnies (St David's), the first such scheme in the Caribbean region. The establishment of Mini Vinnies is the fulfilment of one of the strategic goals of SSVP Grenada which is to encourage and recruit younger members into the Society.

Fostering Vincentian spirit among young people, these children (aged 7-11 years) are developing a caring attitude towards others, the community and the environment. The scheme is rejuvenating SSVP Grenada and building the next generation of Vincentians as they tap into their youthful energies of 'doing good.'

Through the scheme, children meet weekly for joint prayer and spirituality, community-based initiatives, befriending and voluntary work in their local community, and other creative activities. Activities are inspired by the values, traditions and history of SSVP Grenada as part of the International Confederation.

Pictured below:
Map of the tri island state of Grenada



If you would like to donate to support the activities of Mini Vinnies in Grenada, please contact your Twinning officer or the Twinning team
Contact us at twinning@svp.org.uk

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Country updates – Romania and Ukraine

- 15 Twins (30 donors)
- Hosted up to 100,000 Ukrainian refugees in recent times. Support for refugee projects in 23-24 focusing on children and older people. Included air conditioning unit for school, leisure sessions, medication for older people
- Over 130 UK-based beneficiaries since May 2022 through fund at Conference level
- £10k grant to De Paul International for food and shelter provision in Kyiv in winter 2023



Impact



- Layla – helped to set up Tailoring business in Southern India
- Amos – trained to be a mechanic in South Sudan
- Communities in Grenada receiving water tanks for their homes
- Copland students – 20 students from low-income families studying Science and Engineering



Fundraising initiatives

- Diversifying fundraising from other sources
- Sudan and South Sudan appeals since October 2023
- Sponsored walks and other activities at Conference and CC level
- Ukraine specific fundraising has ended, any donations into SVP Disaster fund
- In 23-24, SVP Disaster Fund has supported floods in Chennai and UK Ukrainian refugee fund.

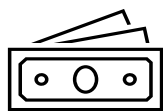


India: Trialling of new model

- Challenges in terms of scale of operations, accountability, reporting and impact
- Complex regulation now in India for overseas aid
- Greater autonomy and ownership by SSVP India
- New model from 2024 being trialled



Annual Agreement between both countries stating what areas will be funded.



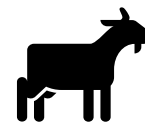
Grant approved by Twinning Committee and allocated annually, can be paid in one lump sum or quarterly etc.



Formal twice-yearly reporting back, with regular conference call to check all is going well.



Conference twins still correspond but not attached to funding.



Small Projects will run in the same way but must be included in the annual forecasted submission.

**Thank you to
Members,
Conferences,
Councils and our 23
Twinning officers for
their fundraising
efforts in 23-24!**

