



# The Voluntary Solidarity Fund VSF Spain Annual Report 2023



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## VSF Spain-The Voluntary Solidarity Fund International

VSF Spain operates as a **branch** of **The Voluntary Solidarity Fund International** (VSF International), a non-profit organisation based in London, registered on 14 December 2017 by the Charity Commission for England and Wales under number 1176273.

VSF International was created by a group of members of the **Vatican Foundation Centesimus Annus pro Pontifice** and is inspired by the social doctrine of the Catholic Church. The Spanish branch reports to the Board of Trustees of VSF International and its data are included in the accounts of the parent.

The branch is **registered in Spain** under tax identification number N8269615D granted by the Spanish Tax Agency on 11 June 2018. The Board of Trustees of VSF International has given management powers of attorney to one of its members resident in Spain, Domingo Sugranyes Bickel, and joint banking powers of attorney to Domingo Sugranyes Bickel and Jesús Avezuela Cárcel. For communication purposes VSF Spain has its headquarters at Paseo Juan XXIII, 3 - 28040 Madrid.

VSF Spain defines itself as an **accelerator of non-profit solidarity projects**. It seeks to build bridges of collaboration between companies and charities in Spain. To this end, it selects specific long-term support projects for people at risk of marginalisation, managed by organisations of recognised solvency, with which it has collaboration agreements, and seeks business resources of different types to help in the development of these projects.

At the moment, VSF Spain only operates in the Community of Madrid, and is expecting to expand its geographical scope.

VSF Spain has an **Advisory Board** to coordinate its activities and advise the international Board of Trustees on the management of operations in Spain. The Advisory Board met four times during the year: on 9 February, 16 April, 12 May and 22 September.

The Advisory Board has also established an **Executive Committee** composed of four of its members, which has held frequent working meetings.



**Fundación Pablo VI**



**Acción Social Empresarial**



**ASPRIMA**



**Cáritas Española**



**Cáritas Madrid**



**Comunidad de Sant' Egidio, Madrid**



**Fundación Luz Casanova**



**Opción 3-Cooperativa de Iniciativa Social**



**SERCADE**

- **Fundación Pablo VI:**

In collaboration with the Fundación Pablo VI, VSF Spain has promoted the 3rd edition of a digital transformation course for people at risk of exclusion. Given by the Fundación with the sponsorship of the company **Mozo Grau SA-TICARE**, with recycled equipment donated by MAPFRE Spain and Santander Seguros Generales. For participants chosen by Cáritas Madrid. The Fundación Pablo VI also provides VSF with secretarial support. The agreement has been modified to reflect the new circumstances of the collaboration.

- **Cáritas Madrid:**

In the framework of the collaboration with Caritas Madrid, VSF Spain has promoted business contacts to increase the effectiveness of non-formal vocational training activities at the **Caritas Madrid Campus** (Ensanche de Vallecas). Especially in the field of home and roadside assistance. Collaboration has also been initiated between the Campus and **ASPRIMA** for the non-formal training of young people in the construction professions.

- **Sant' Egidio:**

The collaboration with the Community of Sant'Egidio has materialised in 2023 in the form of support for the **Escuelas de la paz** programme.

- **Fundación Luz Casanova**

With the Luz Casanova Foundation, VSF Spain's activity has focused on obtaining support for a programme to combat intimate partner violence among adolescents (**Xicos que hablan**).

- **Opción 3:**

Discussions have also taken place for a new collaboration agreement, in which the Atlético de Madrid Foundation will participate, to carry out training activities for **sports monitors** among vulnerable young people, both male and female, designated by Opcion 3

## Activities 2023

VSF Spain has developed its activities along four lines:

### 1. Advice for solidarity projects

One of the ways in which VSF Spain works is by establishing contacts between companies and charitable organisations to help the latter focus their pre-vocational and vocational training programmes more effectively.

In this line, the aforementioned business collaboration has been promoted with the Cáritas Madrid Campus, where underprivileged young people are welcomed and accompanied towards professional integration.

In the same line of advice, VSF Spain has helped several of the selected projects to apply for grants and awards from large companies.

One of these efforts was successful in 2023:

- Financial subsidies were obtained from the **La Caixa Foundation** for the realisation of the **Option 3 Open Mental Health Centre**.

### 2. New solidarity initiatives

#### Digital training

Since its inception, VSF Spain has been promoting **digital training activities** for unemployed people with the support of the Madrid chapter of the Centesimus Annus pro Pontifice Foundation, led by Francisco Martínez Delgado.

This initiative has given rise to a course that has been integrated into the educational activities of the **Pablo VI Foundation**, directed by José Ramón Amor Pan, and has the collaboration of Cáritas Madrid for the selection of participants.

It is funded by a grant from the company **Mozo Grau S.A. - TICARE** and uses recycled computers donated by **MAPFRE Spain**.

The **third edition** of the course, taught by professors Mónica García and Daniel Díaz Toledano, took place at the premises of the Fundación Pablo VI between February and April 2023, with 25 participants.

The presentation of certificates took place on 8 May.

The **fourth edition** of the course is being prepared, which will be held between February and May 2023 with the same collaborating entities.

### Sports monitors

In another newly created initiative, VSF is promoting the implementation of **training courses for sports monitors** for young people at risk of marginalisation, attended by the social cooperative Opción 3.

This initiative, which is still in the preparation phase, in collaboration with the Atlético de Madrid Foundation, will lead to a first edition in April-June 2024.

## 3. Donations

VSF Spain has made donations **totalling €28,755**:

- **10,255** to the **Fundación Pablo VI** for the digital transformation course.
- **10,000** to **Option 3** for the implementation of the sports monitors course
- **3,500** to the **Luz Casanova Foundation** for activities with teenagers against partner violence.
- **2,500** to the **Community of Sant'Egidio** for the Escuelas de la paz.
- **2,500** for **SERCADE's** Huerto Hermana Tierra.



#### 4. Information dissemination

VSF Spain held an information and fund-raising event on 12 June in the prestigious setting of the **Palacio de Linares/Casa de América**

With the participation of some 75 guests and the intervention of:

Jesús Avezuela, Fundación Pablo VI.

Domingo Sugranyes, VSF España.

Soledad González, Fundación Luz Casanova.

Sandra Segimón, Sushita.

Fernando Mozo, Grupo Mozo Grau, S.A.-TICARE

Francisco Martínez y Daniel Díaz, Digital Training Course.

Alfredo López, Opción 3.

Fray Benjamín Echeverría, capuchin, Basílica del Cristo de Medinaceli.

Natalia Peiro, Cáritas Española.

Miguel Garrido, president of CEIM.

The event was sponsored **by BBVA**.

## Results achieved by VSF Spain's efforts

To achieve significant results, VSF needs to become much better known, especially among small and medium-sized companies that wish to participate in solidarity action programmes, but do not have the means to do so in an organic way.

In this phase, the following milestones can be highlighted as results of the activity carried out in 2023, some of which have already been mentioned in this report:

- **25 unemployed people** of different nationalities, all at risk of marginalisation, selected by Cáritas Madrid, have participated until the end of the third digital skills course given at the Fundación Pablo VI.
- Thanks to the efforts of VSF Spain, the insertion company ASISCAR, which depends on Caritas Madrid, has formalised agreements with the assistance company **ASITUR** for the training and employment of people at risk of marginalisation.
- Discussions have been initiated between the **ASPRIMA** real estate developers' association and the Caritas Madrid Campus for non-formal training activities in construction professions.
- Discussions have taken place between Opcion 3 and the Atlético de Madrid Foundation to start in 2024 a nonregulated course for **sports monitors** for boys and girls selected from among young people at risk of marginalisation.
- **Opción 3** has been able to set up an open mental health centre for young people at risk who need therapy. VSF Spain has helped to secure the necessary funding.

## Economic Information

Contributions made in 2022 to the VSF account by 64 donors amount to **€37,920**.

VSF Spain has donated €28,755 (including bank charges) to projects run by the Paul VI Foundation, Option 3, the Luz Casanova Foundation, the Community of Sant'Egidio and SERCADE.

In addition, VSF Spain's efforts have mobilised approximately €32,000 in donations made directly to the projects carried out by Sant'Egidio and Opción3.

Operating expenses amounted to €6,973, of which €4,108 were internal expenses (bank services, printing, accounting and maintenance of digital services) and €2,865 were for promotion and organisation of events.

**The executives of VSF Spain do not receive any type of remuneration.**

Following the fundraising campaign at the end of the year, VSF Spain has €27,045 in its current account at the time of closing, which will be distributed to projects according to the indications of donors and the criteria set by the Board of Trustees, advised by the Advisory Council, in early 2024.

## Balance sheet

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
CURRENT ASSETS	27.045,63	25.156,27
Cash and equivalent liquid assets	27.045,63	25.156,27
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>27.045,63</b>	<b>25.156,27</b>
 <b>PATRIMONIO</b>		
NET WORTH AND LIABILITIES	26.791,53	24.599,67
Own funds.	26.791,53	24.599,67
Results from previous years	24.599,67	21.976,97
Current year result	2.191,86	2.622,70
CURRENT LIABILITIES	254,10	556,60
Creditors for providing services	222,60	525,10
Tax	31,50	31,50
 <b>NET WORTH AND LIABILITIES</b>	 <b>27.045,63</b>	 <b>25.156,27</b>

## Profit and loss account

	2023	2022
Other operational revenues	37.920,00	28.734,99
Subvention, donations and legacies for operations	37.920,00	28.734,99
Other operational expense	-35.728,14	-26.112,29
Independent profesional services	-1.016,40	-1.016,40
Banking services and similar	-360,00	-324,72
Advertisement and public relations	2.799,61	-525,36
Supplies	-2.797,13	-868,75
Other services	0,00	-897,06
Donations made.	-28.755,00	-22.480,00
<b>OPERATIONAL RESULT</b>	<b>2.191,86</b>	<b>2.622,70</b>
<b>YEARLY RESULT</b>	<b>2.191,86</b>	<b>2.622,70</b>



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