

# INDONESIA - ENDE PROVINCE

Official Language: **Bahasa Indonesia**

## Vision Statement

*To build-up the kingdom of God which liberates.*

## Mission Statement

- *Rooted oneself in the Word, Committing oneself to the mission of God.*
- *We execute this through renewal of our spirituality and religious-missionary commitment.*
- *Striving to transform public policy so that it may be better focused on society as a whole.*
- *Strengthening networks of cooperation.*
- *Empowering associated communities.*
- *We carry out this commitment in our communities, SVD institutes, parishes and assigned (categorical) ministries.*

## 1. Societal Setting

The Ende province is situated in the eastern part of Indonesia, covering four provinces: Papua Barat, Papua, Maluku (Moluccas), and Nusa Tenggara Timur, which are the poorest provinces in Indonesia. Besides poverty, cumulative HIV/AIDS cases are among the highest in the 34 provinces of Indonesia.



The present central government, under the leadership of president Jokowi, has greatly developed infrastructure in this area, but corruption at the local level is still rampant. Another big challenge faced by the native people is migration and human trafficking. The local people migrate to other islands and countries, whereas the ethnic groups, especially from Java and Sulawesi, are migrating to the east. As a result, the economy in Flores, the Moluccas and Papua is dominated by migrants, while the local people are increasingly marginalized. The Papuans are among the most marginalized people in Indonesia. In terms of religion, the majority in East Indonesia is Christians (Catholics and Protestants), but the number of the Muslims is increasing with migration. However, the relationships among the hundreds of ethnic groups are generally good.

## 2. Ecclesial Setting

The Ende province renders missionary service in seven dioceses: Ende Archdiocese, Maumere Diocese, Larantuka Diocese, Amboina Diocese; Sorong-Manokwari Diocese, Jayapura Diocese and Merauke Diocese. The local Church is vibrant and self-reliant both in finance and personnel, thanks to many vocations to the priesthood. Many religious congregations are coming to Flores and the Moluccas to recruit new members. Lay people are generally well aware of their call and actively participate in Church activities. However, the situation is different in Papua. The Papuans living in the interior are still in need of primary evangelization.

We are still blessed with a large number of vocations and have three formation houses: St. Paul's Major Seminary in Ledalero, St. Konrad's Brother Formation House in Ende, and St. Arnold Janssen's Postulancy in Boanio.

## 3. Intercultural Mission – *Ad Extra*

IN ACTIVE MINISTRY	Personnel	2018 (%)	2012 (%)	2005 (%)
<b>Parish</b>	60	23.6	21.7	20.4
<b>Education</b>	37	15.9	10.5	9.4
Schools	19	-		
Universities	18	-		
<b>Formation/ SVD Vocation</b>	25	10.7	16.8	12.3

<b>Administration/ Support</b>	40	17.2	19.9	24.3
<b>Other Apostolates</b>	17	7.3	4.9	10.0
JPIC	4	-		
Bible	1	-		
Communication	1	-		
Mission Animation	1	-		
Others	10	-		

## Those in Final Vows

NOT IN MINISTRY	Personnel	2018 (%)	2012 (%)	2005 (%)
Studies/ Orientation	17	7.3	7.5	6.4
Retired/Sick	30	2.9	11.5	7.9
Others	7	3.0	7.2	9.4

## Main Ministries

**Parish Ministry:** Over the years most of the parishes in Flores have been handed over to the care of the diocesan clergy. At present we serve in 29 parishes in 7 dioceses and we are committed to enhance the SVD charism in our pastoral service, especially through the biblical apostolate and JPIC.

*Special commitment for primary evangelization in West Papua:* In line with the recommendation of

the protocol of our general visitation in 2009, a special commitment has been made to primary evangelization in West Papua. During the period of 2012-17, we have sent many confreres to Papua. In January 2016, we set up two new districts in Papua, namely Sorong district with 8 confreres and Jayapura district, including Merauke, with 9 members.

**Educational Apostolate:** The Ende province, under the legal umbrella of St. Paul School Foundation, operates three important educational institutions, namely: the School of Philosophy at Ledalero (a tertiary level institute) with almost 900 students, consisting of the seminarians from five dioceses, twelve religious congregations, and lay students; the Syuradikara Catholic High School in Ende with more than 1,000 students; and Bina Karya Technical High School in Lantuka with 350 students. In 2013 a vocational school for tourism was founded in Ende, called Syuradikara Vocational High School, with 133 students enrolled in 2017.

*Pastoral Care for Students:* Since September 2013, we started a campus ministry for university students. We have a coordinator of campus ministry at the University of Flores, which has more than 7,000 students and most of them are Catholics.

### Characteristic Dimensions

**Bible Apostolate:** We have a biblical center and three retreat centers. The biblical apostolate is carried out not only in these centers, but also in

parishes and in Basic Christian Communities. Since most families at least have a copy of the Bible, the main goal is to encourage people to read and pray with the Bible. To achieve this, we have a program, called GEBRAK (Gerakan Baca dan Renungkan Al-Kitab) or Movement for Reading and Reflecting on the Bible. People are encouraged to read the Bible at least once or twice a week according to the liturgical calendar. We print and distribute 9,000 liturgical calendars every year and this has been done since 2014. Other important activities coordinated by our Bible coordinator are: training Bible animators, catechism, and conducting basic Bible courses. In this apostolate we collaborate with the dioceses and Lembaga Biblika Indonesia (LBI), that is, the Catholic Biblical Association of Indonesia.

**Mission Animation:** Mission animation for the local Church is carried out by our mission secretary in collaboration with confreres working in parishes and formation houses, especially on the feasts of Sts. Arnold Janssen and Joseph Freinademetz, as well as during the months of May and October. SVD missionaries on home leave usually share their missionary experiences in their home parishes and in our formation houses. We have started raising funds for mission worldwide and the response in the parishes run by the SVDs has been very positive. Caring for missionaries is done well by the mission secretary.

**JPIC:** The Ende province has committed itself to defend the rights of the peasants on their lands against mining companies in Flores and

Lembata, the legal rights of workers against the abuse of their employers, and protecting victims of human trafficking and domestic violence in collaboration with the SSpS and our lay partners. We provided relief to the refugees from the Island of Palue after the eruption of Mount Rokatenda. Besides this, almost all communities with whom we work plant trees during the rainy season. The JPIC coordinator animates all these activities, including the eradication of HIV/AIDS and human trafficking.

**Communication:** Our communication apostolate is still limited to print media, that is, publishing *Berita Provinsi Ende* (BPE), a bimonthly newsletter of the province; *Flores Pos*, a local newspaper; and *Majalah Kunang-Kunang* for kids. There are two publishing houses: *Nusa Indah Publishing House*, which caters for the public, and *Ledalero Publishing House*, which is limited to academic publications. Besides this, the Ende province also has a website ([www.provinsiende.weebly.com](http://www.provinsiende.weebly.com)). Implementing the 2015 general visitation protocol, we are exploring other means of communication such as radio and social media to more effectively spread the Good News. In fact, Ledalero has started with a radio program. Our new communication team will explore various possibilities under the leadership of our communication coordinator.

### Priorities among Congregational Directions

HIV/AIDS as well as human trafficking are two main social problems faced by the people in the province, and for this reason, the 22<sup>nd</sup> provincial

chapter of the Ende province in November 2015 has prioritized these two *ad extra* issues for the next few years.

**The Eradication of HIV/AIDS:** To reduce the spread of the virus, we have been disseminating information on HIV/AIDS through the local media *Flores Pos* and the bimonthly *Berita Provinsi Ende*, radio, and brochures. We also address these concerns through catechism in parishes by the seminarians while doing their live-in programs. We have organized seminars on HIV/AIDS both for students at STFK Ledalero and for various groups in parishes in collaboration with SSpS and CIJ sisters and with lay partners (doctors). For a few years the confreres at Candraditya, Maumere have been organizing monthly meetings for the victims and their support group, involving our seminarians and the students of STFK. Around 30 victims come every month to this meeting. In addition, on December 1<sup>st</sup> every year affected individuals are invited to our major seminary to celebrate World AIDS Day with the community and have dinner together.

We are planning to construct a drop-in center for people with HIV/AIDS in 2018, since the present place at Candraditya is too small for them. We will publish a book on positive and inspiring stories about people with HIV/AIDS and a prayerbook for the victims. We want to advocate for more funds from the government to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in society at large.

**The Eradication of Human Trafficking:** Responding to this complex problem, we have de-

vised a few concrete actions to reduce the number of victims of human trafficking. In collaboration with some NGOs and SSpS, we have advocacy programs for the implementation of laws on human trafficking by the local government. We have also disseminated the UN Protocol and Indonesian laws on human trafficking, publicized case studies, and organized seminars on human trafficking. Our seminarians have offered catechesis concerning human trafficking in parishes.

In order to have a better understanding of the problem, some confreres have collected data on migration in the diocese of Maumere and a few dioceses in Malaysia in collaboration with the dioceses and STFK Ledalero. The data still need to be analyzed by our Research Center Candraditya. Besides this, a confrere has been tasked to coordinate the concerns of migration in collaboration with JPIC coordinator. Twice a year he goes to Malaysia to collect data and to render pastoral services to the Indonesian migrants.

### Collaboration with SSpS and Others

The Ende province has collaborated well with the SSpS. At the sub-zonal level there is an annual meeting of SSpS and SVD provincials/regionals to discuss activities related to AJS, JPIC and VIVAT Indonesia. At the local level, we work together with SSpS of East Flores province in formation, giving directed retreats, and JPIC activities, especially the eradication of HIV/AIDS as well as the eradication of human trafficking. The centennial celebrations of the SVD and SSpS

presence in Indonesia were planned and carried out successfully together. We also collaborate with the dioceses, lay partners, and NGOs in implementing our *ad extra* action plan.

### SVD Lay Partners

Our collaboration with lay partners is going on well in parishes run by the SVDs, especially with our workers and with experts such as doctors and lawyers. However, in past years less attention has been given to caring for our lay association, called Paguyuban Soverdia. Only this year we have resumed our care for them, especially in Ngada district. We are going to revive this lay movement in other districts as well.

## 4. Intercultural Life – *Ad Intra*

MEMBERSHIP	2018	2012	2005
Bishops	1	1	1
Clerics	200	206	186
Brothers (final vows)	47	47	48
Brothers (temporal vows)	20	27	18
Scholastics	270	270	302
<b>Total</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>555</b>

AGE AND COUNTRY	2018	2012	2005
Average age	52.9	52.0	36.0
Nationalities	12	12	11

**Spirituality:** Our purpose is to deepen our mission spirituality in following Jesus so that “His life is our life, his mission our mission”. To realize this, besides all the efforts for renewal in our communities, we decided to set up a center for spirituality. On the feast of the Holy Trinity on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014, in a simple liturgical celebration, we officially declared the foundation of the Arnold Janssen Spirituality Center called *SUMUR YAKUB* (Jacob’s Well) at Matoloko, Flores, in collaboration with all provinces and regions of the SVD and SSpS in the Indo-Leste Sub-Zone. A team consisting of two of our confreres and one SSpS is entrusted with running renewal courses and providing psycho-spiritual help for religious and priests. Many courses and workshops in psycho-spirituality and ecology have been conducted by the center and these are well appreciated by the participants.

**Community:** In general, our confreres live in harmony with one another both in the communities and the districts. Confreres working in parishes have their regular meetings during monthly recollections. Some communities have regular meetings and recollections, but others don’t. Our communities are generally multicultural and some are even international, thanks to the presence of 19 expatriates. Some conflicts have arisen in one or two communities, but these have been resolved by the former leadership team through a reconciliation process. Conflicts arise not merely from cultural differences, but more because of differences in personality. We are also aware of the need to enhance our internationality by opening ourselves to expatriates both as missionaries and OTP/ECP students, and by exchanging professors.

**Finance:** Our goal is to be more self-supporting financially, more transparent and accountable. To realize this goal, we have taken the following actions: a financial audit by official public auditors since 2013, implementation of health insurance (BPJS) for all our workers and confreres, revision of the wage regulations for workers, setting up a limited partnership with our profit making enterprises in accordance with Indonesian laws, and implementation of retirement/pension/superannuation arrangements.

**Leadership:** Since 2014-15 we have held two leadership workshops for the confreres in perpetual vows and two others for our formandi to enhance leadership in the province. In the last provincial chapter, we decided to prioritize the formation of missionary-intercultural leadership and upgrading the coordinating skills of those in leadership. A module has been prepared and a leadership workshop for new rectors and district superiors was planned by the end of 2017. However, due to the late transition of the leadership team at the local level it can only be realized in 2018. Leadership training and regular meetings with evaluation and monitoring will be held at all levels.

**Advocacy programs for the implementation of laws on human trafficking by the local government.**

**Initial Formation and On-going Formation:** one of the priorities stipulated by the last provincial chapter is to develop the initial and ongoing formation for mission as prophetic dialogue. In

reality, our formandi have been involved in mission animation, JPIC, communication, and biblical apostolate. Yet, we would like to revise our formation program, by making it more in line with the SVD Characteristic Dimensions. To make our formation more international, we are open to receiving seminarians from other countries to study at our major seminary at Ledalero. We also plan to improve the competence of our formandi in listening and speaking English as a preparation for the exchange of professors.

With regard to formators, there will be a workshop for formators in 2018 to make them more competent. Ten confreres are undertaking higher studies and two others plan to begin in 2018. We also plan to send five or six confreres to Nemi for the Tertiate Program in Bahasa Indonesia and one for ARFI in the Philippines. A workshop will be held for the confreres working in Papua to enhance their capacity in planning and making evaluations of their pastoral activities.