



Vincentian Family Global Initiative on Homelessness PROJECT PLAN (Summary)

Our Vision

Our vision is that everyone has a place to call home and a stake in their community.

Our Project Aims

- To make a real and sustainable difference to the lives of thousands of homeless people;
- To connect Vincentians working across the broad spectrum of homelessness;
- To support and develop existing and emerging leaders;
- To share best practice and research;
- To encourage and support the growth of new and innovative services;
- To support lobbying at a local, regional and global level in support of homelessness;
- To develop and make available formation materials in support of this initiative with respect to spirituality.

Our Strategies

(1) Using Measurement & Data	Main Activities 2017-2019
(1.1) Create a global map and database of existing Vincentian projects working in homelessness in order to analyze current investment in this area and to plan future outcome and impact measurements for the initiative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in collaboration with the VFO (Vincentian Family Office) in Philadelphia to proactively survey and map existing Vincentian projects in the area of homelessness. • Build a functionality to deliver reports around key performance indicators. • Produce proposal on outcome and impact measurement for the Heads of the Vincentian Family. • Develop presentational materials for Heads of the Vincentian Family with key statistics.
(1.2) Develop and update a global contacts list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the VFO in Philadelphia, develop a contact list of key stakeholders in homelessness within the Vincentian Family for ongoing communication. • Maintain and update the contact list.
(2) Planning together	
(2.1) Host an International conference for Vincentians working in homelessness to build networks, share best practice and consult them in developing a work plan in the areas of street homelessness, refugees and slum dwellers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit conference proposal to the Heads of the Vincentian Family for amendment and approval. • Hold the conference in the second half of 2018. • Evaluation of conference and proposed work plans in areas of street homelessness, refugees and slum dwellers presented to the Heads of Vincentian Family.
(2.2) Select a Commission of thought leaders in homelessness from the Vincentian Family to oversee and advise on the project reporting to the Annual Heads of Vincentian Family meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In consultation with the VF Office and the Heads of the Vincentian Family, agree to appoint Vincentian Family members to Famvin Homeless Alliance Commission. • Develop terms of reference for the Commission. • Arrange two meetings annually with papers in advance. • Review membership and make changes as appropriate.

(3) Build Global Capacity	
(3.1) Appoint Project Development Manager to oversee this initiative within Depaul International and realign existing roles in support of this project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint Project Development Manager. • Develop a new organizational structure for Depaul International in order to deliver this project. • Appoint Communications Manager and agree work plan. • Review structure and make changes as appropriate.
(3.2) Produce a short film in multiple translation showcasing best practice of the Vincentian Family in the different areas of homelessness linked to an online toolkit and consultancy service encouraging groups to develop new services at an international, regional, national or local level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree on a proposal with potential producers within the VF network. • Develop storyboard with the Commission. Develop a proposal for the online toolkit and consultancy services in support of the film upon release. • Provide consultancy services in 2018-2019. • Review effectiveness of these tools.
(3.3) Organize and host a series of strategic planning conferences regionally and nationally and assist local family members to develop their own local plan to respond to homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a strategic planning model for a two-day workshop with regional/national gatherings of the Vincentian Family, implement in pilot country. • Review pilot and refine model. • With agreement of Vincentian Family, agree 3-5 Strategic planning conferences annually.
(3.4) In consultation with leaders of the Global Vincentian Family, agree a protocol and delivery mechanism as to how the Vincentian Family might respond to global humanitarian crises with a particular focus on the provision of shelter and primary services such as health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft a protocol on how the Vincentian Family might respond to humanitarian crisis in a coordinated manner globally. • If approved, develop a work plan for more integrated approach. • Agree work plan and deliver on the actions agreed.
(4) Institute of Global Homelessness	
(4.1) Align the resources of the Institute of Global Homelessness to serve this Vincentian Family initiative in providing training for emerging and existing leaders, giving access to the planned Online Homelessness Hub (of research and best practice), and invitations to issue based (e.g. advocacy or fundraising) and/or geographically focused symposiums.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster the participation of VF leaders in IGH activities: emerging leaders program held annually at DePaul University; bi-annual conference sharing best practice and ideas. • Invitations to Vincentian Family members to locally based events in countries where the IGH is working. • Launch of the IGH Online Homelessness Hub sharing up to date research and best practice translated into the principal world languages.
(4.2) Invite the Vincentian Family members in cities which are part of the IGH 150 cities campaign to play their part in ending homelessness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with the Vincentian Family the cities to discuss what part they might play in helping to end homelessness in their cities. • Help to develop an action plan for the VF in those cities. • Review the involvement of the VF in these cities.
(4.3) Plan and deliver a Symposium on Street Homelessness and Catholic Social Teaching at the Vatican to promote debate and action within faith groups and beyond.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In November 2017, the IGH along with DePaul University and the other Vincentian Universities globally will host and finance a Symposium on "Street Homelessness and Catholic Social Teaching" at the Vatican, as a celebration of the 400th Year of the Charism and as one of the launching pads for the initiative. Members of the Vincentian Family will contribute papers as will Pope Francis. • Publish the papers from the conference with potential for either an encyclical or a world peace day message. • Disseminate the key conclusions through a media campaign both to church institutions and a wider audience e.g. UN, EU. • Continue to follow through to ensure action results e.g. conferences, keynote speeches at events.
(5) Encouraging Structural Change	
(5.1) Assist in the hosting of an event at the EU to launch the homeless initiative and begin to develop lobbying and funding capacity in this forum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in launching the initiative at an event for the Vincentian family at EU Parliament on 28th June. • Establish ongoing contacts with the European Union Parliament/Commission. • Lobby at the EU on behalf of homelessness and in particular for more resources.

<p>(5.2) In consultation with the existing Vincentian Family delegations at the UN, agree a work plan in the area of global homelessness linked to concrete outcomes (e.g. a measurement of street homelessness as part of the Sustainable Development Goals)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary meeting with the Vincentian Family delegations at the UN in New York to agree a protocol to work together. • Produce a work plan for agreement by the Heads of Vincentian Family. • Action the plan. • Review the collaboration agreement.
<p>(6) Communicating Progress</p>	
<p>(6.1) Appoint a Communications Manager and develop a strategy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop role for a Communications Manager. • Agree on communications strategy. • Deliver action plan.
<p>(6.2) Create a portal within Depaul International and FamVin website as the focal point for the project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop trilingual site and populate. • Continue to develop and review.
<p>(6.3) Produce a twice-yearly newsletter and annual report for leaders of the Vincentian Family.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree launch materials for 400th Anniversary Vincentian Symposium in Rome at the end of October 2017. • Publish twice-yearly newsletter drawing stories from across the Vincentian Family. • Publish annual report.
<p>(6.4) Produce publicity materials for members of the Vincentian Family to promote initiative within their forums.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce initial launch materials (see 6.3 above) • Produce a short annual power point presentation with supporting text for Vincentian Family leaders to download and inform members.
<p>(7) Formation</p>	
<p>(7.1) Develop and make available spiritual formation materials in support of this initiative.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a work plan for discussion by the Commission. • Develop and circulate formation materials. • Evaluate and adapt as necessary.
<p>(7.2) Develop and circulate project training materials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a work plan for discussion by the Commission. • Develop and circulate training materials • Continue circulation of training materials and review feedback and adapt.