

Asrama Calasanç



ATAMBUA, INDONESIA



People served **91**



People working in the project **16**

EMPLOYEES (5 people),
VOLUNTEERS (5 religious y 6 candidates)



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- Due to the economic difficulties faced by the families, many of them delay their payments or complement them with rice.
- The Piarist community of Atambua participates through the director of the boarding school, Fr. Christophorus, and accompanies the mission that we carry out there.



Simple description of the task to be carried out

The main objectives of the mission in Asrama are two: on the one hand, to guarantee that children and young people from rural areas have access to secondary education, thus fighting against school dropout; and on the other hand, to promote an integral education that works on both cultural and spiritual education.

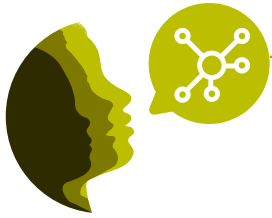
Activities carried out at the boarding school:

- a) School support classes:** accompanying children in their studies and homework.
- b) English classes:** Teaching English one day a week, and the "English Club" for the more advanced children.
- c) Personal accompaniment:** Monthly interview with each child and six-monthly meeting with the families.
- d) Ecclesial and spiritual activities:** Daily prayers, Eucharistic celebration, celebration

of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and also participation in parish activities (choir, altar boys, etc.).

- e) Social and environmental activities:** participation in the care of the environment, e.g. waste collection in sensitive areas of the city; and visits to nearby orphanages.
- f) Sports and leisure activities:** training and playing various sports (football, volleyball, basketball, badminton and table tennis). Board games and cinema.
- g) Arts:** Guitar lessons, piano lessons and choir.
- h) Manual work:** cleaning the rooms, the dishes and the surrounding area, the vegetable garden, organising personal belongings.





Achievements in the last years

- The student body has grown a lot in recent years and, despite the difficulties that arose with the closure of the schools during the pandemic, we have been able to recover the mission there.
- The educational programme designed is simple due to the limitations of the pedagogical team that works in Asrama, which is variable and generally scarce for all the work that needs to be carried out. For this reason, there are agreements to improve both the educational proposal and the number of educators and their previous experience.
- During these years, it has been possible to see the improvement in the children, related to the constant presence, closeness and accompaniment of those who work in Asrama, in addition to growing in the self-sustainability of the project itself.

Future intentions (lines of improvement)

- a. Creation of the Calasanz Movement
- b. Vocational Pastoral work with the inmates
- c. Enrichment of the library to open it to the neighbourhood for other children who need it.
- d. Design of a training itinerary for educators and volunteers.
- e. Revisions of the educational programme of the boarding school.

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