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OF RESILIENCE AND COMPASSION**

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CROSSOVER is the quarterly news bulletin of the Camillian Disaster Service International. The name CROSSOVER was inspired by the gospel of Mark (Mk. 4,35-41) when Jesus invited his disciples to cross over to the other side of the lake, and then a massive storm battered their boat that it almost sank. Fear had overshadowed them; Jesus rose from sleep and calmed the sea. St. Camillus himself had crossed over the confines of the hospitals when he learned about the plague-stricken people, and the victims of floods, war, and pestilence. The enormous strength and enduring compassion of the Camillians are displayed during these difficult historical moments.

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A DECADE OF COMPASSION IN ACTION: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF CADIS

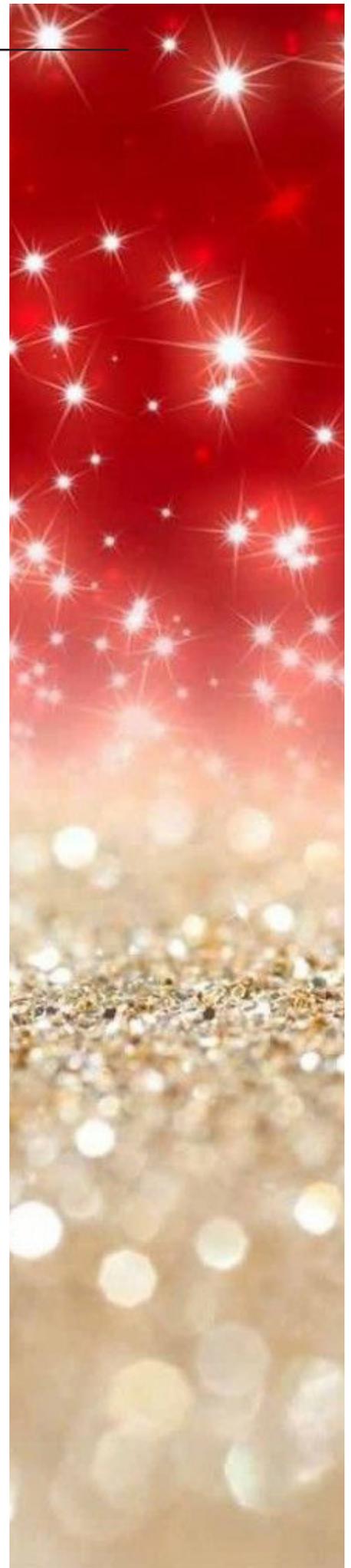
This year marks a significant milestone for the Camillian Disaster Service International (CADIS): a full decade of steadfast service to communities afflicted by disasters and humanitarian crises. Ten years ago, CADIS was born from a deep commitment to embody mercy in action—an institutional expression of the Camillian charism that places the suffering, the vulnerable, and the forgotten at the very center of its mission. Today, we honor not only the passage of time but the profound legacy built through countless acts of solidarity, resilience, and hope.

Over the past decade, CADIS has grown from a small initiative into a global humanitarian organization operating across continents. Its work spans emergency response, community-based disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, health systems strengthening, and long-term resilience programming. Yet beyond the breadth of its activities lies a consistent, defining principle: to accompany communities before, during, and after crises with compassion grounded in professional competence.

Among CADIS' most transformative contributions has been its commitment to empowering local communities. Rather than limiting its interventions to short-term relief, CADIS has invested in long-term systemic change—supporting sustainable livelihoods, building climate-resilient infrastructures, and training local leaders to become agents of their own recovery. Whether through water systems in East Africa, post-disaster rehabilitation programs in Asia, or health-focused interventions in Latin America, CADIS has demonstrated that effective disaster response must be rooted in integral human development.

This anniversary also invites us to reflect on the global context in which CADIS operates. Climate change continues to intensify vulnerability. Armed conflicts, forced displacement, food insecurity, and environmental degradation challenge traditional models of humanitarian assistance. In such a world, the mission of CADIS is more relevant than ever. Its holistic approach—merging technical expertise, pastoral care, and community partnership—offers a model of humanitarian action that places human dignity and ecological stewardship at its core.

None of this progress would have been possible without the dedicated network of Camillian religious, lay partners, volunteers, field staff, and benefactors who have



embodied the CADIS mission in their daily work. Their courage in the field, their commitment to the most vulnerable, and their willingness to accompany communities through the slow, often difficult process of rebuilding are the true measure of CADIS' impact over the past ten years.

As CADIS begins its second decade, the path ahead is both challenging and full of promise. New technologies, stronger community partnerships, and emerging models of crisis resilience offer opportunities to deepen the organization's mission. At the same time, the call to serve those who suffer—especially those at the margins—remains urgent and unwavering. The next ten years will require the same spirit that inspired CADIS' founding: a readiness to innovate, a willingness to listen, and an unshakable commitment to human dignity.

The story of CADIS is ultimately a story of hope. It is the story of communities recovering their strength, children regaining access to safe environments, families rebuilding livelihoods, and nations healing after devastation. As we celebrate this tenth anniversary, we reaffirm the vision that has guided CADIS from the beginning: to be a global beacon of compassionate, competent, and transformative service.

May the next decade multiply the seeds of hope sown during the first. And may CADIS continue to stand with those who suffer—restoring life, empowering communities, and building a more resilient and compassionate world.



Aris Miranda, MI
CADIS Director



OVERVIEW



CADIS Activities in 2025

Looking back on 2025 through CADIS and its partners activities around the world, with the vision of building eCon-resilient communities



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Emergency responses

CADIS THAILAND
EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE IN MYANMAR

CADIS AND VPHCS
EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Resilience building projects

CADIS AND VPHCS
RESILIENT COMMUNITIES IN CEBU CITY, PHILIPPINES

CADIS AND TZU CHI FOUNDATION
STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN POLAND

CADIS, CADIS KENYA AND TZU CHI FOUNDATION
WASTE MANAGEMENT IN MATHARE, KENYA

10,000+

People assisted

WITH FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS, SAFE SHELTERS, CASH, MEDICAL CAMPS, PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

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Events

- ASIA PACIFIC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION CONFERENCE IN CEBU, PHILIPPINES
- ONLINE CONTEST FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY
- WEBINAR FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION
- EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION FOR THE WORLD DAY OF THE VICTIMS OF DISASTERS IN ROME, ITALY
- CADIS CONFERENCE IN ROME, ITALY
- FUNDRAISING CONCERT MUSICAMILLIANA



REBUILDING LIVES AFTER BACK-TO-BACK DISASTERS IN CEBU, PHILIPPINES

On September 30, 2025, a powerful magnitude 6.9 earthquake struck off the northern coast of Cebu, devastating the cities and municipalities of Bogo, San Remigio, Medellin, Tabogon, Tabuelan, and Daanbantayan. Communities endured prolonged power and communication outages, while continuous aftershocks left survivors—especially children—in distress and in need of psychosocial support.

Visayas Primary Healthcare Services, Inc. (VPHCS), alongside the Daughters of St. Camillus (FdSC) and CADIS, launched an emergency intervention for 3,133 severely affected families in Bogo, Daanbantayan, and Medellin. Food packs, safe drinking water, hygiene kits, medicines, first aid supplies, temporary shelter, and psychosocial support formed the core of the initial response.

Coordination with barangay authorities and partner organizations began on October 25 to ensure orderly and efficient implementation. By November 7, VPHCS had joined the Alibyo Cebu-Ayuda Network, expanding its work through community kitchens, hot meal distribution, and psychosocial services.

Before recovery from the earthquake could begin, Typhoon Tino made landfall on November 4. With winds of 150 kph and gusts up to 205 kph, the storm triggered floods, landslides, and widespread outages across Cebu Province. Over 32,000 families sought refuge in 660 evacuation centers, and by November 10, the death toll had climbed to 158. VPHCS and Alibyo volunteers conducted rapid assessments and prepared hot meals for affected communities. Within the week, the network reached families in Mandaue, Talisay, and Cebu City, serving more than 3,000 bowls of meals.

Partnerships with municipal health officers, barangay leaders, and people's organizations remained vital in preventing gaps in aid delivery. With limited resources, VPHCS relied heavily on donors to sustain relief efforts. On November 23, women's groups in Minglanilla received assistance. Similar support continued in Talisay City, Minglanilla, and Mandaue City, where some areas still lacked water, electricity, and communication weeks after the typhoon.

December brought new rounds of relief. VPHCS reached farmers in the upland Sitio Cantipla, whose crops—critical to their livelihood—were destroyed by three successive typhoons. On December 4, the team assisted families in Barangay Owak, Asturias, where a flash flood had submerged homes, schools, and

farms.

VPHCS extended aid in Kinasang-an Pardo, highlighting the plight of former farmers displaced from agricultural lands and relocated to hazard-prone urban communities. The recent floods underscored how inadequate housing, lost livelihoods, and unsafe environments deepen vulnerability.

Across every response, VPHCS, together with partners, remains committed to supporting affected families. The work is far from over, but the generosity of volunteers and donors drives recovery forward.



CELEBRATION OF THE 13TH WORLD DAY OF THE VICTIMS OF DISASTERS

For 13 years, on October 13, CADIS has been remembering those who lost their lives, supporting survivors and honouring its volunteers who courageously chose to accompany victims on the difficult journey towards hope and recovery. This year, our guiding theme is: 'Upholding Dignity, Building Resilience: Our Sacred Commitment to the Vulnerable.'

During the Eucharistic celebration on Sunday 12 October, at the Church of Santa Maria Maddalena in Rome, Fr Aris Miranda, MI, CADIS Director, together with the Superior General Fr Pedro Tramontin, MI, reminded us that beyond the data and numbers, there are thousands of unheard people, stories and voices, especially in the most vulnerable and remote areas, who are experiencing the most severe impact of natural disasters and climate change.

It is for this reason that we gather to pray for and honour the victims and survivors of disasters, as well as those who have helped them on their journey of recovery. We pray that they need strength, courage and hope, but above all we pray that they continue to be our evangelisers and that through them we fulfil our vocation as true servants of the Lord. Pope Leo XIV writes (Dilexi Te, paras. 102-109) that the poor are not only objects of charity, but also evangelisers who can move us to conversion through their example of weakness and reliance on God. The poor can act as silent teachers for us, making us aware of our own conceit and instilling in us a proper spirit of humility. The poor remind us how uncertain and empty our seemingly safe and secure lives can be.

Disasters are not just natural events: they devastate lives, homes and livelihoods. In 2024 alone, according to EM-DAT data, there were 393 natural disasters, with 16,753 fatalities, 167.2 million people affected and over \$241 billion in economic losses.

Beyond the data and numbers, there are thousands of people, stories and unheard voices, especially in the most vulnerable and remote areas, who experience the most severe impact of natural disasters and climate change.

For CADIS, disaster risk reduction is not just a technical task, but a moral and spiritual imperative, calling us to protect human dignity and care for those who are most fragile.

Currently, thanks to our donors, we are supporting people in the Philippines in response to the earthquake emergency on the north of the island of Cebu, in Poland in assistance to the victims

of the war in Ukraine with the fourth phase of the resilience building program, in Kenya in assistance to the families affected by drought in Wajir and in support of the youth in Mathare for the waste management project, and in Myanmar in response to the earthquake by helping the displaced children deprived of access to education and the provision of nutritious food, school supplies and teaching aids.

The need is always huge and our call for support is always open, to continue to reach out everywhere in the world in support of the most fragile communities affected by natural disasters. However, it is important to intervene not only in the aftermath of an emergency, but to accompany the population towards resilience to natural disasters, with capacity building and awareness-raising programmes for our common home, in order to prevent as much as possible the devastating consequences of ongoing climate change.



GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS GATHER IN ROME FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT FUTURE

Rome, 2–3 December 2025 — Nearly 40 representatives from international NGOs and civil-society organizations convened at the Camillianum Center in Rome for the International Conference “1 Planet, 1 Future: A Global Alliance of Advocates for a Sustainable Future,” organized by CADIS International.

The two-day event brought together leaders, professionals, and humanitarian actors committed to strengthening disaster resilience, promoting environmental sustainability, and empowering communities worldwide.

A Call for Collaboration in a World Facing Complex Disasters

Against the backdrop of increasingly frequent and severe crises, the conference emphasized the critical importance of global cooperation. Guided by the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015–2030) and its core commitment that “no one should be left behind,” CADIS highlighted the disproportionate impact disasters continue to have on marginalized populations.

Participants engaged in high-level discussions on sustainability, planetary health, community-led development, and innovative financing for ecological reconstruction. These exchanges aimed to:

- Facilitate intersectoral learning through data-driven strategies, best practices, and case studies.
- Build new opportunities for international collaboration and partnership.
- Promote concrete, actionable commitments for a more sustainable and resilient future.

DAY 1 — December 2, 2025

Keynotes, Global Insights, and Best Practices

The conference opened with a keynote address by Msgr. Robert Vitillo from the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. He spoke on “Response to Disasters in a Changing World,” highlighting global trends, resilience strategies, and the need for ecological conversion.



Morning Sessions

- Planetary Health and Social Movements — Dr. David Ziveri, Handicap International Federation
- Community-Led Initiatives in Reconstruction — Ms Cristina Duranti, Good Shepherd International Foundation
- Innovative Financing for Ecological Reconstruction — Mr Alonso de Llanes, Laudato Si' Movement (Strasbourg)

Afternoon: Best Practices & Lessons Learned

- Community-based disaster risk reduction - Dr. Erlinda Posadas, Visayas Primary Healthcare Services
- Interfaith collaboration in disaster response - Debra Boudreaux, Tzu Chi Buddhist Charity Foundation
- Mental health and psychosocial-spiritual support - Prof. Cristina Castelli, Università Cattolica Milano

The day concluded with the launch of the CADIS book “Faith in Action: A Decade of Compassion and Resilience with CADIS,” followed by the Musicamilliana concert, an attempt to bring together the Camillian artists all over the world. They performed their original Camillian-inspired music composition, expressing joy and hope for those who are sick and those who are suffering because of natural and human-induced disasters.

DAY 2 — December 3, 2025

From Discussion to Action: Building the Roadmap to Sendai 2028

The second day shifted from dialogue to concrete planning and collective strategy-building for the Sendai Framework GP 2028 consultation.

Strategic Focus and Leadership

Under the moderation of Marco Iazzolino and with technical guidance from Fr. Aris Miranda, Director of CADIS International, participants worked intensively on proposals to strengthen global disaster risk reduction efforts.

Participants formed four working groups, each led by regional experts. These groups crafted innovative, actionable, and community-centered strategies for resilience building and disaster preparedness.

The collective goal was to develop a solid, action-oriented document reflecting CADIS's global vision and commitments. Presentations from each group demonstrated high-level expertise, creativity, and a profound sense of global responsibility.

Looking Ahead

With the conference concluded, CADIS and its partners are now finalizing a unified document to be presented during the Sendai Framework GP 2028 consultation. This contribution aims to amplify the global commitment to humanitarian action, environmental stewardship, and resilient community development.



MATHARE TRANSFORMED: YOUNG PEOPLE LEADING A CLEANER FUTURE

In the heart of Mathare, one of Nairobi's most densely populated informal settlements, a remarkable transformation is taking place. Long burdened by poor sanitation, illegal dumping, and environmental degradation, the community is now rewriting its story thanks to the determination of its youth.

At the center of this change is the Utalii Zero Waste Alliance, founded in July 2025. The initiative brings together one hundred young people from ten groups in Mathare 4A, many of whom have left behind crime and drug abuse to embrace environmental stewardship. With support from CADIS, the Tzu Chi Foundation, and the Nairobi County Department of Environment, the Alliance has launched an ambitious, community-driven waste management program based on participation, training, and shared responsibility.

Members receive instruction in waste collection, sorting, composting, and recycling, learning how to turn waste into economic opportunity. Equipped with gloves, reflective vests, and ten new handcarts, they begin work every Saturday at dawn, collecting waste from homes, businesses, and drainage channels. The materials are then sorted into organic and inorganic waste and transported to Nairobi's Dandora landfill, in line with the county's "Segregation at Source" directive.

The project has a dual mission: to restore the environment and to empower young people. It promotes sustainability, vocational training, and a renewed sense of pride and belonging. In just a few months, the results are visible—streets once clogged with waste are now cleaner, and about 20 tons of inorganic waste are removed from Mathare every week. The number of participating households grew from 1,063 in August to around 1,200 by September 2025, reflecting rising environmental awareness among residents.



Community outreach—through workshops, sports events, and “No Dumping” campaigns—has strengthened collaboration between youth and families, encouraging proper waste disposal. Challenges remain: wet waste management is complex, and some residents resist paying small collection fees, believing the project is fully funded by donors. Yet, the perseverance of the youth and the steady guidance of CADIS are gradually changing mindsets and behaviors.

Through ongoing training and mentorship, the young people of Mathare are turning a long-standing problem into a source of hope. They are learning to create value from waste, partner with recycling companies, and manage their work transparently. The initiative's impact goes beyond cleaner streets—it has generated jobs, restored dignity, and inspired a new sense of collective pride. As one resident observed, “Mathare is changing—not just in appearance, but in attitude.”

For the Camillian ministry, this project represents a tangible expression of its mission: promoting holistic health by caring not only for people but also for the environment that sustains life. By restoring dignity and hope to a vulnerable community, the initiative embodies the Camillian spirit of healing, solidarity, and care for the most marginalized.



CADIS CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A COMMEMORATIVE VOLUME

Faith in Action: A Decade of Compassion and Resilience with CADIS chronicles ten years of humanitarian commitment, global solidarity, and transformative service by Camillian Disaster Service International (CADIS). Founded in 2015 as the humanitarian and development arm of the Camillians, CADIS has emerged as a leading faith-driven actor in disaster response and resilience-building. This volume captures that remarkable journey.

Drawing on the voices of Camillian religious, humanitarian workers, scholars, and local partners across Asia, Africa, and Europe, the book offers both a broad perspective and intimate insight into CADIS' interventions in some of the world's most demanding crises—from natural disasters to epidemics, conflict, and forced displacement.

Central to the narrative is CADIS' Integral Human Care model, which weaves together medical assistance, psychosocial support, pastoral presence, and livelihood rehabilitation. Rooted in the Camillian charism of mercy and the Fourth Vow to serve the sick even at personal risk, this holistic approach shows how humanitarian work can be both technically skilled and deeply compassionate.

Through detailed case studies, the volume explores key moments from CADIS' first decade:

- Philippines: Understanding layered vulnerabilities and bridging national policies with community-driven resilience.
- Nepal: Faith-inspired solidarity guiding long-term recovery after the 2015 Gorkha earthquake.
- India: Responding to climate- and conflict-related risks through medical care, psychosocial support, and inclusive programs.
- Kenya & Tanzania: Partnering with Church structures to restore dignity, mental health, and livelihoods amid recurring droughts and floods.
- Sierra Leone: Supporting post-Ebola recovery, where survivors become "wounded healers."
- Poland: Offering hospitality and trauma healing to Ukrainian refugees, demonstrating cross-border solidarity.

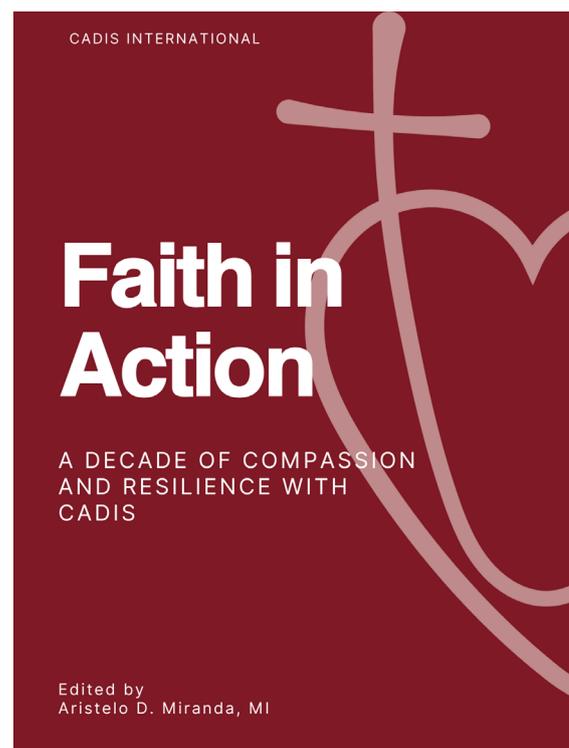
The volume is available on Amazon at the following link: <https://amzn.eu/d/1eafq2a>

More than recounting emergencies, the book reflects on what it means to accompany communities from suffering to renewed dignity. CADIS emerges not only as a responder, but as a community of presence—one that listens, empowers, and walks alongside survivors as they rebuild.

Across eight chapters, the contributors show how disasters expose both human fragility and resilience, and how faith-rooted humanitarianism can foster healing of body, mind, and spirit. The volume also presents CADIS' growing contribution to global humanitarian thought and offers a replicable model for sustainable, community-led resilience.

A Decade of Faith, Compassion, and Professionalism

Combining data, stories, theological insight, and strategic analysis, Faith in Action offers inspiring testimonies, practical frameworks for disaster risk reduction, and lessons for humanitarian professionals, Church ministries, and development actors. It celebrates CADIS' first decade while inviting readers to deepen the mission of healing in a world shaped by climate crises, pandemics, conflict, and displacement—an essential resource for all committed to building a more compassionate and resilient future.





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