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Breve presentazione (mission, identità, attività, ambiti e paesi di intervento..)	<p>The Dominican Sisters of Blessed Imelda began their mission in the Archdiocese of Pontianak, Kalimantan Barat, in November 2010, following a heartfelt request from Archbishop Most Rev. Hieronymus Bumbun, OFM Cap. Staying true to the charism of our Congregation, which emphasizes spreading love for the Eucharist and attentiveness to the needs of the local Church, we are actively engaged in school ministry and informal Christian formation for children and youth. Our mission places a particular emphasis on empowering women, especially those from remote areas of Kalimantan who aspire to pursue higher education at universities.</p> <p>To support these young women, we established a Women's center known as ASRAMA BEATA IMELDA that offers safe and affordable accommodation, personal mentorship, and opportunities for meaningful involvement in the local Church community. In addition to our services at ASRAMA BEATA IMELDA in Pontianak, the Congregation provides similar support in Ngabang, further extending our outreach to those in need.</p> <p>Beyond our efforts in Indonesia, the Dominican Sisters of Blessed Imelda are active in several countries, including Italy, Brazil, Cameroon, the Philippines, Albania, Mexico, Bolivia, Myanmar, and Vietnam, reflecting our commitment to fostering a global community rooted in faith and service.</p>
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PROGETTO

Titolo	A Home Away from Home (ASRAMA BEATA IMELDA WOMEN CENTER)
Luogo di intervento	Dominican Sisters of Blesse Imelda Asrama Beata Imelda Street: Jl. BUDI KARYA, No. 21 A, Setor: Palapa 3 78122 - PONTIANAK SELATAN

	KALIMANTAM BARAT - INDONESIA
Obiettivo generale	To provide safe and affordable boarding, financial assistance, and holistic formation to young women from remote areas of Kalimantan who need to come to Pontianak, the capital of West Kalimantan, to pursue academic studies and improve their future employment opportunities.
Obiettivo specifico	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To motivate students to continue their academic studies by providing financial assistance for boarding and lodging in Pontianak. 2. To offer comprehensive human, social, and Christian formation through lectures, workshops, and personal accompaniment. 3. To foster a sense of belonging and service within the group and the local Church by involving the students in household responsibilities and encouraging active participation in various parish or diocesan ministries.
Tempi Progetto	<p>The project will span three school years, 2024/25; 2025/26; 2026/27 providing beneficiaries with the necessary support to complete their academic studies within this time frame.</p> <p>It started on July 2024</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In caso di Progetto Pluriennale (max 3 anni). Specificare le fasi</p> <p>X 1st year: Provision of boarding, lodging, financial assistance for the first year of schooling 2024/25 and for the Formation activities.</p> <p>X 2nd year: Provision of boarding, lodging, and financial assistance for the second year of schooling, 2025/26 and for the Formation activities.</p> <p>X 3rd year: Provision of boarding, lodging, and financial assistance for the third and last year of schooling, 2026/27 and for the Formation activities.</p>
Beneficiari	<p>A group of 20 to 25 young women from the remote areas of Borneo in the West Kalimantan region faces significant challenges in pursuing higher education. Hailing from low-income families, these young ladies struggle to afford the costs associated with their schooling, as colleges and universities are predominantly located in major urban centers, particularly in Pontianak, the capital of the region.</p> <p>Despite many of these students successfully passing the entrance exams for universities, their primary concern remains the lack of affordable housing options. The long distances and high transportation costs make daily commuting impractical, forcing them to accept whatever accommodation is available. Unfortunately, this often leads to situations where they are vulnerable to exploitation and abuse.</p> <p>This project aims to address these critical issues by providing safe and affordable boarding facilities, financial assistance, and comprehensive support to empower these young women in their academic pursuits.</p>
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<p>Ambito di Intervento</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pastorale</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formazione ed Educazione</p> <p>Xscolastica Xprofessionale Xumana, sociale Xleadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sviluppo Agricolo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Socio/Sanitario (preventivo, curativo)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Alimentare</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abitativo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Giustizia e Pace</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Salvaguardia creato</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Altro</p>	<p>The Beata Imelda Women Center, operated by the Dominican Sisters of Blessed Imelda, is dedicated to empowering underprivileged young women who aspire to continue their education, broaden their knowledge, deepen their faith, and commit to building a brighter future for themselves and their communities.</p> <p>This project aims to support these young women in their pursuit of academic and professional studies while providing a safe and inspiring living environment that fosters their personal and Christian growth.</p> <p>During their time at the Beata Imelda Women's Center, the young women are accompanied by the sisters, who guide them in a holistic formation experience that goes beyond traditional schooling. They engage in collaborative activities, build meaningful relationships, overcome personal challenges, and develop their unique talents. Additionally, the program encourages their involvement in the pastoral ministries of the local Church.</p> <p>The sisters and the beneficiaries believe that education, professional qualifications, and a strong foundation in values are essential to breaking the cycle of poverty.</p>
<p>Contesto di intervento</p>	<p>Breve descrizione del luogo nel quale si intende realizzare l'attività (aspetti sociali, economici, chiesa locale..)</p>
<p>Pontianak</p> <p>Pontianak, the capital of West Kalimantan, Indonesia, is a city rich in cultural diversity shaped by Malay, Chinese, and Dayak influences. In this vibrant setting, the Beata Imelda Women Center plays a crucial role in empowering underprivileged young women. By offering a supportive environment for education and personal development, the center fosters unity and acceptance, helping these young women build brighter futures for themselves and their communities.</p> <p>Social Aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiculturalism: The city's multicultural character is evident in its vibrant festivals, diverse cuisine, and dynamic community interactions. • Community Engagement: Pontianak fosters a strong sense of community through various social initiatives, including traditional ceremonies, neighborhood gatherings, and charitable activities that strengthen local ties. • Religious Harmony: Despite its diverse religious landscape, Pontianak has a long-standing history of religious tolerance and harmony, allowing various faiths to coexist peacefully. <p>Economic Aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade Hub: Pontianak's strategic location near the border with Malaysia has established it as a significant trade hub. The local economy is primarily driven by agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and small-scale manufacturing, contributing to the region's economic vitality. <p>Local Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Influence: Christianity has deep roots in Pontianak, dating back to the colonial era. The city is home to various Christian denominations, including Catholic, Protestant, and Evangelical churches, each contributing to the community's spiritual life. • Community Engagement: Local churches actively participate in community development by providing social services, educational programs, and spiritual guidance, enhancing the quality of life for residents. • Interfaith Dialogue: Many churches in Pontianak engage in interfaith dialogue and initiatives that promote religious tolerance and understanding, fostering collaboration among different faith communities. <p>In this multicultural, multi-religious, and socio-economically diverse context, the Beata Imelda Women Center aims to offer a "HOME AWAY FROM HOME" for young women. Here, individuals from various</p>	

traditions, experiences, and backgrounds can live together in unity and diversity, learning to embrace tolerance and acceptance.

Partecipazione locale

Breve descrizione coinvolgimento popolazione locale, ruolo della Chiesa locale e eventuale collaborazione con altri enti ed associazioni operanti nella zona di intervento.

Involvement of the Local Population

The success of the Beata Imelda Women Center relies on the active participation of the local population, including the support of the Dominican Sisters, local priests, and community benefactors. Together, they contribute to the project's implementation, provide spiritual guidance, and facilitate educational programs for the young women.

1. *Support from the Dominican Sisters* - The Congregation of the Dominican Sisters has generously provided their building and personnel to support the implementation and management of the project.
2. *Collaboration with Local Priests* - Local priests, particularly the Dominican fathers, are actively involved in facilitating religious activities and offering spiritual direction to the participants.
3. *Workshops and Seminars* - Sisters and lay collaborators contribute by organizing and facilitating workshops and seminars that enhance the educational and personal development of the young women.
4. *Local Benefactors* - The project benefits from the support of local benefactors who provide resources and funding, further enriching the initiative's impact within the community.

Sintesi del Progetto con breve descrizione attività

The Beata Imelda Women Center is dedicated to the empowerment of women. Through this project, the sisters provide safe accommodation and opportunities for holistic human, professional, and Christian formation for young women from the remote areas of Borneo. Without proper support, these young women are at risk of exploitation and abuse.

Activities

1. **Boarding and Lodging** - Beneficiaries arrive at the beginning of the school year and stay until its conclusion. They maintain regular communication with their families via cellphone but seldom return home during the school year to avoid travel expenses.
2. **Human and Christian Formation** - Workshops and seminars are held twice a month, focusing on the following areas:
 1. Personal Development
 2. Social Development
 3. Spiritual Development
3. **Community Service** - Engaging in various community initiatives to foster a sense of responsibility and service.
4. **Involvement in the Local Church** - Actively participating in local church activities to strengthen their spiritual lives and community ties.

Workshops and Seminars

Personal Development:

- Personal Growth and Self-Awareness - Building self-esteem and confidence.
- Communication and Interpersonal Skills - Effective communication strategies.
- Time Management and Productivity - Goal setting and planning.
- Leadership Training - Building and leading teams, effective teamwork, and collaboration.

Social Development:

- Cultural Sensitivity and Awareness - Understanding and appreciating diverse cultures.
- Community Service - Participating in local initiatives to foster community bonds.
- Global Citizenship and Social Responsibility - Encouraging active participation in global issues.

Christian Development:

- Biblical Studies and Theology - Understanding the Bible and its teachings.
- Prayer and Spirituality - Fostering spiritual growth and development.
- Christian Ethics and Morality - Exploring Christian values and virtues.
- Church History and Tradition - Learning about the history of the Christian Church.

Sostenibilità del progetto

Breve descrizione di come sono assicurate continuità ed autosufficienza al termine del progetto. Punti di forza e debolezze. Opportunità per la collettività.

Through the financial support of the Congregation and local benefactors, the contributions of the beneficiaries are primarily symbolic. This model fosters a culture of gratitude and responsibility among the young women, as they recognize the value of community support in their educational and personal journeys.

Strengths - The sisters are actively working to engage local benefactors, who contribute not only financially but also through mentorship and networking opportunities. They also reach out to former beneficiaries as they enter the workforce, fostering a sense of ownership and support for the center. This collaborative approach creates a strong community bond and encourages current beneficiaries to give back in the future, promoting a cycle of support and empowerment.

Weaknesses - Despite these efforts, the financial support from local benefactors and the Congregation, along with the contributions from beneficiaries, is currently insufficient to cover the center's ordinary operations, maintenance, and formation activities. This gap in funding can limit the scope and quality of programs offered, affecting the overall experience of the young women at the center.

Opportunities for the Community - The Beata Imelda Young Women Center contributes to the holistic development of women, empowering them to become proactive agents of change in society and the Church. By providing a nurturing environment, the center promotes personal growth, leadership skills, and social responsibility. Living together enhances their ability to interact constructively, embrace differences, and navigate the challenges of a multicultural and globalized society and Church.

Additionally, the center facilitates workshops and seminars that address pressing social issues, equipping the young women with the skills needed to advocate for themselves and their communities. This proactive involvement not only benefits the beneficiaries but also strengthens the local community, fostering a culture of collaboration and mutual support.

Preventivo finanziario

Costo globale for 3 years	RP 609.000.000	€ 36.909
Costo globale for 1 year	203.000.000	12.303
Voci di costo per 1 year		
1. Operating cost for board and lodging (electricity, water, Internet, cleaning materials, personnel, food)	168.000.000	10.181

2. Formation (honorarium for facilitators, snacks, stationaries)	15.000.000	909
3. Financial aid provided to the most needy students (transportation, school-related expenses).	20.000.000	1.212
TOTAL	203.000.000	12.303

Eventuali cofinanziamenti previsti

		RP	€
Pubblico <input type="checkbox"/> Ong <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> organismi ecclesiali	Support from the Dominican family, particularly from the Dominican priests and the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters.	84.000.000	5.090
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others	Contribution from the beneficiaries	24.000.000	1.454
	Total	108.000.000	6.545
Contributo richiesto a QdF 2025		82.500.000	€ 5.000,00

Allegati:

- Lettera di presentazione e approvazione del Vescovo locale
- Scheda riassuntiva progetto
- Documentazione fotografica
- altro

**LUOGO E DATA
PROGETTO**

Pontianak, 30 October 2024

NOME E COGNOME RESPONSABILE


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