

A photograph of a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, holding a baby. The baby is wrapped in a white cloth with an orange geometric pattern. The woman is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

LIVE TOGETHER

Claire, 2012-2015 Volunteer
as a nurse in Philippines

PILLARS OF FIDESCO

DEVELOPMENT

- The volunteers leave to offer their skills selflessly, so as to serve a population that expressed its need for this.
- Fidesco does not work on programs defined in France but supports projects of general interest that are implemented by the local people themselves.
- The projects to which volunteers are sent meet the needs identified in a population. The volunteer is sent if the knowhow does not exist locally.
- Fidesco is not a substitute for local people but has a perspective of transmission

FAITH

- The volunteers go in an act of faith to serve other persons, irrespective of race, culture or religion. In the performance of their mission, they bring aid and assistance by enacting the Christian specificity for development, that is, they:
- Take into account the good of the people in their entirety,
- Apply the Social Doctrine of the Church,
- Show the person all his/her dignity.

A SCHOOL OF LIFE

«Being a Fidesco volunteer means to enter the history of other persons, of other cultures, in all their components, and so, with humility and patience, may it be the social, economic, political, cultural, ethnic and religious component.»

Article 5 of the Charter of the Fidesco volunteer.

PARTNER LOCAL POINT OF VIEW

MATTHIEU DAUCHEZ

Matthieu Dauchez is the director of the Foundation ANAK TNK. This association helps the street children in Manila who survive on the huge rubbish tip of the city.

When did you first ask for Fidesco to help? We welcomed the first two Fidesco volunteers in 1999, more than 15 years ago. Carolina was a teacher in the slums program and Isabelle was an educator for street children at the reception centre.

How many Fidesco volunteers have already given their time and skills to serve your projects? Twenty or so have already come to the foundation, including a certain number of couples.

How many projects materialized since you've started working with volunteers? It is not about having "materialized" projects but being immersed into them to allow the different projects to grow and develop. Since the

foundation was created, we opened 24 centres and today we welcome to 1300 children a year.

Why do you keep asking for Fidesco volunteers? The foundation continues its work year after year and grows. The Fidesco volunteers coming to us offer more than just help, they offer a real professional contribution and a true spiritual presence.

Are some jobs now practised by local Filipinos? It is now a Filipino who is in charge of the street educating mission. It's the same for the job of teacher in the slums. Today missions are more about managing different aspects such as supply of provisions, accounting, though we still give priority to activities with the children

who we serve, so we'll never forget the meaning of our work.

What are the next needs, and for what projects? Our projects for the years to come are to meet youngest needs (nursery) and oldest ones (surely a centre for old people). The jobs the actual volunteers are in charge of remain vital to extend the enterprising action and plans to open these new projects.

What is your message, more like a call for the next volunteers? The mission is a demanding call. Keep your feet on the ground, your head in Heaven and a smile on your face.



88 ACTIVE LOCAL
PARTNERS
IN 2014

FIDESCO MISSIONS MAP

25
different
countries

America
28% of
volunteers

88
volunteers
sent

12 different
nationalities
among the
volunteers

48% are
single

52% are
couples

93
children

232
VIS
volunteers*

* Volunteers
for International
Solidarity (VIS) in
activity in 2014.

188
French
volunteers

FIDESCO
France

44
non-French
volunteers

FIDESCO
International

8 Fidesco associations worldwide :
Germany, Austria, Belgium, The Netherlands,
Poland, USA, Portugal and Rwanda

22,
âge du plus
youngest

Average age is
32 years

69
years old
age of the
oldest

59%
are women

41%
are men

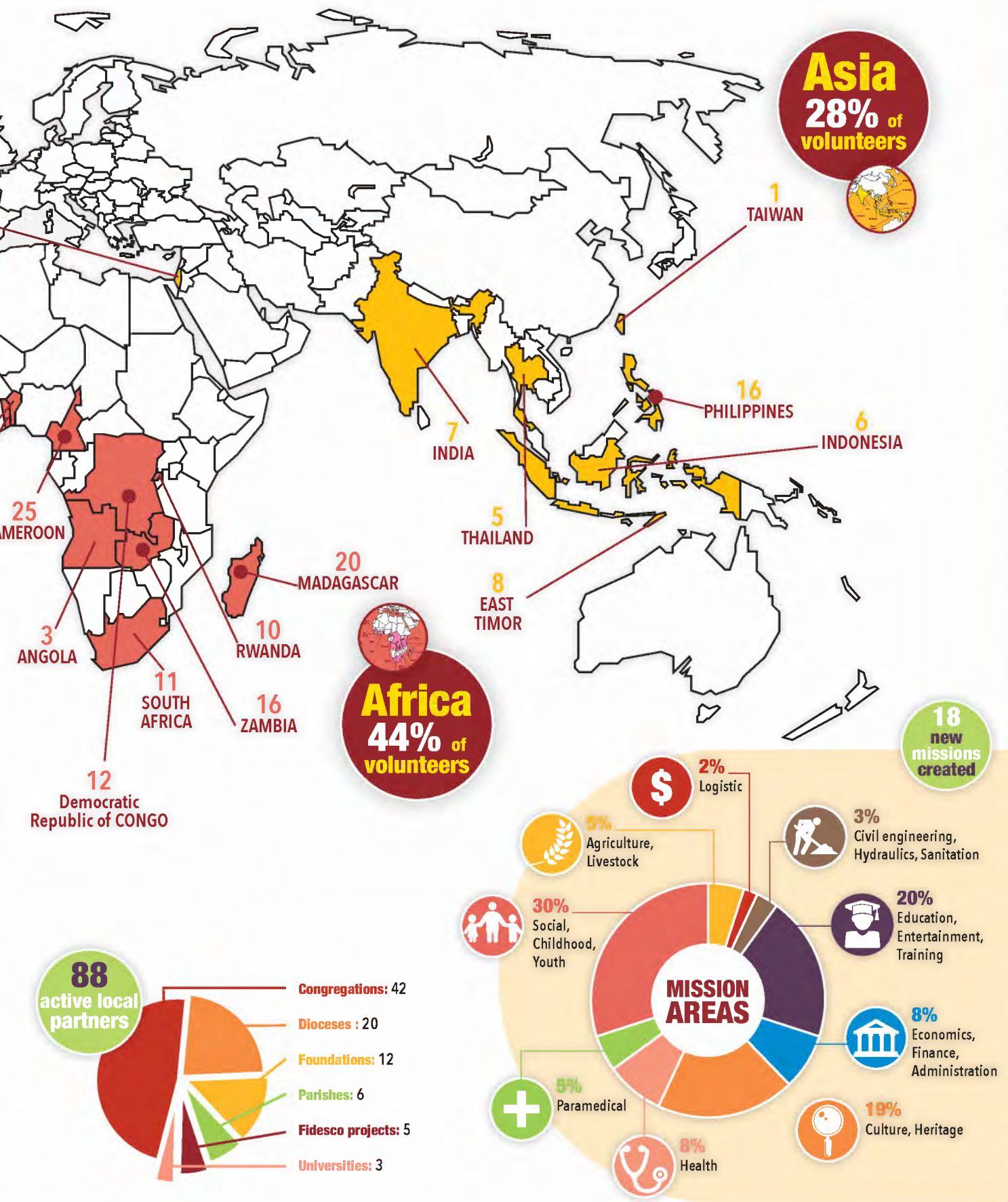
75%
go for
2 years and +

45 volunteers
1 year

14 volunteers
between 1 and 18 month

173 volunteers
2 years and more

FIDESCO VOLUNTEERS, MISSIONS AND PARTNERS in 2014



RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR 2014

TRAINING FOR 2014

The mission training lasts from 4 to 8 months, depending on the day the applicant decides to participate in an information day. Through the year, Fidesco organizes two waves of volunteers sent off in mission: one during the summer and the other during the winter. There is a "send-off mission" every 6 months. Each applicant has **14 days** of training.



* 10 were recruited by Fidesco International from their own country of origin (American, German, Austrian, Belgian and Spanish). They then took part in the training session and send off on mission which took place in France, at Paray-le-Monial.



FIDESCO TRAINING MEETING

18th January information day in Rennes
25th January information day in Toulouse
31st January information day in Paris
10th - 15th February send-off session in Paray-le-Monial for 14 applicants
08th March information day in Lyon
28th March information day in Paris

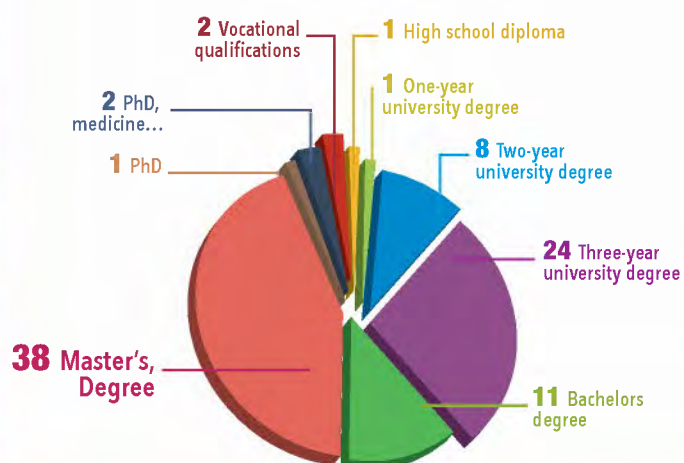
11th - 15th April discernment session with 96 applicants in Villebon-sur-Yvette
31st May - 1st June departure training weekend in Villebon-sur-Yvette
27th June information day in Paris
7th - 13th August send-off session in Paray-le-Monial for 71 applicants

12th September information day in Paris
27th September information day in Paris
17th - 21st October discernment session for 25 applicants in Villebon-sur-Yvette
22nd - 23rd November Return for a weekend of assessment in Villebon-sur-Yvette
28th November information day in Paris

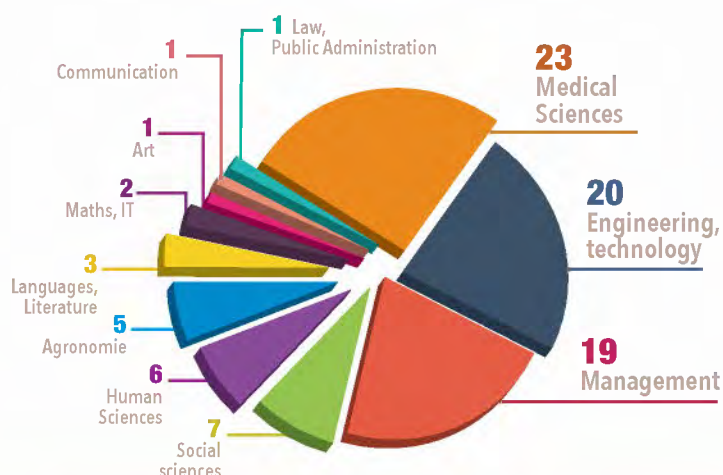
FIDESCO VOLUNTEERS 2014

88 VOLUNTEERS were trained and sent to the field. Here are their profiles and study sectors :

Volunteers' qualifications



Volunteers' areas of expertise



**FIDESCO
PROMOTION**
summer 2014
71 volunteers



**FIDESCO
PROMOTION**
winter 2014
14 volunteers

