# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

VIPASSANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

#### VCF 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

## **SNAPSHOT**





#### **2022 GLOBAL IMPACT**



#### **TOTAL GRANTS**

<u>37</u> GRANTS WERE AWARDED TO 21 DIFFERENT CENTERS & NON-CENTERS ACROSS <u>13</u> COUNTRIES.

#### **TYPES OF GRANTS**



#### CONSTRUCTION

16 GRANTS TO SUPPORT KEY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: INCLUDING DHAMMA HALLS, DORMS & BATHROOMS,



#### COURSES

<u>7</u> GRANTS PRIMARILY TO NON CENTER AREAS TO COVER THE COST OF RUNNING COURSES



#### **OPERATIONS**

14 GRANTS TO SUPPORT COURSE AND CENTER OPERATIONS: INCLUDING SUPPLIES, TECH SUPPORT & AT COURSE TRAVEL

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## BACKGROUND

The mission of the Vipassana Community Foundation (VCF) is to support and grow the teaching and practice of Vipassana meditation as taught by S.N. Goenka globally. VCF's efforts aim to make Vipassana meditation courses more widely available to more people worldwide.

VCF partners with individuals (or students) in the global community who have previously participated in a ten-day Vipassana course. These students donate assets to support the growth and teaching of Vipassana in more places and to strengthen existing nonprofit Vipassana centers. U.S.-based individuals also receive a tax benefit for their charitable donations.

VCF also has an 11-person Board of Directors comprised of senior Vipassana teachers and experienced practitioners. The Board oversees grant-making to nonprofit Vipassana centers and their Trusts in ways that are responsive to the needs of these community institutions and consistent with VCF's mission.

## 2022 ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

Summary Grant Information: In 2022, VCF disbursed 37 grants totaling \$629,042. Grants were made to *eight new countries*: Austria, Cuba, Morocco, Mozambique, Philippines, South Africa, Ukraine, and Uganda, as well as *five prior country recipients* (U.S., Argentina, Peru, Sri Lanka, and India).

#### **New Funds:**

2022 was a challenging year for specific centers and regions. As a result, VCF launched dedicated funds to support these areas. Two key funds established in 2022 included:

#### The Philippines Relief Fund:

To support Dhamma Phala in the Philippines after they experienced a total shutdown due to termite damage.

#### The Sri Lanka Fund:

To support center and non-center courses in Sri Lanka that were struggling financially due to the economic and political turmoil in the country.



**Photo:** Rendering of redesigned Dhamma Phala, Philippines

## **PROGRAM AND GRANT DETAILS**

In 2022, VCF continued its support of center expansion around the world with various grants to centers in North America, Central and South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. The section below highlights some of our major international programmatic grants (listed in order of grant size).

# **GRANT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2022**

#### Grant to Asociación Vipassana Argentina to expand course offering at Dhamma Sukadha Meditation Center: To enhance the center's ability to operate year-round, a grant

center's ability to operate year-round, a grant was disbursed on May 31st, 2022, and an additional grant on July 14th, 2022. Dhamma Sukhada was previously unable to operate during winter months. The grant went toward winterizing the center by constructing additional exterior walls with thermal insulation to existing buildings. Heating and cooling systems, including underfloor heating, were installed in the meditation hall.



Photo: Dhamma Sukhada Meditation, Argentina

Grant to Asociación Vipassana Perú to support infrastructure projects at Dhamma Suriya Meditation Center: To support opening meditation courses to 36 students, a grant was disbursed to the center on January 13th, 2022. The grant was awarded to replace and reinforce the roof structure of the kitchen/dining room/meditation hall complex; install and upgrade electrical and water networks; purchase equipment and furniture for the kitchen, dining rooms, and residences; add finishes to the student residences; and to purchase and install a prefabricated housing unit for Assistant Teachers.



Photo: Dhamma Dharani, Sri Lanka.

#### Project support grant to complete construction of hall and accommodation at Dhamma Dharani Vipassana Meditation

**Centre, Sri Lanka:** To help complete projects already underway, a grant was disbursed on June 16th, 2022. This grant was awarded on top of a previous grant that VCF awarded in 2020. The grant was used to complete the building of a mini meditation hall separate from the main hall. The remainder of the funding was used to repay a loan taken out to construct the female dormitory and complete the construction of the dormitory building.

## **GRANT HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED**

Grant to Saurashtra Vipassana Research Centre to help with construction costs at the Dhamma Rangpar Centre: To complete the construction of a meditation hall and a meditation pagoda, a grant was disbursed on February 28th, 2022.

#### Grant awarded to Asociación Civil Vipassana Dhamma Córdoba, Argentina:

On November 14th, 2022, a grant was disbursed to build a wastewater treatment system at the Dhamma Viriya meditation center near Cordoba, Argentina.

### Grant awarded to Verein für Vipassana meditation to help construct Dhamma

Mudita, Austria: As part of a multi-year, multi-phase project to build the first vipassana meditation center in Austria, a project support grant was disbursed to help develop the initial buildings on the new center located near Linz, Austria on January 28th, 2023. The grant was used to finance the construction of five trailers needed to complete phase 1 of the center.



Photo: Construction contianers at Dhamma Mudita, Austria.



Photo: New perimeter wall at Dhamma Suriya, Peru.

Grant to Asociación Vipassana Perú for construction at Dhamma Suriya Meditation Center: On January 13th, 2022, a grant was disbursed to build a perimeter wall around the center. This will increase security and privacy at the center. The wall construction includes a large vehicle entrance gate and a secure pedestrian entrance.

#### Grant awarded to Dhamma Phala Inc.,

**Philippines:** To fix structural issues in center buildings: To reopen the center and repair structural damage, a grant was awarded to the center on November 22nd, 2022. The facilities at Dhamma Phala were deemed unfit for use due to building foundation issues and severe termite damage. The grant was used to rebuild the dormitory buildings and bathroom blocks and buy new beds and interior fixtures. Steel frames replaced the previously wooden structures to avoid future damage.