

## FROM THE TEAM

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your support during another year at VCF. Thanks to your volition, we have been able to support so many centers and non-centers globally in supporting the spread of Dhamma.

Also, as we reflect on the beginning of 2024, we are off to an amazing start — already disbursing 13 grants to 10 countries across 5 continents.

But none of this could be done without the volition and support of all of you. So with our deepest gratitude, we look forward to partnering with you again in the coming months and years.

- With Metta, the VCF team

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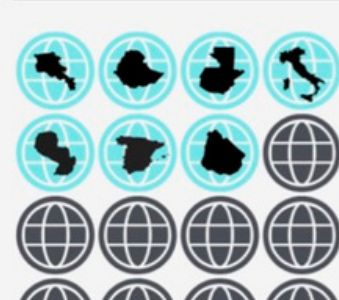
# 2023 ACTIVITY SUMMARY



\*Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, US and Venezuela.



NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED



\*Armenia, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Italy, Paraguay, Spain and Uruguay

22 COUNTRIES HELPED

## SPOTLIGHT: URGENT FUNDS

### Dhamma Rasa, Australia

The Dhamma Rasa Trust is taking on the challenge of establishing the first dedicated long-course center (LCC) in the Southern Hemisphere.

With the help of VCF, Dhamma Rasa is currently seeking dana to purchase a 40-acre parcel of land in the subtropical hinterland of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia. 40% of the dana needed has already been raised. But additional funding is greatly needed to finalize the land purchase for the future LCC.

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Pictured: The current Dhamma Rasmi grounds in Queensland, Australia.



Pictured: Surrounding area of Dhamma Neru in Spain.

### Dhamma Neru, Spain

After patiently waiting for ten years, Dhamma Neru (just outside of Barcelona) has an opportunity to purchase the property adjacent to the existing center and is urgently looking to raise dana to make the purchase possible.

Purchasing this property is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Should Dhamma Neru acquire the land, Dhamma Neru would almost double its capacity to accommodate up to 85 students (and 110 individuals with servers).

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### Dhamma Bhanu, Japan

Dhamma Bhanu in Japan has been closed since the Fall of 2023 to seismically reinforce the Dhamma hall, dining hall, and toilet and shower buildings.

The shutdown occurred after a seismic specialist surveyed the center's buildings and deemed immediate action was required to ensure that the buildings (built around 1989) were earthquake-resistant.

In early January of this year, there was an earthquake in Noto Peninsula, Japan — where many people were injured and lost their lives. So Dhamma Bhanu's efforts are more important than ever.

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Pictured: A snowy day at Dhamma Bhanu, Japan.

## KEEP UP WITH VCF:

With the updated projects page on the VCF website, you can explore new and ongoing global projects with ease.

In an effort to make it easier to “let the need be known” about various center and project needs globally, VCF has now created a new [Global Funds](#) page — that includes an interactive map by region as well as specific country/project pages.

Once you have decided which region you would like to explore, simply click on the regional map and you will be redirected to the regional fund page that also includes an interactive map. Then either hover over the map to see all the projects supported by this regional fund or click on a specific project to read more about it on the individual project page.

*Please Note: VCF tries to list all the projects that we are aware of on our Global Funds pages. However, this is by no means an all-inclusive list. If you would like to have your project/need listed on VCF's website, please contact us at [info@vcf.dhamma.org](mailto:info@vcf.dhamma.org).*

### EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST FUND



**Spain, Dhamma Neru**  
Help Dhamma Neru (just outside of Barcelona) with a time sensitive opportunity to purchase the adjacent property.

#### MAKE A DONATION

One Time		Monthly	
\$100	\$250	\$500	\$1000
\$		USD	

Donate

**\*\*\*Please note: that all dana is appreciated and no amount is too small.\*\*\***

You will receive a U.S. tax-deductible receipt upon donating.

By giving dana to this fund, you will be supporting both center and non-center courses all throughout Europe and the Middle East.

Currently, we also have specific country/center funds for: **Austria, France, Italy, Spain, Latvia.** [Click on the icons](#) in the above map to learn more about each of these funds.

Or if you have a preference to give dana to another specific country/initiative in Europe or the Middle East that is not yet listed, you can donate via this fund and then email us separately with your request at:

[donations@vcf.dhamma.org](mailto:donations@vcf.dhamma.org).

**Pictured:** The interactive map of the Europe and Middle East regional page (Spain project highlighted as an example of what you could see).

Thank you to everyone for taking the time out to read this newsletter. As you can see, there are many exciting efforts that are occurring in helping with the spread of Dhamma. Should you ever have any questions or feedback, don't hesitate to reach out to us at [info@vcf.dhamma.org](mailto:info@vcf.dhamma.org). Or you can also receive more regular (almost weekly) updates on our social media.



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