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His Holiness Pope Francis, In His Apostolic Exhortation “Rejoice and Be Glad” narrates that a person’s perfection is measured not by the information or knowledge they possess, but by the depth of their charity. Wealth ensures nothing, indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God’s word, for the love of our brothers and sisters. It is indeed a nice time for me to learn a lesson and to feel the pain of the poor and downtrodden in Salem Region. And now it is my duty and privilege to present to you all, the annual report of Salem Social Service Society – 2017-2018.

At the outset SSSS in 1968, charity based works being carried out, and then relief and rehabilitation programs were promoted concurrently. At present we work with the targeted communities by the essence of the Sustainable Development Goals of overwhelming poverty, achieving compulsory primary education, empowering women and reducing child morbidity and mortality, protecting the environment and building. Some of the notable programmes of SSSS are: Community Based Health Care, Women Empowerment, Vocational cum Employment training, Livelihood programs, Dalit empowerment, organic farming, Rehabilitation, Educational support and other programmes.

On this occasion, I would like to place on record the generous assistance of Donors, Supporters and all well wishers. I take this opportunity to thank our Bishop, the president of SSSS, Board members and the staff for their unconditional support in the activities of SSSS in building better life to the target population.

**Rev. Fr. M. Rajamanickam**  
Director

## **Our Vision:**

**“To Proclaim Liberty to the captives”**

## **Our Mission**

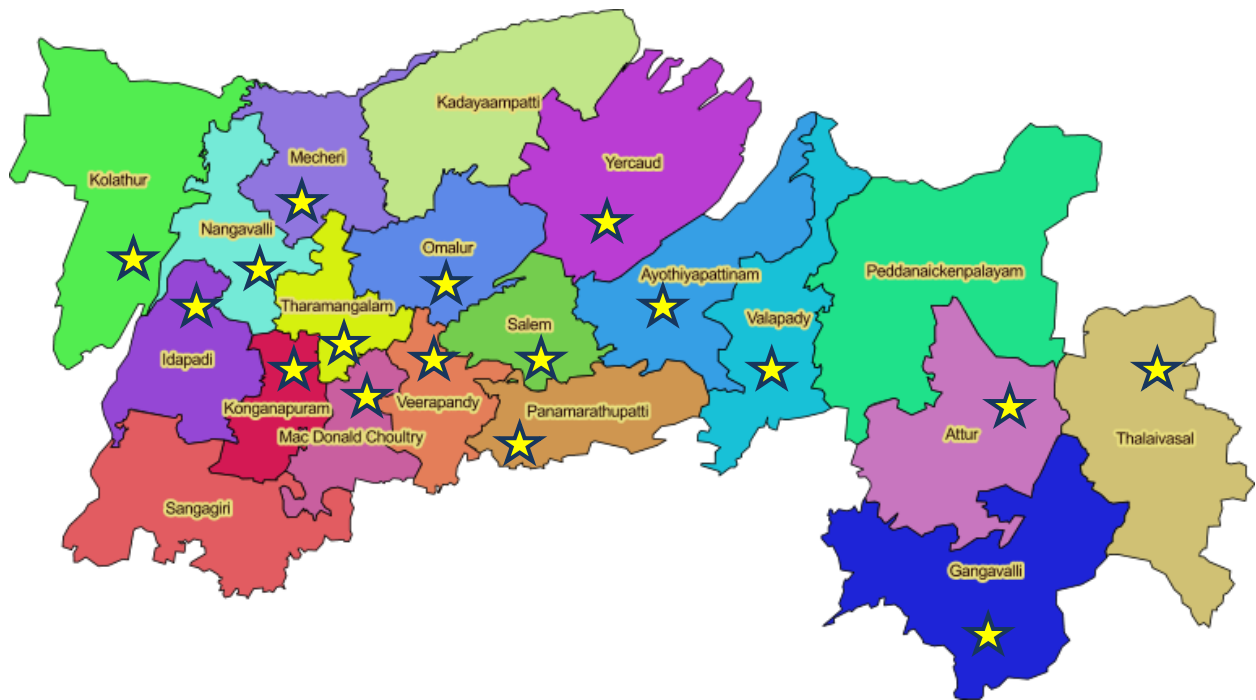
**Realization of “Social Justice and Peace” for the poor and the marginalized children, youth and women through the process of empowerment.**

## **Organisational details**

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## SSSS Intervention Area - Map

Intervention Blocks ★



<b>Attur</b>	<b>Omalur</b>
<b>Ayothiyapatinam</b>	<b>Panamarathupatti</b>
<b>Gangavalli</b>	<b>Salem</b>
<b>Idappadi</b>	<b>Thalaivasal</b>
<b>Kolathur</b>	<b>Tharamangalam</b>
<b>Konganapuram</b>	<b>Valapaddy</b>
<b>Mac. Donald Choultry</b>	<b>Veerapandi</b>
<b>Mecheri</b>	<b>Yercaud</b>
<b>Nangavalli</b>	



## New Thrust – Phase VI

### Project Title and Project Number: 321 – 901 – 1097ZG

Promotion of self reliant and self sustaining people federation for Social Transformation

#### About the Project:

This Programme is implemented with the guidance and support of Tamil Nadu Social Service Society and funded by misereor, Germany from the year 1999.

This programme aims at strengthening the community based organisations (CBOs) to become self-reliant through capacity building of CBOs, Livelihood education and resource mobilization and campaigning.

This project is being carried out towards a social change. In 6th phase more importance has been given to livelihood promotion and Right based activities

#### Objectives:

1. Organisation Development (OD) of the implementing agencies and the federations
2. Enhancing Sustainable Livelihood Choices of the CBOs through resource mobilization (RM) and Livelihood Education (LE) for sustainable wealth creation.
3. Enabling members of CBOs to ascertain their Economic, Social and Cultural (ECOSOC) rights through

campaign advocacy and lobby interventions.

#### Target people:

- CBO Members, Federation leaders.

#### Target Area:

Attur, Gangavalli, Thalaivasal, Thamampatti, veeraganur and Salem

#### Activities

##### Restructure and strengthening of District Federation

Every quarter, we organize federation meeting for the district federation leaders and members. They were trained on NT project objectives, roles and responsibilities of federation leaders, PRI, protection of common properties, Right based approach, government schemes etc.

##### Re-Structuring and Strengthening the CBOs

Some groups in our targeted area were dissolved due to interpretation of micro finance agencies and some groups reorganized the leaders and members of CBO. During CBO meetings, the Staff had given orientation to the members

on Roles & Responsibilities, PRI, PRA, RBA, Resource mobilization etc., Totally 750 members gained knowledge on the above topics.

#### Outcome of the project:

- ❖ Due to PRI training, our federation leaders and CBO leaders participated in the Grama Sabha Meetings and lobbying for their needs and rights.
- ❖ Staff capacitated on organizational policies and Rights based approach.



- ❖ Our CBO members updated their knowledge on protection of common properties.
- ❖ Effective new leaders were identified and they were oriented on policies.
- ❖ CBOs involving in collective group activity in their villages like sanitation, women's health and healthy environment.
- ❖ Our CBO members understood the importance of their roles and responsibilities in district federation.

- ❖ Members learnt jute and leather bag making and started to generate their individual income.
- ❖ Campaign and advocacy programme in Schools helped children to gain knowledge on women and child rights, health and sanitation, Dengue and plastic pollution.
- ❖ Members understood the importance of conservation of soil and water and learnt the methods to save it.

#### Workshop on EXCEL & SPSS Tool Analysis

TASOSS organised 4 Days training on Microsoft Excel and SPSS software at Joseph Institute of Management (JIM), Trichy. First two days, Excel and its usage, handling datas were explained in practical session. Next two days training on SPSS Tool Analysis was conducted. How to analysis datas and transferring excel datas to SPSS was taken in practical method. Highly experienced professors handled this training. Since it is a heterogeneous group they design the programme schedule based on needs and standards of the group. It helps the participants to understand the concept easily.

**Group Details:**

S. No.	Union	Number of Groups	Number of Members	Total Savings
1	Gangavalli	55	688	8,25,600
2	Attur	39	483	5,79,600
3	Thalaivasal	17	231	2,77,200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>107</b>	<b>1402</b>	<b>16,82,400</b>

**Bank Linkages:**

s.no	Name of the Bank	No. of Groups Benefitted	Amount
1	ICICI	27	1,17,65,000
2	HDFC	1	1,20,000
3	PACB	1	6,00,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>1,24,85,000</b>





**Objective:**

To improve and strengthen the spiritual fervour among the target population in the target area and facilitate economic status and savings among the groups to meet emergency needs and to establish self sufficiency through awareness and trainings.

### Training Programme on Twinning Project:

- ☞ Training on Kolping Values and Norms
- ☞ Training on saving and credits
- ☞ Training on Book Keeping
- ☞ Training on Entrepreneur Development Programme (EDP).
- ☞ IIGP motivation training
- ☞ Right based awareness (RTI and consumer Rights)
- ☞ Training on Sanitation
- ☞ Training on leadership
- ☞ Training on Government schemes
- ☞ Administrative management training.
- ☞ Participatory Rural Appraisal.
- ☞ Training on Panchayat Raj Institution (PRI).
- ☞ Formation of Village Development Committees.
- ☞ Formation of Village Level Kolping Federation.
- ☞ Training on Network linkages
- ☞ Training on Lobby and Advocacy
- ☞ Summer camp

## Kolping Schemes:

- ✚ Savings
- ✚ Milch Animal
- ✚ Vocational Training Programme
- ✚ Housing Scheme
- ✚ Income Generation Programme (IGP)
- ✚ Sanitation Scheme for Contraction of individual toilet
- ✚ Organic Farming
- ✚ Death benefit scheme

**Individual income generation programme:**

To promote and foster self reliance and thereby to enable the members to grow individually IGP initiated by Kolping movement. The income generation activities ventures by Kolping India and SSSS for the



members are

- Tea shop
- Tiffin Centre
- Petty Shop

- Textile shop
- Tailoring and embroidery
- Vegetable sales
- Power loom (Sarees)
- Jewellery Making (Silk thread bangle, stud, chain)

#### Outcome of the programme

- Leaders of Kolping family are ready to contest in the local body elections with the continuous inputs on PRI from Kolping
- Through VDC, 10 Kolping members availed free Toilet and 3 members availed green house through government scheme
- Kolping members started IGP after exposure visit
- In 2017-18, Salem Kolping Region raised savings of Rs.11,91,600/-
- Kolping Family Members following Hinduism had started reading Bagavat Gita and follow the spiritual system in their daily life.
- Saleth Annai and Vanthu Antoniyar Kolping family members are regularly dedicating prayers for sick

people and helping the poor people for their education and medical needs.

#### TNPSC – VAO Coaching Centre

Salem Social Service Society conducted TNPSC – VAO coaching class for poor catholic students with the help of Kolping India organisation. The class conducted from 16.12.2017 to 04.02.2018 at the SSSS premises. Rev. Fr. John Joseph, Vicar General inaugurated the programme with holy mass and blessings. A team of four tutors handled all the sessions. The subject materials were collected from tutors, other coaching classes, web, etc. were Xeroxed and issued freely to the students. Mini test was conducted every week. A high class vegetarian Lunch was provided to all students and tutors on class days. Tea with snacks was given during tea breaks. 40 students benefited through this programme



**Group Detail:**

S. No.	Union	Number of Groups	Number of Members	Total Savings
1	Gangavalli	29	373	4,47,600
2	Attur	4	53	63,600
3	Thalaivasal	15	201	2,41,200
4	Salem	19	256	3,07,200
5	Omalur	2	25	30,000
6	Tharamagalam	1	17	20,400
7	Kolathur	1	12	14,400
8	Yercaud	5	59	70,800
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>11,95,200</b>

**Loan Detail:****Housing:**

S.No	Name	Name of the group	Place	Programme	Amount
1	T. Josepine	Thomaiyar KSHG	Sevanapuram	Housing	50000
2	Sivajothi	Suriyan KSHG	Nathakarai	Housing	50000
3	R. Malliga	Mahilampoo KSHG	Thedavur	Housing	50000
4	G. Govindhammal	Sivasakthi KSHG	Kondayampalli	Housing	50000

**Individual Income Generation Programme:**

S.No	Name	Name of the group	Place	Programme	Amount
1	R. Selina	Thomaiyar KSHG	Sevanapuram	IIGP	10000
2	Pappu	Mullai KSHG	Mummudi	IIGP	10000
3	Pachammal	Puthunilavu KSHG	Nathakarai	IIGP	10000
4	Meena	Suriyan KSHG	Nathakarai	IIGP	10000
5	Rukumani	Mullai KSHG	Nathakarai	IIGP	10000
6	Poongavanam	Bavani KSHG	Nathakarai	IIGP	10000
7	Chandraleka	Suriyan KSHG	Nathakarai	IIGP	10000

8	K. Santhosam	Suriyan KSHG	Nathakarai	IIGP	10000
9	Palaniyammal	Puthunilavu KSHG	Nathakarai	IIGP	10000
10	P. Chandra	Bavani KSHG	Nathakarai	IIGP	10000
11	Daisy Vimalamary	Amala Annai KSHG	R.C. Settipatti	IIGP	20000
12	M. Kamalamary	St. Joseph KSHG	R.C. Settipatti	IIGP	30000
13	M. Ritamary	Amala Annai KSHG	R.C. Settipatti	IIGP	30000
14	S. Mary	Amala Annai KSHG	R.C. Settipatti	IIGP	20000
15	Soba	Anthonyar KSHG	Manjakuttai	IIGP	200000
16	Tamil Selvi	Anthonyar KSHG	Manjakuttai	IIGP	50000
17	LeemaRose	Thomaiyar KSHG	Sevanapuram	IIGP	50000
18	Selvi	Kadalmuthukal KSHG	Veeraganur	IIGP	20000
19	Chitra	Kadalmuthukal KSHG	Veeraganur	IIGP	20000

### Milch Animal Programme

S.No	Name	Name of the group	Place	Programme	Amount
1	V. Chinnaponnu	Annai Indra KSHG	Thedavur	MAP	20000
2	Emilirose	Thomaiyar KSHG	Sevanapuram	MAP	20000
3	S. Pappathi	Thomaiyar KSHG	Sevanapuram	MAP	20000
4	V. Pappathi	Puthu Nilavu KSHG	Nathakarai	MAP	20000
5	K. Ranjitham	Bavani KSHG	Nathakarai	MAP	20000
6	A. Ramya	Nehru KSHG	Thedavur	MAP	20000
7	N. Usha	Suriyan KSHG	Nathakarai	MAP	15000
8	R. Rukumani	Mahilampoo KSHG	Thedavur	MAP	15000

### Vocational Training Programme:

S.No	Name	Name of the group	Place	Programme	Amount
1	P. Poongavanam	Bavani KSHG	Nathakarai	VTP	20000
2	S. Alamelu	Bavani KSHG	Nathakarai	VTP	20000
3	Alamelu	Nehru KSHG	Thedavur	VTP	20000
4	M. Manimegalai	Mahilampoo KSHG	Thedavur	VTP	10000
5	M. Vincent Manicka Raj	Annai Theresa KSHG	Salem	VTP	20000
6	C. Chitra	Nehru KSHG	Thedavur	VTP	10000

**Sanitation:**

S.No	Name	Name of the group	Place	Programme	Amount
1	G. Devagi	Anni Theresa KSHG	Attur	SAP	15000
2	J. Sugashini	Anthonyiar KSHG	Manjakuttai	SAP	15000
3	R. Manjula	Vasantham KSHG	Kondayampalli	SAP	15000
4	A. Dhanaseli	Vasantham KSHG	Kondayampalli	SAP	15000
5	A. Latha	Vinnarasi KSHG	Manjakuttai	SAP	15000
6	A. Mahadevi	Annai Indra KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
7	A. Maragatham	Arociyamatha KSHG	Manjakuttai	SAP	15000
8	A. Philomina	Arociyamatha KSHG	Manjakuttai	SAP	15000
9	Arul mani	Nehru KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
10	Vasantha	Anthonyiar KSHG	Manjakuttai	SAP	15000
11	Vimala	Anthonyiar KSHG	Manjakuttai	SAP	15000
12	G. Vijaya	Anthonyiar KSHG	Manjakuttai	SAP	15000
13	K. Esther Nahomi	Vanathu Anthonyiar KSHG	Koneripatti	SAP	15000
14	K. Pavunambal	Ponnila KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
15	K. Vasantha	Ponnila KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
16	L .Shanthi	Ponnila KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
17	M. Clara	Vanathu Anthonyiar KSHG	Koneripatti	SAP	15000
18	M. Selvamani	Anthonyiar KSHG	Manjakuttai	SAP	15000
19	M. Sinthamani	Annai Theresa KSHG	Attur	SAP	15000
20	P. Anjalai	Sakthi KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
21	P. Lalitha	Annai Theresa KSHG	Attur	SAP	15000
22	P. Neela	Annai Indra KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
23	P. Sumathi	Anthimalli KSHG	Attur	SAP	15000
24	R. Jayakodi	Ponnila KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
25	R. Ramani	Vinnarasi KSHG	Manjakuttai	SAP	15000
26	R. Tamil Selvi	Vasantham KSHG	Kondayampalli	SAP	15000
27	Sellammal	Ponnila KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
28	S. Kannagi	Anthimalli KSHG	Attur	SAP	15000
29	T. Nithiya	Ponnila KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
30	V. Indhira	Annai Indra KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
31	T. Jospin	Thomaiyar KSHG	Sevanapuram	SAP	15000
32	Sivajothi	Suriyan KSHG	Nathakarai	SAP	15000



33	G. Govindhammal	Sivasakthi KSHG	Kondayampalli	SAP	15000
34	R. Selina	Thomaiyar KSHG	Savanapuram	SAP	15000
35	S. Dhanalakshmi	Annai Indra KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
36	G. Valarmathy	Annai Indra KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
37	C. Poonchilai	Annai Indra KSHG	Thedavur	SAP	15000
38	B. Jayanthi	Bavani KSHG	Nathakarai	SAP	15000
39	T. Saranya	Suriyan KSHG	Nathakarai	SAP	15000
40	K. Subulakshmi	Pudhunilavu KSHG	Nathakarai	SAP	15000
41	A. Vijaya	Bavani KSHG	Nathakarai	SAP	15000
42	R. Palaniyammal	Sivasakthi KSHG	Nathakarai	SAP	15000
43	R. Dhanarani	Sivasakthi KSHG	Nathakarai	SAP	15000



### General Objectivise

To enrich the quality of life of the women survivors who have been affected of Sumangali Thittam in Salem districts by having increased access to socio-economic resources and advancing their trades.

### Specific Objectives

Enhancing the life skills of former mill workers and promoting marketing skills on their business trades in Salem District.

### Target Areas

- ❖ Magudanchavadi
- ❖ Konganapuram
- ❖ Panamarathupatti
- ❖ Omalur
- ❖ Ayothiyapattinam

### Trainings Conducted by the staff

- Staff training for livelihood promoters
- Training programme on entrepreneurial skills



- Training on state resource available
- Training on Marketing skills
- Training on Trade linkage
- Training on Women in block collective

### Beneficiaries' participation

- ♻ The project ensures the participation and involvement of the beneficiaries at all levels from the very beginning of the project.
- ♻ The beneficiaries enthusiastically participated in all the workshops, training programmes and local meetings.
- ♻ The repeated workshops and training enabled to improve the capacities and qualities of the target people.
- ♻ The entrepreneurship development trainings enabled the women to undertake viable livelihood and economic enhancement activities to their capacities.
- ♻ The women are able to assess the profit and loss of their business and gain knowledge to overcome marketing problems.
- ♻ Mill workers terminated their work contracts and become self employed

### Evaluation Visit:

Team from Manos Unidas visited Salem Diocese on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018. They visited Target blocks of Manos Unidas Project – Panamarthupatti and Omalur. First they visited Panamarthupatti

Block. Our staff and beneficiaries gave a warm welcome to the team. Nearly 300 Beneficiaries of the project were assembled at Kuralnatham Village. Rev. Fr. Rajamanickam welcomed the team with garlanding. Fr. Selvam Francis Xavier explained about the activities carried out in that area. The Manos team explained the purpose of the visit. The members explained about the project activities and how they have benefited through the training. Previously they worked in mills under contractors. Because of the intervention of SSSS, they came out of the bonded system and improved their life by Manos Project. Young girls and women have protected. Now they leased land and cultivating Aralipoo. They are selling in the daily market and earning Rs.100 – 150 per day.

Mrs. Dorathy and Mrs. Christina shared their experience in Manos Project, how it helps people in their livelihood. The team visited the exhibition displayed by the beneficiaries. The products were Shopper Bag, Hand Bag, Lunch Bag, Purse Small size, Satin Ribbon Garland, Wire Bag, College Bag, Silk thread bangle, Silk thread stud, Silk thread chain and Mosquito net.

Then the team moved to R.C. Settipatti, Omalur block. The team made house visit and interacted with individual beneficiaries. The

beneficiaries explained how the project helps in overcoming the hurdles and how it helps to start a business.

They also explained about the



development they attained after the intervention of the project. The team visited beneficiaries of different trade like Grocery shop, Petty shop, Power looms, Vegetable shops, Mini hotel and Cow and goat rearing.

The Manos team was very happy to see the success of the project.

Through this project, SSSS had an opportunity to help former mill women to enlighten their life through having and trade linkage.

#### **Outcome of the project:**

- 15 trade related groups have been formed.
- About 76% of the target women are promoting livelihood programmes.
- Around 81% of the target women have availed of socioeconomic schemes.
- Around 603 women have obtained loans from Banks in the second year



### Background

Education and sustainable Agriculture practices in India (ESAI) project was implemented in the year of 2017. The project is aimed to create awareness among the people on organic farming, generate students' capacity on critical thinking, motivate them to involve in social and environmental preservative activities. The programme was accomplished with Holy Cross Matric. Higher Secondary School students (boys) and Cluny Matric. Higher Secondary School students (girls).

### General Goal

Joint venture of Indian and Belgian youth to raise awareness and action for a more caring and human world.

### Specific objectives

- ✚ Through training, exchange opportunities and collective mobilization of youth, to generate awareness and action on local and global realities that contribute to reduce or to reinforce social, economic and environmental inequalities.
- ✚ To develop a sustainable partnership between SSSS and DBA.

### Expected Results

- ✚ 30 Indian and 30 Belgian young people have become more responsible citizens, meaning they have developed life skills (leadership qualities, openness, critical thinking, team spirit and intercultural skills) and promote the environmental preservation and human rights.
- ✚ Livelihood opportunities of the targeted people will be developed.
- ✚ Through cultural exchange programme, good practices are exchanged, the mutual reinforcement of capacities and the development of common projects on environmental and social issues.

### Activities implemented during the Project Period:

#### Training Classes

SSSS had conducted 30 training classes to the DBA students on following topics:

- ❖ Global warming and Climate Change
- ❖ HIV/AIDS and TB
- ❖ Alcoholic and drug addiction
- ❖ Child and women's Rights in India
- ❖ Gender Inequality
- ❖ Unemployment problems in India
- ❖ Child Labour and Child marriage
- ❖ Migration
- ❖ Media and its impact on youth

- ❖ Inter cultural dialogue
- ❖ Roof and Kitchen Gardening
- ❖ Types of Help lines (1098, 108, 100, 101, 1099, 1091)



The training classes are held in Holy Cross Matric. Higher Secondary School, Cluny Matric. Higher Secondary School and SSSS training hall. Short films were screened; discussion and debate were conducted on given topics.

#### Exposure Visits

The Exposure visits were arranged to People's Development Initiatives (PDI), Salem District Child Line, Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) and SSSS Integrated Farm at Muthampatti. These visits were arranged to stimulate the students' positive behaviours and to know the realism of the orphan children and deserted women's circumstances.

#### Installation of Bore well

Water scarcity is the major problem in Tamil Nadu. So SSSS along with the financial support of DBA erected a bore well at Muththampatti In the month of June 2017 to solve the water scarcity problem for the



agricultural works. The bore well erected to the depth of 1325 feet and fitted with pumping motors. Through this bore well erection, it will be very helpful to carry out agricultural activities and tree plantation.

#### Indo-Belgian Cultural Exchange Programme: (Do It with India - 2017)

Indo Belgian cultural exchange programme was conducted during the month of July 2017. The Main objectives of the cultural exchange program were to exchange the cultures among Indian and Belgium students, tree plantation, and environmental preservation.

The Indo Belgian Cultural Exchange Programme was commenced on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and over on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Mrs. Laure, Ms. Alexia, Ms. Carolin, Ms. Rosalie, Ms. Melanie, Ms. Marine, Mr. Qiemi, Mr. Arthur, and the project staff Mr. Vincent Manickaraj and Ms. Gayathri were organized the cultural exchange programme with the supporting staff Mr. Arockiaraj, Mrs. Dorathy Ruban, Mrs. Christina, Mrs. Geetha and Mr. Asath.

### Tree Plantation:

- ❖ 30 Indian Students and 30 Belgian students involved in tree plantation.
- ❖ Our DBA team planted 600 tree saplings of Teak, Rose wood, Neem,



Jack fruit, Tamarind tree etc., in Muthampatti land in one week.

### Guest Lectures:

- ❖ Evening discussion were organised with Guest lecturers. Mrs. Saranya, a



Transgender explained about her

struggles, society's isolation, achievements and recognition received from the society.

- ❖ Mrs. Hema, Mrs. Geetha and Mrs. Ramadevi from Cluny matriculation Hr. Sec. School gave lectures on Indian politics and Education system to the Belgium students.
- ❖ Sri Lankan refugees from pavalathanur yeri shared their problems and difficulties facing in the camp and how the Srilankan government treated during the war and their community situation today.

### Conclusion

The project generated pleasing impacts among the students. Our project provides precious knowledge and stimulated student's interest on Environment protection. As a result of DBA Programme, the Indian students were become more responsibilities and they developed solidarity. The project created memorable belongingness within the students and staff.



### Background :

India continues to have the highest number of tuberculosis (TB) cases in the world, according to the WHO Global TB Report 2017. India alone has contributed to 33% of the total 1.04 crore global deaths due to TB (without HIV) and 26% deaths among HIV+ cases. About 2.6 million people live with HIV and 1.2 million are TB-HIV co-infected. India has one of the highest multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) burdens globally with 99,000 cases annually. India's TB programme has consistently achieved global targets at a national level but nevertheless, India continues to struggle with the world's highest burden of TB.

### Introduction:

Project Axshya (meaning “free of TB”) is a civil society initiative to strengthen TB care and Control in India funded by Global Fund Round 9. The project is being implemented in 374 districts across 23 states of India, reaching 750 million people by 2017. The Catholic Health Association of India was one of the partner looking 96 district including Salem District. The focus of Project Axshya is on Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilisation (ACSM) towards universal access to TB care. SSSS was the main partner in implementing the Axshya project in Salem District since 2010.

### Goal

- Improve access to quality TB care and control services through enhanced civil society participation

### Objectives

- Improve the reach, visibility and effectiveness of RNTCP through civil society support
- Engage communities and community-based care providers to improve TB care and control, especially for marginalized and vulnerable populations including TB-HIV patients.

### Target population:

At risk populations, including slum dwellers, migrants, homeless, tribal, PLHIV, contacts, occupationally and medically predisposed (diabetics, silicosis, etc.), and marginalized groups with poor access to TB services.

### Activities under Project Axshya:

SSSS had implemented the project in hard to reach areas of Salem district mainly in Veerapandi, Mecheri, Yercaud, Idapaddi and Konganapuram blocks. SSSS volunteers were placed in Primary Health centres and sub centres of Salem for Tuberculosis supportive services. The centres were Veerapandi, Poolaveri, Nainampatti, Yercaud, Vazhavanthi, Kuttapatti, Thulasampatti,



Kolathur, Sathya Nagar, Konganapuram, Idapaddi and Moolakadai.



SSSS volunteers disseminated Tuberculosis awareness messages through community meetings and house to house sensitization. In 2017-18, SSSS has covered 7855 households and referred 2014 Tuberculosis symptomatic people to government health centres for testing. For people who are unable to reach government health centres, SSSS volunteers collected sputum samples and transported them to government health centres for testing. SSSS helped to find 46 TB patients and linked to treatment. People coming to sub centres for medical care were counselled by volunteers on TB/HIV and samples were collected for those who are having cough more than two weeks. SSSS volunteers had transported 862 sputum samples to higher centres for testing. In that, 34 TB patients were identified and DOTS treatment was initiated by SSSS volunteers.

SSSS volunteers regularly monitored the adherence of the TB patients and helped them to complete the treatment successfully. Nutritional

supplement were issued to poor patients along with medicine.

### World TB Day:

SSSS had observed World TB Day along with TB department at collector office, Salem. TB Awareness Rally & Meeting was organised by them. Mr. Sampath, District Collector was flagged off the Rally. School Students from different clubs were participated in the rally. SSSS issued pamphlets to the public. Best staff and Best NGO awards were given by the collector. SSSS received award for the contribution in TB eradication in Salem District. SSSS provided Nutrition support to TB patients.

### Vocational Training:

Salem Social Service Society with the support of Project Axshya and DTC, Salem organized vocational training programme for 25 TB patients/their family members from Salem. The training period was one month.

The official inauguration of vocational training was done on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Salem Social Service



Society Meeting Hall. Honourable Bishop Dr. S. Singaroyan presided over the function. Mrs. Christy and Ms. Gayathri were the trainers of the silk thread Jewellery.

The training topics were as follows:

- Silk Thread Bangle Making
- Silk Thread Stud Making
- Silk Thread Chain Making

- Silk Thread Hair Band Making

Participants show keen interest to learn different types of bangle makings.

These beneficiaries started marketing their own products in their local residential areas. They are now confident that they will fulfil their needs and support their family with this Jewellery making.



### Objective:

Inclusive restoration of Shelter, Livelihood, and reduction of disaster risk of selected most vulnerable families in worst flood affected villages in Salem district.

### Target Blocks and Villages

- Attur - Narasingapuram.
- Salem - Andipatty, Mallamupanatti, Salem,
- Thalaivasal - Naththakarai, Manivilunthan, Veeraganur, Thalaivasal,
- Gangavalli - 74-Krishnapuram, Koodamalai, Thamampatti

### Training Programme:

### Children Programme:

- Awareness on Health for school students clubs
- Orientation to children in School assemblies

### Livelihood:

- Tailoring and garment making
- Household farming

### DRR:

- Campaign against plastic usage at DSSS level

### Health and WASH

- Community Mobilization for Protection and nurture of water bodies.

### Natural Resource Management:

- Training on soil and water conservation:
- Skills building trainings to selected members from farmers club
- Integrated Sustainable Agriculture





## MINORITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Government of India had implemented the Minority development programme to improve the socio – economic conditions of minorities and to provide basic amenities to them for improving the quality life of the people .This programme was launched at Salem Social Service Society from October 2017 onwards.

Ministry of minority affairs conducted State Level Workshop on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 in Chennai for implementation of scheme to



minorities. The selected resource persons working for minorities throughout Tamil Nadu were invited for the workshop. Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic development corporation (TAMCO) Director and government officials facilitated the entire workshop. Mr. T. David Raja, Coordinator, SSSS

was selected as Salem District Resource Person.

We initiated a joint effort to collect the small business loan application from the Christian people and submit to Tamil Nadu Minority Economic Development Corporation through the district minority welfare department in Salem.

The date wise submission of application was given below:

S. No.	Date of Application submitted	No Of Application submitted
1	11.12.2017	20
2	21.12.2017	12
3	28.12.2017	10
4	10.01.2018	05
5	30.01.2018	13
6	27.02.2018	07
7	27.04.2018	30
8	20.05.2018	18
	Total	100

Minority Coordinator attended the orientation meeting on 23.02.2018 at Salem Collector office regarding the scheme infrastructure development for minority institutes.



## Prison Ministry

### Vision

To bring about a crime free society

### Mission

To work for the welfare of the least, lost and the last in the society especially the Prisoners

### Our Service inside Prison:

- Meeting the inmates and listening to their sufferings
- Giving counselling individually and in groups
- Providing recreational facilities such as Indoor games and Outdoor games
- Legal Assistance to innocent Prisoners
- Medical assistance & Medical camps
- Spiritual help to the Christian Prisoners
- Functions and Celebrations in the prisons

### Our service outside prison:

- Education to Prisoners' Children
- Family Visit
- Telephone Contact
- Economical help to the Prisoners' families
- Monthly Meetings
- Prison Ministry Sunday celebration
- Volunteers Retreat and Training programmes
- Repatriation of Foreign Prisoners

### Prisons under our service:

1. Salem Central Prison
2. Women Prison
3. Attur District prison
4. Omalur Sub Jail
5. Namakkal sub jail
6. Rasipuram Sub jail
7. Paramathi Sub jail
8. Tiruchengodu sub jail

### Our activities in 2017-2018

- Weekly 5 classes & Monthly mass
- Training on First AID was given to 125 prison staff by Dr. Sr. Joy
- Prison Ministry sponsored the following items to central prison - grinder, wheel chair, keyboard, printer and play things for mentally disturbed persons were given free.
- Spectacles were sponsored to 15



inmates

- Helped 14 prison inmates to reach their home who belongs to other states after release.

- This year we celebrated Christmas function with cultural programmes in all prisons of Salem District. On 22<sup>nd</sup> December we celebrated Suppose Christmas at Central prison.

Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Singaroyan presided over the function and distributed cakes to all prisoners. High lunch was given to all prison inmates and staff. Totally 1800 persons enjoyed the celebration.



## Educational and other assistance

Salem social service society helps the poor students to continue their studies and to join higher education through Educational assistance. SSSS also helps the poor people suffering from illness to go higher medication and treatment.

s.no	Assistance given	No. Of beneficiaries	Amount
1	Educational Assistance	19	71,000
2	Medical	4	28,500
3	Housing	4	13,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>1,13,000</b>





## Observation Days

### Dengue Awareness:

On 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017, we celebrated Kolping Day in SSSS premises. The most Rev. Dr. S. Singaroyan, the Bishop of Salem diocese and the president of Salem Social Service Society presided over the function. On mark of this day, we conducted “Dengue Awareness Rally” which is burning issue of the society. The rally was led by Rev. Fr. Rajamanickam, the Director of Salem Social Service Society through the dengue affected areas in our locality. Pamphlets on Dengue Fever distributed to public and Slogans on Dengue awareness were delivered.



### World Sanitation Day:

On 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 we observed the World Sanitation Day at Thedavur village. Awareness rally stressing on the “Need of Toilets” and ill effects of open defecation was conducted. The rally led by Rev. Fr. M. Rajamanickam, Director of Salem Social Service Society. Followed by the rally Mass Awareness Meeting was organized in Thedavur community hall. The

Health inspector and VAO of Thedavur village gave awareness on open defecation and government schemes to build individual toilets.



### World TB Day:

SSSS had observed World TB Day with District RNTCP team at collector office, Salem. Mass Awareness Rally and Meeting were organized. Best staff and Best NGO awards were given by the collector. SSSS Director received Best Organization Award from District Collector for the contribution given to TB eradication work at Salem District. SSSS provided Nutrition support to the poor TB patients.



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### Anti drug addiction day

Awareness meeting was organised on Anti Drug Addiction Day for CBO members. Ms. Sathya addressed the gathering on the alcohol and drug addiction and its impact in the society. Mr. Karupasamy explained about the activities and roles and responsibilities of Gandhi trust, Manjini. Finally BDO had given a talk about the impact of addiction in families and in society. The members understood the



persons to addiction centre of Gandhi Trust. 96 CBO members were participated.





## Special Events

### Children Summer Camp

On 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2017, SSSS organized summer vacation camp for newly formed children group at ABS Botanical Herbal Garden at Karipatti. 30 Children from Thedavur, Naththakarai and Kondayampalli road have participated in this programme. The students belong to classes of 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> standard and economically deprived in the society were selected.

The objective of the camp was to create awareness about herbal garden to the children and to bring the habit of taking herbal medicine for illness from the childhood onwards. The resource person explained about the importance of the herbal garden and the usage of the various herbal medicines available to



cure minor illness. The students were motivated to plant more herbal trees in the living areas and the schools which are used as medicines and also help us get rain and pleasant environment.

### Exposure visit to GandhiGramam:

On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 the staff of Salem Social Service Society, 45 Kolping and CBO members had exposure visit to Gandhigramam University, Dindigul. We visited the small business unit of Papad making,



Pickle, Sandal garland and hand loom.

Our CBO Members learnt to steps in making papad and pickles, variety of pickles and different types of garland making. CBO members planned to start the same after discussion with the group members.

### Kolping Day:

Kolping Day was celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The programme started with procession of Kolping family members with rosary. After the rally we had Holy Eucharist celebration spearheaded by our Bishop. Followed by the mass our Bishop delivered a motivational speech to the Kolping members and distributed Individual Income generation loan. Rev. Fr.

Rajamanickam introduced a new family of Kolping with the name “Puthiya Udhayam” and explained that they are not beneficiaries but they are the benefactors and members of the Kolping family.

### Women’s Day Celebration

SSSS observed Women’s Day at Kural Natham village in Panamarathupatti Block. Nearly 350 members participated in this programme. Rev. Fr. Selvam Francis, Namakkal Social Service Society and Mr. Kennedy, Block Development Officer, Panamathupatty facilitated the programme. The programme started with prayer song. Mrs. Jansi, SHG organizer gave welcome

speech. Rev. Fr. Rajamanickam addressed the gathering with the Women’s Day message “Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women’s lives”.

Rev. Fr. Selvam Francis explained about the women empowerment through Self Help Group and self employment. Mr. Kennedy explained about the government schemes for women and how to utilize the government schemes for uplift of their lives.

Members from women group actively participated in Cultural programmes. Individual and group Games were conducted for the members. Prizes were distributed to the winners and cultural team. Lunch was distributed to all the participants.



## SSSS Governing Body Members

S. NO	Name	Designation	Place
1	Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Singaroyan	President	Bishop House
2	Rev. Fr. John Joseph	Ass. President	Bishop House
3	Rev. Fr. M. Rajamanickam	Director	Salem Social Service Society
4	Rev. Fr. Edward Rajan	Member	Bishop House
5	Rev. Fr. IruthayaSelvam	Member	Suramangalam
6	Rev. Fr. Gurusadi Sagayaraj	Member	Sadayampalayam
7	Rev. Fr. Gregory Rajan	Member	Arisipalayam
8	Rev. Fr. Francis D.A.	Member	Namakkal
9	Rev. Sr. Pauline	Member	Cluny convent
10	Mr. Dhivyanathan	Member	Arisipalayam



## Staff details

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1	Rev. Fr. M. Rajamanickam	Director	SSSS
2	Mrs. A.L. Dorathy Ruban	Coordinator	SSSS
3	Mr. S. ArockiyaRaj	Accountant	SSSS
4	Mrs. A. Christina	Coordinator	SSSS
5	Ms. S. Gayathri	Documentation	SSSS
6	Mr. M. Vincent Manicka Raj	Coordinator	SSSS
7	Mrs. R. Geethalakshmi	Coordinator	SSSS
8	Mr. T. Davidraja	Coordinator	SSSS
9	Mrs. C. Mariyatheresa	Animator	Thammampatti
10	Mrs. R. Pauline	Animator	Attur
11	Mrs. S. Ranisambath	Animator	Gangavalli
12	Mrs. R. Indra Gandhi	Animator	Attur
13	Mrs. K. Pappathi	Animator	Thalaivasal
14	Mrs. P. Amuthavalli	Animator	Veeraganur
15	Mrs. Kasthuri	Animator	Magudanchvadi
16	Mrs. T. Deepa	Animator	Mecheri
17	Mrs. T. Boopathiraja	Animator	Mettur
18	Mr. J. Sugirthan	Animator	Yercaud
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20	Mrs. Nirmala	House Keeper	SSSS
21	Mrs. Natachi	House Keeper	SSSS
22	MR. Ponnusamy	Gardener	SSSS
23	Mr. John	Gardener	SSSS
24	Mrs. Elisabeth Rani	Cook	SSSS

