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## DIRECTOR'S DESK

With a deep sense of joy and gladness I would like to present the Annual Report of 2023-2024.

***“I dream of a world in which the discarded can become protagonists of change.” – Pope Francis***



Salem Social Service Society continues to work for the poor and the discarded by enabling them to live with dignity, by strengthening the attitude of sharing and by respecting each other with love and brotherhood. SSSS plays a vital role in supporting and facilitating communities facing poverty, deprivation, marginalization and exclusion at the gross root level.

In order to enable the excluded and disadvantaged communities in the society, SSSS focuses its interventions through children education, vocational skill training programmes, capacity building programmes, income generation programmes, strengthening people's organizations to enhance their living status. The expertise, technological interventions, and use of social networking have facilitated SSSS to empower the target communities through various projects implemented for the socio-economic development.

Poverty, hunger, disease, disability etc. prevail in the society due to prevalence of social and economical imbalance. Hence, SSSS functions as an agent of change through development interventions to light the lives of the people living in Namakkal and Salem Districts. SSSS strives to tap the Central and State Government agencies to implement various programmes for the betterment of rural and unreached communities in developing skills, enhancing livelihood options and enabling to live with rights and dignity.

SSSS has completed one more year of its service in the field of developmental activities that brought about a visible change in the lives of the people through different projects and programs. I take this opportunity to express my deep sentiments of gratitude to all the Donor agencies, General, Governing body members and Social Work Commission of SSSS, all operating partners, Fathers and Sisters in the Diocese and the Staff of the organization who have contributed their best services to accomplish the goal and objectives of each project in tune with the vision and mission of the organization. Still there is a long way to go as we see people living in difficult living conditions and socially excluded situations. SSSS is committed to carry forward more programs on health, education and community mobilization for our people in the Diocese of Salem. We appreciate your support and guidance and seek your valuable services and encouragement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. David".

Rev.Fr. L. David  
Director

## VISION & MISSION OF OUR ORGANIZATION

### VISION

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

### MISSION

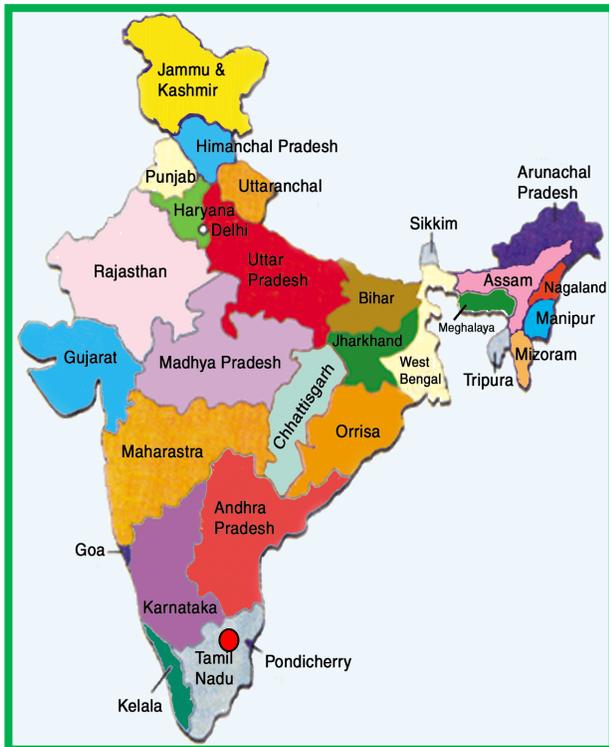
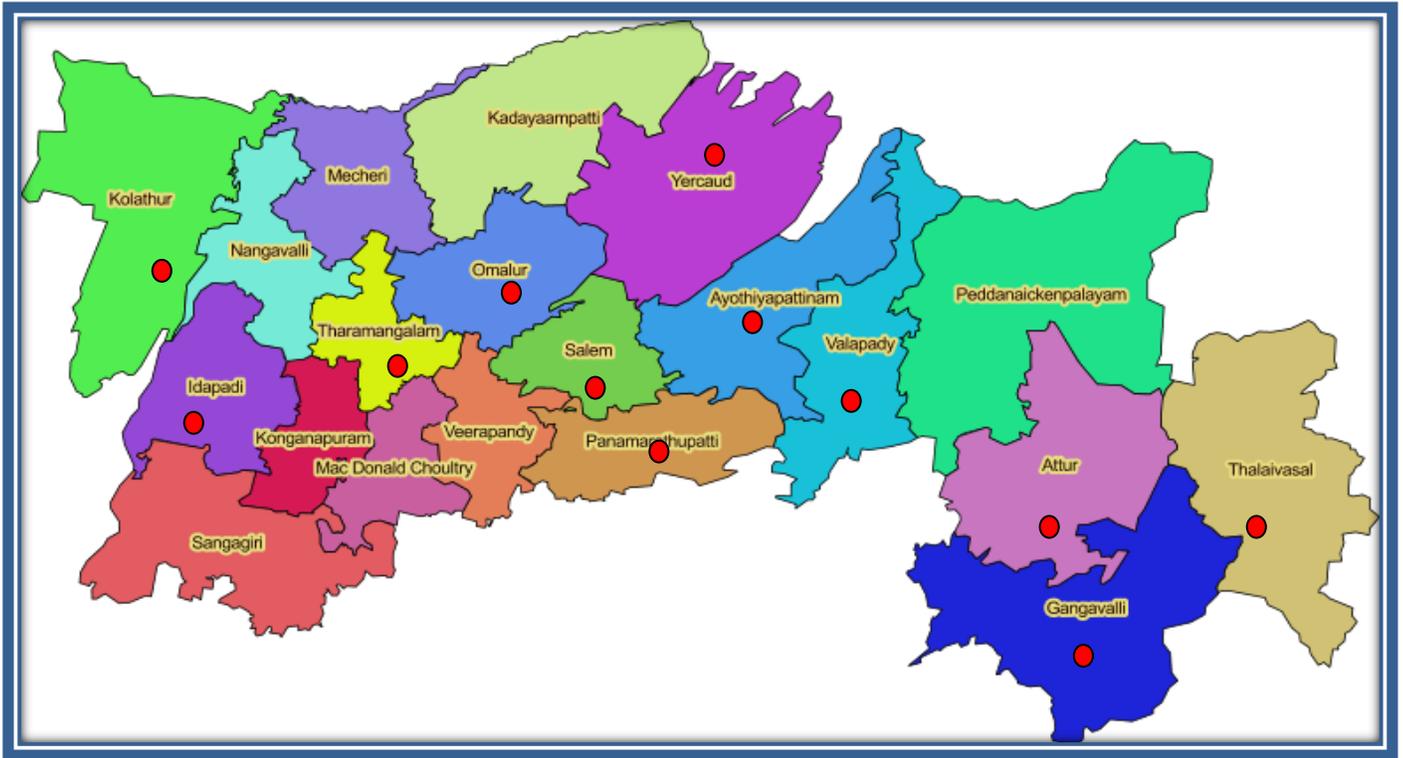
**Realization of “Social Justice and Peace” for the poor and the marginalized children, youth and women through the process of empowerment.**

## ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS

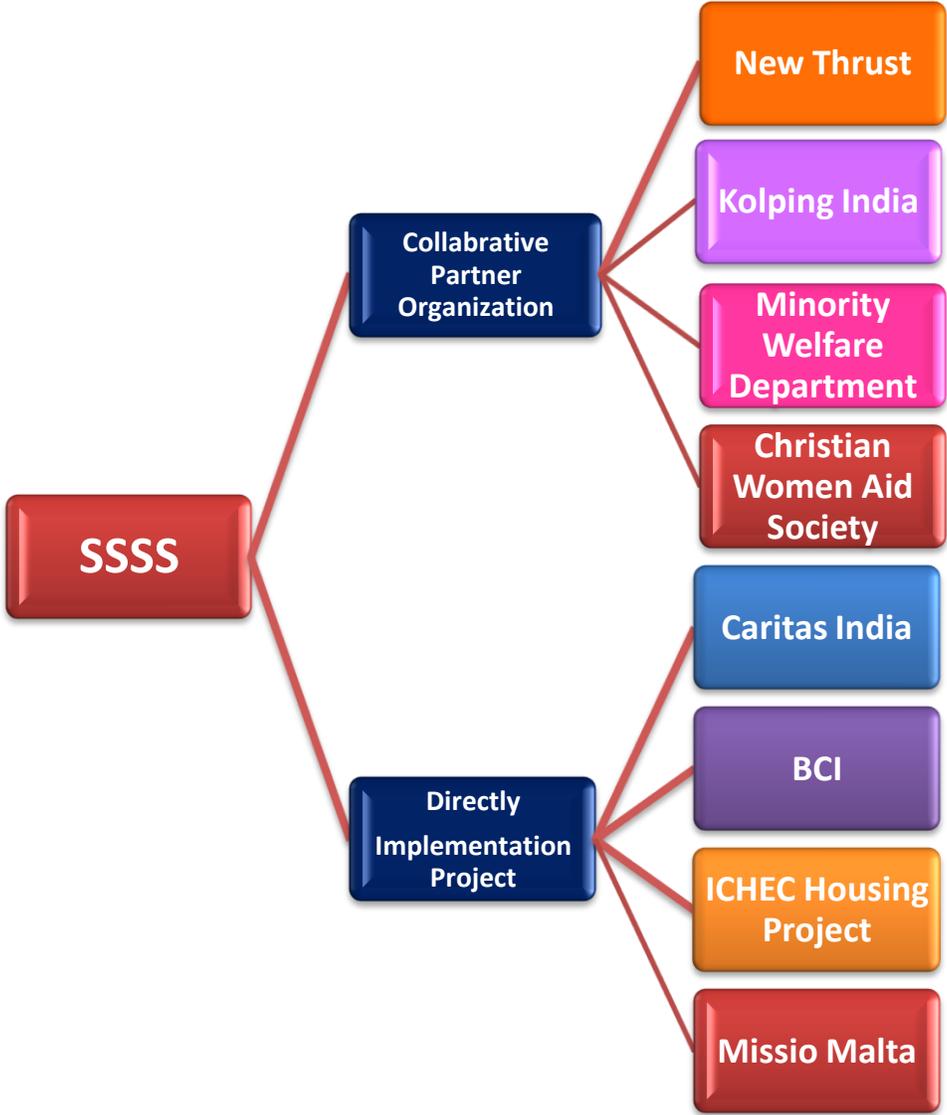
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<b>Registration Number</b>	<b>12/1968 under the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860</b>
<b>80G Registration Number</b>	<b>AAATS4916PF20214</b>
<b>Permanent Account Number</b>	<b>AAATS4916P</b>
<b>FCRA Registration Number</b>	<b>076000021</b>

## INTERVENTION AREA OF SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

Intervention Blocks ●



**PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR OF 2023 TO 2024**



## COLLABORATIVE PARTNER ORGANIZATION ( NEW THRUST – PHASE VII PROJECT)

### PROJECT TITLE AND PROJECT NUMBER: 321-901-1128 ZG.

Promotion of Self-reliant and Self-Sustaining People's Federation for Social Transformation

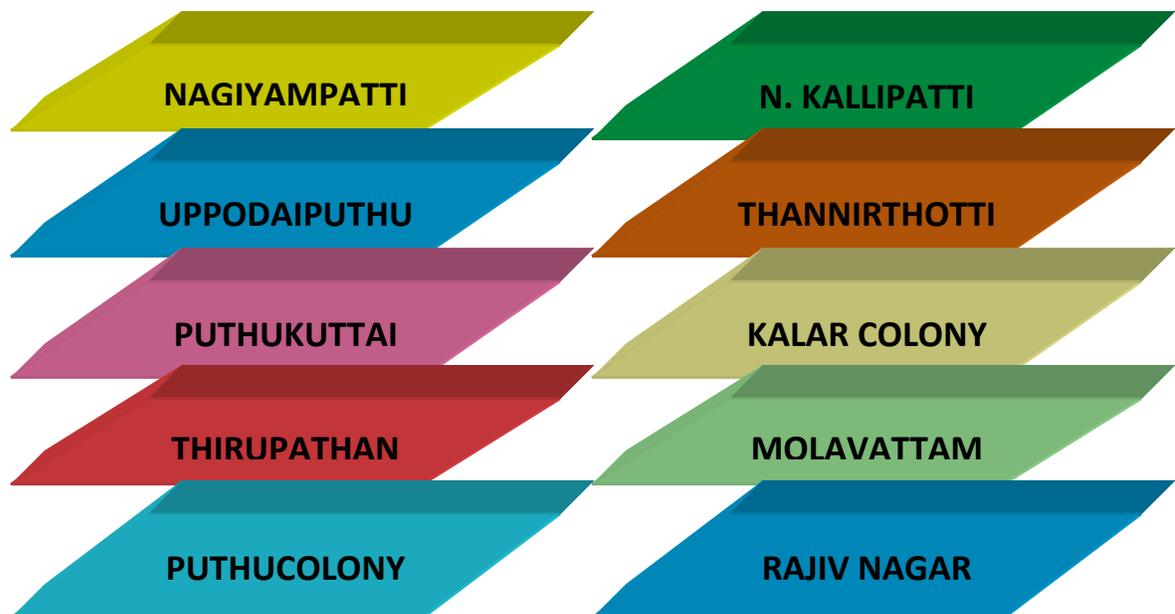
### GOAL

Marginalized communities in Tamil Nadu are enabled to access and control their resources and to sustainably enhance their quality of life.

### OBJECTIVES

- 19 Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSSs) are enabled to enhance the capacities of Panchayat Raj Institution (PRI) functionaries, local elected representatives and marginalized communities in protecting their natural resources and ensuring the rights of vulnerable groups.
- Gram Panchayat (GPs)/PRIs show an increased willingness and accountability to address and combat social issues such as malnutrition, violence against and abuse of women and children, social inequality of Dalits, etc.

### TARGET AREA



**IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES:**

<b>S.NO</b>	<b>Name of the Programme</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>
1	Ensuring the existence and functionality of the CPR infrastructures	11.04.2023	N. Kallipatti	25
2	Preparatory meetings for Gram Sabha	20.04.2023	Thannirthotti	25
3	Exposure trainings/Visits (Model Gram Panchayats)	09.05.2023	Gangavalli	35
4	Documenting and consolidating PRI interventions and challenges in accessing various schemes by the user groups/marginalized sections	14.06.2023	Nagiyampatti	25
5	Developing IEC & Printing Production and dissemination of key features of Rights/ Govt. Schemes of the marginalized and Protection of CPR - CPR/Gov schemes IEC materials- Developing and printing	18.07.2023	Pudhucolony	200
6	Formation and strengthening of the vigilance committee to address the issue of the vulnerable.	25.07.2023	Nagiyampatti	25
7	Promotion and strengthening of children parliaments at the panchayat level	07.08.2023	Koneripatti	20
8	Mapping the appropriate financial resources for marketing and linking with existing trade Specific Interventions- Planning for marketing strategies and linkage with appropriate financial Resources	13.09.2023	Uppodaiputhur	20

## CHILDREN PARLIAMENT DETAILS

S. No	Name of the Block	Name of the Village	No. Of Parliament	No. Of Children
1	Gangavalli	Koneripatty	5	125
2	Gangavalli	Kodayampalli	1	24
3	Gangavalli	Sendharapatti	2	49
4	Ayothiyapattinam	Ayothiyapattinam	10	250
Total			18	448

## CASE STUDY

**Panchayat: Thammampatti**

**Village: Kodayampalli**

People's major work in Kodayampalli village is thatch leaf making for their livelihood development. The main activity of New Thrust project is to form a producer organization in trade level, based on that we motivated the Kodayampalli Self Help Group member to form a producer group organization. We have organized more trainings and visits to the Kodayampalli village to form a producer group. Finally the members understood the importance of producer group organization. First the members gathered the Individual Entrepreneur of thatch leaf makers in Kodayampalli village, then



they started the federation in the name of **“Inthinai Kitrumudaivor UrpathiyalarKulu”**. Now they have a share hold in the bank account in the above mentioned name and generate savings every month. Through this savings the members revolve the amount for their business.

### PROGRAMME ACTIVITY PHOTOS



# COLLABORATIVE PARTNER ORGANIZATION ( KOLPING INDIA)

## PROJECT TITLE

Strengthening of socio-economic participation of marginalized population groups through consolidation of social structures in South India.

## OBJECTIVE :1

The capacity of Kolping Family groups is strengthened and the members have improved knowledge in life skills, group governance and conservation of natural resources.

## OBJECTIVE :2

Kolping groups from the marginalised communities have more opportunities to start self employment and provide the family with additional income.



**Ecological  
Marginalisation**



**Economic  
Marginalisation**

**TARGET AREA AND PROBLEM IDENTIFIED**

Target Village	Problem Identifies	Affected People
Valaiyamadevi	Conventional Farming	40%
Thandavarayapuram	Solid Waste Management	45%
Therkumanakadu	Conventional Farming	43%
Punalvasal	Solid Waste Management	20%
Karumanthurai	Open Defecation	35%
Naranampalayam	Solid Waste Management	41%
Kamakkapalayam	Open Defecation	25%
Kondayampalli	Open Defecation	30%



## CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

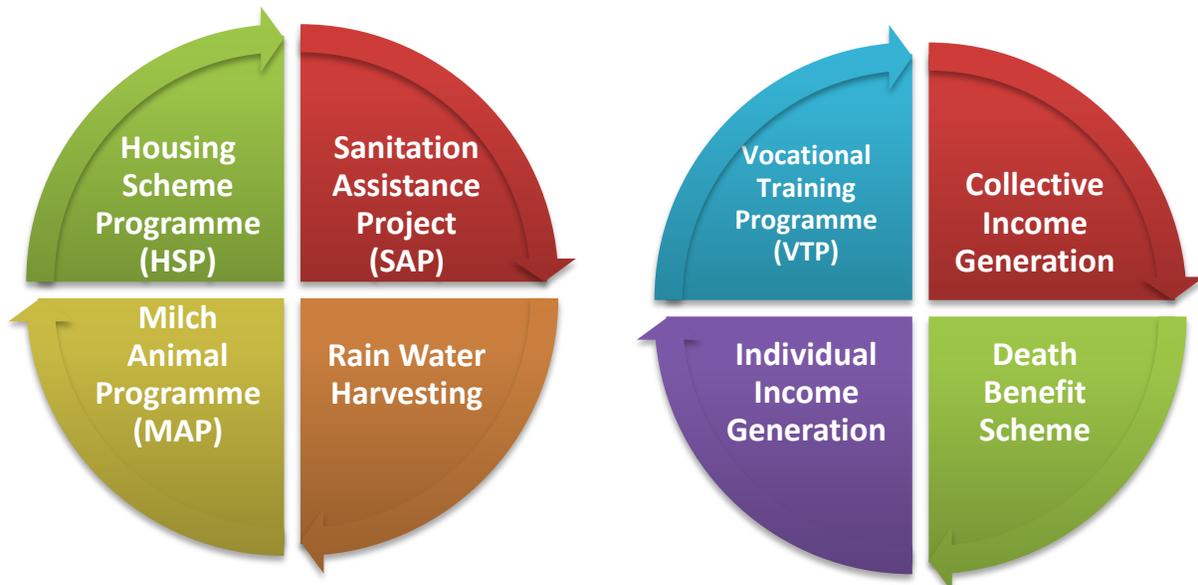
### Ecological Marginalisation

- *Orientation on SHG & Federation Concepts in 8 Village Level Trainings*
- *Training on Leadership for the elected representatives*
- *Training on Accounting & Book Keeping for the elected representatives*
- *Formation and strengthening of social-structure (VLKF, VDC, CLKF, DLKF)*
- *Interface meeting with Government and other institutions.*
- *Advocacy, Lobbying, Networking and linkages.*

### Economic Marginalisation

- *Trainings at Cluster Level on Basics of Entrepreneurship*
- *Skill Training on Collective Income Generation Activities*
- *Skill training on Linkages with Government & Banking Sector*
- *Financial support to start Individual Income Generation Activities*

## KOLPING INDIA SCHEMES:



## IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Place	Date of Seminar	No. Of Participants
1	Re-Orientation to Kolping Family	Naranampalayam Kodayampalli	05.05.2023	30
			10.05.2023	25
2	Orientation to Kolping Family	Terkumanakadu Kamakapalayam Karumandurai	12.05.2023	40
			15.05.2023	45
			18.06.2023	40
3	Formation of Kolping Group	Naranampalayam Terkumanakadu Kamakapalayam	05.05.2023	25
			12.05.2023	25
			18.05.2023	28
4	Training on Leadership	SSSS Narasingapuram Naranampalayam	17.05.2023	42
			20.06.2023	40
			13.07.2023	41
5	Training on Bookkeeping	Attur SSSS	19.05.2023	25
			15.06.2023	25
6	Motivational Training to Kolping Groups	Koneripatti	16.06.2023	20
7	Project Orientation Training to CLKF members	Kamakkapalayam	20.06.2023	30
8	Training to CLKF leaders on roles and functions of federations	Thammampatti	12.07.2023	30
9	Sensation Programmme- The World Nature Conservation Day	Agraharam	29.07.2023	250
10	Life skills trainings on conflict management to Kolping SHGs representative	Naranampalayam	15.09.2023	30
11	Motivational trainings to target community leaders on Solar Energy	Narasingapuram Thalaivasal	20.09.2023	31
			23.09.2023	22
12	Awareness training on livelihood issues for the kolping members from village communities	SSSS	26.09.2023	41
<b>Total Number of Participants</b>				<b>885</b>

## KOLPING INDIA NATIONAL TEAM VISIT

❖ On 9th of November 2023, Kolping India National team from Chennai visited our organization for Auditing. Kolping India Director Rev. Fr. Mariya Soosai Congratulated the SSSS team for their service.



❖ On 10th of November 2023 we organized kolping programme fund distribution in Attur. Rev. F. L. David, Director of Salem Social Service Society welcomed the gathering, Rev. Fr. Arulappan, VF felicitated the team and Rev. Fr. Maria soosai, Kolping India Director delivered



the Key note address. Following that Kolping Programme fund was distributed to the Kolping Family members. After the distribution the national team visited the Nature Kolping Family in Pungavadi village and Rev. Fr. Maria Soosai, Director of Kolping India inaugurated the flour mill initiated by the Kolping members for their income generation. On this occasion the Director, Coordinator, Field staff of Salem Social Service Society appreciated the team effort of Nature Kolping Family.



## INDIVIDUAL INCOME GENERATION PROGRAMME:

S.NO	NAME	NAME OF THE GROUP	PLACE	ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
1	M.MARUDHAYEE	MALLIGAI KSHG	THLAIVASAL	RICE FLOUR	15,000
2	S.DEVI	MALLIGAI KSHG	THLAIVASAL	COW REARING	15,000
3	M.DEEPA	PUTHU VASANTHAM	ATTUR	GROCERIES SHOP	15,000
4	S.LILYPUSHPA	THAMARAI KSHG	GANGAVALLI	COW REARING	15,000
5	A.SELVAMANI	THAMARAI KSHG	GANGAVALLI	COW REARING	15,000
6	MAHESWARI	MUTHUMARIYAMMAN	NADUVALUR	COW REARING	15,000
7	KALAISELVI	ARASI KSHG	GANGAVALLI	COW REARING	15,000
8	R.MAHALAKSHMI	NILA KSHG	POOLAMBADI	TAILORING	15,000
9	MARIYAYI POOMALAI	AMBETHCAR KSHG	NARASINGAPURAM	VEGETABLE SHOP	15,000
10	S.PICHAMANI	AMBETHCAR KSHG	NARASINGAPURAM	COW REARING	15,000
11	R.ANITHA	ROJA KSHG	GANGAVALLI	MILK SOCIETY	20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>1,70,000</b>

## PROGRAMME SUPPORTED BY COLLABORATIVE PARTNER ORGANIZATION:

S.NO	NAME OF THE PROJECT	NO OF MEMBERS BENEFITED	AMOUNT
1	HOUSING SUPPORTED PROJECT	5	2,50,000
2	MILCH ANIMAL PROJECT	15	2,25,000
3	SANITATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT	7	1,05,000
4	INDIVIDUAL INCOME GENERATION PROGRAMME	5	50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>6,30,000</b>



## GROUP DETAILS

S. No.	Union	Number of Groups	Number of Members	Total Savings
1	Gangavalli	39	482	8,92,800
2	Attur	25	312	4,82,300
3	Thalaivasal	8	104	2,20,500
4	Omalur	6	72	2,99,800
5	Edappadi	1	12	57,900
6	Tharamagalam	2	25	90,500
7	Kolathur	4	74	3,95,300
8	Yercaud	2	23	1,02,600
9	Ayothiyapattinam	5	80	2,49,100
10	Valapady	1	18	1,99,600
11	Karumandurai	1	12	4,800
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>94</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>29,95,200</b>

## NEW GROUPS

S.no	Name of the Group	Village	No of Members
1	Marutham SHG	Thedavur	12
2	Durga Devi SHG	Udaiyapalayam	12
3	Isaimagal SHG	Attur	12
4	Sree Sakthi SHG	Thandavarayapuram	12
5	Thamarai SHG	Thiyaganoor	12
6	AathiSakthi SHG	Udaiyarpalayam	13
7	Abthulkalam SHG	Narasingapuram	15
8	Amman SHG	Thedavur Puthur	12
9	Assisiyar SHG	Karumandurai	11
10	Thamarai SHG	Pudupettai	12
<b>Total</b>			<b>123</b>

## CASE STORY:

- ❖ We started 3 Kolping Family with 45 members in Naranampalayam village in 2018. Now they formed 3 more groups with the effort of Village development committee. Altogether 85 Kolping association family members are living in same location and they create more impact in addressing issues and organizing activities in this village.



- ❖ The Association members are empowered in all level of activities to address their village issues, availing loan from bank and Government schemes. They have a good rapport with PRI members, good involvement in common programmes which we organize in district Level.
- ❖ We have conducted more than 15 training and awareness programme related to Ecological issues and solid waste management. We have provided dustbin for their solid waste management system and it is very useful for the corporation to collect the garbage in this village.
- ❖ Through the awareness programme on Ecological issues they maintain their village Cleanly and the VDC members clean the Graveyard in Naranampalaym village. They have planted more than 25 saplings to conserve the Environment.
- ❖ The VDC members organized 2 medical camp for the Kolping family association with the support of Government PHC and St. Joseph hospital R.C. Chettipatti.

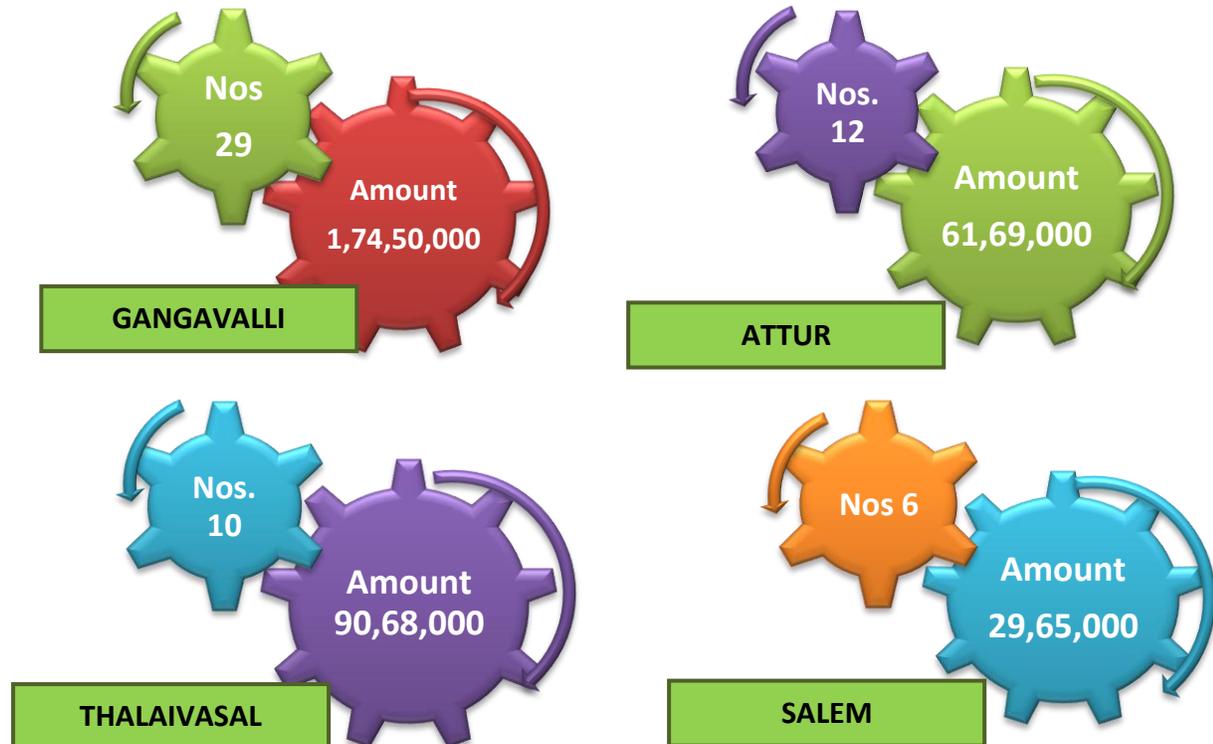


❖ They have developed in the Economic level through the small-scale business.

Particulars	No of Members
Cow Rearing	12
Goat Rearing	8
Mushroom Cultivation	1
Floor mat making	1
Tailoring	13
Agriculture	20



## BANK LINKAGES



## PROGRAMME ACTIVITY PHOTOS



**PROGRAMME FUND PHOTOS**



# CARITAS INDIA – “EZHUVOM IYAKKAM – CANCER CARE CAMPAIGN”

## PROJECT TITLE

Ezhuvom Iyakkam Cancer Care Campaign in Salem District

## IMPACT

Strengthened resource mobilisation strategies towards sustainability for DSSS through Ezhuvom Iyakkam leads to reduced external dependency.

## ACTIVITIES



## PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED

S.NO	PROJECT LAUNCH	NO. OF EVENTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
1	AWARENESS CAMP	6	1283
2	WORLD CANCER DAY	1	1000
3	WOMEN'S DAY	1	275
4	AWARENESS RALLY	1	1000
5	CANCER SCREENING CAMP	3	126
6	MEDICAL CAMP	3	621
7	HAND BILLS	1	1000
8	MILLET AND ORGANIC VEGETABLES AND SEED EXHIBITION	2	150
10	TREE PLANTATION	3	158
TOTAL		21	5613

## LINKAGE WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

S.No	Organisation	Purpose
1	St. Mary's Hospital	For organizing Medical camp and Screening Camp
2	St. Joseph Hospital	For organizing Medical Camp
3	Arokiyamadha Hospital	For organizing Screening Camp
4	Shanmuga Cancer Hospital	For Creating Cancer Awareness
5	Holy Angel's Matriculation School	For creating cancer Awareness among the school students
6	St. John's Matriculation School	For creating cancer Awareness among the school students
7	Namalvar Organic framing	Create awareness on organic farming and Importance of millets
8	Primary Health centre	Creating awareness on cancer and TB
9	Vinayaka Mission Hospital	Organizing Medical Camp

## MEDICAL CAMP:

- ❖ On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023, No Tobacco Day and Cancer Diagnostic Screening Camp was conducted in Attur. In this camp, with the help of doctors and nurses of Shanmuga Hospital and Research Institutions, awareness regarding the causes of tobacco using and the benefits



of identification of cancer at a early stage is given to the people. In this awareness programme cum camp Psychiatric Dr. Karthikeyan explained about the hazards of tobacco consumption. Dr. Anaha conducted a screening for breast cancer and cervical cancer. In this event 35 women SHG's of Attur block have benefited.

- ❖ On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Salem Diocese and Sadayampalayam Parish Organized a free medical camp at R.C Primary School Sadayampalayam with the collaboration of Vinayaka Missions Hospital Salem. The Doctors and the Nurse Team from Vinayaga Mission Hospital rendered their free service with



Dental, ENT, Sugar, Blood press and all the children were vaccinated free of charge. The free medical camp was coordinated by Rev. Fr. Stephan Soruban, Parish Priest of Sadayampalayam. 300 Children and General public of sadayampalayam village benefited through this medical camp.

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME:

❖ On 19th May 2023, we organized awareness programme on Tobacco free day with the support of Shanmuga Cancer Hospital. Dr. Karthikeyan and Dr. Aaneha delivered the awareness talk about the consequences of Tobacco usage. 30 Self help group members participated in this awareness programme.



❖ On 13th July 2023, We organized awareness programme on cancer at Naranampalayam village. Mrs. Punitha coordinator of SSSS gave a awareness talk on Cancer. 45 Self Help group members from Naranampalayam village participated in this awareness programme.

❖ On 20th June 2023, We organized awareness meeting for Volunteers in Attur block. We planned ideas for resource mobilization in following period. 35 volunteers from Attur block participated in this meeting.

## OUT COME OF OUR PROGRAMME

- ✚ 428 Self help group members, Village people, Old age People, Migrants and Parishioners benefited through the medical camp.
- ✚ 127 Self help group members benefited through screening camp on Breast and Cervical cancer.
- ✚ 1000 students gained knowledge on cancer preventive measures and became a brand ambassadors of Ezhuvom Iyakkam cancer care Campaign
- ✚ More than 1000 members indirectly benefited through the awareness rally done by the school students and Notice distribution.

- ✚ The school students, teachers and parents recall the traditional millets through the Millet exhibition.
- ✚ The students understood about the value of organic vegetables cultivation.
- ✚ The Participants of world cancer day expressed that interest on Organic Vegetable cultivation.

## CARITAS INDIA – JEEVAN NIRMAN

- ❖ On 30th of April 2023 Salem Social Service Society and Caritas India “Jeevan Nirman” organized general medical camp at Tharamangalam St. Charles Matriculation School. The Doctors Team from St. Joseph Hospital, rendered their free service with sugar test, blood pressure, ECG and free medicines to the needed patients. Nearly 150 migrants, Refugees and Parishioners benefited through this medical camp.
- ❖ On June 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 we organized state level conference meeting on Migrant in Salem Social Service Society. In this conference Mrs. Krishnaveni, Deputy Labour Commissioner of Salem explained about the welfare schemes and law for migrants. Following that Mr. Balvant and Mrs. Parol Sharma from Caritas India, presented the survey report which the staff collected from migrants. In this conference we have provided 15 packs of grocery materials for HIV affected patients.
- ❖ On 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 we organized district level meeting on safe migrants for social welfare officer and Anganvadi workers. Mrs. Parol Sharma state officer of Caritas India facilities this meeting.



**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY PHOTOS**



## MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

### OBJECTIVE OF THE MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The Government of Tamil Nadu is the Pioneer State in safeguarding the rights of Minority Communities by creating a separate Directorate for Minorities Welfare. It implements various welfare programmes for the upliftment of the Minorities through socio, economic and educational schemes and monitors the implementation of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme as well. The Directorate of Minorities Welfare functions with Indian Administrative Officer as Head of the Department from the year 2007. The District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Offices are functioning in all the District Collectorates to implement the schemes intended for minorities.

### IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

- ❖ On 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2023, the chief minister welfare distribution programme was held in Salem, in this programme 4 self help group members from Ayothiyapattinam block received free tailoring machine
- ❖ On 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 through the Minority Welfare department provided free Tailoring machines for 8 Christian women in sanyasigundu parish. The machine was distributed by Minority welfare department officer.



## CHRISTIAN WOMEN AID SOCIETY

- ❖ Christian Women Aid Society applications were collected from Arisipalayam parishes from 25 applicant and submitted to the relevant department of minority commission of the State Government.
- ❖ On 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, Mr. Joseph Raja Engineer of JMJ construction gave a cheque worth of Rs. 50,000 for Christian women aid society.
- ❖ On 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2023, Rev. Fr. Joseph Lazar Parish Priest of Infant Jesus church, Arisipalayam donated Rs. 1,00,000/- to Director and coordinator of SSSS for Christian Women Aid Society.
- ❖ On 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, the minority welfare department distributed the Christian women aid grand amount worth of Rs. 10,80,000/- for 46 women from Siluvaigiri and 26 women from Sentharapatti parish. Thanks to Minority Commission Chairman Mr. Peter Alphonse

## PROGRAMME ACTIVITY PHOTOS



**PROJECT TITLE**

Support for Marginalized Dalit Women and Individuals for Livelihood Advancement and Enterprises – “SMILE”

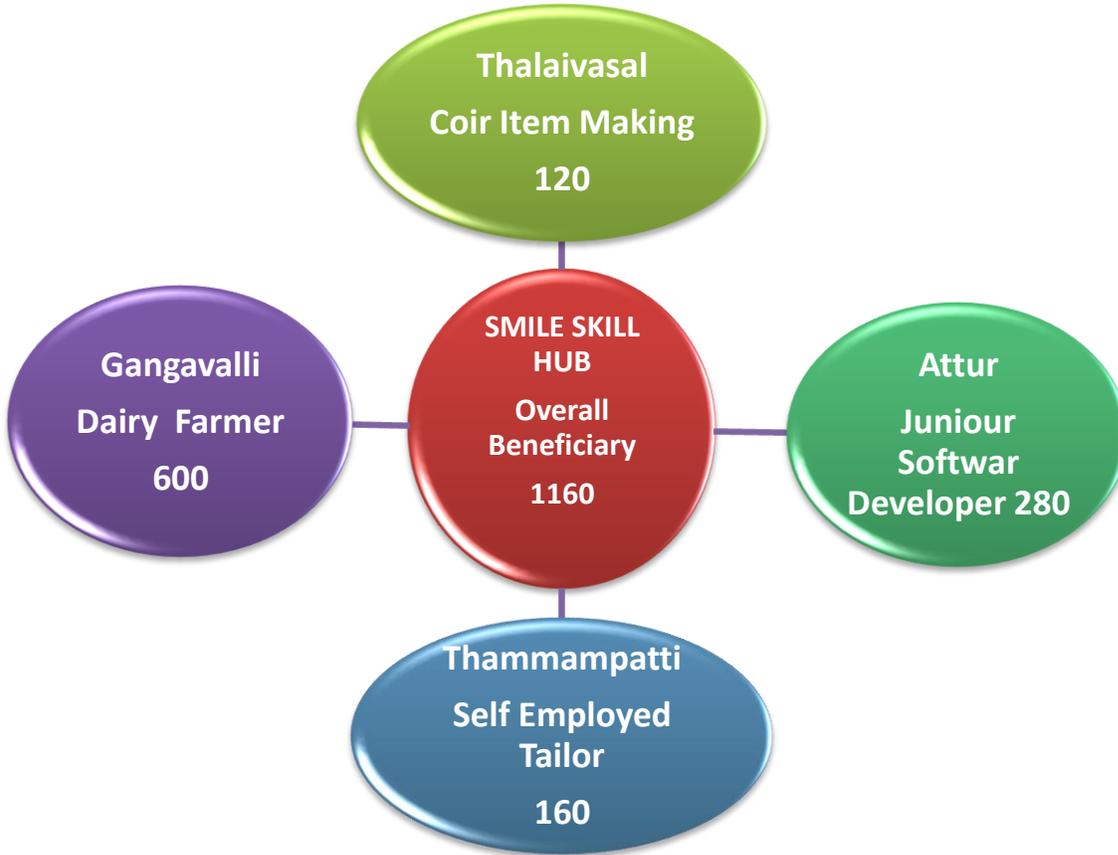
**LOCATION OF THE PROJECT:**

This Project is implemented in underdeveloped 2 blocks with socially and economically excluded dalits in Salem District of Tamilnadu.

**TARGET GROUP**

1160 poor dalit women are the target group. They are standing far from mainstream of development.

**OVERALL VIEW OF THE SKILL TRAINING:**

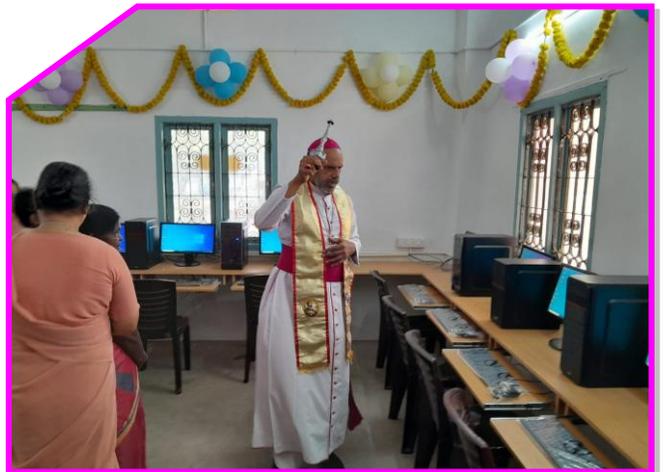


**IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES:**

On the month of December Conferenza Episcopale Italiana approved our proposal and sanctioned the amount for Dairy farmer and junior software developer for the first year.

The St. Mary's Computer Center was opened and blessed by Most. Rev. Dr. Arulsevram Rayappan, Bishop of Salem Diocese. The Junior Software developer programme is inaugurated in Attur block by installing 15 computer systems for the following free courses namely, MS office, Tally, Photoshop, CorelDraw and Basic Web Designing for the youth of this region in 2 batches. Rev. Fr. Arulappan, Vicar Forane of Attur facilitated the programme. Religious Sisters, Self help group members and Lay people participated in this opening programme.

3 Batches of Dairy farming course were completed in Gangavalli block and 90 Dalit women have benefited through this course.



## **ICHEC HOUSING PROJECT – JOSETTES SMILE FOUNDATION**

### **PURPOSE OF THE VISIT:**

Students and Staff from the ICHEC Corporation International asbl, Brussels, Belgium arrived in Salem for the low cost housing projects carried out by Salem Social Service Society in the area of Salem and Namakkal Districts, Tamilnadu, India, during the month of February 2024 on voluntary basis.

The purpose of the visit of the students and the staff is the intercultural experience, by visiting rural areas, discovering Indian way of life, sharing experience with local people and through the participation in the local developmental project of low cost housing for the poor run by Salem Social Service Society.

### **GRAND OPENING OF CONSTRUCTED HOUSE**

The Grand Opening of ICHEC Housing Project was held on 23rd February 2024 in Siluvagiri Parish. Msgr. D. Michaelraj Selvam, Vicar General of Salem Diocese was the Chief Guest, he opened the constructed 5 houses in 74 krishnapuram and Mulaputhur Village. The cultural dance was given by Siluvagiri parish children. Rev. Fr. Jacob, Procurator of Salem Diocese, Rev. Fr. L. David, Director of Salem Social Service Society, Student and Staff from ICHEC and Parishioners participated in this opening ceremony. Rev. Fr. Jai Bernard Joseph facilitated the programme.

## **MISSIO MALTA**

### **AIM OF THE PROJECT**

This project aims to decrease the dropouts and improve the knowledge of students. The contribution of Missio, Malta will improve the education status and reduce school dropouts through sustainable Alternative education in Namakkal and Salem Districts.

**IMPLEMENTED:**

Through the Missio Malta project we have supported 33 students for their education development.



**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY PHOTOS**



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY:

International Nurse Day was celebrated on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Thammappatti primary health care centre. In this event 25 persons including government doctors, medical team and nurses were participated. The Director of Salem Social Service Society Rev Fr L David graced the nurses and gave them gifts and sweets.



### WORLD GRAND PARENTS DAY

On 23<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, Health commission of Salem Diocese celebrated the World Grand Parents Day in Infant Jesus Church, Arisipalayam. Rev. Joseph Lazer, the parish priest of Arisipalayam organized the Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. L. David, Secretary of Health Commission. He explained about the importance of Grandparents in every family to help follow the value system, family culture, tradition and history. At the end of the Holy Mass all the Grandparents were blessed and distributed with a gift. Around 800 Parishioners and Grandparents participated in this World Grand Parents Day Celebration.



## ENVIRONMENTAL DAY:

On 16th June 2023, In koneripatti village we observed Environmental Day. In this day Rev. Fr. Asaithambi parish priest of Koneripatti delivered the awareness talk about the Importance of Environment and how affect the society. Following that Rev. Fr. L. David, Director of Salem Social Service Society explained about the bio and non-bio degradable waste and its importance.



End of the awareness programme tree sapling was planted in the church campus and common place of Koneripatti village.

## WORLD DAY OF AGAINST CHILD LABOR

On 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 we observed child labor against day in Attur block, Narasigapuram village. In this day Mr. Gandhinathan motivational specter give awareness about the child labor in their area.

## WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY:

On 29th of July, the World Nature Conservation Day began with the tree plantation by the Panchayat President, Ward member and Parish Priest near A.N mangalam Panchayat office. Following that the rally was flagged by Mrs. Selvi Selvaraj, Panchayat President of A.N Mangalam, it was started at



Panchayat office with the Cultural drums team. The Self help group members held the placard with the Environmental awareness Slogans, the notices were distributed to general public. After

the Rally the Awareness meeting was arranged in the Alagapuram church campus hall. Mrs. Sundhari, welcomed the gathering and Rev. Fr. L. David, honoured the Chief Guests. Rev. Fr. Francis, Parish Priest of Agraharam delivered the awareness talk about Environment and Eradication of Plastics. After that the children of Self Help Group members performed the



awareness dance to save environment. Rev. Fr. L. David Explained about the garbage separation like biodegradable and non biodegradable and the importance of tree plantation. The awareness drama on eradication of plastic was done by Youth Commission ARISE Team. At the end of the programme the tree sapling was planted at the

campus of Agraharam parish. 95 Self Help Group

Members participated on this Nature Conservation Day.

## **NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY & POVERTY ERADICATION DAY**

On 19th of October 2023, we have celebrated Girl Child Day at Attur block. In this celebration we created awareness about the difficulties faced by the girl child and the economic growth of females in the society. 25 self help group members had participated on this Celebration day.

On 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2023, we have observed Poverty Eradication Day at Thalaivasal block. In this observation day Rev. Fr. L. David delivered the awareness talk about how to develop economic level to reduce the poverty in the society. 30 Self help group members from Thalaivasal block participated in this observation day.



## KOLPING DAY CELEBRATION

On 27th of October 2023, we celebrated Kolping Day in Koneripatti village, Gangavalli block. On mark of this day, Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Asaithambi, Parish priest of Koneripatti, Rev. Fr. Mariyan Aasty, Parish Priest of Sendharapatti, Rev. Fr. Jai Bernard Joseph, Parish Priest of Siluvaigiri and Rev. Fr. L. David, Director of SSSS. Following the holy mass we conducted Awareness Rally on Environmental Conservation. The rally was led by Rev. Fr. Asaithambi, Parish Priest of Koneripatti. The members held the placards with the slogans of Environment conservation. After the rally a meeting was held at Koneripatti church campus, Rev. Fr. Jai Bernard Joseph delivered the awareness talk on environment conservation. Our Kolping group member's children performed an awareness dance on Environmental issues. Nearly 205 Kolping group members from Gangavalli block and Koneripatti Parishioners participated in this programme.



## WOMEN'S DAY

Salem Social Service Society, District Women federation and Women commission celebrated women's day on 9th March 2024 in Salem Social Service Society. First we started awareness rally from SSSS on Women rights, Violence on Women. The rally was flagged by Mrs. Santhi, Principal of Sri Saradha Educational Institution, Mrs. Renuga



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Salem Social Service Society. After that the common programme was held at St. John's Matriculation School conference Hall. Rev. Fr. L.

David Director of SSSS welcomed the gathering. After that Mrs. Renuga Oliver delivered the talk about violence against women and Girl child abuses to the participants. Then Mrs. Santhi delivered the speech about empowering women in all the field. Following that we have honored the women achievers on stage. In this programme the cultural programmes were given by Holy Angel's Matriculation School students, Sri Saradha educational Institution Students, Women federation members and Arise Dance Team. Nearly 360 Self Help group members participated in this women's Day celebration.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On 23rd December 2023, The Christmas celebration was celebrated in SSSS conference hall. Holy Eucharistic celebration was presided over by our Director Rev. Fr. L. David and Assistant Director Rev. Fr. Prasanna. Followed by the holy mass small games were conducted to the staff member and prizes were distributed to the winners. After that Christmas gift distributed to the staff members of Salem Social Service Society. After the celebration we have donated the Christmas gifts to homeless peoples in our place.



## SPECIAL EVENT PHOTOS





## SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY - GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

S. NO	Name	Designation	Place
1	Most. Rt. Rev. Dr .Arulselvam Rayappan	President	Bishop House
2	Rev. Msgr. Michaelraj Selvam	Vice. President	Bishop House
3	Rev. Fr. L. David	Secretary/ Director	SSSS
4	Rev. Fr. Prasanna	Assistant Director	SSSS
5	Rev. Fr. A. Jacob	Member	Bishop House
6	Rev. Fr. Irudhaya Selvam	Member	Mettur
7	Rev. Fr. Gurusadi Sagayaraj	Member	Pallipalayam
8	Rev. Fr. Gregory Rajan	Member	Mary Palace
9	Rev. Fr. A. Arockiasamy	Member	Minor Seminary
10	Mr. Joseph Raja	Member	Alagapuram
11	Mrs. Mary Helen	Member	Arisipalayam

## SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY - STAFF DETAILS

S. No	Name	Designation	Place
1	Rev. Fr. L. David	Director	SSSS
2	Mr. S. ArockiyaRaj	Accountant	SSSS
3	Mr. T. Davidraja	Coordinator	SSSS
4	Ms. S. Gayathri	Coordinator	SSSS
5	Mrs. A. Punitha	Coordinator	SSSS
6	Mr. S. George Selvaraj	Accountant	SSSS
6	Mrs. C. Mariyatheresa	Animator	Thammampatti
7	Mrs. R. Pauline	Animator	Attur
8	Mrs. S. Ranisambath	Animator	Gangavalli
9	Mrs. R. Indra Gandhi	Animator	Attur
10	Mrs. K. Pappathi	Animator	Thalaivasal
11	Mrs. P. Amuthavalli	Animator	Veeraganur
12	Mrs. F. Kanikairaj	Driver	SSSS
13	Mr. John Albert	Gardener	SSSS