



Western Region Social Service Forum

*Expressing Christian Love Through Social Action
Fostering partnership..... Building lives.....*

Message from the Executive Director



Fr. Jolly Puthenpura

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Dear Readers,

In the Indian scenario, thousands of Non-Governmental and Non-Profit Voluntary Organizations are engaged with different forms of social welfare and contributing their share in the process of National Building. The Catholic Church too plays its due role in rebuilding the lives of millions of our less fortunate sisters and brothers of our country without any discrimination.

The different social development activities and programs promoted by WRSSF have been able to enhance the potentials and capacities of the personnel engaged with these programs which eventually contributed in the promotion of Civil Society and Community-based Organizations in the Western Region.

During the year 2012-2013, WRSSF was able to achieve greater level of organizational growth through its organizational development process. The year saw new leadership in WRSSF in the person of the new Executive Director, more number of professionally trained staff joining the organization as part of staff restructuring process, the Finance Policy approved by the Governing Body, enhanced Partner Support services offered by WRSSF to its 16 Partner Organizations, mobilizing external resources from Development Agencies such as Caritas India and Manos Unidas, forging new alliances with other like-minded stakeholders involved with human development

activities, etc. All these efforts of the past year have definitively contributed in achieving the goals and objectives of WRSSF as a pro-poor, value-based and socially committed Development Organization.

The upcoming year 2013-2014 brings in new hopes, new aspirations and indeed new challenges as well. Hence, we at WRSSF enter into the new financial year with renewed strengths and greater confidence that the Good Lord will continue to inspire and lead us forward in our journey of ensuring a better and brighter future for the poor and the marginalized sections of our human society. As the Director of WRSSF, I take this opportunity to express my deep sentiments of gratitude to each and every person who contributed in one way or another for the growth and service leverage of WRSSF organization during the past one year.

May the Good Lord Bless all of us who are labouring hard for the cause of the poor.

Fr. Jolly Puthenpura



WRSSF'S DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS

FOR THE YEAR - APRIL 2012 TO MARCH 2013

WRSSF as a Social Development Organization has been promoting developmental interventions and building capacities of the 16 Partner Organizations on various social issues such as HIV/AIDS, Farmers suicides, Human Trafficking, Right to Food, Livelihood options, Human made and natural disaster etc. During the year 2012-2013, WRSSF had engaged itself in accomplishing its Vision and Mission through a variety of activities and programs.

The major engagements of WRSSF for the year 2012-2013 have been the following:

1

Formation of Emergency Response Support Team:

WRSSF works effectively towards addressing disaster situations in various Regions through its Partner Organizations. WRSSF spear-headed the formation of an **Emergency Response Support Team** in the western region for taking up disaster management in emergency situations. The regional and diocese level teams have been formed for this purpose. The State level team consists of 35 people from different Partner Organizations. In order to capacitate the Emergency Support Team Members on disaster management, WRSSF invited RedR India to conduct a workshop on Sphere Standards in Humanitarian Practices. Accordingly, a 3-day workshop was conducted at Sarvodaya, Mumbai from 4th to 6th June 2012. The workshop included the use of different tools like power point presentations, group works, simulations and discussions. Sector-wise topics like Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Shelter, Settlement and Non-food items, Food Security and Nutrition, Health Services etc were covered during the three-day workshop.

2

Capacity Building Workshops for WRSSF Partner Organizations:

During the year 2012-2013 WRSSF organized 3 Results-Based Management workshops for the staff of its Partner Organizations. WRSSF has always been adopting Results-Based Management practices to improve the effectiveness of the programs it implements. Results-Based Management is a strategy which adheres to achieving a set of developmental results. WRSSF and our Partner DSSSs develop and implement different programs and projects based on the RBM strategy. With the view to improve the efficiency of the Partner Organizations on Results Based Management, WRSSF organized 3 Zone-wise workshops in the different Regions. The Gujarat Zone workshop was organized at Navjeevan Trust (Rajkot) with special emphasis on understanding the importance of Organic Farming, various ways of farming and relevant government schemes. The Vidarbha Zone workshop was organized at JVS, Paratwada, with a special emphasis on Natural Resource Management. The Maratwada & Konkan Zones workshop was organized at PDSSS, Pune which emphasized on reviewing MIDAS programs based on Result Based Management tools.



The main livelihood source of the people of rural Gujarat is agriculture and daily labor. Over extraction of ground water has led to salinity in many of the coastal and rural villages of Gujarat. Also food insecurity is a big threat for the rural communities of Gujarat. All the 4 Partner Organizations of WRSSS in Gujarat are into doing development interventions on agriculture related issues. Hence, a 3-day skill building workshop on organic farming was organized from 25th to 27th June, 2012 at Asha Kiran Training Centre, Rajkot for addressing some of the issues connected with sustainable agriculture and livelihood options. 20 grass-root level volunteers, Program Coordinators and animators from Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh (Gandhinagar) and Navjeevan Trust (Rajkot), took active part in this workshop. Resource persons for these three days were Dr. K.N. Akbari (Research Scientist, Dry Farming), Mr. Maheshbahi Patel (Agriculture Department- Rajkot) and Dr. Umesh Pandya (MD- Ayurvedic). As part of this workshop, an exposure visit was also organized at Agriculture University, Rajkot. The participants learnt about different scientific projects, schemes, methods of organic farming carried out by Agriculture University through interaction with the concerned authorities and scientists.



Exposure visit to Agriculture University in Rajkot



Volunteers take a look at the vermin-composting bins

The Vidarbha workshop was meant to capacitate the staff working in the different Partner NGOs. The workshop focused on reviewing Natural Resource Management (NRM) program supported by Caritas India and Training on Organic Farming Techniques. The workshop content included the review of the NRM programs implemented by 4 Partner Organizations namely JVS, Amravati, NMSSS, Nagpur, LSSS, Chandrapur and AVS, Nagar Haveli, specific inputs by Fr. Jolly, Mr. Cletus and CESSS team on NRM programs, etc. Mr. Mukund of Caritas India explained monthly reporting formats which includes visit reports, training program reports, SHG meeting reports etc. The participants understood different reporting formats developed by Caritas India. A half day exposure visit was organized at Center for Environmental Social Sector Studies – CESSS at Malkapur which was guided by Mr. Mukund and Mr. Varghese of CI CESSS.



Preparing Jeevamrut – organic fertilizer



Herbal garden at CESSS Centre in Malkapur, Amravati

A 3-day workshop was organized for the Program Coordinators and Animators of Marathwada and Konkan Zone partners at PDSSS, Pune. The workshop focused on enhancing the capacities of the coordinators and animators on Result Based Management of the different projects. The Partner NGOs which participated in the workshop were; NSSS, Nashik; ADSSS, Aurangabad; PDSSS, Pune; CSA, Mumbai; Karunya Trust, Kalyan; Vasai Janhit Trust, Vasai; Sakhya and Amardeep Trust,

Mr. Cletus, Caritas India West Zone Manager, Mr. Mukund Deshmukh of CI CESSS, and Mr. Atul Mane of WRSSF facilitated the workshop sessions. In-puts were given on key components and steps of the Project Cycle, Performance Measurement Matrix, Logical Framework Matrix, Documentation and Report writing, etc.



Strategic planning in an Organization helps it immensely to fulfill its Vision and Mission. It also helps the Organization to make positive social impact at all levels of its functioning. WRSSF re-visited its Regional Perspective Plan during the Goa meeting of the Directors of the Partner Organizations in Feb. 2012. A few thematic areas were pinpointed to be considered as top priority for WRSSF and various suggestions were given to re-vitalize the Organizational practices, to enhance the Organizational capacities and to build up greater levels of professionalism in the Organization. Accordingly, WRSSF organized a 2-day Re-positioning and Perspective Building Workshop at JVS, Amravati from 26th to 27th Sept. 2012. The 4 Zonal Coordinators, WRSSF Director and Treasurer and the Zonal Manager of Caritas India made intellectual contributions in the 2-day workshop. The entire workshop was facilitated by Mr. Conrad Saldanha from Don Bosco College, Mumbai. As the outcome of this Re-positioning workshop, a lot of clarity emerged with regards to the key areas of engagement of WRSSF, the key staff positions, the operational structure of WRSSF, etc. As the final outcome of this workshop, WRSSF now has a new Organogram.



Financial transparency is an essential core component in an organization's effective function which helps it to be accountable to all its stakeholders. Keeping the spirit of the Organization, WRSSF decided to formulate its Finance Policy. Accordingly, a working group prepared the draft copy of WRSSF's Finance Policy Manual which was studied and discussed at different levels. The working draft copy of WRSSF's Finance Policy was sent to all the Bishops and the Directors of the Partner Organizations for their comments and suggestions. All the suggestions received from the Bishops and the DSSS Directors were incorporated into the final draft copy of the Finance Policy which was presented to WRSSF's Governing Body meeting of December 2012. The Governing Body of WRSSF unanimously approved and passed the Finance Policy of WRSSF. It is hoped that the Finance Policy will systematically guide all the financial operations of WRSSF Organization. It will be published during the forthcoming General Body meeting of WRSSF in July 2013.

During the year 2012-2013, Caritas India – the Social Development Wing of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India initiated the formulation of 3 new Policies – a Policy on Local Resource Mobilization, a Policy on Social Inclusion of the most marginalized sections of the society and a Policy on integrating Catholic Ethos in Social work practices. As part of this process, consultations at various levels were held in the different parts of the country. Accordingly, a 1-day consultation workshop was jointly organized by Caritas India and WRSSF for the DSSS Directors of the West and MP Zones on 27th August 2012 at Atma Darshan, Mumbai. Distinguished Guests and Resource Persons of this workshop were Archbishop Abraham V. Bishop Gerald Almeida, Fr. Paul Moonjely, Assistant Director, Caritas India, Fr. Jolly, Director WRSSF, Fr. Augustine, Director of MPSSS and Mr. PJ Lukose, Quality Manager, Caritas India. This consultation workshop was attended by the DSSS directors and second-line leaderships of different DSSSs of the 4 States of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra and MP. The changing funding support systems and the ever increasing need for finding alternative domestic funding sources compelled Caritas India to look beyond its conventional overseas funding sources. During workshop the participants were sensitized on the need for adopting new local resource mobilization practices and tapping available Govt and CSR funds for taking up social development initiatives by the Church Organizations. During the Workshop, Mr. Lukose presented various strategies for resource mobilization and emphasized that the future of the Indian Development Agencies, to a great extent, depended on their ability for domestic fund mobilization.



WRSSF in collaboration with Caritas India (West zone), organized a 1-day workshop on the Financial Management for its Partner Organizations on 28th August 2012. The focus of this workshop was to sensitize the DSSS Directors of the Partner Organizations on adopting sound finance management practices in their organizational functioning. The workshop also gave an opportunity for the participants to get acquainted with the Revised Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) 2010. Fr. Jolly, director WRSSF, Fr. Augustine director MPSSS, Caritas India West-zone team, Directors of the Partner DSSSs of West and MP Regions and the Finance Officers of the Partner Organizations of Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat attended this workshop. The participants were helped to understand the concepts of foreign contribution, foreign sources and constitutionally valid grounds for accepting foreign contribution, basic requirements for receiving foreign contribution, registration and prior permission for receiving foreign contribution, etc. The entire workshop was facilitated by Mr. Martin Pinto, the Finance Consultant to Caritas India, New Delhi.



A 2-day Reflection and Partnership Enhancement Workshop for the Directors of WRSSF's 16 Partner Organizations was organized from 26th to 27th Feb. 2013 in collaboration with LSSS the Social Development Wing of Chanda Diocese. The workshop provided an opportunity for the DSSS Directors of the Western Region to come together for exchange of views and ideas, for sharing about their struggles and success in their social work engagements, for deepening their bonding, for enhancing their work capacities etc. Archbishop Abraham – the Vice-Chairperson of WRSSF and Fr. Jolly the Director of WRSSF guided the 2-day sessions. Mr. Cletus, the Zonal Manager of Caritas India West Zone too was present for the workshop. During the workshop, the Partner Organization Directors got the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the new Organizational structure and the working of WRSSF. The newly inducted Staff of WRSSF were also introduced to the Directors of the Partner Organizations.

The 2-day Workshop also coincided with the Blessing and Inauguration of the newly built Social Centre of Loksamgraha Social Service Society of Chanda and hence all the Directors of the Partner Organizations attending the workshop also took part in the beautiful Blessing and Inauguration ceremony of the new Social Centre of Chanda Diocese.



11 Annual General Body Meeting:

The General Body of WRSSF met on 10th July, 2012 at Sarvodaya, Mumbai. Fr. Jolly the new executive secretary of WRSSF presented the WRSSF annual report of 2011-2012. The Annual Report 2011-2012 gives an overview of all the activities and programs implemented by WRSSF during the year 2011-2012. The Audited Statement of Accounts of the society for the financial year 2011-2012 was presented by Fr. Louis- the Treasurer of WRSSF. Separate audited statement of accounts of each of the projects run by WRSSF was handed down to the members of the general body. The members discussed the financial statements and the treasurer clarified all the queries regarding the same. The General Body members appreciated the clarity with which the accounts of the society were prepared and audited. Fr. Francis Dabre- the outgoing Director cum Executive Secretary of WRSSF was a special invitee to this General Body meeting. On behalf of the members of the general body, Archbishop Abraham expressed his words of gratitude to Fr. Francis for all the hard work he had put in as the director of WRSSF for the past six years. His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracious felicitated Fr. Francis Dabre with a shawl and bouquet and Archbishop Filipe Neri presented a gift as a token of appreciation and gratitude to Fr. Francis for all his good work for the growth of WRSSF during the past years.



12 Governing Body meetings:

The Governing body met twice in the previous year- the meetings were held on 10th July and on 14th December, 2012 at Sarvodaya, Mumbai. The governing body discussed at length about the past achievements of the WRSSF. There were detailed deliberations before charting out the future course of action for the following year. The governing body members voiced their opinions on the expected roles and functioning of WRSSF.

Fr. Jolly- The Director of WRSSF, presented the finance policy manual of WRSSF to the members of the governing body. It was followed by the detailed discussion. At the end of the discussion, all the present members approved and adopted the Finance Policy Manual of the WRSSF. The governing body also took into consideration the requirement of a staff welfare fund for WRSSF. After a healthy deliberation over the concerned issue, the members unanimously agreed to the proposal of Welfare Fund for the staff of WRSSF. The Governing Body also discussed on the need of Local Resource Mobilization to be taken up seriously by the WRSSF as one of its roles in guiding its Partner Organizations. All the present members agreed that there definitely existed an urgent need for the same. However, they suggested discussing this topic with a wider group during the upcoming meeting of WRSSF in July 2013 will enable a more stronger and inclusive planning for WRSSF. On behalf of Fr. Louis, the Treasurer of WRSSF, Mrs. Rezal, the finance officer of WRSSF presented the budget proposal for the upcoming financial year 2013-2014.



1. WRSSF's Organizational Development and Partner Support Enhancement Program :

WRSSF initiated the process of taking up this project to address the needs of its partner organizations. Through this project, which is a 3-year program supported by Caritas India, WRSSF envisions to enhance the functioning of WRSSF and its 16 Partner Organizations. Strengthening the Partner Organizations and developing an optimum level of management at each of the Diocesan Social Service Society will be of primary concern as WRSSF takes forward its mandate through this project. WRSSF will provide quality support to its partners through regular visits and trainings to be conducted throughout the upcoming years. Specific efforts will be made during the project period to strengthen the networks and linkages in the Western Region.

2. Organizational Development & Local Resource Mobilization Program for WRSSF & Partner Organizations:

WRSSF is always striving towards enhancing service quality in the different key areas of the Development Sector. The organizational development and local resource mobilization program supported by Manos Unidas is envisioned and knitted into the very fabric of the organizational planning for excellence performance. Through this program WRSSF also plans to coordinate the social development initiatives of the Church in the Western Region through networking and achieving greater levels of visibility to the Church's Social Service Impacts.

3. A Research project on the issues of Fishing Communities of the Konkan Sea Coast:

Traditional fishing communities are one of the most vulnerable communities that have been exploited for ages. Fisher folk have been rattled by the middlemen's exploitation, outdated fishing techniques and inadequate scientific fish processing techniques, etc. WRSSF together with its Partners operating in the Konkan Sea Coast - Centre for Social Action (CSA) Mumbai, Vasai Janahit Trust (VJT) Vasai, Sindhudurg Diocesan Service Society (SDSS) Sindhudurg and Caritas Goa have initiated a micro-study project to shed light upon the different issues affecting the traditional fishing communities of the region. This research study, supported by Caritas India and spearheaded by Caritas Goa is aiming to highlight

the need to bring an effective intervention package for the upliftment of the traditional fisher folk. This project has already been approved and is expected to take off in the next quarter.

4. Vocational Skill Building Training Program for Gujarat Partner Organizations:

Our Partner Organizations are deeply embedded within the community's fabric and understand that youth within the community require a source of sustainable livelihood. Considering this fact, WRSSF in collaboration with Livelihood Initiatives for Empowerment (LIFE), New Dehi has initiated the process to start a large scale intervention with unemployed, school dropouts, illiterate and less educated youth of the Gujarat Region. This program would work towards enabling rural poor and the marginalized youth to get trained and subsequently to take up employment opportunities. This program aims at empowering youth from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families through different vocational and life skill trainings and placing them into jobs in industrial and service sectors.

WRSSF staff conducted feasibility study of the selected centers as a part of proposal development. WRSSF is planning to start vocational training programs with its partners- Kaira Social Service Society, Khedut Vikas Mandal and Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh.

WRSSF has already submitted proposal to Gujarat Livelihood Promotion Corporation Ltd, Gujarat Government (Ministry of Rural Development) and the project is in the final review process with the Govt. of Gujarat.

5. Vocational Skill Building Training Program for Maharashtra Partner Organizations:

To address issues of youth unemployment in Maharashtra, WRSSF planned to start vocational skill training programs across Maharashtra region. WRSSF has collaborated with Livelihood Initiatives for Empowerment (LIFE) to initiate this program. The programs will start in 8 district of Maharashtra with 10 partners identified by WRSSF. These partners have varied backgrounds and have unique experiences in the vocational training programs. WRSSF team has already conducted youth survey, Industries Mapping and Feasibility study of the concerned centers. Also, WRSSF team had a meeting with District Rural Development Authority from 8 districts for possible partnership for vocational training programs. This project is currently under review with the Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM).

WRSSF Director's Major Engagements for the year 2012-2013

4th June 2012: Attended the Blessing and Inauguration of the new Social Centre building of PDSSS, Pune

7th June 2012: Interface meeting with Concern India Foundation, Mumbai and discussed the possibilities of taking up a Farmers' support program for the Vidarbha Region

19th & 20th June 2012: Discussions and joint field visits with visiting Caritas Spain personnel to Caritas India's CESSS Program at Amravati

9th July 2012: Interface meeting with LIFE Foundation, New Delhi and discussed the possibilities of taking up Vocational Skill Training Program for Gujarat and Maharashtra Church Partners

10th July 2012: Interface meeting with Fr. Barnabee of Don Bosco Society on Govt. GR regarding the registration of Children's hostels run by the Catholic Church in Maharashtra

9th & 10th July 2012: Organized WRSSF Governing Body & General Body meetings and the capacity building trainings for the Diocesan Social Works Directors of the Western Region at Sarvodaya, Mumbai

25th & 26th July 2012: Attended the Forum Directors meeting organized by Caritas India at New Delhi together with Abp. Abraham, WRSSF Vice-Chairman

27th & 28th Aug. 2012: Attended the new Caritas India Policy formulation workshop & FCRA workshop at Atmadarshan, Mumbai

29th Aug. 2012: Joined as the Panel member for the interview of CI Maharashtra State Officer at Sarvodaya & Discussion with Mr. Philip of Caritas India regarding the new project of WRSSF

4th Sept. 2012: Participated in the diocesan CDC Meeting of Aurangabad, meeting with Bp. Edwin, Fr. Wilfred and the staff of DSSS & visit to Vimala Sadan Social Centre at Aurangabad

26th to 28th Sept. 2012: Organized WRSSF's Strategic Planning workshop and Finance Policy formulation workshop at JVS Amravati

13th Oct. 2013: Interface meeting with Rev. Abjeet & Mr. Lawrence of CNI Church, Mumbai and explored the possibilities of taking up a relief program for farmers' suicide victims of the Vidarbha Region

17th & 18th Oct. 2012: Attended the Caritas India supported MIDAS project evaluation and planning workshop at Sawantwadi

19th Oct. 2012: Facilitated the Discussion Meeting of the DDSWs of the Konkan Region on Konkan Coast Fisherfolk's issues

24th Nov. to 4th Dec. 2012: Joined the team of visiting Manos Unidas personnel from Spain for the field visits and evaluation of 18 projects funded by Manos Unidas

in Pune, Ahmednagar, Nashik, Talasari and Mumbai

2nd Dec. 2012: Interface meeting and discussions with Manos Unidas personnel at WRSSF Office, Mumbai on the new project of WRSSF to be funded by Manos Unidas

14th Dec. 2012: Organized WRSSF Governing Body meeting and presentation of the draft copy of WRSSF Finance Policy to the GB members & GB approval of the same at Sarvodaya, Mumbai

11th & 12th Jan 2013: Attended the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit together with Fr. Appavoo of Ahmedabad and Fr. Thomas of Rajkot, hosted by Gujarat CM, Mr. Modi

16th to 18th Jan. 2013: Attended the National level meeting of all the Forum Directors at Goa, hosted by Caritas India

28th Jan. 2013: Attended the 1st Melghat Catholic NGO Forum Meeting called by Bishop Elias of Amravati at JVS, Paratwada

13th & 14th Feb. 2013: Visit to Nagpur DSSS and attended the meeting called by Abp. Abraham of all the Bishops and Social Works Directors of Nagpur, Amravati, Aurangabad and Chanda in which there was a detailed discussion on the Social ministry of the Church

26th to 27th Feb. 2013: Organized 2-day bi-annual meeting of the Directors of the Partner DSSSs, had the meeting of the Zonal coordinators & attended the blessing and inauguration of the new social centre of Chanda diocese at Chandrapur

12th March 2013: 2nd interface meeting with LIFE Foundation regarding the progress of WRSSF's proposed Vocational Skill Training Project for Gujarat and Maharashtra, New Delhi

13th March 2013: Participated in the Caritas India new Policy Finalization workshop, New Delhi



WRSSF Director's interaction with the villagers in Ahmednagar District



Representatives of Manos Unidas with WRSSF Director during their field visit in Ahmednagar

Gujarat Livelihood Promotion Corporation Ltd invited WRSSF Executive Director to be part of Gujarat Vibrant Summit which was organized from 11th to 13th January, 2012 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. This invitation was based on the active role that WRSSF and its partners play in the state of Gujarat. On behalf of WRSSF and its partners, Fr. Jolly of WRSSF, Fr. Joseph Appavoo of Ahmedabad and Fr. Thomas of Rajkot participated in the 3-day summit. About 5000 delegates from different States of the country and about 500 foreign delegates from over 100 countries participated in the Vibrant Gujarat 2013 Summit.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR PARTNERS

WRSSF in collaboration with 16 Diocese in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa have 16 organisations working as partners with similar mission and objectives as WRSSF. They all work for the upliftment and benefit of the oppressed and marginalized of the society in varied areas like Income Generation Programs, Water issues, Women Empowerment, Child rights protection, agriculture, other livelihood options and awareness about the rights of marginalized sections like tribals, Prisoners, Women, Children etc. We present the following report of selected activities from some of our partners.



Western Region Social Service Forum has been able to undertake fruitful partner support visits in the year 2012 – 2013. The outreach activities have taken place through the length and breadth of whole western region; from the magnificent Sahyadris to the vast farmlands of Vidarbha, from the vibrant land of Gujarat to the farthest fishing hamlets of Konkan. WRSSF has strived towards the acceleration of humanitarian development by extending greater assistance in program and organizational development. We present a few glimpses of our visits before taking you on a journey showcasing the hard work of our partners.



WRSSF staff interacting with the villagers



WRSSF staff leading an animators meet of various programs



Workshop on organic farming and soil conservation



A livelihood opportunity created through Income Generation Program.

DIOCESE OF AHMEDABAD- Kaira Social Service Society

Kaira Social Service Society (K.S.S.S), the official social wing of Diocese of Ahmedabad, works to promote the rights and health of the poor and marginalized Communities in Gujarat irrespective of caste, creed and religion. It was registered under both the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950 and the Societies Registration Act, 1860, on February 3, 1967.

KSSS aims at empowering communities towards self reliance through Community Based Organizations (CBO's) like Self Help Groups, Peace clubs, Federations, Mahila/Children Panchayats and Task forces etc, which address their economic, social and

other local issues. Today it functions very professionally with its well established various polices like HR, Finance, Gender, HIV/AIDS, ethical, Child Protection and Policy against Sexual Harassment at work places.

Strategies:

1. Awareness Generation
2. Formation of CBOs
3. Capacity Building
4. Skill Promotion
5. Networking and Linkages
6. Advocacy & Lobbying

The Guiding Principles

1. Building sustainable community based on justice and peace with preferential option for the poor
2. Upholding Human Dignity in all our areas of operations at all times
3. Strengthen the capacity of our operating partners
4. Gender Equality
5. Promotion of Good Governance within the organization and in the target areas
6. Mainstreaming of HIV concept in all our interventions for better quality of life of People Living with HIV (PLHIVs) with the reduction of stigma and discrimination

KSSS works in various districts of Gujarat with special focus in Ahmedabad, Anand, Kheda & a part of Panchmahals districts. KSSS has been a key player in the area of work related to Disaster Management & maintaining a Sustainable Environment.

In the last one year KSSS is continuously committed to develop the capacity and knowledge of the communities and the Panchayats to work towards proactive approach in disaster management before, during and after any emergencies/disasters. KSSS promotes interventions on mitigation, prevention and

community preparedness as a response to disaster.

KSSS efforts aimed at enhancing community resilience are implemented through the task forces and farmers clubs. These groups have helped in reducing the negative impact of natural calamities on the lives of people and their livelihood, enabling them to withstand such disasters. Over the years, KSSS has developed a wide range of networking which includes the Panchayats, Disaster Management Authorities, Community Based Organizations and other NGO's in the area to have a stronger impact in their respective field of work.

KSSS has promoted Natural Resource Management by mitigating the effects of climate change and empowering livelihood and reducing migration. It has also promoted sustainable agriculture by promoting organic farming, wormy-composting, soil and water conservation and protection of environment etc in 9 villages of Kheda, Anand and Ahmedabad Districts. Task force of Pandoli has become an ideal exposure visit destination for other NGOs on Disaster Management. The Task Force has installed water purifier for the people at the cost of Rs. 18 lakhs.

During this year, with the financial assistance of Manos Unidas, KSSS has initiated a new project in 15 rural villages like Dholka, Bavla and Dhandhuka belonging to the district of Ahmedabad.



A Disaster Management Workshop in progress



Screening of an Environmental awareness documentary

Major Activities Conducted

Sr.No.	Training	No Of Training	Days	Participation
1	Training on Plastic/Agriculture	1	1	56
2	MNREGA	1	1	45
3	Seed Bank Training	31	1	31
4	Social Audit	65	1 Day each	65 TRG
5	Capacity Building of Task forces	7	-	-
6	NRM	1	Two days	35
7	Drawing completion for Children on Child safety	7	1 day each	7 schools
8	Tree Plantation	10 villages	-	10 villages
9	Cleanliness of Amod village	-	-	SHG women

Karunya Trust is a Multi Religious NGO, registered under Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 formed in May 1998. Karunya trust is dedicated for the upliftment of the downtrodden without any discrimination of caste and creed. The community development, animation, education, empowerment and health care are the key areas of its activities. Women, children, physically and mentally challenged and aged people are its focus groups and the HIV affected and infected children and infected parents are its special target groups.

In order to help the poor and needy eligible women in Maharashtra, a Samuh Vivah (Mass wedding) was conducted on April 4, 2013 as part the Silver Jubilee year of the diocese of Kalyan. The programme was conducted under the leadership of the Karunya Trust in collaboration with Rahel George Charitable Trust. 50 couples (26 Buddhists, 11 Adivasi Hindus, 7 Hindus, 1 Muslim, 5 Christians,) were selected from the state of Maharashtra, based on socio-economic condition of their family. The wedding ceremony was conducted according to Hindu, Dalit, Muslim and Christian marriage rituals. All the couples were provided with basic gifts and other wedding expenses in cash and kind amounting to Rs. 75,000 per couple.

A public meeting was held to felicitate the couples. Shri. Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon. Union Labour Minister and Shri. Johnny Joseph, Upa Lokayukta, Maharashtra and Shri. Ramesh Ratan Patil, M.L.A. Kalyan Rural were

the guests at the event and expressed that the social activities of the Eparchy are really model for various religious groups.

During the function, the diocese of Kalyan handed over the keys of 30 houses constructed for the poor and needy in the rural areas of Ambarnath, Bhiwandi and Kalyan Taluka. This is a part of social project for the rehabilitation of the poor in the area.



A wedding is in progress at the Samuh Vivah organized by the Karunya Trust, Kalyan



Mar Thomas Elavanal, Bishop of Kalyan hands over the keys of 30 Jubilee Memorial Houses in the presence of Shri. Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon. Union Labour Minister & Shri. Johnny Joseph, Upa Lokayukta.

SINDHUDURG DIOCESE- Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society

Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society (SDDS) is a registered society in the Diocese of Sindhudurg. SDSS has been working for the poor and marginalized of the society and to bring about a holistic change in the community.

The MIDAS (Maharashtra Integrated Development Action for Society) is one the major projects of SDDS which was started from 2010. Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society (SDDS) is working in the Second Phase of MIDAS in 25 villages of 5 blocks in Sindhudurg District with 600 beneficiaries out of which 500 are

women and 100 are small landholding farmers. SDSS intends to strengthen the structures, building systems in SDDS and work on two issues- to improve social status of women and economic status of small farmers in 25 villages of Sindhudurg District. There was a regular follow up of the planned activities like government schemes applications, ration cards, MREGA plants nursery schemes, co-operative farming, animal husbandry, PRI, Gramsabha etc. for getting government schemes.

An overview of the activities at SDDS

Thrust Area	Target Beneficiaries	Finance Spent	Key Achievement
Income Generation Programs	192	Rs. 8497/-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 165 women have been involved in the IGP activities individually. 17 Cashew processing units were sanctioned by Panan Mandal
SHGs	4284	Rs.4 8,69,201/ Total Saving & Rs. 8,71,7305/- Inter Loaning Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 women were elected in Gram Panchayat elections 31 women attended the Gram Sabha at Ranbambuli and raised questions regarding Water and Road at Ranbambuli.
Vocational Training	130		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 130 women & girls got opportunity to learn new skills for Income Generation activities.
Educational initiatives	70	Rs.1,65,600/-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 66 students received educational help and they are perceiving their further studies 4 students received educational aid from SDDS for their education
Agro centric Projects	307 farmers	Rs. 36,775 /-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total 144 applications were submitted including group schemes and 624 people received Rs.15,19,800 directly or indirectly. 114 farmers received fertilizers & seeds from Bhedshi centre through Coconut Development Board and Agri. Department 50 farmers were involved in Co-operative farming at 15 wadis



Co-operative farming



Soil testing

DIOCESE OF AMRAVATI- Jeevan Vikas Sanstha

Jeevan Vikas Sanstha (Amravati Diocesan Social Development Society) is front-line Voluntary & Non-profit Social Development Wing of the Catholic Diocese of Amravati, Maharashtra State, India. JVS facilitates the integrated human development, particularly, of the disadvantaged and weaker sections of the society to bring about an overall development irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

Child Rights for Change programme, supported by Save the Children, is the first program which Jeevan Vikas Sanstha (JVS) initiated in the thematic area of Child Rights and Child Protection. Farmers community in Vidharbha face numerous socio-economic challenges which are influential factors in engendering

the high levels of cultural and social acceptance for child labour and negligence for the rights of children. Therefore both JVS, Amaravati and Save the Children had a shared desire to combat the harmful impact of child labour and to promote Child Rights among the farmers community of Vidharbha. As a result, the program commenced on 15th may 2009 and ended on 30th June 2013, with a number of success stories of changing lives. The program had its intervention in about 100 villages of Amaravati district and was mainly focused on the major four thematic areas like Child Protection, Inclusive Education, Women Empowerment and Preventive Health.

Major Achievement during last four years :

Child Protection :

- Active Child protection committees and Children's Group in all the hundred targeted villages.
- 5435 Children were helped out of child labour.
- Sixty Villages have declared as Child labour free, where all the children are in school, no children under fourteen years are engaged in any kind of works and all community members respect the rights of children.
- Seventy five Police officers were trained on Juvenile Justice and Child protection.
- 19870 community members sensitised on hazards of child labour, gender equality and child protection issues.
- 10605 adolescents received life skill education.
- 8138 children received their birth certificates.

Inclusive Education:

- 280 Government teachers received training on Child Friendly Learning Environment and leadership and Motivation.
- 80 Anganwadi Workers received the training on the importance of Pre-school education and pre literacy skills.
- 20 Government schools were developed as Model schools where the techniques of Building as Learning Aid (BaLA) is implemented.



Outdoor activity with children for interaction

An overview of all the activities at JVS

Thrust Area	Operational Area	Total Target Beneficiaries	Key Achievements
Income Generation Program	Local Social Centers of Kusumkot, Malkapur, Paratwada, Kara & Washim:	800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 500 tribal and rural families are involved with Micro enterprises for taking up IGP • 300 families have take up different viable home-based IGPs
SHGs	Local Social Centers of Kusumkot, Malkapur, Paratwada, Kara & Washim:	450 SHGs & 5400 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All these SHGs have regular savings and inter-lending activities • Most of these SHGs have received Govt. schemes
Mahila Mandals	Local Social Centers of Kusumkot, Malkapur, Paratwada, Kara & Washim:	JVS works with about 10000 women annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided several empowerment trainings to women • Promoted women for playing active roles in the village level PRI bodies
Vocational Training (Hospitality, Sales and Marketing, Electrician, Auto-mobile mechanic)	Amravati	650 youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 650 youth were trained in the 3-month vocational skill training in different trades such as and already placed into jobs in different cities like Amravati, Nagpur, Aurangabad, Ahmedabad
Child Development Projects	Anjangaon, Achalpur and Daryapur Blocks of Amravati District – 100 villages	JVS works with about 5000 children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted 100 village level Child Protection Committees • Promoted 100 Children's Groups • Assisted over 1500 school drop-out children to continue with their formal school education
Agra-Centric Projects	Malkapur Social Centre.	400 tribal farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted Organic farming among the tribal farmers • Promoted Farmers' Field Schools for practical farm related trainings and replication • Successfully conducted Soil and Water Conservation activities in tribal communities over 2500 hectares of agriculture lands

Vasai Janahit Trust (VJT) is a registered society under public trust act and charitable trust of Diocese of Vasai. VJT works for the upliftment of the downtrodden and marginalized of the society. The Diocese of Vasai with the support of Vasai Janhit Trust (VJT) addressed the issues of livelihood and health in the 27 hamlets in 12 villages of Dahanu and Talasari taluka in Thane District. VJT partners with NGOs, District Rural Development Authority (DRDA), Nodal centers, Bal Vikas Sangh, Church based organizations, NABARD Bank, block development office of Dahanu and Talasari and the Government agricultural department etc.

96 SHGs, 10 farmers clubs are in the process, 2 youth groups & 38 Income Generation Programmes (IGP) are running today. There were various programs conducted among the tribal villages and hamlets. There were programs and on mother and child health, sustainable agriculture, kitchen garden demonstration and linkages to various social welfare schemes and reforestation campaigns etc.



VJT team member interacting with the farmers

VJT's key achievements' in the thematic area of Agriculture Development for the past year:

- 144 farmers attended the two training on Kitchen garden and vegetable cultivation
- 70 farmers cultivated 2nd crop (Vegetable cultivated)
- 64 women started Kitchen garden- Varkhanda, Gangangoan & Ashagad Zones.
- 25 SHGs comprising of 300 farmers got Kitchen garden kit through the Govt. scheme.
- 75 farmers attended one exposure programme on Vegetable cultivators & Income Generating Programs (IGP) On Oct.2011 to Sept.2012.
- 18 farmers started fishery where 12 farmers in one group started fishery & 6 farmers started Individual fishery.
- 70 farmers cultivated 2nd crop -Vegetable cultivated & they participated in the exposure programme.
- 97 farmers attended the two training on Vermi compost & Compost Pits
- 77 families have compost pit in there households.
- 245 farmers apply to Prakaalpa Office & Panchayat Samiti for Vermin compost & Compost Pit.
- 245 farmers attended training on government schemes on alternative income & irrigation.
- 10 farmers groups comprising of 160 famers ready for joining with NABARD.

DIOCESE OF BARODA – Khedut Vikas Mandal

Khedut Vikas Mandal (KVM) is a registered society under public trust act and charitable trust of Diocese of Baroda. KVM's activities are carried out in the field of education, health services and rural development aimed at the development of the poor and needy people irrespective of race, caste and creed.

Khedut Vikas Mandal works in 9 districts of Gujarat state, having a strong network of 49 grass root level partners in the tribal belt of these districts of the Baroda

Diocese since the past 30 years.

KVM with the help of the local partners formed the project 'ARTI' which aims to strengthen the local people for their effective participation and good governance. ARTI- Action for Rural Tribal Initiatives mainly focuses on the Panchyati Raj, specially on the roles and responsibilities of village development committees (VDC's) and their networking with Panchayat's, for the overall development of a village.

The basic strategy of ARTI is to strengthen community organizations such as SHGs and build the capacities of Adivasi leadership, through activities such as trainings, linkage building, networking activities, exposure visits, knowledge building, etc. ARTI project is implemented in 56 villages of south Gujarat.

To build up the capacity of VDC and people, they have provided various kinds of trainings to VDC's like leadership trainings, village development micro planning, women in Panchayat Raj etc. Over 4219 men and women have participated in 221 trainings conducted last year. The Project has helped villagers to diversify their resource base as and when possible. In centres like Zankhvav, Umarpada, Dediapada, Unai, Pimpri, Dadwada, Bardipada, the resources mobilized there by the VDC's have cost Rs. 1, 79, 30, 290 totally. This amount has been used to provide facilities like Hand pumps, NREGA, Tar/RCC roads, water tanks, water boring pumps, Panchayat hall, seed distribution etc.



Women being trained on Panchayati Raj



A water tank built in a village by KVM

ARCH DIOCESES OF MUMBAI - Centre for Social Action

The Centre for Social Action (CSA) is the office for Social Work and Development of the Archdiocese of Bombay. It works for the empowerment and upliftment of the poor and marginalized sections of the society in the city of Mumbai and its suburbs and also in Thane and Raigad districts. Centre for Social Action is actively involved into Income Generation Programs in Mumbai city & Suburbs, Dharavi Island, Kalyan and Raigad District. In Raigad district IGP program started to create alternative livelihood/income source for the poor and marginalized families who was not able to earn enough money to run the family.

An overview of the activities at CSA

Thrust Area	Operational Area	Total Population	Total Target Beneficiaries	Key Achievements
Income Generation Program	Mumbai City & Suburbs, Dharavi Island, Kalyan and Raigad District		747	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 256 individuals received goats and 48 women from 2 SHGs involved in cashew nut processing Turmeric cultivation – 30 individuals from 3 groups 100 women selling dry fish, fish pickle & catering.
SHGs (Total Number of SHGs are 706)	Mumbai City & Suburbs, Dharavi Island and Kalyan & Raigad Districts	3,47,357	12093	Total no. of SHGs – 706 Total no. of networking partners – 29
Mahila Mandals (total no. of Mahila Mandals –603)	Mumbai City & Suburbs, Dharavi Island and Kalyan & Raigad Districts	6,84,807	21960	Total no. of mahila mandals – 603 Total no. of networking partners – 46

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Thrust Area	Operational Area	Total Population	Total Target Beneficiaries	Key Achievements
Vocational Training (Includes Tailoring, cooking classes, screen printing, paper bag making etc.)	Mumbai City & Suburbs, Dharavi Island and Kalyan & Raigad Districts		552	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total students at tailoring classes - 273 Kalyan - 12 women prisoners in Adharwadi jail Total students at knitting classes - 10 Kalyan - 10 women prisoners at Adharwadi jail Total no. of computers - 46 Total no. of sewing machines - 67
Child Development Projects	Mumbai City & Suburbs, Dharavi Island and Kalyan & Raigad Districts	49,140	3440	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total no. of bal sansads - 142 Total target beneficiaries in bal sansads - 2,940 Total no. of children's groups - 25 Total target beneficiaries in children's groups - 500
Educational Initiatives	Mumbai City & Suburbs, Dharavi Island and Kalyan & Raigad Districts	2,71,147	4598	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total no. of NIOS classes - 1, students-30 Total no. of supplementary classes - 128 Total no. of children in supplementary classes - 3,168 Total no. of study classes - 66 Total no. of children in study classes - 1,400
Agro-Centric Projects	Raigad District	1400	280	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of farmers cultivating turmeric organically - 30 No. of tree saplings planted - 3,500



Brinjal cultivation by SHG



Turmeric farming promoted by CSA

DIOCESE OF AURANGABAD- Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society

Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society (ADSSS) is a registered society which exists to enhance the human dignity of the weaker sections through a process of empowerment, liberation and transformation. Aurangabad Diocese has been actively involved in the social outreach programs through its partners operational in the eight districts of Marathwada region.

The Aurangabad Diocese has been faced with severe drought during the months of March to June. In the face of this scenario the ADSS took it upon itself to ease the suffering of the people. Drought Relief program had its main goal to "Reduce Impact of Drought and increase Resilience of 5640 families in 100 villages of

four districts of Marathwada and to access available Government Relief Resources to develop sustainable village level interventions for the future.

On the experimental level 100 villages of 4 Districts were selected to work on the issue of Drinking water which was also thematic issue of the Aurangabad Diocesan Perspective Plan. These 4 Districts were: 1. Osamanabad 2. Aurangabad 3. Latur, 4. Beed With help of 4 District Level Representatives (DLR's) and 8 Block Level Representatives (BLR's) in the four Districts people in the 100 villages were awakened and were appraised of the schemes that the Government had for them due to the water scarcity in their respective villages to provide them with the drinking water

through tankers and repairs of the water resources in and around their villages. The ADSSS appointed these DLRs and BRLs and operated in these 100 villages as a Vigilance Team for 2 months of water scarcity.

Some of the key Highlights of this initiative:

- 8875 SC/ST families availed safe and sufficient drinking water in Drought Relief programmed by the integration of staff through the support of Caritas India.
- 93 drinking water resources were repaired by Government
- 3570 Families got access to drinking water from repaired the resources by the governments
- 71 villagers done the strong follow up of the applications which submitted to governments office like GP, Tahasil office
- 29 Tankers started plying and 2745 SC/ST families got drinking water
- 22 borewell acquired for 2560 families
- 24 visits done by the DRL with the BRL to collect

- data from Taluka level of available water sources
- 8 planner collected by the BRL and DRL of available water sources of the Drought Relief programmed of the Government of 8 Talukas of the projects area including the target villages
- 170 Applications submitted by the SC/ST families, Water committees /VDC with DRL and BRL at Governments offices like water supply department, BDO, Tahsil offices etc.



Villagers building canals as part of Drought relief program

DIOCESE OF POONA- Poona Diocesan Social Service Society

Poona Diocesan Social Service Society (PDSSS) is an organization works for empowering weaker and marginalized sections of society. PDSSS has been extensively working for upliftment of poor and socially excluded sections of the society. It works in five most backward districts namely, Satara, Solapur, Sangali, Kolhapur and Pune in the western part of Maharashtra.

Intervention in Satara District- PDSSS works in 8 villages of Satara district. Under Government Woman and Child Welfare scheme, organization has started free tailoring course for village women and girls. Many unemployed and poor girls are receiving benefits of free tailoring course which is supported by the government in the Bedvadi and Parmala village. The training has been given on preparing washing power, pickle and papad making, phenyl making, chocolate-making etc. After getting training on tailoring course, many village girls and women started Income Generation Programs (IGP's). Income Generation programs helps them to sustain their family.

Also through Panchayati Raj Institution, information and guidance on HIV/AIDS has been given to youth, because of which girls are gaining in confidence. Due to the organization's training on Goat Rearing, Poultry

Farming etc, the economic status of village women has improved. Through the guidance of organization staff, women from Dabawadi village have started Milk co-operative which has helped to generate additional source of income for them. Through the guidance of PDSSS, five SHGs were selected by Panchayat Samiti for Rajmata Jijau Award in 2012.



A Dairy Project taken up by the village Women SHG



A group of women undergoing tailoring classes

DIOCESE OF NASHIK- Nashik Social Service Society

The Nashik Social Service Society (NSSS) was formed in 1996 with a view of reaching out to the needy through services such as Education, Health and Communication Development. NSSS acts as an umbrella organization, supporting and supported by a network of 115 NGO's. NSSS has its operational districts as Ahemadagar, Dhule, Jalgaon, Nandurbar of Maharashtra State.

The prison ministry program run by NSSS is one of the stand-out programs in Dioceses on Nashik. This program was initiated by NSSS at the central prison, Nasik. It is a collaborative venture by volunteers, social workers of NSSS, teachers and psycho-social counselors. During the past year, 250 children of the Anganwadi in the central prison were supported with child-care and education and 300 Prison inmates were counseled.



A Religious sister tying a Rakhi's to the prisoner.



NSSS Director with the prison inmates during a social gathering

DIOCESE OF CHANDA- Loksamgraha Social Service Society

Loksamgraha Social Service Society (LSSS) is the Social Development wing of the Chanda Diocese. LSSS is a charitable, non-profit based Social Service Centre established in 2006. Prior to the formation of the Society, it was known as Department of Social Work. It has been working with a wholesome approach for the development of the marginalized people in Wardha, Gadchiroli and Chandrapur Districts of the backward Vidarbha Region since the last three decades.

LSSS primarily focuses on issues like poverty alleviation, illiteracy, gender inequality, health, education and farmer suicides. LSSS over the years has given special impetus to the developmental activities at village level through programs such as mass awareness on social issues, health awareness, motivational camps, watershed development and various other agricultural programs.

SHG's set up by the LSSS is one of their finest interventions. They have gone on to form 379 BPL and APL groups in their project areas. Out of 379 groups, 271 are linked with banks and other Government Schemes. In the past year the focus of LSSS was

towards strengthening and formation of new SHG's in the area. The SHG's have been introduced to various Government Schemes, Inter- loaning and records keeping facilities. Through the various other awareness programs like leadership, skill development, capacity building and entrepreneurship some changes are seen in their lives. Most of the SHGS are participating in the gram sabha and submitting the applications regarding their problems. Through this self sufficiency program, women's thinking pattern has changed over a period of time. Over the last year, LSSS has emphasized on initiating new ventures via the SHG's. LSSS has been influential in supporting the SHG's to avail loans for agricultural purpose and setting up ration shops in their area.



A village level SHG training in progress

An overview of the activities at LSSS

Sr. No	Thrust Area	Operational area	Total Beneficiaries	Total Finance Spent	Land mark achievements
1	IGP	Chandrapur & Gandichoroli	3568	7,20,000	180 beneficiaries started small scale industries ie. vegetable shop, bangle shop, readymade cloth shop, stitching machine, goat rearing, kirana shop
2	SHG	Chandrapur & Gandichoroli	3639	6,20,000	2 SHGs have started ration shop & 24 SHGs received money from bank for agriculture purpose
3	Vocational training	Chandrapur & Gandichoroli	20	40,000	14 youth completed computer course & 6 girls completed their tailoring classes
4	Child development project	Chandrapur & Gandichoroli	268	30,000	Tuition classes were started in 6 villages, Study material distributed in 11 villages
5	Agriculture	Chandrapur & Gandichoroli	534	1,56,754	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are aware about organic farming they are started use to manure in the field • 40 farmers get the horticulture schemes from government agriculture department
6	HIV	Chandrapur & Gandichoroli	22664	6,57,000	<p>In the target area-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV/AIDS patients are accepted by others. Family members because of our intervention • Beneficiaries are more aware about the negative consequences of this

DIOCESE OF RAJKOT- Navjeevan Trust

Navjeevan Trust is the Social Work Department of the Diocese of Rajkot, Gujarat. It works in 8 civil districts of Saurashtra and Kutch, i.e., Rajkot, Amreli, Surendranagar, Porbunder, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar and Kuth covering 1351 villages, 412 slums and work through 28 field offices, 20 partners, 13 sister concerns, 453 staff members, and hundreds of volunteers and well wishers.

Navjeevan Trust works with the downtrodden and marginalized, mainly women, children, HIV infected and affected, orphans and semi orphans, youth, migrants, marginalized farmers, SC, STs and OBCs. Navjeevan Trust believes in working for the integral development of the poor and marginalized to lead them towards a dignified and liberated life through empowerment through a rights-based approach.



Children conducting a community walk in their village



A women's leadership program underway

An overview of the activities at Navjeevan Trust

Sr. No	Thrust Area	Operational area	Total Beneficiaries	Total finance spent	Land mark achievements
1	IGP	Saurashtra region & Kutch District	278	1123000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 278 families got sustainable income through livelihood activities 100% children are getting education in the families those who are doing livelihood activities
2	SHGS	Saurashtra region & Kutch District	7589	1360000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2329 SHG women availed of 20 various govt. schemes 292 groups from 42 villages from Kutch district had been federated 372 groups from 41 villages from Kutch district are part of microfinance and getting benefit
3	Vocational training	Kutch District	902	228000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started tailoring unit at Rajkot mainly for HIV infected women & High risk group. 48% women working at home and earn for their livelihood.
4	Child development project	Rajkot District	1860	2680695	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 646 dropout children mainstreamed in the school 165 families linked with social protection schemes Village Information Centre started in 165 villages Child protection committee formed in 18 villages
5	Educational initiatives	Saurashtra region & Kutch District	4861	1300000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 146 balmandals formed and 2554 members.
6	Agro-centric project	Lodhika & Parnala	292	132700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 farmers club formed 32 farmers practising organic farming
7	HIV		4568	3787103	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behaviour of 55% beneficiaries changed and they prefer for Safe sex. 48% beneficiaries voluntarily go for Regular medical check-ups and HIV testing.

ARCH DIOCESE OF GANDHINAGAR- Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh

Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh, Gandhinagar (SSSS) is a voluntary organization established in 2003, working in Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Patan, Mehsana and Gandhinagar districts of North Gujarat. SSSS has adopted participatory and community mobilization approach and the Organization works as a catalyst for the integral development of the poor and marginalized rural communities, thus empowering them to gain status in society as well as enhancing their livelihood.

SSSS has embarked upon various programs like CBDM, Safe motherhood, Early childhood and Development and Empowerment. CBDM on one hand combats drought and its adverse effects and on the other hand, promotes integral development.



Earthen check dams built in the village by SSSS



Medical care given to patients through SSSS

An overview of the Activities of SSSS

Sr. No	Thrust Area	Operational area	Total Beneficiaries	Total finance spent	Land mark achievements
1	IGP	Mehsana, Patan, Banaskantha, Sabarkantha & Gandhinagar	45,640	95,28,214	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 Seed & 116 Grain banks built • Migration in 6 villages arrested • 15 villages benefitted through MNREGA scheme • 6 Village Information Centers erected
2	SHGS	Mehsana, Patan, Banaskantha, Sabarkantha & Gandhinagar	24,654	1,22,55,551	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 426 SHGs have Potential of becoming autonomous bodies • 748 Village Development Committees formed • Gram Sabha attendance increased to 60% • 82% Internal Loaning increased
3	Vocational training	Mehsana, Patan, Banaskantha, Sabarkantha & Gandhinagar	63	1,60,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Self-employed in tailoring, • 30 Entrepreneurship Character hoisted
4	Child development project	Gandhinagar, Mehsana, Patan, Banaskantha & Sabarkantha	22495	In kind bulgar & Oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3490 children receive nutritious food in the boarding • 66 Kindergartens supported • 100% tuition classes conducted
5	Agro centric project	Gandhinagar, Mehsana, Patan, Banaskantha & Sabarkantha	29,793	2,68,92,615	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 families doing Organic Farming • 35% household income increased • 70ft water level increased • 72 acres land leveling done • 1000 units of Organic Kitchen gardening • 56 Roof Water Harvesting Structure of 10,000 capacity, • 8 RWHS of 30,000 capacity built
6	HIV	Mehsana District	20554	50, 12,495	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Community Care Centres erected • 5887 (3345 M & 2542) OP attended & 2317 put on ART • 986 Family Counseling undertaken



Our Partner Outreach in the Western Region

Name of the Partner	State	Panchayats / Villages	Block	District
Caritas Goa, Goa	Goa	34 villages	Bardez, Salcete, Quepem, Tiswadi, Ponda & Illhas	North & South
Kaira Social Service Society, Ahmedabad	Gujarat	100 villages	Dholka, Bawala, Dhandhuka, Umreth, Petlad, Khambhat, Anand, Nadiad, Matar, Kathalal, Mahudha, Balasiner, Thasara, Mahmadabad	Kheda, Anand, Ahmedabad & parts of Panchmahal
Navjeevan Trust, Rajkot	Gujarat	1279 villages, 395 slums	Rajkot, Sihor, Amreli, Dwaraka, Veraval, Bhuj, Surendranagar, Porbandar	Rajkot, Amreli, Porbandar, Junagadh, Surendranagar, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar & Kutch
Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh, Gandhinagar	Gujarat	741 villages	Tharad, Dhanera, Deesa, Dantiwada, Amirgadh, Danta, Vadgam, Palanpur, Deodar, Kalak, Gandhinagar, Dehgam, Radhanpur, Sidhpur, Patan, Khedbrahma, Vijaynagar, Idar, Bhiloda, Medhraj, Himarnagar, Modasa, Satlasana, Kheralu, Bhilleshwarpara, Mahesana, Kadi, Satlasana, Kheralu, Unjha, Visnagar, Vijapur, Mahesana, Bacharaji, Kadi	Banaskantha, Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Patan, and Gandhinagar
Khedut Vikas Mandal, Baroda	Gujarat	56 villages	Ahwa, Valiya, Dharampur, Jagadia, Umarpada	Surat, Bharuch, Valsad, Dangs
Centre for Social Action, Mumbai	Maharashtra	123 villages, 30 community centers	14 Blocks of Raigad Districts 2 Blocks (Uttan, Bhayander) of Thane District, Dharavi Island	Mumbai, Thane & Raigad
Karunya Trust, Kalyan	Maharashtra	31 Panchayats	Ambarnath, Kalyan & Bhiwandi	Thane
Vasai Janhit Trust, Vasai	Maharashtra	26 Panchayats	Bhiwandi, Shahapur, Vasai, Daharu, Palghar, Talasari, Jawhar, Mokhada, Vada & Vikramgad	Thane
Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society, Sindhudurg	Maharashtra	32 villages	Vengurla, Dodamarg, Malvan, Kudal, Kankavli	Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri & Kolhapur
Poona Diocesan Social Service Society, Pune	Maharashtra	32 villages	Daund, Satara, Pune (11 Parishes)	Pune, Satara, Kolhapur, Solapur & Sangli
Nashik Social Service Society, Nashik	Maharashtra	75 villages	Shevgaon, Shrirampur, Navasa, Dindhori	Nasik, Ahmednagar, Jalgaon, Nandurbar, Dhule
Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society, Aurangabad	Maharashtra	140 villages	Aurangabad, Beed, Yasi, Kalamb, Ahmedpur, Udgir, Patoda, Kaij, Gangapur, Paithan, Khuldabad	Aurangabad, Beed, Jalna, Parbhani, Latur, Hingoli, Nanded & Usmanabad
Nagpur Multipurpose Social Service Society, Nagpur	Maharashtra	20 villages	Nagpur and Umred	Nagpur
Jeevan Vikas Sanstha, Amravati	Maharashtra	50 Panchayats	Achalpur, Chikaldara, Dharni, Anjangaon, Daryapur, Bhatkuli, Amravati, Washim	Amravati & Washim
Laksamgraha Social Service Society, Chanda	Maharashtra	516 villages	Chondrapur, Ballarpur, Rajura, Jivati, Gondpipri, Mul, Nagbhid, Bramhapuri, Bhandravati, Samudrapur, Gadchiroli, Chamorshi, Mulchera, Ettapalli & Aheri	Chandrapur, Wardha & Gadchiroli

The Partner Organizations of WRSSF in Goa, Gujarat & Maharashtra

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Western Region Social Service Forum - Mumbai, Maharashtra	Archbishop Stanislaus Fernandes SJ - Chairman Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangra - Vice-Chairman	Fr. Jolly Puthenpura - Director Fr. V. Louis - Treasurer

Hearty Welcome

The New Partner Directors

WRSSF is glad to welcome the new Directors of the Caritas Goa and Centre for Social Action. WRSSF wishes them the very best as they take up the mantle to be the guiding forces in their respective Organizations.

Fr. Maverick Fernandes

Director of Caritas Goa

Fr. Mario Mendes

Director of Centre for Social Action, Mumbai



Welcome to our new appointees at WRSSF

The WRSSF extends a warm welcome to our newly appointed staff

- **Aju E. J**
Operational Manager - Programs & HR
- **Antony Francis**
Partner Support Officer
- **Albino**
Driver cum Office Assistant

Farewell...

WRSSF expresses its gratitude to
Mr. Sajay Boba
who had been working as the driver-cum
office assistant at WRSSF and we
congratulate and wish him good luck in his
new Govt. job.

WESTERN REGION SOCIAL SERVICE FORUM - GOREGAON, MUMBAI					
The Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 Name of the Public Trust:- Registration No. F - 2285 / year WESTERN REGION SOCIAL SERVICE FORUM - GOREGAON, MUMBAI Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31.3.2013.					
EXPENDITURE	Rn.	Pn.	INCOME	Rn.	Pn.
To Balance b/d at start of accounting period. Taxes, Grants Repairs and maintenance Sundry Insurance Depreciation By way of provision of adjustment- Other Expenses	-	-	By Right received By Interest Received On Bank Account On Securities On Loans On saving bank Accounts By Dividend	123,395.00 32,893.00	156,715.00
To Establishment Expenses To Repurchase by Trustees To Reimbursement (on the credit of a grant) to the head of the staff according to the recorded expenditure & any Legal Expenses to Audit Fees	-	-	By Donations in Cash By Cheques By other income LETTERED BALANCE BRING UP FIGURES BY transfer from Reserve By Professional Tax	1,293,333.00 1,443.00	1,293,333.00 1,443.00
To Contribution and Fees Amount Withd'n Off (a) Bad debts (b) Loan Sponsoring (c) Irrecoverable Funds (d) Bank Charge To Miscellaneous Expenses To Amount transferred to Reserve or Special Funds To Expenditure on Objects of the Trust (a) Religious (b) Educational (c) Medical Relief (d) Relief of Poverty (e) Other Charitable Objects To Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet	-	1,517,265.05	By Deficit carried over to balance sheet		1,517,265.05
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Vision

"To establish a Just Society where Gospel Values of Love, Equality and Peace are lived and nurtured"

Mission

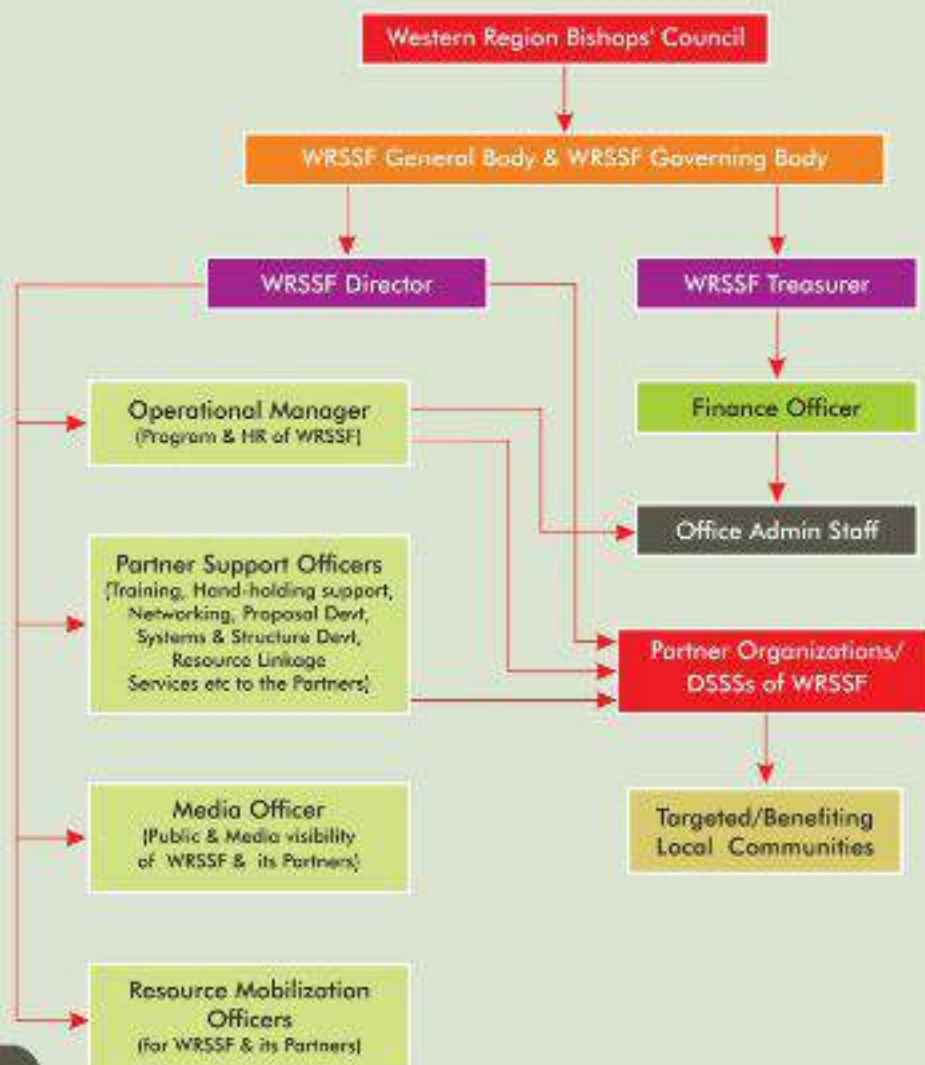
"To promote the integral human dignity of all through a process of Empowerment of the poor and the marginalized"

WRSSF'S Core Values

- Love of the poor
- Upholding the Human Dignity of all
- Professionalism & Team work
- Transparency in work & dealings
- Fostering Partnerships for Social Action

About the Organization- WRSSF

WRSSF ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE



Western Region Social Service Forum - WRSSF is an umbrella organization works with 16 Partner Organizations across Gujarat, Goa and Maharashtra. It promotes, inspires and animates social and economical development intervention through grass-root organizations. WRSSF mainly works with Women, Children, and Adolescent from marginalized and backward communities. Livelihood, Unemployment, Human Trafficking, Farmers' Suicide, HIV/AIDS, Good Governance and Institutional Capacity Building are the main thematic areas where WRSSF and its partners work actively to address the issues of the aforementioned target population in partnership with its grass-root organizations. WRSSF supports and promotes developmental interventions of the poor and marginalized individuals, families and communities through 16 Diocesan Social Service Societies of the region. Urged by a compassionate heart, WRSSF carries out the mission of setting downtrodden free.

Legal Status-WRSSF registered in the year 2001 under the Bombay Public Trust Act of 1950 and the Societies Registration Act of 1860.

Registration Office - Eucharistic Congress Building, No. III. 5, Convent Street, Colaba, Mumbai- 400 001

Operational Office - 2nd floor, Sarvodaya, St. Pius College Campus,
Aarey road, Goregaon (E), Mumbai-400063



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for the year 2012-2013



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There are more things to do in the Western Region but it would not be possible without your support. Hence, Western Region Social Service Forum seeks to work with the Government machineries, the Development Wings of the Corporate Sector, likeminded Non-Governmental & Voluntary Organizations for remedying the de-humanizing conditions of abject poverty, oppression, illiteracy, child labor and gender bias by promoting Human Dignity of the poor, the marginalized and the vulnerable families and communities of the society. Through its numerous programs, WRSSF seeks to promote equitable and inclusive development of the socially and economically excluded sections of the society without any caste, religious or political affiliations and preferences.

WRSSF cordially invites local, national and global collaboration from all who are seeking to improve the conditions of the poor. Join in partnership with us for the restoration of Human dignity and sustainable development of the marginalized.

WRSSF invites you to join us in our journey of ensuring a brighter and better tomorrow for the poor and the needy by making this world a better place for everyone to live in Prosperity, Peace & Harmony.

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