

Appeal for Collaboration with WRSSF

The variety of things we do at the Western Region would not be achievable without your support. Hence, Western Region Social Service Forum seeks to work with the Government Machineries, the Development Wings of the Corporate Sector, like-minded Non-Governmental and Voluntary Organisations for remedying the de-humanizing conditions of watched poverty, oppression, illiteracy, child labour and gender bias by promoting human dignity of the poor, the marginalized and the vulnerable families of the communities in the society. Through its different programs, WRSSF seeks to endorse equitable and sustainable development of the socially and economically excluded sections of the society without any caste, religious or political affiliations and preferences.

WHSSP warmly invites local, national and global collaboration from all who seek to achieve positive changes in the lives of the poor. Join hands in partnership with us for the restoration of human dignity and sustainable development of the marginalized and needy.

WRSF invites you to join us in our journey of ensuring a brighter and better tomorrow for the poor and the needy by building this world a better place for everyone to live in prosperity, peace and harmony.

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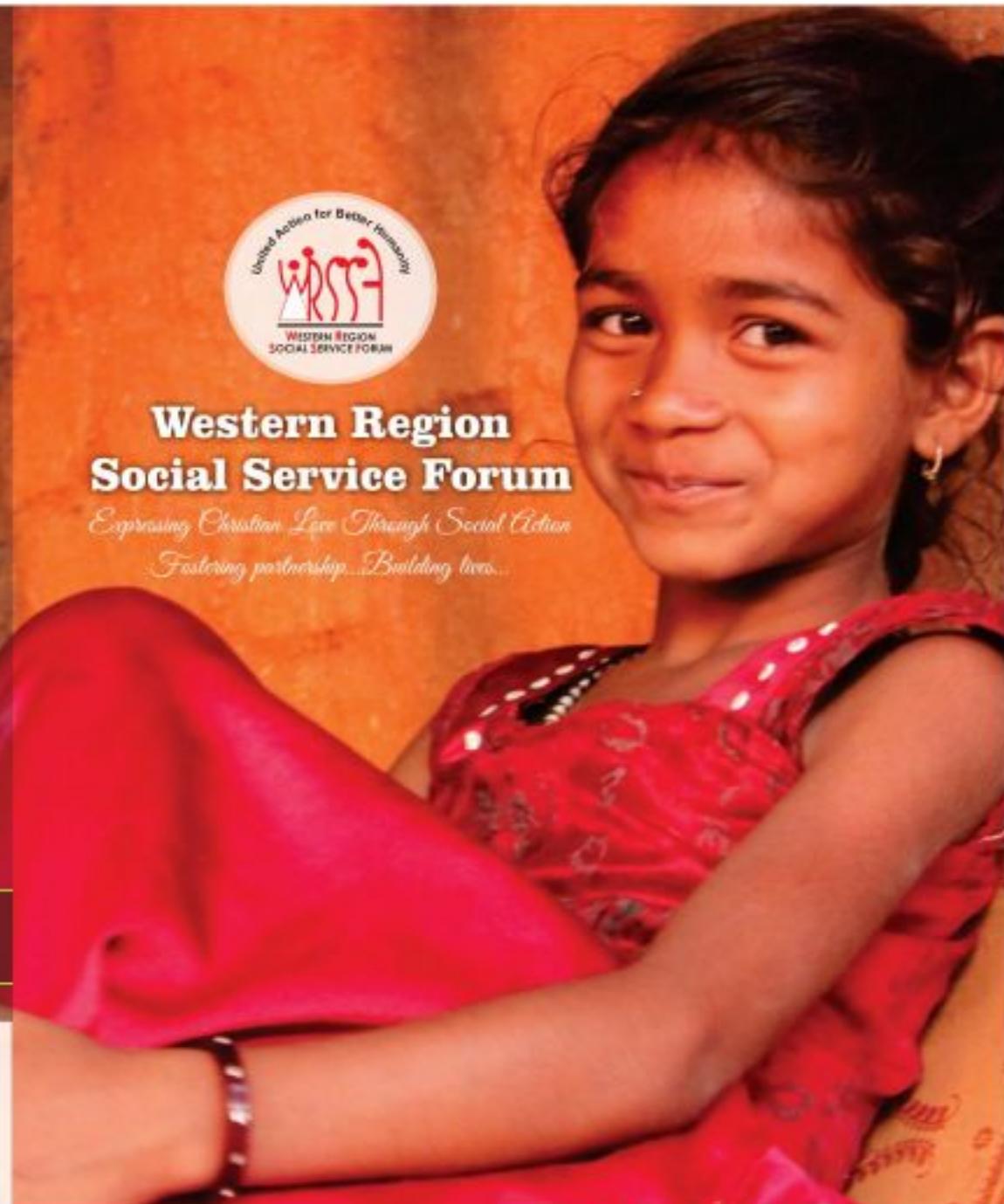
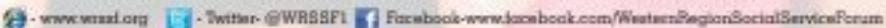
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About Western Region Social Service Forum

WRSSF-Western Region Social Service Forum is the official Umbrella Organisation of the Western Region Bishops' Council for promoting and coordinating Social Development Action in the three States of Goa, Gujarat and Maharashtra. It was initiated in 1996 and was registered in the year 2001 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and the Bombay Public Trust Act.

WRSSF works with 16 Partner NGOs from Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa. WRSSF acts as a Coordinating and Facilitating Organization and inspires, animates, supports and promotes the developmental interventions of 16 Diocesan Social Service Society Partners for the Integral Development of people. WRSSF adopts an inclusive approach and does not discriminate anyone on the basis of caste, gender, religion, creed and linguistic groups. The Organization implements programs based on the developmental needs of the four zones of its operational area-Gujarat, Marathwada, Konkan and Vidarbha.

WRSSF helps the Partner Organizations to build up strong organizational system by formulating relevant policies, systems and procedures. It also gives handholding support to the Partner Organizations on various thematic areas such as Sustainable Development, Local Resource Mobilization, Strategic Planning,

Project Implementation etc by networking with the Government, Corporates and other Funding Organizations.

WRSSF has been promoting developmental interventions and building capacities of the Partner Organization on various social issues such as HIV/AIDS, Farmers suicides, Human Trafficking, Right to Food, Livelihood Options, Human Made and Natural Disaster, etc. The organization also conducts several capacity building programs by analyzing the social situations through Regional and Diocesan Perspective plans.

The Governing Body of WRSSF consist of 8 people who provide continues direction and guidance for the Organization's policies and programs. The General Body of WRSSF consists of all the Catholic Bishops of the Western Region and all the Directors of the Partner Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSSs) of the Western Region.



Farewell to the out-going Partner Directors of WRSSF:

We wish farewell to all the out-going Directors of our Partner Organizations who had given their wholehearted services in building up the lives of thousands of poor and marginalized people through their Organizations in the pastyears.

- **Fr. Pius** the Director of Loksamgraha Social Service Society, Chanda diocese.
- **Fr. Jolly** the Director of Jeevan Vikas Samitha, Amravati Diocese.
- **Fr. Suresh Sathe** the Director of Nasik Social Service Society, Nasik Diocese
- **Fr. Baptist Lopes** the Director of Vasai Janahit Trust, Vasai Diocese

Their dedicated services for the cause of the poor and their contributions for the growth of WRSSF will always be remembered with gratitude. WRSSF family wishes them the very best in their new assignments.

Hearty Welcome to the new Partner Directors of WRSSF

We extend a warm welcome to the new Directors of our Partner Organizations to WRSSF family. WRSSF looks forward to work in close collaboration with you the incoming Directors of our Partner Organizations.

- **Fr. John Ovelil** - the Director, Loksamgraha Social Service Society, Chanda diocese
- **Fr. Romasheen** - the Director, Jeevan Vikas Samitha, Amravati Diocese.
- **Fr. Alwyn** - the Director, Nasik Social Service Society, Nasik Diocese
- **Fr. Dominic D'Abreo** - the Director, Vasai Janahit Trust, Vasai Diocese

Farewell to the Employees of WRSSF

- **Ms. Seema Jomy** (Resource Mobilization Officer)
- **Ms. Chatra Yadavar** (Media Officer)

Welcome to the New Employees of WRSSF

- **Mr. Rajesh Meurya** (Resource Mobilization Officer)
- **Mr. Mayur Hajput** (Media Officer)

WRSSF ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

Vision

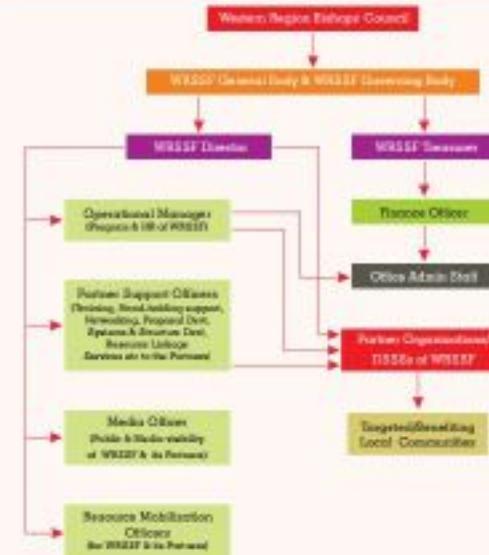
"To establish a Just Society where Gospel Values of Love, Equality and Peace are lived and nurtured"

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



Our Funding Partners in Development
for the year 2013-2014





Message from the Vice-Chairperson



Dear Friends, Partners and
Associates of the Western Region
Social Service Forum.

God is the author of all life and the human person is created in the Image and Likeness of God. In this planet, the human person does not live in total isolation without any reference to his/her fellow beings. Hence, the human existence in this globe is to be understood, nurtured and realized in close relationship with his/her Creator God and his/her co-existent fellow beings. It is from this existential notion of human life that we come to the deeper understanding of the social relevance and significance of human life. The natural setting of human existence is the human society to which every human person is a part and the family and community to which he/she is an indivisible member. The social dimension of the human person upholds the values of

interconnectedness and interdependence with other living beings of the earth for one's peaceful and harmonious co-existence. The fundamental nature of the human person expressed in the communitarian and social dimension of human life calls for the establishment of a healthy social order where every human person is able to pursue and realize his/her goal and meaning of life while respecting and upholding the same of one's fellow beings.

Societies for taking up more and more pro-poor programs aimed at the integrated growth and the holistic development of the poor and the disadvantaged groups and communities of the Western Region.

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Archbishop Abraham V.
Vice-Chairperson
Western Region Social Service Forum



From the Executive Director



The hope for a better tomorrow is the driving force that takes a person forward in his/her life. When it comes to the hopes and aspirations of the poor and the marginalized citizens of the civil society, it assumes the dreaming process of looking at the future with a lot more positivity. In this context, the poor of our country look forward with greater optimism to the new Federal Government of Delhi under the leadership of Mr. Narendra Modi our new Prime Minister that this Government which is the primary duty-bearer will bring welfare and development of its citizens especially those on the fringes of the society. The poor of our country need to be brought into the central stage of the development agenda and the welfare actions of the Government in some real sense. Indeed the Civil Society Groups, the Religious Organizations and the Non-Governmental Organizations too are expected to play their adequate roles and to put in their material and human resources for finding

solutions to the issues of poverty, deprivation and denial of rights of the vulnerable individuals, groups and communities of our society.

With the objective of building up a more egalitarian and just society, the Western Region Bishops Council started its Umbrella Organization – the Western Region Social Service Forum (WRSSF) – for promoting Social Justice and Social Development especially of the socially and economically poorer communities within the 3 States of Goa, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Of course, one of the end results expected to be achieved by WRSSF through its diverse programs is the contribution of the Catholic Church of the Western Region towards the Nation Building by serving the poor without any affiliation or discrimination.

WRSSF is the Regional level Social Development Organization with its 16 Diocesan Social Service Societies as its Lead NGO Partner Organizations and over 160 Associate NGO Partners working the States of Goa, Gujarat and Maharashtra. These NGOs together have the outreach of over a million poor and marginalized people in these 3 States. For WRSSF, the past year of 2013-2014 has been an year of greater Organizational Growth and more meaningful and result-giving support provided to our Partner Organizations, enabling them to be better equipped in their service

Fr. JOLLY

Executive Director
Western Region Social Service Forum,
Mumbai.



Our Partner Outreach in the Western Region

Name of the Partners	State	Panchayats/ Villages	Block	District
Center for Social Action, Mumbai	Maharashtra	123 villages, 30 community centers	14 Blocks of Raigad District 2 Blocks (Utan, Bhopandoli) of Thane District, Dharavi Island	Mumbai, Thane & Raigad
Karunya Trust, Kalyan	Maharashtra	31 Panchayats	Ambarnath, Kalyan & Shivamogad	Thane
Jnith Trust, Vasai	Maharashtra	26 Panchayats	Bhivandi, Shiroapur, Vasai, Deonar, Piplgaon, Tolasare, Jawhar, Murbad, Varkala & Vikarangad	Thane
Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society, Sindhudurg	Maharashtra	32 villages	Vengurla, Dodamarg, Mahva, Karli, Kankavli	Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri and Kolhapur
Caritas Goa, Goa	Goa	34 villages	Bardoli, Salcete, Quepem, Tiswadi, Ponda & Ilhas	North & South
Poona Diocesan Social Service Society, Poona	Maharashtra	32 villages	Daund, Sakra, Pune (11 Parishes)	Pune, Solapur, Kolhapur, Sakiapur & Sangli
Rain Social Service Society, Ahmedabad	Gujarat	100 villages	Dholka, Bawali, Dhamadka, Umresh, Petod, Khamibhoy, Amed, Nadiad, Mehsana, Kothaval, Mehsana, Balansana, Tharsara, Mahesabhad	Kheda, Anand, Ahmedabad & parts of Panchmahal
Nuvjeevan Trust Rajkot	Gujarat	1279 villages, 295 hamlets	Rajkot, Silv, Anrel, Dhorakot, Veraval, Bhuj, Sarendrogaon, Pothendor	Rajkot, Anrel, Pothendor, Verapad, Surendrogaon, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar & Kutch
Saharasti Samruddhi Seva Sangh, Gandhinagar	Gujarat	741 villages	Tharad, Dhanera, Dessa, Darwiveda, Amrapur, Danta, Vadgam, Palanpur, Deoder, Kalol, Gandhinagar, Debagarh, Rauthpar, Sidhpur, Pithan, Khedbrahma, Valsar, Idar, Bhiloda, Medra, Hamirsagar, Modasa, Erfusana, Kheru, Baldevarpani, Mahesana, Kati, Satkamra, Kheru, Usaha, Valsar, Valsar, Mahesana, Secharaji, Kadi	Saharasti, Mahesana, Secharaji, Pitan, and Gandhinagar
Khedu Vikas Society, Baroda	Gujarat	56 villages	Abwa, Valpa, Dhamasper, Jagodia, Umarpeda	Surat, Bharuch, Valsad, Dang
Nashik Social Service Society, Nashik	Maharashtra	75 villages	Shewgaon, Shrivempur, Nowasa, Dindhori	Nashik, Ahmednagar, Jalgaon, Nandurbar, Dhule
Arrangabad Diocesan Service society, Arrangabad	Maharashtra	140 villages	Aurangabad, Beed, Ward, Kalamb, Ahmedpur, Udgir, Porda, Kar, Gangapur, Pithora, Khaldabad	Aurangabad, Beed, Jolna, Purhant, Lohit, Hingoli, Nanded & Umrednab
Nagpur Multipurpose Social Service Society, Nagpur	Maharashtra	20 villages	Nagpur and Unnao	Nagpur
Jeevan Vikas Sanstha, Aarewali	Maharashtra	50 Panchayats	Adolpur, Chikodiola, Dhami, Ajrapur, Donyapur, Bhotukuli, Aarewali, Wadha	Aarewali & Washim
Lokshangya Social Service Centre, Chandrapur	Maharashtra	516 villages	Chandrapur, Belknap, Rojani, Jyoti, Gondipur, Mai, Naghdidi, Bramhapuri, Bhandardara, Sansadrapur, Gadchiroli, Charkot, Mulchera, Daspatti & Aheri	Chandrapur, Wardha & Gadchiroli
Total		Villages/Panchayat/ Hamlets: 5850	Blocks: 148	Districts: 58



These campaigns helped several people in the State of Goa to be sensitised about the vulnerability of children towards abuse by the adults. Caritas Goa also conducted trainings on Child Protection in partnership with EQUATIONS and ECPLA.

Prison Ministry: Several prisoners who had no one to take care during the furlough and parole were taken care by Caritas Goa for the short period of three weeks.

Social Action Sattari: The Social Action Program of Sattari focuses on the educational needs of the children of the poor families. 300 poor children of the illiterate parents are given free tuition classes by the Social

Action Sattari of Caritas Goa. 60 poor women have been capacitated to raise their income levels.



Children from Disadvantaged background Given free tuition under Action Sattari Initiative of Caritas Goa

WRSSF Partner Organizations with their Directors and Bishops

Name of the Organization	President/Chairperson	Director
Caritas Goa - Panaji, Goa	Archbishop Eliphiel Ferreira	Pt. Marcellus Fernandes
Social Service Adyam Sangha - Dandia Nagar, Maharashtra	Archbishop Eliphiel Ferreira	Pt. Dilip Desai
Stephevan Trust - Rajkot, Gujarat	Bishop Jose Chavaparambil CMI	Pt. Thomas Kodikodiyan
Ritesh Social Service Society - Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Bishop Thomas Mooren	Pt. Joseph Appuvu
Kalmadi Samarthan Seva Sangh - Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh	Archbishop Stanislaus Fernandes SJ	Pt. Salvadore Fernandes
Kerala Vikas Mandal - Kannur, Kerala	Bishop Godfrey de Rosario S.J.	Pt. Kalluveli Perumal
Jeevika Vikas Sangha Annavatti - Annavatti, Maharashtra	Bishop Elias Gonsalves	Pt. J.S. Ramaiah
Lokayan Social Service Society - Chinchwad, Maharashtra	Bishop Vijay Arond CMI	Pt. John O'Neill
Nagpur Multipurpose Social Service Society - Nagpur, Maharashtra	Archbishop Abrahao Vinhalvala	Pt. Jose John
Autonomous Diocesan Social Service Society - Auroville, Maharashtra	Bishop Elizetis Colaco	Pt. Wilfred Soldanho
Parva Diocesan Social Service Society - Parva, Maharashtra	Bishop Thomas Dolce	Pt. V. Louis
Basil Social Service Society - Bank, Maharashtra	Bishop Lourenco Daniel	Pt. Alwyn Eraligundi
Center For Social Action - Mumbai, Maharashtra	Cardinal Oswald Gracias	Pt. Mario Mendes
Vasai Parish Trust - Vasai, Maharashtra	Archbishop Peter Machado	Pt. Dominic D'Almeida
Sambhavna Disease Development Society - Sambhavna, Maharashtra	Bishop Alyya Savio	Pt. Milen D. Savio
Karunya Trust - Kolhapur, Maharashtra	Bishop Thomas Elawar	Pt. Paul Keshavaramil
Western Region Social Service Forum - Mumbai, Maharashtra	Archbishop Stanislaus Fernandes SJ - Chairman Archbishop Abrahao Vinhalvala - Vice-Chairman	Pt. M.V. Lobo - Secretary

The Major Organizational Engagements of WRSSF for the Year 2013-2014:

WRSSF Annual General Body Meeting:

Venue: Sarvodaya, Mumbai | Date: 10th July 2013



His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias addressing the WRSSF General Body

The General Body of WRSSF met on 10th July 2013 at Sarvodaya, Mumbai. Fr. Jolly, the WRSSF Director presented the WRSSF annual report of 2012-2013 which gave an overview of all the activities and programs implemented by WRSSF during the year. Fr. Louis, the WRSSF Treasurer presented the Audited Statement of Accounts of WRSSF for the financial year 2012-2013. Separate Audited Statement of accounts of each of the projects run by WRSSF was handed down to the members of the general body. His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias the Archbishop of Bombay released the GB approved Finance Policy of WRSSF during the AGM.

WRSSF Governing Body Meetings:

Venue: Sarvodaya, Mumbai & A.R.C, Panvel | Dates: 10th July 2013 & 13th December 2013



WRSSF-Governing Body Meeting

The Governing body of WRSSF met twice during the year 2013-2014. The meetings were held on 10th July 2013 at Sarvodaya, Mumbai and on 13th December 2013 at A.R.C, Panvel. The Governing Body discussed at

length about the past achievements of WRSSF. There were detailed deliberations regarding the plans to be made for WRSSF for the upcoming year. The Governing Body also discussed the need for Local Resource Mobilization to be taken

up seriously by WRSSF as one of its roles for supporting its Partner Organizations financially. Fr. Louis, the Treasurer of WRSSF presented the budget proposal for the upcoming financial year of 2014-2015.



Annual Reflection Meet of WRSSF's Partner Directors:

Venue: Novjeevan Trust, Rajkot Diocese | Dates: 19th and 20th February 2014



WRSSF Partner Directors at the Reflection Meet

WRSSF's 2-day Reflection meeting held at Rajkot was attended by His Grace Archbishop Abraham - WRSSF Vice Chairman, His Excellency Bishop Gregory - Bishop Emeritus of Rajkot, His Excellency Bishop Jose - Bishop

of Rajkot Diocese, Fr. Paul - the Assistant Executive Director of Caritas India, Mr. Soju - Caritas India West Zone Manager and the Directors of the 16 Partner Organizations. Fr. Paul disseminated Caritas India's 3 new policies to the Directors of the DSSSs of the Western Region.

The reflection meeting was hosted to review the progress of WRSSF in the past one-year and lay out a strategic plan for the next year, taking collective suggestions into consideration. During the concluding session, Archbishop Abraham felicitated Fr. Pius Mathew of Chanda for his 9 years of dedicated services as the Director of Loksangraha Social Service Society, Chanda. Everyone present also appreciated his contributions to the WRSSF family during these past years.

WRSSF Zonal Coordinator Meetings

Venue: ARC Centre, Panvel | Date: October 7, 2013

Venue: Asha Kun, Rajkot | Date: February 19, 2014



Zonal Coordinators Meet at ARC, Panvel

During the year 2013-2014, WRSSF facilitated 2 meetings of the Zonal Coordinators. The Zonal Coordinators from Marathwada, Vidarbha, Konkan and Gujarat had

participated in these meetings and made their contributions for taking significant decisions of WRSSF. The WRSSF Director- Fr. Jolly and Operational Manager- Mr. Aju represented WRSSF in these

meetings. The Core Group of WRSSF's Zonal Coordinators plays significant roles in the formulation of the strategies for WRSSF.

Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society of the Diocese of Sindhudurg, Maharashtra

Major Interventions by SDDS during the Year 2013-2014:

Minority Mela: - In the background of lack of knowledge on minority welfare schemes for the minority community, lack of knowledge on minority education and other Government Schemes, absence of Office for Minorities Commission in the region, etc SDDS organized a Minority Mela on 16th Feb. 2014 in which 8500 people belonging to the minority communities participated. The Local Peoples' Representative - MLA - addressed the gathering and assured them of the Government's support to sort out the issues of the minority communities. SDDS is regularly following up the issues raised at this Mela with the concerned authorities.

Right To Information (RTI) - SDDS has been instrumental in spreading awareness and providing orientation on RTI to the local communities the Organization is working with. As a result of the trainings received, the local communities have filed more than 25 RTIs on various issues ranging from health, civic, government grants, land, entitlements, etc in the last one year through the active role of SDDS.

Rajiv Gandhi Jeevananadree Arogya Yojana - During the year, SDDS took the initiatives to take the Govt run RGJAY program to the poor people of the local communities. SDDS covered 240 villages, sensitizing



the people on this beneficial health program. SDDS with the technical support from WRSSF is providing direct support and trainings for the local communities and encourage them to enroll into the scheme and get the health cards being issued by the government where each family is entitled to a maximum cover of Rs 1,50,000/- per family.

National Pension Scheme - SDDS has been providing information to its communities through its partners and direct intervention on National Pension Scheme (NPS) of the Govt. which benefit and provide security to the needy persons. SDDS team is providing direct information and telephonic support to over 210 villages in the region for availing the benefit of this scheme.

Caritas Goa of the Archdiocese of Goa

Major Interventions by Caritas Goa for the Year 2013-2014:

Centre For The Handicapped: St. Xavier's Academy, a project of Caritas Goa, at Old Goa successfully triumphed their 11th consecutive year bagging 100% results at the S.S.C Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Examination held in May, 2013. Besides, at the Higher Secondary level, the students secured 67% results in the Examination held in May 2014.

Sense Goa: During the year, Caritas Goa organized several Advocacy meetings of the stakeholders to

highlight the Rights and the needs of people with disabilities

Astro Tivim - Community Care Centre for children with HIV/AIDS: Caritas Goa takes the institutional care of 32 HIV positive children and provides them with quality education and health care. During the year, Caritas Goa launched a State level Network of Adolescents with HIV

Centre for Responsible Tourism - CRT: During the year Caritas Goa made several campaigns against Child Abuse with the moto - Zero Tolerance to Child Abuse.



Nagpur Multipurpose Social Service Society of the Archdiocese of Nagpur, Maharashtra

Major Interventions by NMSSS for the year 2013-2014:

- During the year NMSSS created awareness among the rural communities regarding the need for safe drinking water and it distributed water cleaning kits to 240 families to prevent water born diseases.
- NMSSS conducted health check-up camps in 20 villages and about 20,000 people took benefit of the health camp conducted by NMSSS.
- NMSSS conducted a vaccination camp for 250 animals with the objective of improving the quality of livestock of the small and marginal farmers.
- With the collaboration of the Govt. NMSSS constructed 20 toilets in 5 villages and addressed the issue of lack of sanitation and poor hygienic practices in these villages.
- NMSSS distributed cycles to school going girl children for promoting the formal education of girls.
- NMSSS constructed a village road to address the issue of absence of all-season approach road to the village.

During the year NMSSS reached out to 300 BPL families with its on-going Family Development Program and assisted these families for their socio-economic empowerment. Most of the assisted families took up different IGPs such as Goat rearing, Poultry farming, petty shops, candle making, door-to-door vegetable selling, etc. to improve the financial condition of their families.



Health Camp organized by NMSSS

Loksamagraha Social Service Society of the Diocese of Chanda

Major Interventions by LSSS for the Year 2013-2014:

- Mass Awareness Program: During the year 84 Community Mobilization and Mass awareness programs were conducted in different villages on different social issues such as issue related to women, village development, and government schemes for poor and marginalized and legal awareness, etc. 8152 persons benefited from these programs.
- Land Development: The different land treatment activities such as construction of farm bunds, water tanks, well deepening, etc. of LSSS helped the poor and marginalized farmers. Total 370 farmers benefitted from this activity and 20 hectares of wasteland were brought under cultivation. As the result of the land development activities, the marginal farmers were able to improve the quality of their farms and increase their production.
- Income Generation Program (IGP): During the year, LSSS enhanced the livelihood options of 215 poor families through its Income Generation Programs.
- Flood Relief Program: LSSS in collaboration with Caritas India took up a flood relief program during

the year 2013. Household items were distributed to 394 flood-victim families of Balkarpur, Chandrapur and surrounding areas.



Seed Distribution for Land Development for the marginal Farmers in Chandrapur

Various Developmental Interventions of WRSSF for the Year 2013-2014:

WRSSF as a Social Development Organization has been promoting developmental interventions and building the capacities of the 16 Partner Organizations on various social issues and providing handholding support in terms of Proposal Development, NGO

Management, Resource Mobilization, Medic Trainings, etc. During the year 2013-14, WRSSF had engaged itself in accomplishing its Vision and Mission through a variety of activities and programs.

Organizational Development and Partner Support Enhancement of WRSSF & its Partners



Speaking on NGO Management at led by WRSSF Operational Manager- Mr. Aja E. I for Surangabad DSSS



WRSSF FSO , Mr. Atul interacting with Dabholi Cooperative Society members during the field visit to Utan, Mumbai

Organizational Development and Partner Support Enhancement Program of WRSSF focused on improving systems, policies and structures both within WRSSF and in its Partner Organizations with the vision of further enhancing the quality social work being undertaken by the Church-based NGOs across the 3 States of Maharashtra, Goa and Gujarat. The formulation of the new Finance Policy for WRSSF was one of the major accomplishments during the year and it was released on 10th July 2013.

During the Year 2013 WRSSF made its special focus on Partner Support Enhancement. Accordingly, WRSSF promoted a young and vibrant Staff Team of 8 people at WRSSF and provided constant support and accompaniment to all its Partner Organisations. A Total of 40 Partner Support Visits were conducted during the year and provided support on different thematic areas. Dedicated services were provided through multiple

trainings like Organization Development, NGO management, Corporate Social Responsibility, Documentation, Project Proposal Writing, Social Media, Photography etc. for the Organizational growth of the Partner DSSSs of WRSSF during the year.

The partners were regularly engaged in meaningful and fruitful discussions to ensure their growth resulting in greater benefit for the target communities these Organizations serve. WRSSF Director visited the four zones in the Region to initiate separate meetings with the zonal coordinators and their respective DSSS Directors. The main agenda of these meetings was the Organization Development of the Partner Organizations and specific inputs were given on the topic of OD process. These Zonal level meetings also created platform to discuss the social issues of the 4 Zones and to make concrete plan of actions for the Zones of Marathwada, Konkan, Vidarbha and Gujarat.

WRSSF's Partner Support to its 16 Partner Organizations:



WRSSF PSO Mr. Antony interacting with Agnawadi service, Aurangabad, Bihar.

WRSSF has a dedicated team of 8 members working tirelessly under the leadership and guidance of Fr. Jolly the WRSSF Director. The team has been pursuing different arenas in the development sector for the growth of its Partner Organizations and the people they seek to serve.

Research Studies facilitated by WRSSF during the Year 2013-2014

WRSSF also acts as a catalyst by exploring the scope of taking up more and more meaningful development programs in its 4 operational Zones. The feasibility/research studies of WRSSF help the Organization to understand and

analyze the grass root level problems and issues that are affecting the different social groups and communities and come with plans/programs which will help to address these issues and problems.

1. Study on Rubber Plantations in Sindhudurg District

In November 2013, WRSSF Partner Support Officer, Mr. Antony Francis conducted a feasibility study on rubber plantations to check if it can be an innovative agro-based income generation program for the marginal farmers. The study was focused in geographical area of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg Districts of Maharashtra. As part of the study, Mr. Antony had several interactive meetings with the Officials of the Regional Rubber Board of Maharashtra. He also met and interacted with the farmers of Sindhudurg district and explored their levels of enthusiasm and ownership of the project by the local farmers. WRSSF's local Partner - Sindhudurg Diocesan Social Service Society - extended its logistic and technical support for conducting this 15-day research study. The research study revealed the immense scope for promoting rubber plantation as a profitable and sustainable option for the small and marginal farmers of the Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri

Districts of Maharashtra. As the outcome of this Research study, Rubber Plantation was proposed as an alternative agro-based opportunity for the small and marginal farmers of these Districts who have been struggling to make a living from their farms.



Rubber Tapping in progress during the field visit for the Research Study



and Youth Groups in the targeted villages. Rs. 35 Lakhs was spent by ADSSS on its Drought Relief Program during the year 2013.



Cash for Work Implemented by ADSSS in Drought Prevention

Jeevan Vikas Sanstha of the Diocese of Amravati, Maharashtra

During the year 2013-2014, JVS Amravati implemented 9 projects for the benefit of the rural and the tribal communities the Organization works with. The Widows Empowerment program was a pioneering and innovative program of JVS during the year 2013-2014.

The agrarian crises, farmers' suicides and other related economic issues had given rise to the emerging situation of thousands of women becoming widows at a very young age in the Vidarbha Region. Responding positively to this situation, during the Year 2013-2014 JVS took up one of its most innovative programs for the Economic Empowerment and Social Re-integration of 500 young widow-headed families of 57 villages within the 3 Blocks of Amravati District. This project aimed at building up and strengthening the capacities of 500 widows of the 3 Blocks of Amravati district in dealing with their stressful family and personal situations and to equip 500 widows with the skills for taking up different viable Income Generation Programs as per each family's capacity. The project supported

500 young widows with Rs.10,000/- each for taking any Income Generating programs such as goat rearing, cow rearing, putting up petty shops in the village, etc. This project is expected to boost the morale of these socially and economically marginalized women who struggle to bring up their families as the sole bread-winners of their families by providing them with the required capacity scale up for taking up profitable income generation activities and in the process ensuring their economic self-reliance and social re-integration. JVS is spending over Rs. 60,00,000/- on this innovative project.



Goat Rearing An Income Generation Opportunity for Widows in Amravati



Centre for Social Action of the Archdiocese of Bombay, Maharashtra

Major Interventions of CSA during the Year 2013-2014:

Right to Sustainable Livelihood - Boat Engine Maintenance Workshops for the fishing communities of Dharavi:

Since the livelihood of the majority of the people of the Dharavi Island depends on fishing, Mr. Thomas Fernandes and the Technical Supervisors of the Joseph Cardijn Technical School, Dadar (E), conducted Boat Engine Maintenance Workshops for the fishing communities. These workshops were conducted for the parishes of Utan, Pali, Manori, Garee and Chowk. 103 youth took the benefit of these workshops.

Discussions with Government Officials:

CSA together with representatives of some of the Church institutions participated in a series of discussions with Government officials on various issues of concern. A meeting was held with Mrs. Yashoda Gaikwad, Women and Child Welfare Minister of Maharashtra State



Discussion with Chief Minister of Maharashtra and other Govt. Officials on difficulties in registration and management of 'Children's Shelter Homes' under the Juvenile Justice Act

Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society of the Diocese of Aurangabad, Maharashtra

Drought Relief intervention by ADSSS for the year of 2013-2014

During the year, the Marathwada Region of Maharashtra experienced one of its worst drought situations. There was severe water scarcity, food shortage and heavy unemployment in the rural villages. ADSSS worked hard to respond positively to the drought situation in the Region. The ADSSS team did an assessment study and found that

February 2014 on the difficulties encountered regarding the registration and management of 'Children's Shelter Homes' under the Juvenile Justice Act. Another meeting was organized by Ms. Janet D'souza wherein, various minority representatives including CSA interacted with the Chief Minister and the other government officials on issues like developmental concerns of the fishing communities along the coast line of Maneri, Goral, Uttan, hazardous conditions caused by dumping ground at Uttan, granting of OBC status certificates to the original inhabitants of Mumbai, unfair land acquisition of Churches, encroachments, lack of burial grounds, etc.

Emergency Response - Relief to Mumra Building Collapse Victims:

On 4th April 2013, a 7 storey building in Thane district came crashing down and destroyed the lives of several residents who were left homeless in a span of minutes. CSA flung into action and provided basic home amenities to 14 families who were admitted to the ShivaJi Hospital in Mumbai.

The Archdiocese of Bombay Joins Hands with the Drought Victims of Marathwada:

During the year, His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias of the Archdiocese of Bombay gifted Rs.10 Lakhs to help the drought-hit farmers of Aurangabad Region for the purchase of agricultural seeds and farm implements. This noble gesture of the Archdiocese of Bombay helped these poor farmers immensely with interim relief and to re-build their stress-filled lives.

2. Research Study on the Issues of Fishing Communities of the Konkan Coastal belt

Traditional fishing communities are one of the most vulnerable communities. The fisher people have been rattled by the middlemen's exploitation, outdated fishing practices, inadequate and unscientific fish processing techniques. Recognizing the plight of the fishing communities of the Konkan Seacoast, WRSSF took the initiative to conduct a Research Study on the issues affecting these communities. Caritas Goa - WRSSF's Goa Partner took this initiative further forward. With the financial support from Caritas India, Caritas Goa conducted the Research Study with the active involvement of the other WRSSF Partners - Centre for Social Action, Mumbai;

Caritas Janhit Trust and Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society. The Research Study team had several focused group meetings with the selected fishing communities of the Konkan seacoast. The study was completed in 3 months' time and it shed light on the key issues faced by the fisher communities of the Region. As the outcome of this research study, WRSSF's Konkan Zone Partners are planning to initiate a resulting program to work towards the issues faced by the fishing communities of the Konkan coast.

Local Resource Mobilization Efforts of WRSSF for the Year 2013-2014:

Local Resource Mobilization is one of the emerging concerns in the NGO Sector across the country. On the one hand the international funding support for promoting development works in India is shrinking and on the other hand our own country's strength is consistently growing in contributing towards the development needs of the poor people of our nation. This opens up new avenues for the Indian NGOs for mobilizing resources locally. WRSSF as a Social Sector Organization committed to work for the integrated development needs of the poor people of our

Region, has taken note of the changing funding environment in the country and it is making concerted efforts to raise local resources to continue with its social sector engagements. Side-by-side WRSSF is also equipping our Partner Organizations to tap the available local resources.

WRSSF's Initiatives in forging Corporate Sector partnerships:

From the year 2013, WRSSF began to build up healthy and long-term relationships with the Corporate Sector for the working together on the issues affecting the poor and the marginalized people of our Region. WRSSF's Resource Mobilization Team has been constantly on the look-out for forging new and meaningful partnerships with pro-poor and likeminded Corporate entities especially in the area of mobilizing funding support to

our Partner Organizations' development programs. During the year 2013-2014, WRSSF had put up several project proposals to different Corporates some of which are showing green signals for financing our proposals. WRSSF places greater hope that our engagements with the Corporate Sector fund mobilization efforts would bear more fruits in the years ahead.





IRMA conference for 'Emerging Trends in CSR- WRCOT' IMO- Mr. Rejesh Nouryo in discussion with the Country head of a corporate investing in CSR.

WRSSF's Initiatives for Promoting Government Linkages:

During the Year 2013-2014, WRSSF initiated several networking meetings with the Government Sector at the State and the District levels and these were followed up. During the course of the year there was focus on accessing different government schemes for the poor and the relevant information on the available Govt. schemes were passed on to the our Partner Organisations. In the year 2013 WRSSF created linkages with Gujarat Livelihood Promotion Program (GLPC), the Department

of Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM), Central Board of Workers Education, Agriculture and Tribal Development, Maharashtra State Rubber Board, Maharashtra State Health Department and its Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Yojana, etc. WRSSF Team has been following up on the Govt. schemes and projects and enabling the poor people through our Partner Organisations for accessing various Govt. schemes meant for them.

WRSSF's Media Initiatives and Public Outreach:

The Media Initiatives of WRSSF focuses on sensitizing and motivating the common masses for taking proactive steps in helping and empowering the poor for the betterment of the society. During the past year, WRSSF's Media Officer conducted several trainings on Media Advocacy for its Partner Organizations and thus bringing greater visibility to the development works of the Partner Organizations. WRSSF's Social Media interventions have been successful in creating a strong volunteer base with quality followers appreciating and supporting our developmental interventions. WRSSFs media department takes care of all its publications, press releases and providing constant updating in the social media platforms.



Mr. Chaitan Tarkar-WRCOT Media Officer initiating a Training on Impact of Social Media of Ketro Social Service Society

income sources to their families. These women are currently able to support their families and have improved their standard of living.

- NSSS continued with its Balwadi at Central Prison Nashik and Nandurmaka area. 40 children are being regularly supported for their holistic development through the various developmental interventions initiated to provide maximum support to these children.
- During the year NSSS took the initiative in supporting the poor people by providing them with food grains and clothing material. NSSS continues to believe in charity for the poor as it simultaneously treads on the path of upliftment through empowerment



Educational Material Distribution

Karunya Trust of the Diocese of Kalyan, Maharashtra

Major Interventions of Karunya Trust for the Year 2013-2014:

Gyanasathi I & II:

Child rag picker's program at Govandi focuses to empower the rag picking children through a holistic approach and enhances their skills to access opportunities that lead to a better quality of life. 600 rag picking children have benefited from this program. The Impact: The fact that girls in the age group of 16-18 years are coming to the NIOS classes promoted by Karunya Trust is the proof that the NIOS School has made greater impact in their lives. These girls come from the background in which the girls get married by the time they are 16 years old. However the girls who attend the NIOS School promoted by Karunya Trust have become role models in breaking the "norm" and are being motivated to study with the encouragement of their parents.

Mrithunjay & Drishti 2020- Organ Donation & Eye Donation :

During the year Karunya Trust initiated the noble venture of organ donation (Mrithunjay) and Eye donation (Drishti 2020) through the Nodal centers of the Diocese of Kalyan. Karunya Trust facilitated multiple sensitization programmes for creating awareness among the communities and the society in general. 1200 families have been sensitized about organ donation during the year and 400 people made their commitments towards the donating their organs.

Women Empowerment Program through DRDA, Thane:

Karunya Trust is working in the Ambernath and Kalyan Talukas empowering the rural women through a holistic development approach. As part of the program, the rural women are formed into Self Help Groups. The SHGs are further clubbed together into Women Federations. Karunya Trust is currently working with 210 SHGs. The strengthening of the groups is done through various capacity building trainings based on the need of the groups. The groups are linked with banks and they access Govt. loans on a subsidy basis to start various IPGs. Some of the SHGs promoted by Karunya Trust are - running the canteen units, vessels on rent, bag making, goat rearing, cultivation of vegetables etc as part of their livelihood promotion and financial self-dependence initiatives.



Gyanasathi- Adult literacy



Vermi Compost promotion	Khedo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 farmers made replicable models of vermin compost production Local communities began the production and sale of vermin composts
Peace Building initiatives	Ahmedabad, Khedco & Anand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% of families in the project areas have increased their understanding of values and beliefs of other religion
Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) Reintegration support Service RSS)	Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total financial assistance of Rs 13, 65,974/- was provided to 22 returnees during the year who have begun new IGPs like tea stalls, readymade garments, tailoring, jewellery shop, automobile shop, general store, animal husbandry etc. and have become financially self-dependent.

Vasai Janhit Trust (VJT) of the Diocese of Vasai, Maharashtra

Major Interventions of VJT for the Year 2013-2014:

1. Formation of Farmers Clubs'

Vasai Janhit has been proactive in livelihood generation and has taken up formation of Farmers clubs in Vasai and Daham Blocks with the objective of creating alternate sources of livelihood options in their agriculture practices. 10 new Farmers' Clubs were formed during the year with the total membership of 200 marginal farmers. These Farmers' Clubs were linked to the nationalized banks for mobilizing financial assistance. Kisan Credit facility had been made available to these Farmers' Club members at 0% interest rate. VJT also made efforts for the promotion of Women Farmers' Groups through Women SHGs. 28 women Farmers' groups consisting of 300 women are in the process of formation in Daham Block.

2. Children's Welfare Groups ('Bal Vikas Sangh')

During the year, Vasai Janhit Trust had taken the initiative to bring together all the voluntary organizations working with children. Initially only 5 organizations responded but gradually more

organizations joined and the number of Voluntary Organizations grew to be 35. A Central Committee was formed to facilitate its activities and to have regular meetings in every two months. The Members of the Bal Vikas Sangh also met with Mrs. Vansha Gaikwad - Women and Child Welfare Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra to discuss the issues affecting the Care Homes/hostels run by the NGOs. Mrs. Gaikwad has assured the members of her co-operation.



Farmers Club Inauguration

Nasik Social Service Society (NSSS) of the Diocese of Nasik, Maharashtra

Major Interventions by NSSS for the Year 2013-2014:

- Two Health Checkup Camps were organized by NSSS at Sugana and 1150 patients benefitted from these Health Camps.
- Notebook and School dresses were distributed to the poor students at Sugana to support the most marginalized communities of the region.
- Women's Day Celebrations at Babhaleshwar and

Nashik Central Prison was organized by NSSS and 400 women participated in the celebrations

Inter religious Prayer for Peace: An Inter Religious Prayer Service was organized by NSSS and leaders from the different Religions participated in the event and made it a very meaningful event for National Integration.

A Tailoring Course was conducted for the benefit of 40 women with the view to provide additional

WRSSF's Workshops and Trainings for its Partner Organizations:

Conducting different workshops based on the requirements and the requests of our Partner Organizations is an important objective of WRSSF. The WRSSF's trainings helped in building the capacities of the Directors and Staff of our Partner

Organizations which in turn helped to enhance the quality of the programs implemented by our Partner Organizations and further to achieve positive changes in the lives of the poor people these Organizations seeks to serve.

The following were the main capacity building trainings conducted by WRSSF during the Year 2013-2014:

Organizational Development Workshop for the Partner Directors

Date: 9th and 10th July 2013 | Venue: Sarovdya, Mumbai
Facilitator: Mr. Sebastian Francis | No of Participants: 18

All the Directors of the 16 Partner Organizations from the 3 States of Goa, Gujarat and Maharashtra participated in the 2-day workshop. The workshop had the objective to develop conceptual understanding on Organisational Development, to take forward the OD Process in the Partner Organisations and thus to improve the overall organisational capacities of the Partner Organizations. The resource person of the workshop - Mr. Sebastian Francis who is a well-known NGO consultant - helped the participants to make strategic plans for developing the DSSS Organisations professionally and to transition them to remain relevant to the needs and aspirations of the poor people the DSSSs seek to serve.



Mr. Sebastian Francis Facilitating the OD training session for Partner Directors of WRSSF

Regional level training on CSR Guidelines and the New Company Act and Government Schemes

Date: 23rd to 26th January 2014. | Venue: Parashuram, Vasai
Facilitators: Mrs. Seema Paul and Mr. Rajesh Mourya of WRSSF
Participants: 23 participants from 12 DSSSs across Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa.

The 3-day training was conducted with the objective of building the capacities of the Partner Organizations Staff for tapping local resources from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Funds. During the training Ms. Seema Paul covered the topics on CSR guidelines, better understanding of the new Companies Act 2013, opportunities available with the Corporate Sector, specific projects for fostering the Corporate-NGO partnerships and the ways of applying for funds to the CSRs. Mr. Rajesh Mourya from the WRSSF Resource team also gave the in-puts on different Govt. schemes including the Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Aarogya Yojana for Maharashtra, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana for Gujarat and Swarna Jayanti Aarogya Bima for Goa. He also facilitated a session focusing on the Nirumaya Scheme - Scheme launched for the benefit of the Differently Abled - by the Central Social Welfare Board. The 3-day Training sessions ended with the participants committing themselves to do the CSR mapping within their operational areas and to begin approaching the Corporate and the Govt. Sectors for forging new partnerships with the NGOs for the benefit of the poor people these Organizations seek to serve.



Elected Representatives- Mr. Puri & Mr. Anil of the CSR Workshop facilitated by WRSSF



Zonal level training on Program Quality Enhancement and Media Engagement

Date: 17th to 19th of October, 2013

Venue: Kaira Social Service Society, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Facilitators: Mr. Ajit, Mr. Atul and Ms. Chaitra of WRSSF

Participants: Representatives from the Partner Organizations of the Kozikan Zone, Kaira Social Service Society (KSSS), Ahmedabad; Navjeevan Trust, Rajkot; Sabarmati Sarvadhi Seva Sangh (SSSS), Gandhinagar; Khetul Vikas Mandal (KVM), Boroda



General Zonal Training

This workshop focused on developing the capacities of the DSSS Staff in the area of Program Quality Enhancement and Media Engagement. Mr. Ajit conducted the sessions on Program Quality Enhancement and Project Cycle Management, Project Development, Problem and Objective Tree Development and Analysis. Mr. Atul shed lights on the topics of Result Based Monitoring and Evaluation. Ms. Chaitra's sessions on the Social Media focused on the Media engagements of the NGOs and its relevance on the Social Service Sector.

Diocese Level Workshop on Documentation and Social Media

Date: 31st August 2013

Venue: Kripa Foundation

Facilitators: Mr. Atul and Ms. Chaitra of WRSSF
Participants: 25 participants from various NGOs of Vasai Diocese

This workshop was organized to enhance the capacities of the NGO staff, particularly the project coordinators for documenting good NGO practices and to equip the NGOs for using the emerging media technologies for promoting the development works in the NGO sector.



Workshop on Program Documentation led by WRSSF PGO- Ms. Atul and Ms. Ajit Vasai

Trainings on Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana (RGJAY):

Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana (RGJAY) is the free medical insurance scheme catering to the medical needs of the poor. The scheme provides 972 surgeries/therapies/procedures along with 121 follow up packages in 30 identified specialized categories. The objective of the scheme is to improve Health needs of the poor families and to access free quality medical care from the Government. WRSSF organized the RGJAY trainings in collaboration with the Health Department of the Government of Maharashtra and our Local Partner Organizations. Accordingly, 3 trainings were conducted in Vasai, 2 trainings were conducted in the suburbs of Mumbai, 1 training was conducted in Amravati and 1 training was conducted in Aurangabad. Over 400 grass root level development workers were trained through these 7 trainings. WRSSF also is tracking down the number of registrations that are done with this Govt. scheme and the total number of poor people who are benefitting from this scheme.



Dr. Indrajit Aravani, District Coordinator for RGJAY, conducting a training at JVSS, Anand

Education Programs in 220 villages

• Navjeevan Holistic Child Development Program helped 220 students from 3 schools to participate in Olympiad competitive exam with the partnership of Edu Heal Foundation and 16 of them were qualified for the National level exam.

Community Based Rehabilitation of the Disabled:

- Provided quality education to 90 differently abled children with the partnership of Lillian Foundation
- 2 Intellectually impaired students of Navahakti Vidyalaya, Rajkot participated in the International Special Olympics conducted in Australia and they won a Gold Medal each.
- Navjeevan Prerna Bhawan Bhimrao organized a Disability Day celebration. 300 disabled children & 350 general public participated in this program.



Olympiad

Livelihood Promotion Program in 47 villages

- Provided Livelihood Promotion & Employability Training for the Youth
- MSY -Mazdoor Suraksha Yojana - During the year, 152 people joined in Mazdoor Suraksha Yojana.



Kaira Social Service Society of the Diocese of Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Major Interventions of KSSS during the year 2013-2014:

Thrust Area	Operational Area	Achievements
Women Empowerment & Women's Rights	Nizampura, Pathampura, Rudam, Girjar, Dabholi, Angadi, Kalav, Dekor, Dantali, Sahar, Nagra, Khambholka, Silavay, Pansara, Bedwa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 164 Panchayat women took active participation to solve their ward issues such as drinking water, sanitation, etc. Access Road to Nagni, Pansara was completed with a grant of 30 lakhs due to the efforts of pressure groups formed by KSSS.
Panchayati Raj- Good Governance	Khambhat, Anand, Kathial, Umereth, Balasinor Talukas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The elected women Sarpanches and Members from KSSS promoted SHGs;• PRI Members: 222• Deputy Sarpanches: 23• Sarpanches: 19
Right to Food initiatives	Ahmedabad, Kheda & Anand Dist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The poor families got BPL Cards• Public Distribution Shops made regular through the intervention of Gram Sabha and VDC members.• Healthy & Nutritious food is served to all the school children through the Mid-Day Meal scheme of the Govt and monitored by the VDCs and the SMCs
Vocational Training (Computer, Tailoring, beautician courses)	Ahmedabad, Kheda & Anand Dist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1625 girls & women were trained with the support of Mahila Arthik Vikas Niyaem, Govt. Of Gujarat
Childline Initiative	Kheda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With help from Nadiad Town police, 33 missing children were brought back to their families.• 156 children were given counseling on different aspects of life. Counseling for children of prisoners has also been started.



Highlights of the key programs implemented by WRSSF Partners in the Year 2013-2014:

Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh (SSSS) of the Archdiocese of Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Major Interventions by SSSS for the year 2013-2014:

PROJECT SANGATH:

"Sangath" stands for Strengthened Capacities of Collective Enterprise of 6 Cooperatives from the Tribal Communities of 2 Districts of Gujarat leading to their Empowerment and Socio-Economic Development.

The following were the major activities of the project conducted during the year:

- Social Mobilization Trainings for the Credit Cooperative Society members were conducted for 114 SHG members. The trainings made big impact and till date there are 1530 SHG members who have been enrolled for the credit cooperative societies at different partner locations and have collected a total sum of Rs. 4,16,625/-.
- One of the major achievements of the project is that 4 Local Partner Organizations of SSSS have already registered one each Cooperative Societies.

Livelihood skill training for women:

- Training on livelihood skill was imparted to 755 SHG members. The livelihood skill training included various skills like - Tailoring course for the benefit of 145 women, Beauty Parlor course for the benefit 75 young women, Handicraft articles training to 178 women and Kitchen gardening training to 200 women. More than 50% of the participants who attended kitchen gardening have developed kitchen gardens for their families with a variety of vegetables being produced in the farm yard itself.

Empowering Communities on Health (C.E.I)

- Village Health Committees (VHCs) have worked as pressure groups in the villages & have accessed health services and midday meals, PDS, cleaning up of drainage systems, Chlorination of drinking water tank, etc.
- 84 Exposure visits to Government Health Units (PHC, CHC & Civil Hospital) were made by the 364 Village Health Workers (VHWs) & VHCs members.
- Village Health Committees members raised various village issues in the Gram Sabhas and several of the village issues were resolved by the Gram panchayats.



Meeting with women regarding Women's Health issues at Rikoda

Navjeevan Trust of the Diocese of Rajkot, Gujarat

Major Interventions by Navjeevan Trust for the Year 2013-2014:

Health Promotion Programs covered in 410 villages and 90 slums :

- Targeted Intervention with HIV prone persons
- Total registration of Key Persons: 2811
- 80% of Clients received counseling services
- 88% Key Persons tested their HIV status twice in a year

- 111 Key Persons found to be with STDs were provided medical treatments

Rehabilitation of Female Sex Workers (FSWs):

- Conducted 13 batches of tailoring courses for 260 Female Sex Workers and are now earning their livelihood from the new skills they have learnt.
- Conducted 24 batches of Mehendi Designing course for 220 Female Sex Workers and are now earning their livelihood from the new skills they have learnt.

An Overview of all the Trainings & Workshops conducted by WRSSF during the Year 2013-2014:

During the year 2013-2014 WRSSF successfully conducted several capacity building trainings. The Regional level training on CSR was highly appreciated by all the partners. The four different Zonal level workshops were a boost to the capacity enhancement efforts for the Partner Organizations. The WRSSF team has always put up its best efforts for responding positively to the capacity building needs of our Partner NGOs.

Given below is the list of the trainings facilitated by WRSSF during the Year 2013-2014:

Sr No	Name Of The Training	Dates and Venue	No Of Participants	Training Content
1.	Organizational Development Training Program	9-10 th July, 2013 Sarvodaya, Mumbai	22	Organizational Development - its concept, processes and relevance in the context of Church-based NGOs/DSSS, Need for developing OD Plans for the DSSSs
2.	Training on Panchayat Raj Institution	7 th Aug. 2013 PDSSS, Pune	2	PRI Definition, History, Three tier structure, fund flows and thematic areas of fund utilization, Social Welfare Schemes
3.	Training on Local Resource mobilization	9 th Aug. 2013 ADSSS, Amdavad	20	Introduction of the CSR, different types of CSR support to NGOs, documents required to approach CSRs, etc
4.	Training on NGO Management	10 th Aug. 2013 ADSSS, Amdavad	55	Basic structure of NGO, Documentation process, difference between projects and programs, Project cycle, etc
5.	Training on Documentation	31 st Aug. 2013 Kripa Foundation, Vasai	19	Documentation - Definition, Reporting, Case Study, Social Media
6.	Training on Leadership and Catholic Social Teaching	9 th Oct. 2013 Navjeevan, Rajkot	27	Definition, personality styles managing the personality styles, differences in managing and leading
7.	Gujarat zonal level training on Program Quality Enhancement and Social Media	17 to 19 th Oct. 2013, ESSS, Ahmedabad	22	Enhancing Program quality, Problem tree analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation tools, project cycle and project management
8.	Training on Problem Tree Analysis	2 nd Nov. 2013 Sarvodaya, Mumbai	15	Problem Tree Analysis with practical exercises on the problems of fisher communities, absence of drinking water sources, bonded labor issue of Raigad District
9.	Konkan Zonal level training on Program Quality Enhancement and Social Media	19 th to 21 st Nov. 2013, Pasaykaan, Vasai	15	Enhancing Program quality, Problem tree analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation tools, project cycle and project management



10.	Training on Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana	30 th Nov. 2013 JVS, Amravati	19 NGOs representatives	Objective of the scheme, beneficiaries, documents to apply for the schemes, list of empanelled hospitals in the district, role of Arogya Mitra, Medical Coordinators, treatments available under the schemes, etc.
11.	Training on Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana	2 nd Dec. 2013 Konkona Trust, Powai, Mumbai	40	Objective of the scheme, beneficiaries, documents to apply for the schemes, list of empanelled hospitals in the district, role of Arogya Mitra, Medical Coordinators, treatments available under the schemes, etc.
12.	Training on Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana	5 th Dec. 2013 Adivasi Vikas Kendra, Bahare, Vasai Diocese	100	Objective of the scheme, beneficiaries, documents to apply for the schemes, list of empanelled hospitals in the district, role of Arogya Mitra, Medical Coordinators, treatments available under the schemes, etc.
13.	Training on Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana	18 th Dec. 2013 Adivasi Vikas Kendra, Parus Pada, Bahare	35	Objective of the scheme, beneficiaries, documents to apply for the schemes, list of empanelled hospitals in the district, role of Arogya Mitra, Medical Coordinators, treatments available under the schemes, etc.
14.	Training on Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana	18 th Dec., 2013 village-Kunnor Vikarangadh	150	Objective of the scheme, beneficiaries, documents to apply for the schemes, list of empanelled hospitals in the district, role of Arogya Mitra, Medical Coordinators, treatments available under the schemes, etc.
15.	Training on Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana	20 th Dec. 2013 Salvation Church, Dadar, Mumbai	33 (Animators & Coordinators)	Objective of the scheme, beneficiaries, documents to apply for the schemes, list of empanelled hospitals in the district, role of Arogya Mitra, Medical Coordinators, treatments available under the schemes, etc.
16.	Orientation on Professional Social Work for Church Personnel by Bishop Elias Gonsalves	07 th Jan. 2014 ADSSS, Aurangabad	23	Orientation on Social Work, Different Approaches in Social Work: From Charity to Right Based Approach, overview of Church based social work intervention
17.	Orientation on Professional Social Work for Church Personnel by Bishop Elias Gonsalves	8 th Jan. 2014 NSSS, Bishop's House, Nashik	33	Orientation on Social Work, Different Approaches in Social Work: From Charity to Right Based Approach, overview of Church based social work intervention
18.	Orientation on Professional Social Work for Church Personnel by Bishop Elias Gonsalves	09 th Jan. 2014 PDSSS, Pune	53	Orientation on Social Work, Different Approaches in Social Work: From Charity to Right Based Approach, overview of Church based social work intervention

14 th & 15 th Nov. 2013	Caritas India National Project Selection Committee meeting at Delhi
15 th Nov. 2013	Meeting with LIFE Organization on WRSSF's Skill Building Project at Delhi
18 th Nov. 2013	Meeting with H.E. Cardinal Oswald Gracias at Mumbai
25 th Nov. to 5 th Dec. 2013	Monitoring visits with Monos Unidos Personnel to the Projects funded by Monos Unidos in Nashik, Aurangabad, Kalyan, Sindhudurg and Goa Dioceses
13 th Dec. 2013	WRSSF Governing Body meeting at Panvel, Mumbai
20 th Dec. 2013	Visit to Beawantwadi DSSS
7 th Jan. 2014	Visit to Aurangabad Diocese and One-day Training to Priests and Religious of Aurangabad Diocese on Church's Social Ministry by Bp. Elias of Amravati
9 th Jan. 2014	Visit to Nashik Diocese and One-day Training to Priests and Religious of Nashik Diocese on Church's Social Ministry by Bp. Elias of Amravati
9 th Jan. 2014	Visit to Pune Diocese and One-day Training to the Priests of Pune Diocese on Church's Social Ministry by Bp. Elias of Amravati
29 th Jan. 2014	Meeting with the Directors of Category C DSSSs of the Western Region
30 th Jan. 2014	Meeting with the Directors of Category B DSSSs of the Western Region
4 th Feb. 2014	Meeting with Mr. Soju of Caritas India and Mr. Kusal of CRS for WRSSF Organisational evaluation
5 th Feb. 2014	Meeting with Dr. Venkatesh, the General Manager of NABARD at NABARD Mumbai office
10 th Feb. 2014	Training sessions to the Social Works Sisters of the Holy Cross, Amravati province on NGO Management Skills
18 th Feb. 2014	Meetings with Bishop Godfrey and Fr. Richey of Baroda
19 th & 20 th Feb. 2014	Caritas India Policy Dissemination workshop and 2-day Reflection meeting of the Partner DSSS Directors of WRSSF at Bojlot
13 th to 15 th March 2014	WRSSF's Vidarbha Partners Training at JVS Paratwada
24 th to 26 th March 2014	Forum Directors' meeting & PAN ASIA FARM FEST organized by Caritas India at Delhi



WRSSF Director's Major Engagements for the Year 2013-2014

30 th and 31 st May 2013	Visit to the different drought - hit villages of Beed and Aurangabad districts together with CI Delhi Staff Ms. Babita and drought relief planning meeting with Bishop Edwin and Fr. Wilfred at Aurangabad
2 nd and 3 rd July 2013	Visit to Sarva Seva Deep NGO Organization at Mangaon, Raigad
4 th July 2013	Meeting with Mr. Kishore the Project Director of Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission regarding WRSSF Skill Training Project
8 th & 10 th July 2013	Organization Development Training for WRSSF Partner Directors' at Sarvodaya, Mumbai
10 th July 2013	WRSSF Governing Body and General Body Meetings at Sarvodaya, Mumbai
22 nd July 2013	One day training to Fatima Sisters of Pune on NGO Management
25 th July 2013	Meeting with Mrs. Khole – Assistant Charity Commissioner regarding WRSSF Society work
3 rd Aug. 2013	Visit to Nashik DSSS and meeting with Bishop Lourdes at Nashik
15 th Aug. 2013	Visit to Nagpur DSSS and meeting with Archbishop Abraham at Nagpur
16 th Aug. 2013	Meeting with Fr. Patrick Lemos – former Treasurer of WRSSF
26 th Aug. 2013	Meeting with Bishop Thomas Bhalekar, Bishop Emeritus of Nashik at Sheshanpur
30 th Aug. 2013	Meeting with Mr. Clarence Menezis, Income Tax Commissioner regarding WRSSF's 80-G Certification work
4 th Sept. 2014	Participation in the Inaugural Mass and Inaugural session of Caritas India Development Dynamics Course at Alma Darshan, Andheri, Mumbai
10 th Sept. 2013	Visit to Rajkot DSSS and Meeting with the Bishop Jose at Rajkot
11 th Sept. 2013	Meeting with the DDSWS of the 4 Gujarat Dioceses together with Archbishop Stanislaus at Gandhinagar
15 th Sept. 2013	Meeting with Bishop Thomas of Kalyan at Powai
19 th & 20 th Sept. 2013	Attended Forum Directors & Forum Chairmen's meeting organized by Caritas India at JIVV, Pune
21 st Sept. 2013	Meeting with the DSSS Directors of Marathwada Zone at BGVK, Ahmednagar
22 nd Sept. 2013	Meeting with Bishop Edwin at Aurangabad
1 st Oct. 2013	Meeting with the DSSS Directors of Vidarbha Zone at NMSSS Nagpur
2 nd Oct. 2013	Attended the Planning meeting Malghat Catholic NGOs at JVS, Paratwada
7 th Oct. 2013	Meeting with WRSSF Zonal Coordinators at Panvel. Meeting with the DSSS Directors of Konkan Zone at ARC of Kolhapur Diocese, Panvel
16 th Oct. 2013	Visit to Sindhudurg DSSS and meeting with Bishop Alwyn at Sindhudurg
21 st Oct. 2013	Meeting with Archbishop Felipe Neri at Goa
9 th Nov. 2013	One day training to Fatima Sisters of Warangal on NGO Management

19.	Training on Result Based Management	10 Jan.2014 Navjeevan Rajkot	27	Definition, steps in monitoring, input, activity, outcome, output, indicator, means of verification etc. evaluation and impact assessment etc.
20.	Training on Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana	24 th Jan.2014, ADSSS, Aurangabad	16 NGOs representatives	Objective of the scheme, beneficiaries, documents to apply for the schemes, list of empanelled hospitals in the district, role of Arogya Mitra, Medical Coordinators, treatments available under the schemes, etc.
21.	Project Development Workshop	13 th -15 th March 2014 JVS, Amravati	24	Project Strategies, Methodology, Problem Analysis, Logical Framework Analysis, Outcomes, Outputs, Impacts, Indicators, Assumptions, Activities etc

WRSSF Staff Capacity Enhancement

Trainings:

WRSSF is a Staff-friendly Organization and it gives special importance to the qualitative capacity enhancement of its Human Resource.

The following were the key capacity enhancement trainings provided to WRSSF Staff during the Year 2013-2014:

- In Sept.2013, Mr. Aju and Mr. Antony of WRSSF attended the 28-day intensive Development Dynamic Course conducted by Caritas India at Atmodarshan, Mumbai.
- In Oct. 2013, Ms. Seema and Mr. Rajesh of WRSSF attended a one-day workshop on Implication of the new Companies Act 2013 with regard to CSR organized by Confederation of Indian Industries at Pune.
- In Dec. 2013, Ms. Chaitra of WRSSF attended a

training on creating campaigns and NGOs collaboration called 'Udaan' at Bangalore

- In Feb. 2014, Mr. Anil of WRSSF attended a National level Research Methodology workshop in the Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR) at Ahmedabad.
- In April 2014, Mr. Rajesh of WRSSF attended the one-day Round table conference on CSR in IRMA, Anand, Gujarat.



Training Session on Social Inclusion Policy
by R. Jolly for the entire WRSSF Team

Director enabled the Team members to set higher individual targets to be achieved in the upcoming year. As part of the Staff gathering, a training session on the Catholic Social Principles was conducted by Fr. Jolly for the WRSSF Staff Team. The vision of WRSSF its ethos and its ethical practices were taken up for the discussion and deliberations.



WRSSF's New Initiatives during the year 2013-2014:

Categorization and Customization of WRSSF Services for its Partners

WRSSF planned new initiatives for supporting the Partner Organizations on all fronts, especially on the basis of their specific requirements. WRSSF has always been trying its best to improve upon the level and quality of the various support services it provides to its Partner NGOs. Each of the Partner NGOs of WRSSF is at a different level of organisational growth and functioning; and therefore there has been a felt need to make available customized Partner Support Services to



Consultative meeting with Directors of the Emerging Diocesan Social Service Societies

the DSSSs of the Western Region based on their specific needs and requirements. WRSSF has strategically planned out tailor-made services for the Partner DSSSs in consultation with the DSSSs Directors. All the 16 Partner Organizations were categorized into 3 specific categories based on the internal capacity assessments done with the use of specific parameters. Specific and customized services were proposed to all the Partner NGOs from WRSSF in terms of Program Support, Media Services and Resource Mobilization according to their category requirements. WRSSF conducted three 1-day consultation meetings for the Directors of each of the 3 categories of the 16 DSSSs. This strategic initiative was presented and discussed during the Partner Directors Reflection Meet at Rajkot in February 2014 in the presence of WRSSF Vice-Chairperson Archbishop Abraham who was highly appreciative about this innovative step taken by WRSSF. All the Partner Directors present were unanimous in extending their support for this initiative of WRSSF.

Mapping of Associate Partners and NGO Profiling

The Catholic Church is one of the major players in the Social Development Sector in the country and she makes large contributions to alleviate poverty and human sufferings. With the view to get a birds eye-view of the enormous volume of social services activities accomplished by the Church-based NGOs, during the year 2013-2014 WRSSF took up the innovative initiative to map the all the Church-based NGOs working in the 3 States of Goa, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Accordingly, WRSSF now has the basic profile of over 200 Catholic NGOs of Goa, Gujarat and Maharashtra reaching out to over one million poor people of these 3 States. WRSSF plans to publish a Resource Directory, giving the basic details of all its Associate Partners.

'Bas Ab Aur Nahi' Campaign: October 2013

One of the most important areas of work of WRSSF and its Partners is the welfare and empowerment of women and children. Befitting the role that WRSSF plays, it was imperative that we intervene in the area of safety of women in Mumbai city. In the wake of growing number of crimes and violence against women in Mumbai City, WRSSF conducted free self-defense training sessions for girls between the age group 17-20 years in four junior colleges of Mumbai and Vasai. Mr. Sharif Bapu, a Self-defense expert was invited to conduct these workshops for girls. The workshops were conducted in Anand Vishwa Gurukul College, Thane, JYM Mahila College, Alibali, Thomas Baptista College, Vasai and Vivek College, Goregaon. Various techniques were



Self Defense workshop in progress at St. Thomas Baptist College, Vasai

demonstrated to the girls about protecting themselves while travelling in crowded buses, trains, being part of crowded festivals etc. About 1000 girls of Mumbai and Vasai benefitted from the women safety campaigns organized by WRSSF. As part of the campaign, we also sensitized the young girls on the legal support that women need to seek if and when any crime is committed against the safety and modesty of women. The women safety campaign of WRSSF received positive coverage in 10 different newspapers published from Mumbai.

Self-Defense Workshop for Government Employees on 3rd March 2014



Inauguration of the Self Defense Workshop for the staff of Office of the Pt. Accountant General (A&E-I), Mumbai

On 3rd March 2014, the Center for Social Action of the Archdiocese of Mumbai in collaboration with WRSSF organized a one-day session on Self Defense for 60 women Govt employees. The Resource person was Mr. Sharif Bapu and he gave self-defense tips for the women on the common situations of eve teasing and assault that women face during their public travels.

Employee Engagement program of WRSSF with Glenmark Pharmaceutical in Ahmednagar:

WRSSF in collaboration with Bosco Gramin Vikas Kendra, the associate partner of Nasik DSSS facilitated the Employee engagement program of Glenmark Pharmaceutical at Ahmednagar on 18th Jan. 2014. The event was conducted for 102 unprivileged rural children, which falls under the operational area of the Diocese of Nasik. 25 Glenmark Pharmaceutical employees volunteered for this program. The aim of the program was to sensitize the employees about the need of education, health and hygiene for the marginalized children.



Employee Engagement Program hosted by WRSSF at Bosco Gramin Vikas Kendra, Ahmednagar

Employee Engagement Program of WRSSF with Glenmark Pharmaceutical in Aurangabad:

After the successful Employee engagement program in Ahmednagar, Glenmark Pharmaceutical invited WRSSF for conducting a similar employee engagement program at Aurangabad. Accordingly, WRSSF in collaboration with Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society (ADSSS) and Disha Vikas Kendra, facilitated the Employee engagement program of Glenmark Pharmaceutical at Aurangabad on 25th January 2014. 125 Orphan & Street Children from different slums of Aurangabad city interacted with 60 employees of Glenmark. The children aged between 8-13 had a great time with the employees of Glenmark and the children participated in drawing, skits and dance competitions all of which conveyed the message of health, nutrition and hygienic needs of the children. It was a wonderful experience for the employees of Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, which gave them an opportunity to teach and also learn from the children.



Glenmark Pharma Employee Engagement Program in Aurangabad With ADSSS

