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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The WRSSF would like to express its gratitude to the Chairman of the Nagpur Multipurpose Social Service Society, Archbishop Abraham V. and its Secretary Fr. Patrick Lemos for agreeing to be the Legal Holder from its inception. Fr Lemos very faithfully and diligently took care of all WRSSF accounts by regularly providing the audited statement of accounts to the donor agencies. On this occasion, the WRSSF would like to place on record the services rendered by NMSSS and say a big thank you.

The WR55F would also like to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Archbishop of Bombay, Cardinal Ivan Dias for allowing it to maintain its office in the premises of the Centre for Social Action, Eucharistic Congress Building. The Centre for Social Action extended all necessary financial aid to help meet the expenses of the WR55F for eight years. The WR55F is also very thankful to the Archbishop of Bombay and the Centre for Social Action for providing them with the new office premises at Sarvodaya.

Fr. Rocky Banz Honorary Secretary

INTRODUCTION

The Western Region Social Service Forum (WRSSF) was established with the goal of facilitating integrated human development in social, educational and environmental aspects. The forum functions essentially to promote all activities aimed at the development of the marginalized sections of society. Its main objectives are the following.

- To promote noble values and facilitate integrated human development.
- 4 Train personnel for promoting development and education.
- Promote activities connected with ecological and environmental concerns.
- Organize a documentation centre.

The Western Region includes the three states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, the Union territories of Daman and Diu and four districts of Madhya Pradesh.

MEETINGS

I - Fifth General Body Meeting 2005-06

The fifth Annual General Body Meeting of the WRSSF was held on 13th July 2005 at Atma Darshan, Mumbai. The meeting was attended by the:

- The former Chairman of the Forum, Archbishop Abraham V.
- The newly elected Chairman of the Forum, Archbishop Stanislaus Fernandes S.J.
- Vice-Chairman, Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao
- Other members including Archbishops, Bishops, Diocesan Directors of Social Work, Gender Coordinators and representatives of Caritas India.

II - Governing Body Meetings

Two Governing Body Meetings were held at Atma Darshan, Andheri (E), Mumbai.

 The first Governing Body Meeting of the Western Region Social Service Forum for the year was held on July 13, 2005. Seven trustees were present. The resignation of Most Rev. Archbishop Abraham, as the Chairman of WRSSF was accepted and Archbishop Stanislaus Fernandes

who was elected as the new Chairman of the Western Region Bishop's Council took over as the Chairman of the WRSSF.

 The second Governing Body Meeting of Western Region Social Service Forum was held on December 11, 2005 wherein the budget for the financial year April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007 was approved.

III - Meeting with the DDSWs and Gender Coordinators

1). The meeting of the Diocesan Directors with Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao was held at Atma Darshan Andheri (E), Mumbai on 12th July 2005 from 8.30 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. The following items were discussed.

 Archbishop Filipe Neri welcomed the newly appointed DDSWs. He announced the formation of the new Diocese of Sindhudurg, formerly a

part of the Poona Diocese.

 He also mentioned that the newly drafted Regional Perspective Plan (RPP) can only be implemented after the same has been ratified by the Bishops during their next meeting.

Dates of HIV/AIDS- Zonal Programs for Vidarbha, Marathwada and

Gujarat were finalized.

2). The meeting of the Diocesan Directors & Gender Coordinators with Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao was held at Sarvodaya, Goregaon (E), Mumbai, on 22 February 2006.

 Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao welcomed all the Diocesan Directors, Gender Coordinators present and extended a warm welcome to Fr. Freddy D'Souza, Sr. Helen Saldanha and Mr. Arun D'Souza of Caritas India.

 The DDSW and the Gender Coordinator of the newly created Diocese of Sindhudurg were welcomed officially to the Konkan zone.

 It was suggested that an evaluation of all the tasks/issues undertaken during the past few years by the WRSSF could be conducted during the forthcoming workshop in July 2006.

There will be a General Body Meeting with the Bishops of WRSSF on

18 July 2006.

- The Archbishop voiced his appreciation for the challenging areas of work undertaken by the WRSSF. However he expressed his disappointment with the low participation of the members at the workshop. He expressed the need for sending a copy of the programme to all the bishops of WRSSF well in advance.
- 3). The meeting of the Gender Coordinators was held on 12 July 2005 at Atma Darshan, Andheri (E), Mumbai at 8.30 p.m. The following points were discussed.

- A summary of the relief & rehabilitation work done in Baroda Diocese was shared by Sr. Neeta Lopes (Gender Coordinator-Baroda Diocese)
- Planning for future HIV / AIDS programs at zonal level.
- 4). A meeting of the Gender Coordinators was held on 23 February 2006 at Sarvodaya, Goregaon (E), Mumbai. The following points were discussed.
 - The coordinators shared their work experiences and enumerated the difficulties encountered while working with the diocesan priests and other religious congregations.
 - The role of the Gender Co-ordinator in the Diocese was discussed. For this purpose Sr. Helen Saldhana (Gender Coordinator, Caritas India) agreed to provide the guidelines of Caritas India in relation to the role of Gender Coordinators in their respective Dioceses.

WORKSHOPS

I - ANTI- HUMAN TRAFFICKING

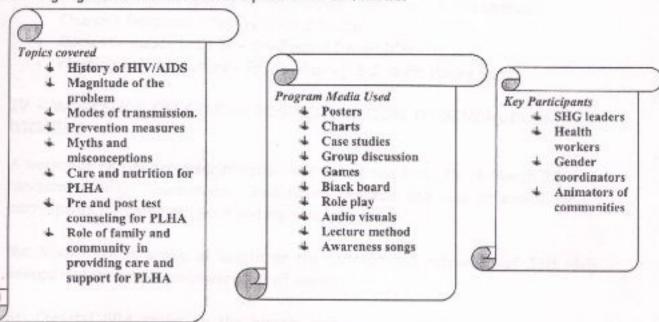
The Western Region Social service Forum organized a two-day workshop on Human Trafficking form 12-13 July 2005 at Atma Darshan, Andheri (E), Mumbai. The resource person was Sr. Helen Saldanha (Caritas India). A guest speaker Ms. Priti Patkar (Prerana) spoke on Trafficking with specific reference to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women.

The following topics were covered at the workshop:

- · Definition of Human Trafficking.
- Process of Human Trafficking recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring and receipt of persons
- Forms and sectors of Human trafficking
- Laws formulated to curb trafficking of persons.
- Human trafficking with specific reference to Commercial Sexual Exploitation.
- Effective role of the Church to prevent Human Trafficking.
- Three socio legal approaches to Commercial Sexual Exploitation (prostitution) i.e. Tolerationist approach, Regulationist approach and an Abolitionist approach.
- · Trends in Human Trafficking.
- Interventions: Right Based Approach & Gender Based Approach.

II - HIV/AIDS

A two day residential program was organized at each of the 4 zones viz. Konkan, Marthwada, Vidharbha and Gujarat Zones. The purpose of these workshops was to train and enable zonal teams to involve the SHGs members in offering community based care and support to families and the PLHA. A summary of the main highlights of the session are presented as follows.



Impact:

- A team of 35 members from each zone have been trained on community based care for PLHA.
- The trained women play a key role in identifying PLHA for the centre
- These women will be responsible for disseminating information at their communities

II - COMMUNITY BASED DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A workshop was organized on Community Based Disaster Preparedness and Anti-Human Trafficking by WRSSF in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Caritas India from 21-24 Feb 2006. The workshop was organized for the DDSWs, gender coordinators and social workers of the regions. The experts from the following fields spoke on the issues listed below.

- Development as a Divide Fr. Amalraj S.J.
- Introduction to Globalization Dr. Devendra Sharma

- Overview of Community Based Disaster Preparedness Dr. Dipankar Dasgupta
- Experience Sharing on Disasters Mr. Aloysius James
- Children in Disaster Situations Mr. Suresh Rao (CRS Gujarat)
- Gender and Disasters Sr. Helen Saldanha (Gender Desk Caritas India)
- · Crisis in Rural India Mr. P. Sainath
- The Challenge of Migration and Human Trafficking & the Catholic Church's Response - Fr. Fredrick D'Souza
- · Domestic Labor in India Sr. Jeanne Devos ICM
- Planning for the Future Fr. C. Amalraj, S.J. & Fr. Rocky Banz

IV - WORKSHOP ON GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN SINDHUDURG DIOCESE

A workshop on Gender discrimination was conducted from 13-14 March 2006 at Navsarni Center, Sawantwadi, Sindhudurg Diocese and was attended by 55 participants including religious and lay people.

Ms. Mishal Dabre spoke at length on the concept and relevance of Self Help Groups and its role in empowerment of women.

Sr. Christel SRA spoke on the history and various manifestations of gender discrimination.

Ms. Lorraine Fernandes spoke on Development with regard to globalization, commercialization of agriculture and economic policies of our country.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

I - RELIEF AND REHAB WORK

A) Floods in South Gujarat

Mr. Arun D'souza (CRO, Caritas India) visited the flood affected areas of South Gujarat. Meetings were held with Bishop of Baroda, DDSWs and church based organizations to ensure proper planning of relief and rehabilitation work. The ensuing action plan resulted in the availability of educational material to children, construction of houses and provision of household articles including long term ration facilities to those affected.

B) Floods in Maharashtra (26th July 2005)

- The WRSSF is grateful to Bishop Valerian D'Souza of Poona Diocese for sanctioning Rupees Thirty Lakh for the flood affected victims of Maharashtra. This amount was utilized to reach out to the dioceses of Amravati, Mumbai, Kalyan, Poona & Vasai.
- Family kits were provided to 260 families in Amravati Diocese and to 9,300 families in Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai, and Raigad. Community kitchens too were set up to provide immediate relief. Medical camps were organized at badly affected areas of Kalyan, Dombivli, Kurla, and in Talukas of Raigad District. These camps were supported by awareness sessions on the importance of personal hygiene and the adoption of simple preventive measures like boiling drinking water and the maintenance of a clean environment.
- The Diocese of Kalyan through the Social Action Department extended its support by providing relief to the affected families and communities. The relief included the distribution of food, clothing toiletries and household materials. Other activities included the organization of medical camps and setting up community kitchens.
- Poona Diocese Social Service Society provided relief and rehab material to 8551 families of Kholapur district, 2369 families of Karad Taluka and 276 families in Pathan Taluka of Satara district and also reached out to the 17 villages of Sangli district.
- Vasai Diocese provided basic relief and provided housing material for the repair of 100 damaged houses.

II - Revised Diocesan Perspective Plan (DPP)

- A) A follow-up of DPP, was conducted in Vasai Diocese by Fr. Francis Dabre of the WRSSF with local resource persons. As a result of this workshop a revised DPP was formulated for the Diocese.
- B) Diocesan Perspective Planning for Sindhudurg Diocese: WRSSF organized the Diocesan Perspective Planning for the newly created Diocese of Sindhudurg from 1-2 February 2006 at Sawantwadi. This workshop was facilitated by Fr. Rocky Banz, Fr. Francis Dabre, Mr. Arun D'Souza and Ms. Lorraine Fernandes. As a result of this the DPP was formulated for the Diocese.

DOCUMENTATION & PUBLICATIONS

The major highlights of the WRSSF Diary this year were:

- Social Apostolate of Amravati Diocese (Vol : 5 No.3 October 2005 -January 2006)
- Booklet
- A report on the Tsunami Disaster Relief & Rehabilitation Brochure
- Rain Water Harvesting- Provides information on simple methods for practicing rainwater harvesting in urban areas.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

The WRSSF is glad to inform that they have obtained a new office at Sarvodaya through the good offices of His Eminence Cardinal Ivan Dias, Archbishop of Bombay.

FUTURE PLANS

- The main focus at the Regional level for the upcoming year 2006-07 will be to address the issues of Human Trafficking and Community Based Disaster Preparedness, Keen efforts will be made to promote this at each diocese.
- The revised Diocesan Perspective Plan will be conducted in all the dioceses of the Region.

A.C. D.'Souza & Associates,

604, Kairav – Mahindra Gesco, Ram Mandir Road, Goregoan West, Mumbai 400 104

We have examined the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2006 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on the said date attached herewith of Western Region Social Service Forum. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustees. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We have conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the trustees as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion the income and expenditure account and the balance sheet comply with the Accounting Standards issued by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

Depreciation is charged at the normal rates on Written Down Basis.

Investments are made in the name of the trust.

We have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by Western Region Social Service Forum so far as appears from our examination of these books.

In our opinion the balance sheet and income and expenditure account read together with the Significant Accounting Policies disclosed by Western Region Social Service Forum, give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities arising from transactions of the trust and the revenue collected and expenses made during the year.

Mumbai: 18th July 2006

A. C. D'Souza

Report of an auditor relating to accounts audited under sub-section(2) of Section 33 and 34 rule 19 of the Bombay Public Trust Act.

Registration No.: F - 23262 (Mum)

Name of the Public Trust : Western Region Social Service Forum

For the year ending : 31st March 2006

notice of the auditor

	For the year ending . 31st march 2000	
		Yes
(a)	Whether accounts are maintained regularly and in	100
	accordance with the provision of the act and the rules	
		Yes
(b)	Whether receipts and disbursements are properly and	103
	correctly shown in the accounts	
	And the second of	Yes
0	Whether the cash balance and the vouchers in the custody	163
	of the manager or trustee on the date of the audit were in	
	agreement with the accounts	
		Yes
(d)	Whether all books, deeds, accounts, vouchers or other	169
	documents or records required by the auditor were produced	
	before him	
		Yes
(e)	Whether a register of movable and immovable properties	169
	is maintained, the changes therein are communicated	
	from time to time to the regional office, and the defects and	
	inaccuracies mentioned in the previous audit reports have	
	been duly complied with	
100	and the state of t	Yes
(f)	Whether the manager or trustee or any other person	
	required by the auditor to appear before him did so and	
	furnished the necessary information required by him	
	Whether any property or funds of the Trust were applied for	No
(9)	any objects or purpose other than the object or purpose	
	of the Trust	
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(h)	amounts written off, if any	
	amounts writer on, it ony	
(1)	Whether tenders were invited for repairs or construction	No
(11)	involving expenditure exceeding Rs. 5,000/-	
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(i)	Whether any money of the public trust has been invested	No
0/	contrary to the provisions of section 35.	
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(ii) All cases of irregular, illegal or improper expenditure or failure or omission to recover moneys or other property belonging to the public trust or of loss or waste of money or other property thereof and whether such expenditure, failure, omission loss or waste was caused in consequence of breach of trust or misapplication or any other misconduct on the part of the trustee or any other person while in the management of the trust. (m) Whether the budget has been filed in the form provided by rule 16A (n) Whether maximum and minimum number of the trustees is maintained (o) Whether the meetings are held regularly as provided	
(n) Whether maximum and minimum number of the trustees is maintained	Nil
trustees is maintained (0) Whether the meetings are hold assulations.	Yes
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in such instruments	Yes
(p) Whether the minutes book of the proceedings of the meeting is maintained	Yes
(q) Whether any of the trustees has any interest in the investments of the trust	No
Whether any of the trustee is a debtor or creditor of the trust	No
(s) Whether the irregularities pointed out by the auditors in the accounts of the previous year have been duly complied with by the trustees during the preiod of audit	N.A.
(t) Any special matter which the auditor may think fit or necessary to bring to the notice of the Deputy or Asst. Charity Commissioner	Nil

Mumbai: 18th July 2006

for A. C. D'Souza & Associates Chartered Accountants

A. C. D'Souza

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604, Kairav Mahindra Gesco, Ram Mandir Road, Goregoan(W) Mumbai 400 104

A. C. D'Souza

The Bombay Public Trusts Act 1950 SCHEDULE - IX C

(vide rule 32)

Statement of income liable to contribution for the year ending 31st March 2006

Name of the Public Trust : Western Region Social Service Forum

Reg. No. F - 23262 (Mum)

Rs.

Income as shown in the income and Expenditure

Account - Schedule IX

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II Items not chargeable to Contribution under section 58

Rules 32:

(I) Donations received from other Public Trust/Dharmadas

Grants received from Govt, and local authorities

Interest on Sinking or Depreciation Fund

Amount Spent for the purpose of secular education 439,244

Amount spent for the purpose of medical relief 3,083,929

Amount spent for the spurpose of veterinary treatment

of animals

Expenditure incurred from donations for relief of distress

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natúra/ calamity

Deductions out of income from lands used for agricultural

purposes

a. Land revenue and local fund cess

b. Rent payable to superior landlord

 Cost of production, if lands are cultivated by trust for agricultural purposes

Deductions out of income from lands used for non agricultural purposes:

 888essment cesses and other Government or Municipal Taxes

b.Ground rent payable to the superior landford

c. insurançe premia

d. Repairs at 10% of gross rent of Building let out

Cost of collection of income or receipts from securities

stocks etc. at 1% of such income.

Deductions on account of repairs in respect of buildings

not rerited and yielding no income, at 10%of the

estimated gross annual rent

3523173

Gross annual Income Chargeable to Contribution Rs.

261938

Certified that while claiming deductions admissible under the above schedule, the trust has not claimed any amount twice, either wholly or partly, against any of the items mentioned in the schedule which have the effect of double deduction.

Address of the Trust: Eucharistic Congress Bldg. No. III 5. Convent Street, Mumbai 400 001 for A. C. D'Souza & Associates Chartered Accountants

Trustees

A. C. D'Souza Proprietor.

Mumbai: 18th July 2006

604. Kairav Mahindra Gesco, A. C. D'Souza & Assoicates Ram Mandir Road, Goregoan(W) Chartered Accountants Mumbai 400 104 A. C. D'Souza The Bombay Public Trusts Act 1950 SCHEDULE - VIII (vide rule 17(1)) Western Region Social Service Forum Name of the Public Trust: Balance Sheet as at : 31st March 2006 Balance carried forward 1892498 Total Total As per our report of even date attached Income outstanding: if any for A. C. D'Souza & Associates rent/interest/other income Chartered Accountants The above balance sheet to the best of our belief contains a true and fair account of the Funds & Liabilities and Property & assets of the trust as on the 31st March 2006 A. C. D'Souza Proprietor. Mumbai: 18th July 2006 Trustee

Registration No.: F - 23262 (Mum)

Funds & Liabilities	Rs.	Rs.	Property and Assets Immovable Property - At cost	Rs.	Rs.
Trust Funds or Corpus			Balance as per last balance sheet	0	0
Balance as per last balance sheet		1.000	Add : Additions during the year	0	
Donation received during the year			Less : Sales during the year		
and the second of the year			: Depreciation upto date	0	
Other Earmarked Funds :			Investments - At Cost		800,000
(Created under the provisions of the			(market value of the above investments)		
trust deed or scheme or out of the			Movable assets - at cost		
income)			Balance as per last balance sheet	422,368	
Depreciation Fund			Add : Additions during the year	0	
Sinking Fund			Less : Sales during the year		
Reserve Fund/Endowment fund	448,000		. Depreciation upto date	84,472	337.896
other funds - Jeep fund	650,000	1,098,000	Loans (Secured or Unsecured)- (Good/	Doubtful)	
			Loans Scholarships		
Loans (Secured or Unsecured)			Other Loans		
From Trustees					
From others			Advances		
			to trustees		
			to cordinators - for expenses	0	
Liabilities			to contractors/ expenses	. 0	
for expenses	450,000		to lawyers/ others - deposits	0	0
for advances	0				
for rent and other deposits	0		Income Outstanding		
for sundry credit balance	. 0	450,000	Rent		
	4		Interest		
			Other Income -TDS refund	10,355	10 355
			Cash and Bank Balances		
			Saving Bank Accounts	690,548	
Income & Expenditure Account			Fixed Deposit Accounts	0	
Balance as per lest Balance sheet	85,860		Cash on Hand - with trustee	53699	
Less : appropriation if any			- with manager	0	744,247
Add : surplus	257,638				
Less : deficit	0	343498	Income & Expenditure Account		
Balance carried forward			Balance as per last Balance sheet		
			Less : appropriation if any		
			Add : Deficit / Leas : Surplus		

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A. C. D'Souza

A. C. D'Souza Proprietor.

The Bombay Public Trusts Act 1950 SCHEDULE - IX

(vide rule 17(1))

Mumbai :

18th July 2008

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Income & Expenditure Account	t for the perio	od	R	egistration No.:	F - 23262 (Mu	m)
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Expenditure	Rs.	Rs.	In	come	Rs.	Rs.
The second second						0
Expenditure in respect of properties			Rent - accured/s	realised		9
Rates, taxes, cess		0		19		
Repairs & maintenance		0				
Salaries		11-		reservation -		
Insurance			Interest - accure	ed/realised		
Depreciation					00.000	
(by way of provision/adjustment)			on securities		32,000	70.500
Other expenses			on saving bank		38,523	70,523
			on fixed deposit	account	0	
Estabilishment Expenses		1,800				
		**	Dividend	e.		0
Remuneration to Truston's		0			44	
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household expenditure, if any						
Legal Expenses		0	Donations in ca	ish or kind		
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Contribution and Fees			Local Donations		200000000000000000000000000000000000000	
Amount written off:			a Trust			
a bad debts			b. others		112,400	3,714,588
b. Loan Scholarship						
			Grants			
c. Irrecoveable rents			Quanta			
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Miscellaneous Expenses						
Depreciation		0				
Amount transferred to reserve or						
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Expenditure on objects of the trust		3.025,175	Transact troom to	Catives		
a Religious	439,244					
b. Educational - annexure	3,083,929					
c. Medical relief	The state of the s		Deficie accided	over to Balance she	-4	0
d. Relief to poor/floods	0		Denoit carried o	over to balance sne	er.	
e. Other charitable objects						
Surplus carried to balance sheet		257,638	3			
Total		3785111		Total		3785111
As per our report of even date at	Itached	21.00.111				
for A. C. D'Souza & Associates						
Chartered Accountants						

Trustee

Significant accounting policies

Method of accounting:

The trust maintains accounts on cash basis i.e. revenue and the related assets are recognized when received rather that earned and expenses are recognized when paid rather that when obligation is incurred.

Investments

Investment in Deposit with the Financial Institutions and bank are in the name of the Trust.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation

Depreciation for the year is charged on WDV basis.

Retirement and other Benefits:

Retirement and other benefits to staff, if any, will be accounted when payment is made.

We have not been able to quantify the retirement and other benefits.

Mumbai: 18th July 2006

Western Region Social Service Forum

Details of Educational Expenses

Dev. Program & infrastructure	48300
Jeep expenses	8961
regional capacity bldg program	164666
anti human trafficking exp	120874
Depreciation	84472
bank charges	390
postage expenses	1701
printing & stationary - books etc	9880

Total 439244

Details of Medical Expenses

Emergency flood relief 3083929 (Incl medical assistance)
Total 3083929

Grand Total 3523173