



Western Region Social Service Forum

*Expressing Christian Love Through Social Action
Fostering Partnerships...Building Lives...*



Annual Report 2015-2016



About Western Region Social Service Forum

Western Region Social Service Forum (WRSSF) is the Social Development Wing of the Western Region Bishop's Council. It was initiated in 1996 and was registered in the year 2001 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950.

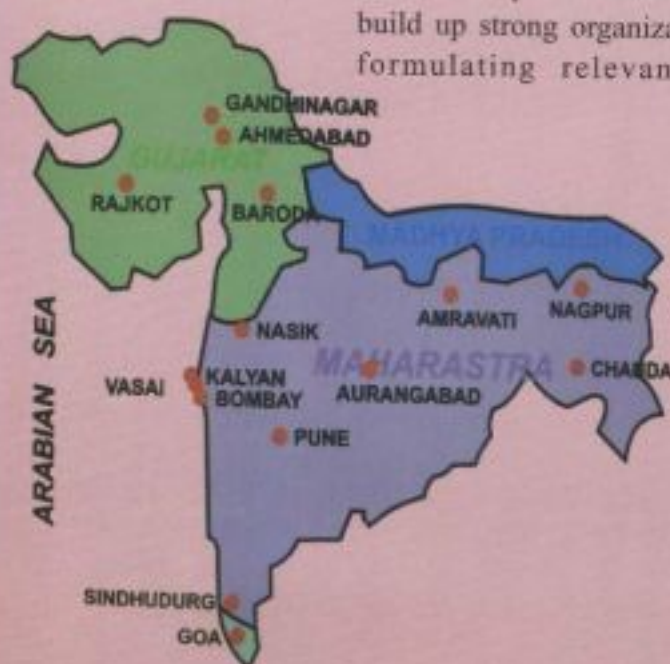
WRSSF works with 16 Partner NGOs from Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa and the Union Territory of Dadra Nagar Haveli. WRSSF acts as a co-ordinating and facilitating organization and inspires, animates, supports and promotes the developmental interventions of its 16 Partner Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSS) for the integral development of people. WRSSF adopts an inclusive approach and does not discriminate anyone on the basis of caste, gender, religion, creed or linguistic groups. The organization implements programs based on the developmental needs of the four zones of its operational area- Gujarat, Marathwada, Konkan and Vidharba.

WRSSF helps its Partner Organizations to build up strong organizational systems by formulating relevant policies 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 Organizations on various social issues such as HIV/AIDS, farmer suicides, human trafficking, Right to Food, livelihood options, human made and natural disasters 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 consists of 8 people who provide continuous direction and guidance for the Organization's policies and programs. The General Body is made up of all the Catholic Bishops of the Western Region and all the Directors of the Partner Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSS) of the Western Region.



Vision

To establish a just society where Gospel Values of Love, Equality and Peace are lived and nurtured.

Mission

To promote human dignity of all through a process of empowerment of the poor and the marginalized

Core Values

- Love for the poor
- Upholding the Human Dignity for all
- Professionalism and Team Work
- Transparency in Work and Dealings
- Fostering Partnership for Social Action

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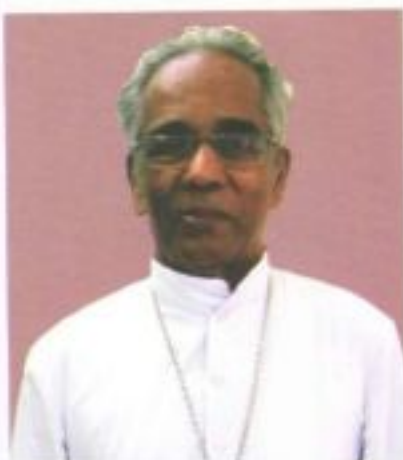
Message from Vice Chairperson

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

Humans are the vehicles of God the almighty known to millions in million names. The essence, the energy is the same in us all flowing through our actions. The pathway to the absolute is positively affecting the energy flow without egos with selflessness. The need of the day is true actualizations of God's energy amongst fellow beings. WRSSF has been rising to the times in needful actualization of the flowing of God's energy among fellow beings.

WRSSF has been a source pocket in the western region of India through its prolific engagements with individuals, communities and organizations in the year 2015-2016. The walk of WRSSF in 2015 - 2016 has been through the troubled beaches of Konkan becoming the possibilities for artisanal fisher folk, through the barrens of

Marathwada becoming water for the thirsty, through the plains of Saurashtra becoming possibilities for food and innocence and towards winds of Vidharba becoming possibilities for Agro regeneration and women leaderships



I have been through all the thick and thin of the organization, its desires and field actualization. The region of western India is in a time of troubles from drought to malnutrition, from farmer's suicides to economic imbalances. I request your gracious collaborations to support the Western Region Social Service Forum to go further becoming

absolute in positively affecting the individuals, communities and organizations for a better world.

+A Viruthakulangra

Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangra
Vice Chairperson
Western Region Social Service Forum

Message from Executive Director

Greetings from the Regional Forum of the West of India!

Western Region Social Service Forum has completed another year of successful presence amongst its people. This annual year has been extremely challenging with various social realities across the region of the west of India. WRSSF has always been striving hard to show the merciful and compassionate face of God to its people. It has been our mandate to support and lend a helping hand to all those in need, irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

The year 2015-2016 has been really challenging for the WRSSF Maharashtra partners with drought engulfing the entire region with its venomous fangs taking the lives of our brothers and sisters in the agricultural sector. It has been painful to see that the suicide toll was rising day after day and yet the government was watching from the sidelines as a silent spectator. We had an uphill task highlighting the issue on all possible platforms

to pressurize the government to declare a drought and ensure that necessary relief measures are put in action. Our organisation also tried to provide some relief measures but not before studying the situation in detail and planning long term interventions simultaneously. This is a really long journey to ensure that the situation improves for the drought victims in Maharashtra and I request all the prayers and support for the drought affected.

We have been working for years in the social development sector and the focus of this year was to identify the underlying currents across the region. With this vision WRSSF team traversed across the region and came across multiple challenges that people are facing especially in the rural belt of Maharashtra, Goa



and Gujarat. Our partners have stepped forward and decided to take up issues that are existing across organizations. Konkani partners have decided to work towards the improvement of the artisanal fisherfolk, Vidharba partners have decided to dedicate their efforts towards Women Empowerment, Gujarat partners want to spend their energy towards reducing Malnutrition and the Marathwada Partners are keen on working towards the reduction in Maternal and Child Mortality rates in the region.

I take this opportunity to thank all the agencies that have been with WRSSF to deliver its mandate of building Organizational Capacities among its partners and other agencies needing support. We would also like to express its gratitude to individuals and corporate for the monetary support in taking forward multiple interventions across the region. A special note of appreciation from the WRSSF Management to all those who voluntarily contributed their services in 2015-2016 for various administrations of Mercy, Charity and Care. Last but definitely not the least, it is my pleasure to remember my team who has selflessly devoted their time and energy to ensure positivity in all the actions of WRSSF. Do continue with us in our journey of empowering communities and organizations towards a just world of equity and equality

Thank you all

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'George'.

Fr. George Vattamattam
Executive Director
Western Region Social Service Forum
Mumbai.

The Major Organizational Engagements of WRSSF for the Year 2015-2016

Annual General Body Meeting

Venue: Sarvodaya, Mumbai | Date: 8th July, 2015



His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias releasing the Annual Report of WRSSF.

WRSSF held its Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) on the 8th of July 2015 at Sarvodaya, Mumbai. The Annual Report 2014-2015 was released by His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias. The key

activities and programs taken up by the Forum for the year were presented before the General Body. The Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet of WRSSF for the year 2014-2015 was presented by Treasurer, Fr. Louis V. and copies of the same were handed down to the General Body members. Archbishop Felix Machado from the Diocese of Vasai was welcomed as the new Chairman of WRSSF and Archbishop Stanislaus Fernandes SJ from the Archdiocese of Gandhinagar was felicitated as the outgoing Chairman. Archbishop Thomas Macwan from Archdiocese of Gandhinagar, was welcomed as the new Trustee of WRSSF and gratitude was expressed to the outgoing Trustee, Bishop Edwin Colaco from the Diocese of Aurangabad. Bishop Ambrose Rebello, Diocese of Aurangabad, was welcomed as a new member of the WRSSF General Body.

WRSSF Governing Body Meetings

Venue: Sarvodaya, Mumbai | Dates: 8th July, 2015 & 11th December, 2015



WRSSF Governing Body electing Archbishop Felix Machado as their new Chairman

The WRSSF Governing Body met twice during the year 2015-2016. The Governing Body had detailed discussions and deliberations on the past achievements and the upcoming plans and activities

for WRSSF. There was a special discussion on the drought situation in Marathwada and Vidharba regions of Maharashtra and the proposed response of the Church. The Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2014-15 was presented and unanimously passed by the Governing Body of WRSSF. The Governing Body also unanimously passed the following – resignation of Archbishop Stanislaus Fernandes SJ of the Archdiocese of Gandhinagar as the Chairman of WRSSF and appointment of Archbishop Felix Machado of Vasai Diocese as the new Chairman of WRSSF, the resignation of Bishop Edwin Colaco from the Diocese of Aurangabad as the Trustee of WRSSF and the appointment of Archbishop Thomas Macwan from the Archdiocese of Gandhinagar as the new Trustee of WRSSF.



Zonal Co-ordinators Deliberations on 'HOCAL'

Venue: Sarvodaya, Mumbai | Date: 13th January, 2016



Zonal Coordinators: HOCAL Discussion led by Mr. Kushal (CRS) & Dr. Saju MK (CI)

With the objective of clearly defining WRSSF's role and relation with its partners the Zonal Co-ordinators

from all 4 zones i.e. Fr. Maverick from Konkan zone, Fr. Allwyn from Marathwada zone, Fr. Jose from Vidharba zone and Fr. Appavoo from Gujarat zone came together for a discussion and analysis on HOCAL (Holistic Organization Capacity Assessment Instrument). This meet was facilitated by Dr. Saju MK (Caritas India) and Mr. Kushal Neogy (Catholic Relief Services). The HOCAL process as already undertaken by the WRSSF Director and staff was shared with the Zonal Co-ordinators and the authenticity of the same was accepted by the Zonal Co-ordinators who would further share it with all the Diocesan Directors of Social Work from their zones. The HOCAL assessment has provided WRSSF with clarity and a defined roadmap for further programs and interventions.

Exposure Visit for WRSSF Zonal Co-ordinators

Venue: Guwahati | Date: 14th to 16th January, 2016

All the 4 Zonal Co-ordinators along with the WRSSF Director Fr. George Vattamattam visited the North East Diocesan Social Forum located at Guwahati in Assam. The purpose of the visit was to have an in-depth understanding of the administrative as well as programmatic aspects of the North East Forum.

During the visit there was a detailed presentation of the program functioning of the North East Forum and the visiting team appreciated the efforts of the Forum for providing such strong support in the development of all its Partner Organizations.

Annual Reflection Meet of WRSSF's Partner Directors

Venue: ARC, Panvel | Date: 11th & 12th February, 2016



Bishop Thomas Elavasal of the Diocese of Kalyan Addressing the WRSSF Partner Director Reflection Meet

The Annual Reflection Meet for Partner Directors was held at the Animation and Renewal Centre (ARC) in Panvel. Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangra, Vice-Chairman of WRSSF, presided over the meeting and led the discussions and deliberations.

Mr. Saju MK, Caritas India, Manager- West Zone was also in attendance of this meeting.

On basis of a presentation done by WRSSF Operational Manager, Mr. Aju EJ, there were detailed discussions among the WRSSF Partner Directors present as well as WRSSF Director Fr. George Vattamattam on the activities of the past one year as well as the further steps to enhance the functioning and sustainability of WRSSF. The Directors present reached a consensus that WRSSF should make special efforts to develop and implement cluster programs to address the major issues specific to each region. The august gathering under the leadership of Archbishop Abraham also took a decision to develop a new strategic plan for WRSSF to define the future roadmap of WRSSF.



Special Report on Efforts by WRSSF to Support Marathwada & Vidharba Drought Affected



A dried up Canal in Vaijapur, Aurangabad- Captured during the Drought Assessment

Marathwada and Vidharba regions of Maharashtra are reeling under severe drought. The drought has been causing havoc in the lives of the people for the

last three consecutive years. The result of the drought in 2015-2016 has been devastating with the farmer suicide toll just rising with every passing day. The worst hit has been the Marathwada region and the Diocese of Aurangabad is really struggling to support its people. The Social Action Director- Fr. Wilfred Saldhana has on numerous occasions highlighted the plight of his people on different platforms. It is his strong efforts that have resulted in highlighting the picture to all agencies.

WRSSF decided to respond to the request from Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society (ADSSS) Director to support the people in this grim situation. Please find below the different steps taken by WRSSF to try and reach out to the people.

Rapid Assessment



Rapid Drought Assessment in Immanpur Village, Beed

Rapid Assessment of the drought affected villages was done in August 2015 by Mr. Antony Francis. This assessment took place in 3 villages of Beed district, namely Pali, Piplegaon and Immanpur in collaboration with St. Ann Social Service Society. The assessment highlighted that drought has been affecting the area since the past 3 years and there is a need for steps such as crop alteration, sensitization, anti-drought prone tree plantations and water charity.

Drought Mitigation Concept- 'Amrutam'

The concept of 'Amrutam-An Emancipation Schema for the Drought Affected' was developed by WRSSF as a drought mitigation effort for the regions of Marathwada and Vidharba. The concept has chalked out three distinct phases as a sustainable model for drought mitigation –

- I. Relief for Immediate Drought Mitigation
- II. Community Based Intervention
- III. Community Led Direct Social Action

This concept has been shared with different agencies like Catholic Relief Services, Manos Unidas, Caritas India and Misereor.

Strategic Meetings with Funding Agencies for Garnering Support for Drought Affected

WRSSF team led by Fr. George Vattamattam initiated a meeting with Caritas India Asst. Director- Rev. Fr. Paul and Caritas India West Zone Manager- Dr. Saju M.K. to apprise them of the drought situation in Maharashtra. The concept of Amrutam was also presented during the meeting as a suggested intervention to tackle drought in the region. Separate meetings with Catholic

Relief Services (CRS), Misereor and Manos Unidas teams were also taken up by WRSSF to highlight the plight of the people in areas affected by drought in Maharashtra State. The regular interventions led to Caritas and CRS requesting WRSSF to help facilitate a detailed Drought Situational Analysis for them.

Field Assessment Visit

In the month of November 2015 WRSSF team members, Mr. Clifford D'Costa and Ms. Rini D'Souza with the guidance of Fr. Wilfred Saldhana, Director of Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society (ADSSS) facilitated field visits that were made by different social development bodies to assess the drought situation across different districts in Marathwada region of Maharashtra.

Field Assessment Visit by Tata Sustainability Group (TSG): A delegation from Tata Group of Companies, representing the TSG visited the field area of ADSSS for its drought assessments on the 17th and 18th of November 2015. This team, along with ADSSS Director & staff and WRSSF team members conducted assessments in a total of 5 villages in Sillod block (Aurangabad district) and Gevrai block (Beed district). The assessments were co-ordinated by ADSSS and Navjeevan Mahila Vikas Kendra respectively. The key observations made were that unemployment was a major outcome of the drought-like situation in the villages visited. Moreover, while availing food and water was not a major challenge at that point, the resources available were minimum and would only be able to sustain the villagers for the coming two months. In all of the villages visited the farmers were facing massive crop loss and agricultural failure.

The members visiting from TSG were –

- Shrirang Dhavale, Tata Sustainability Group
- Mr. Vinod Kulkarni, Tata Motors
- Mr. Sanjiv Tare, Tata Communications
- Mr. Sanjay Kale, Tata Power
- Mr. Achintya Singh, Tata Motors
- Ms. Vanessa Domania, Taj Public Service Welfare Trust
- Mr. Amit Kokadwar, Tata Consulting Engineers Limited

Field Assessment Visit by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Caritas India (CI): Team



Visiting Drought Assessment Team from Tata Sustainability Group along with Aurangabad DSSS Director & WRSSF Team Members

members from CRS and CI visited the operational areas of ADSSS for a drought assessment between the 23rd and 26th of November 2016. The visiting team from the two funding agencies visited 7 villages across the districts of Aurangabad, Jalna and Parbhani along with the WRSSF team as well as ADSSS and its Associate Partners. The visits were co-ordinated by ADSSS, Nirmala Institute and Bosco Gramin Vikas Kendra. Along with village level assessments, which included Focus Group Discussions with men and women groups separately, visits were also made to Government Departments and village Panchayats to get a macro-level understanding of the drought-like conditions affecting this region. Some of the key observations made were that landlessness among the villagers is a primary concern which in turn results in unemployment and thus large scale migration. Other concerns highlighted were crop loss and resultant food insecurity, difficulty in maintenance of livestock, increasing loan burdens, changes in the social and community situation. The representatives from CRS and CI made 2 major recommendations to address the field situation – firstly, addressing unemployment by providing 'cash for work' to the villagers in consultation with the local government authorities. Secondly, building and repairing water structures for efficient rain water harvesting (which could be undertaken under 'cash for work').

The assessment team members from CRS and CI were –

- Mr. Sailendra Pattanaik, CRS
- Mr. Amarendra Ghana, CRS
- Mr. Joseph Fonseca, CI
- Mr. Mukund Deshmukh, CI

WRSSF team representatives for the assessment visits collated and analysed the data from the field. The rough report drafts for Caritas India and Catholic Relief Services were drafted by WRSSF and presented to the respective agencies along with the data collected.



Focus Group Discussion as part of the combined Drought Assessment by WRSSF, CRS, CI & ADSS Team members

Proposal Development

The response of multiple agencies that were apprised by WRSSF concerning the drought situation in Maharashtra encouraged the team to further develop the initial drought mitigation concept into a full-fledged proposal 'Amrutam: An Emancipation

Schema for Drought Stricken'. The proposal integrated the feedback received for the concept note and the consultation meets while further correlating them with the data analysed from the multiple field assessments.

Village Assessments and Identification

The WRSSF team members made visits across the districts of Aurangabad, Beed, Jalna, Parbhani, Latur and Osmanabad in Marathwada zone as well as to Chandrapur in Vidharba zone. The objective was to identify the villages worst affected by drought and to understand any difference in the ground-level situation to implement Amrutam. WRSSF identified 154 villages through this process and proposed the villages for implementation of Amrutam to different agencies that wished to support drought mitigation efforts in Maharashtra.



Village Identification to implement Amrutam by WRSSF at Patoda, Beed.

Proposal Submissions

WRSSF submitted proposals to Misereor and Manos Unidas seeking their support to intervene in Marathwada and Vidharba regions. Manos Unidas has already agreed to support the Diocese of Aurangabad and the Diocese of Chanda to bring about a long term program of six years to address the drought situation. Manos Unidas has already sanctioned the first phase of Amrutam for 3 years and

is expected to be launched by mid July 2016 across 25 villages identified by WRSSF.

Caritas India has also decided to move swiftly for the drought affected in the state of Maharashtra and launch a long term program WARM- Water and Agriculture Regeneration Mission across 45 villages identified by WRSSF as part of the first phase of their intervention.

Consultation on Unified Response of the Church for Drought Affected



WRSSF Chairman-Archbishop Abraham V. with other dignitaries inaugurating the Consultation Meet

A Consultation for 'Unified response of the church' towards this crisis situation in Maharashtra was held at Sarvodaya, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by WRSSF Chairman- Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangara which finally concluded highlighting the need for a specific committee which would further ponder and finalize the plan to address the drought situation in Marathwada and Vidharba. As of now a separate meeting has been called with suggested committee members under the patronship of WRSSF Chairman- Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangara.

Appeal for Supporting the Drought Affected

As decided in the Consultation Meeting WRSSF Chairman has sent out appeals to the Cardinal, Archbishops and Bishops of the western region to extend support to the people of Marathwada and

Vidharba. Being the national agency, Caritas India will take up the responsibility of garnering support across the nation and help provide relief to the people.

WRSSF's Emergency Drought Relief Efforts

Water Collection Drive

The Diocese of Kalyan initiated the 'Water Collection Drive' to collect water across the Diocese to support the drought affected regions of Marathwada. WRSSF has provided the technical support for this drive – logistical arrangements, planning with the Associate Partners for identifying the villages to which the water has to be sent. The Diocese managed to dispatch 25,000 litres of water to Aurangabad Diocese with the support of WRSSF.

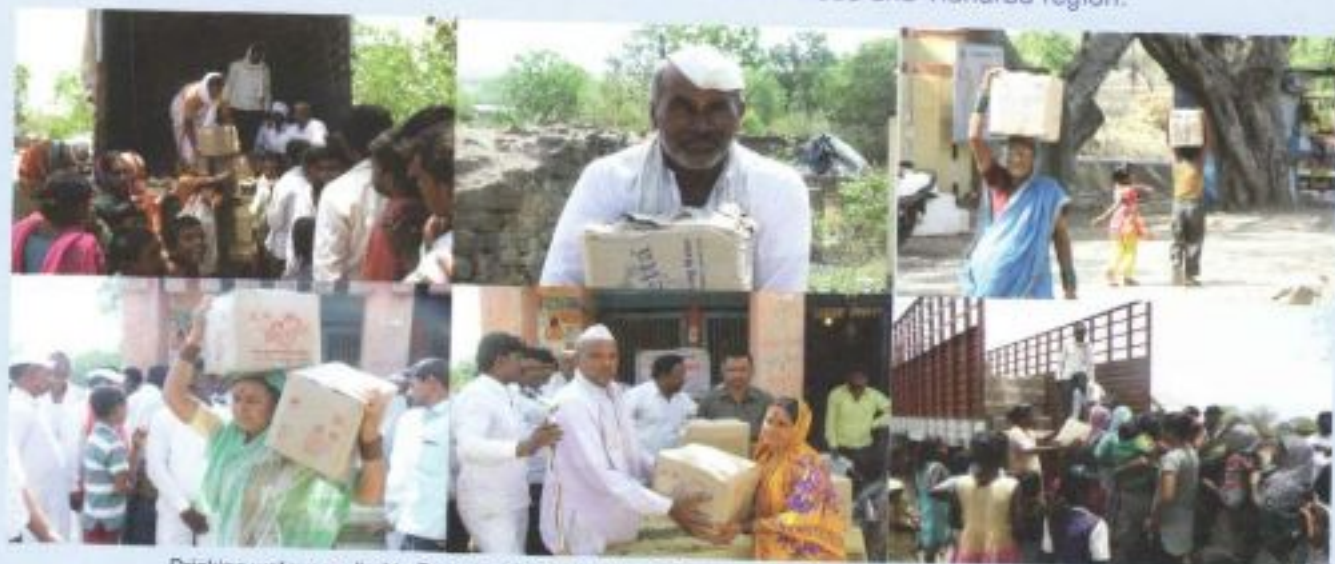


Bishop Thomas Elavanal of the Diocese of Kalyan inaugurating the Water Collection Drive

Emergency Relief to Marathwada

WRSSF has dispatched 1,25,000 litres of drinking water (inclusive of the water got through the 'Water Collection Drive' as well as water mobilized through CSR by WRSSF) to villages in the districts of Aurangabad, Beed, Latur, Osmanabad and Parbhani.

This support through immediate relief began on the 15th of May, 2016 and concluded on the 30th of May 2016. This was part of the first phase of the support to be extended to drought struck villages in Marathwada and Vidharba region.



Drinking water supplied to Drought Affected villages in Parbhani, Latur, Osmanabad, Beed and Aurangabad

Various Development Engagements by WRSSF

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 Organizational Development, Program Designing, Situational Analysis, Need Assessments, Thematic Issue Identification, NGO Management, etc.

Partner Support & Organizational Development:

Defining Roadmaps for the Future

In the process of Organizational Development, one of the key areas is to have a strong plan for the future. WRSSF recognises this and has always taken lead to support its partners when they take up the initiative and provide inputs towards a detail oriented planning which will define the course of the organization. This year too WRSSF was supporting its partners in Khanwel with a detailed planning of the Action Plan for an entire year and helped them align it with their budget. WRSSF Resource Mobilization Officer- Mr. Clifford D'Costa led a session for the Goa DSSS to outline their fundraising strategy and identify some of the probable sources. WRSSF team ably supported Navjeevan Trust, Diocese of Rajkot in revisiting Vision 2020 and helped them to have a focused attention



Mr. Clifford D'Costa conducted a training on Local Resource Mobilization and Fundraising for Caritas Goa

in programs and fundraising strategies in terms of achieving their target.

Program Designing

Forum has been able to architect an ample bunch of projects in the year 2015-2016. There has been an attempt made to explore the socio-economic inequalities of the female headed families across three blocks of Amravati district and a project named 'Nila' - meaning she who conquers and acquires was designed for Jeevan Vikas Sanstha, Diocese of Amravati and the project is already being implemented. A concept called 'Home Work Clubs', addressing the gaps in the primary and secondary public education and for holistic development of the children was



Vasai Janhit Trust Staff- Mr. Kisan, during an interaction in the field area

developed for Loksamgraha Social Service Society (LSSS), Diocese of Chanda. A micro project on agricultural sector was also developed for LSSS. With the advent of drought in Marathwada, 'Amrutam' was conceptualised, assessed and reframed in accordance to the local situation of Marathwada and Vidharba. A drought mitigation program for LSSS was also quality enhanced and submitted to India's largest online fund raising platform - Give India. Jeevan PLE program designing support was extended by WRSSF team members to all project implementing partners of Maharashtra based on a special request from Caritas India West Zone team. WRSSF team members during

their visit to the Melghat region conducted a need assessment and identified health problems as one of the key issues which requires urgent intervention. A program was conceptualized in consultation with the DSSS Director for the Tribal of the Melghat and time to time guidance is being provided by WRSSF team to take the concept forward. 'Milan' was a program developed for Social Service Adivasi Society, Khanwel with the objective of addressing the skill gap among the tribal youth. 'Madai' has been developed to address the issues among the artisanal fishing communities in the Konkan belt of western region of India.

Facilitation of Associate Partner Meets

WRSSF strongly upholds it's mandate to strengthen Partners and support them in their tireless efforts to reach out to the most marginalized and vulnerable sections of society. As part of these efforts Diocesan Social Service Societies came together with their Associate Partners engaging in different social work initiatives to reflect on their efforts and strategize for effective outreach. WRSSF Partner Support Officer, Ms. Rini D'Souza, facilitated the Associate Partner meets at Nashik and Aurangabad. The meeting in Nashik Social Service Society had multiple partners coming together to work towards a Perspective Plan and align the social work initiatives across different districts as per the common agenda that would be laid out by the Perspective Plan. A draft of a suggested Perspective Plan was presented and discussed. Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society had all their Associate Partners enthusiastically being a part of this initiative and discussed major issues in the



Ms. Rini D'Souza, WRSSF Partner Support Officer facilitating the Associate Partner Meet at ADSS, Aurangabad - October 2015

region. The major point of discussion was the drought situation in the region and need to work on Maternal and Child Health issues due to the alarming situation being developed in their respective field areas. The Associate Partner meets were ably coordinated by Fr. Allwyn and Fr. Wilfred of Nashik and Aurangabad DSSS respectively.

Program Development to Ensure Continued Organizational Development Support for all WRSSF Partners

WRSSF has always worked tirelessly for the development of its 16 Partners and focused on how to further strengthen and grow with its Partners. In this effort, WRSSF has developed three different programs - Vihaan, Vibhavana and Immesico. All three programs try to cover different aspects of the identified needs

of the WRSSF partners. The program Vibhavana has already been approved by Caritas India for the next three years and is being implemented by WRSSF. Immesico has been proposed to Missio Aachen and is under due process with an expectation of start date of the program by 1st January, 2017.

Situational Analysis & Need Assessments

Participatory Intervention Identification & Strategic Planning

Venue: Poona Diocesan Social Service Society & Laksamgraha Social Service Society | Date: 16th & 22nd July, 2015



Marathwada Lead Coordinators deliberating during the session

This particular session was conducted for the staff from 6 WRSSF Partner Organizations from Marathwada and Vidharba Zone. Two separate sessions were facilitated by WRSSF team to ensure that the issues analyzed by the DSSS staff in the field were being identified. A collective brain storming could help each Partner Organization to develop effective strategies to address the issues. This was the first time that the staff of different organizations got an opportunity to express the ground realities on a regional platform. Multiple issues came up in Marathwada zone. The key issues highlighted were dropout of adolescent

girls from school due to poor access to schools and concerns about not getting appropriate value for fresh milk in dairy farming in areas like Mangaon, Satara. Some issues highlighted from the Vidharba zone were concerning the very poor quality of drinking water available in the districts of Chandrapur and the frequent crop failures in the Nagpur region. One of the strategies discussed among the participants included production of dairy products like Paneer, Peda, curd etc. when the value of milk was very low. Another input concerning water filtration techniques using affordable household means received lot of appreciation from the participants. The discussion on multiple issues and inking out strategies collectively motivated the lead co-ordinators from different agencies to take up the issues seriously and try and align it in their existing programs to support the people. These sessions were the breeding ground of thought process that will hopefully go on to become path-breaking programs of the future, helping generations after generations.

Skill Assessment for the Tribal Youth

The tribal communities of Khanwel are steadily getting isolated from the economic progress that is resultant of the industrial boom in the area. Inbound migrants with progressive skill sets are getting the upper hand thus having a negative impact on the job availability for the unskilled/semi-skilled tribal population of the area. A detailed discussion was done with Fr. Minguel D'Souza the Director of Social Service Adivasi Society, Khanwel followed by visits to Khanwel's tribal belt. The core assessment highlighted that the industries

across the area required specific skills. There were also secondary data studies and analysis like the industrial survey of DNH and review of the socio economic indicators. The assessment highlighted that the industries in the area needed people with skill on basic Information Technology, Tally, fluency in English and/or skills related to garment and textile industry. This skill gap analysis has become a catalyst to develop a new program to develop the skills among the youth of Khanwel.

Zone Wise Thematic Issue Identification

WRSSF along with its Partners has been keen on developing a strong region wise plan to weed out the most threatening issues across the working area of different organizations. It was crucial that this step is taken up for a combined effort across different partners for an effective drive against the issues identified by WRSSF Partners. Some of the key themes on which multiple partners will come together and work for greater impact are Nutrition, Maternal and Child Health, Water Conservation, Tribal Development, Fisheries and Women Empowerment. This is the first time that DSSS across the 4 zones of the western region will come together and work on a common minimum program thereby bringing about an effective change for the benefit of the people.



WRSSF Staff- Mr. Aju EJ Facilitating Thematic Issue Identification for Vidharba Zone

Western Region Tribal Profile by WRSSF Director- Fr. George Vattamattam



WRSSF Director, Fr. George Vattamattam presenting Western Region Tribal Profile at the National Level Tribal Conference in the presence of Archbishop Stanislaus Fernandes

The Tribal profiling of the Western Region of India was done by WRSSF Director- Fr. George Vattamattam. The Tribal profile mapped out the entire tribal pockets in the western region of India. The total tribal in the western region of India, which comprises of Rajasthan Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, is 27.64 % of the total Scheduled Tribe (ST) population of India. The tribal profile focussed on key issues like education, health, livelihood, crime rates, migration and displacement of settlements.

The stark contrast in the literacy levels among tribal

population and the open category was alarming even though there are numerous education schemes in our country specifically working only towards diminishing this difference: The highest gap among literacy levels (16.6%) among tribal and open category was seen in Maharashtra. Another disquieting fact that came

across during the tribal profiling was that over 50 million tribal population have been displaced from their homogenous environments for selfish motives of industrialists and sometimes our own government which is expected to protect the interests of all Indians.

'Effective Self Assessment- Key to an Enhanced Performance!'

For quality output and deliverables it is essential to periodically self assess and re-strategize. WRSSF has completed 15 active years after its registration and hence the management felt a need to re-assess and create an effective strategic plan for the next decade. With this vision WRSSF has taken the first step to engage in a Self Assessment process using the tool called 'Holistic Organization Capacity Assessment Instrument'(HOCAl). Multiple sessions are already over through the last year at different levels. The Director, WRSSF Staff, WRSSF Partner Directors have all been involved in this process in separate independent as well as combined meetings to prioritise the key areas to focus in the future. Mr. Kushal Neogy from Catholic Relief Services and Dr. Saju MK from Caritas India have been the Resource Persons leading the process from the front. This process is also expected to be taken up by WRSSF



Dr. Saju MK from Caritas India Leading the HOCAl process for WRSSF Assessment

partners in the future. WRSSF has already briefed its Governing Body on the proceedings and received inputs from them and now WRSSF is gearing up for preparing its Strategic Plan for the next ten years with all its stakeholders

WRSSF Program Assessment by Manos Unidas

WRSSF hosted a two member team from Manos Unidas for the final assessment of its three year program- Organizational Development and Local Resource Mobilization. WRSSF Team presented an overarching view of the project achievements to this team and received inputs. The meeting concluded with appreciations from the visiting team to previous WRSSF Director Fr. Jolly and current WRSSF Director Fr. George for having successfully executed the program. WRSSF received a three month extension of the program for completing some specific objectives as highlighted by the visiting team.



Organisational Development and Local Resource Mobilisation Program evaluation by Ms. Nicoletta and Ms. Teresa from Manos Unidas, Spain

WRSSF's Workshops and Trainings for its Partner Organizations:

Understanding The Current Socio-Political Scenario And The Challenges For The Social Work Ministry of the Church

Venue: Sarvodaya, Mumbai | Date: 08th July, 2015

With the objective of understanding the current socio-political situation in the country and how it is having an impact on civil society organizations, WRSSF co-ordinated for a regional level workshop for all the DSSS Directors. The resource person for this workshop was Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Xavier Joseph, Director of Indian Social Institute. The workshop gave the participants clarity about the political, economic, socio-cultural and religious situation in the country and the impact it is having on civil society organizations. It also highlighted the available constitutional provisions which could be resorted to reverse this situation.



Rev Fr. (Dr.) Xavier Joseph, Director of Indian Social Institute speaking to WRSSF Directors on the Socio-Political Scenario and the Church

Interactive Session on CSR Approaches

Venue: ARC, Panvel | Date: 11th Feb., 2016

Mr. Babu Joseph, ex-CSR head of Axis Foundation, was the resource person for a session on CSR Approaches held for the Partner Directors of WRSSF on the side lines of the Annual Reflection Meet, February 2016. The session provided a lot of inputs to the DSSS Directors on how to get through corporate funding process by making their organization more credible. The floor was thrown open for a discussion and deliberation where the DSSS Directors appreciated the inputs provided. Archbishop Abraham was very specifically touched by the open and genuine suggestions that came forth during the session. Most of the DSSS Directors personally approached and even had individual level discussions, post the official meeting. Mr. Babu Joseph shared his contact and expressed his solidarity and support towards the efforts of the DSSS of Western Region to do some positive and impactful work. Mr. Babu Joseph made



Mr. Babu Joseph, ex-CSR Head of Axis Foundation discussing the CSR Guidelines with WRSSF Director Fr. George at the Workshop on CSR Approaches

a specific mention that all the Partner Organizations should be proud of the work and legacy developed by the DSSS across the country. One of the most crucial points that stood out during the entire session was his emphasis on the need to highlight one's own identity and never to shy away from the same.



Cluster Program Development

Venue : Sarvodaya, Mumbai | Date: 17th to 19th December, 2015

WRSSF hosted the Regional Workshop on Proposal Development where staff from all the Partner Organizations participated in a three day workshop from 17th December to 19th December, 2015. This workshop was led by Dr. Lukose PJ a veteran in the field of Result Based Management (RBM) and Proposal Development. The Partner Organizations of Gujarat came together and worked on the thematic issue of Malnutrition and got hands on experience on developing a standardized proposal. Similarly Partner Organizations from other zones like Vidharba, Marathwada and Konkan also came together to work on themes like Women Empowerment, Maternal & Child Health, Fisheries and Tribal Development. The quality of the Proposal Development Workshop was defined when



Dr. Lukose PJ leading a 3 Day Workshop on Cluster Level Proposal Development

Fr. Wilfred Saldhana (DSSS Director of Aurangabad) stated that this was the best learning opportunity he had in his entire experience in the Social Service Sector.

Zonal Trainings at Marathwada & Vidharba on Rain Water Harvesting

Venue- Paana Diocesan Social Service Society & Loksamagraha Social Service Society | Date: 16th to 17th & 22nd to 23rd July 2015

The zonal trainings were devised to ensure that zone specific trainings would help the Partner Organizations to have staff equipped to handle common issues of the zone. This year two Zonal Level Trainings were conducted for Marathwada and Vidharba Zones. A total of 34 DSSS staff from 6 Partner Organizations were capacitated in two separate workshops that were conducted in Pune and Chandrapur. The topic was Rain Water Harvesting for both the zones as this was a burning issue due to the severe drought that has affected the state of Maharashtra. This training comprised of input sessions on the latest water harvesting systems in the country, a practical workshop where participants were encouraged to develop water harvesting system models with available resources in the vicinity of the training centre. There was a focussed session on roof top rain water harvesting and open



Zonal Rain Water Harvesting Training for Vidharba conducted by WRSSF staff Mr. Antony Francis and Mr. Clifford D'costa

rain water harvesting structures. Vidharba zonal training provided the participants with the unique opportunity to visit Bhedoda village in Rajura block where successful community rain water harvesting structures were developed.

Workshops and Trainings for WRSSF Partner Organizations

One of the primary focus areas of WRSSF has been Organizational Development and hand-holding support to its partners so that they can function and design their interventions in the most effective way possible. WRSSF as an organization has a strong mandate of building the capacities of its partners and organizes regular trainings and workshops for the DSSS Partner staff and/or Associate Partners to keep them up to date with the most recent developments in the Social Development Sector. In the year 2015-2016 WRSSF has conducted workshops on 'Corporate Social Responsibility' for Kaira Social Service Society (Diocese of Ahmedabad), Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh (Archdiocese of Gandhinagar) and Caritas Goa (Archdiocese of Goa). Training was also done for the staff of Navjeevan Trust (Diocese of Rajkot) on 'G4 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines and Principles'. Workshop on Result Based Management



Clifford D'Costa - WRSSF Resource Mobilisation Officer leading a session on CSR Approaches for DSSS in Gandhinagar, October, 2015

focusing on Need Assessment, Proposal Development and Problem Tree Analysis was done for Vasai Janhit Trust (Diocese of Vasai) and Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society (ADSSS). Trainings and workshops done by WRSSF have positively impacted the operational functioning of Partner DSSS.

WRSSF Staff Capacity Enhancement Trainings:

WRSSF being a staff friendly organization makes a special effort to give opportunities for its staff to develop themselves. Some of the key areas where

WRSSF staff received capacity enhancement trainings are as follows-

Skill Building Seminar- WASME

Mr. Clifford D'Costa, WRSSF Resource Mobilization Officer attended a seminar on 'Skill Development: Funding Opportunity for NGOs/VTPs and Private Sector' organised by World Association of Small and Medium Enterprise (WASME) in New Delhi on 21st & 22nd August, 2015. The Workshop had speakers from National Skill Development Corporation, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Textile, Genix Ventures, FICCI, Aditya

Birla CSR Centre for Excellence Etc. This was a very interesting opportunity for WRSSF to network with both government and private agencies keen on developing the livelihood sector in rural India. WRSSF continues to engage with this network and provided opportunities to WRSSF Partners like Navjeevan Trust, Caritas Goa, Kaira Social Service Society, Sabarmati Samrudhi Seva Sangh etc.

HOCAL Assessment Training for WRSSF Staff

There was special brain storming session within the Forum Staff and the Director regarding the Holistic Organisational Capacity Assessment Instrument (HOCAL) process. This discussion helped the team as a whole on the key areas for WRSSF to strengthen itself. The entire team discussed all the 9 points of HOCAL namely

1. Identity and Governance
2. Strategy and Planning
3. General Management
4. External Relationships and Partnerships
5. Sustainability

6. Organizational Learning
7. Human Resource Management
8. Financial and Physical Resource Management
9. Programming Services and Results

This process was then repeated with all the DSSS directors where they also ratified the results of HOCAL discussed with WRSSF Director, Staff and Zonal Coordinators. The WRSSF Partner Directors have unanimously identified External Relationships and Partnerships and Programming, Services and Results as the key areas for WRSSF to focus its work on.

Finance Trainings

Project Financial Management

Caritas India West Zone office organized one day Financial Management Training on 19th January 2016 for Jeevika-PLE Project accountants. The main focus in this training was to learn more on FMS, GAAP and general reporting system of Caritas India. Session on Tally operation, Budget tracking and report generation was taken by Mrs. Rezal Correia – Finance Officer of WRSSF.

Gyan Session on Legal Compliances

The training organized by GYAN on 23rd January 2016 on "Legal Compliance Management for

NGOs" was attended by Mrs. Rezal Correia – Finance Officer of WRSSF. The resource person of the said training was Advocate Raj Dalmia. This training was basically focused on the in depth understanding of the technicalities of legal compliances that a NGO or Social Enterprise should follow to adhere to the laws.

The topic covered in this training was Income Tax, Tax Deducted at Source (TDS), Charity Commissioner, Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), Professional Tax, Provident Fund Act, ESIC, Gratuity etc.

WRSSF Resource Mobilization Initiatives

WRSSF and its partners have a strong realization on the optimum utilization of its resources. Year after year WRSSF focuses on developing its resources and ensuring that there are ample opportunities for all to take forward different initiatives for the people in need. WRSSF has made its efforts to connect with Give India for Drought Intervention Programmes for

the DSSS of Chandrapur, Pune, Nashik, Amravati and Aurangabad. Mr. Clifford D'Costa the Resource Mobilization Officer also brought some government funding opportunities from the Ministry of Textile for the Gujarat zone partners. Skoda Motors has been connected to Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society to provide support for a health based program in the rural area.

Childline Program- Gandhinagar



Press Conference Conducted by SSSS Childline Gandhinagar

The keen interest of Fr. Salvadore Fernandes to work for children and his persistence to do some positive and impactful work meant that WRSSF team was on a constant look out for some strong agencies to establish a link with the Gandhinagar DSSS. Mr. Clifford D'Costa shortlisted Childline as an ideal agency to work with and finally after a long process of almost 1 year an official collaboration was finalised between Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh (SSSS) and Centre for Childline in Gandhinagar District. The effective work by SSSS in the Gandhinagar District has already ensured appreciations from the local press in Gujarat. Best wishes to Childline Gandhinagar from the team at WRSSF.

Networking & Liasoning with Traditional Funding Agencies

The development sector is always looking to network and collaborate with likeminded agencies who wish to contribute by working for a social cause. WRSSF is also keen to have a constant dialogue with its longstanding partners to do some effective and substantial work. WRSSF Director has been actively engaging with different agencies like Caritas India, Catholic Relief Services, Manos Unidas, Misereor,

Missio Aachen etc. to ensure that WRSSF and its partners do not face a hindrance to engage in good work for their people. One of the key results highlighted would be the launch of KOSHISH by Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society (SDDS) to work for developing skill set among the local youth in Sindhudurg and make them employable in the job market.

Developing External Partnerships

Over the last one year WRSSF has been trying to build relationships with Garbage Concern and We Will Help Charitable Foundation. Both of these Civil Society Organizations work very keenly in the field of Environmental Protection. WRSSF feels the expertise of these agencies will definitely help WRSSF partners to take forward their effective work in their respective areas.

There have been discussions with both agencies to officially collaborate and take up some effective program through WRSSF Partners. It will not be long before WRSSF Partners will be able to work with atleast one of these agencies through the foundation laid by WRSSF team members. Another opportunity to do some commendable work in the field of education



Mr. Clifford D'costa, RMO, WRSSF at a meeting with Mr. Steven Godinho, CEO Genix Ventures Australia and Fr. Zefrino D'souza, Secretary, Archdiocesan Board of Education Goa, Fr. Maverick Fernandes, Director, Caritas Goa

came forth when Caritas Goa was connected to Software Company called Genix Ventures.

Media Visibility & Public Outreach for WRSSF and its Partners



Social organizations and their efforts towards building an equitable and just society can gain more mileage and support if it is given a platform and visibility in the public arena. WRSSF has been making attempts to provide this visibility both for themselves and their partners. In the year 2015-2016 some of the efforts in this direction were enhancing organizational profiles for 2 DSSS i.e. Loksamgraha Social Service Society (Diocese of Chanda) and Nashik Social Service Society (Diocese of Nashik). WRSSF Partner Support Officer, Mr. Antony Francis also gave direct support to Navjeevan Trust (Diocese of Rajkot) for a quality enhancement of their Annual Report and Organization Brochure. Partner Support Officer, Ms.

Rini D'Souza also represented WRSSF at a national level CSR Summit organized by NGOBox and thus provided a visibility to WRSSF in the social and corporate sector.

WRSSF has also been actively engaging in the social media, specifically Facebook and Twitter. It is being used as a platform to highlight the various activities undertaken by WRSSF and its partners and the impact it has on the social uplift of its beneficiaries. One of the key initiatives in visibility through social media has been a 'Drought Relief Campaign' to reach out with immediate relief to the drought-affected villages in Marathwada and Vidharba regions of Maharashtra.



New Initiatives for the year 2015-2016

Psycho-Social and Spiritual Intervention for Drought Affected

Venue: Poona Diocesan Social Service Society Centre | Date: 4th December, 2015



PsychoSocial and Spiritual Consultation Meet for Disaster Affected in Pune, Dec, 2015

The Consultation Meet to address the psycho-social needs of the drought affected was organized by WRSSF. The half day consultation meet was organized

in Pune Diocese (Poona Diocesan Social Service Society centre) at the benevolence of Bishop Thomas Dabre.

There were focused discussions on the cultural, educational, economic and social status impacting the issue of drought and farmer suicides in the state of Maharashtra or even across India. The mental health experts present for the meet focused on the fact that the support to be provided could be divided into the following sections

- a) Preventive Psychological Intervention
- b) Post-Traumatic Psychological Intervention
- c) Spiritual Intervention

The group had further discussion on the matter and before concluding for the day defined a concrete strategy for the Action Plan

National Conference- State, Civil Society and Development: Tribal of Western India

Venue: ICSSR Conference Hall, University of Mumbai | Dates: 6th and 7th January, 2016



Dr. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman ICSSR, New Delhi delivering the Keynote Speech at the National Level Tribal Conference

A two day National Level Tribal Conference was organized by WRSSF in association with the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) on the theme 'State, Civil Society and Development: The Tribal of Western India'. The conference was a platform to analyse the on-going interventions of development

for the tribal communities by government and non-government agencies. The two-day conference saw a participation of academicians, field experts and tribal representatives putting forth their views on the topic.

The keynote speech was given by Dr. Sukhadeo Thorat the Chairman of ICSSR. WRSSF Executive Director- Fr. George Vattamattam presented a paper titled- Tribes, Ecology and Social Exclusion: Interactions and Negotiations in an Urban Context. Probably for the first time an academic conference also provided opportunity for the tribal community to come forward and express themselves in front of intellectuals and field activists. The conference went on to explore various issues like tribal development, politics of tribal identity, civil society interventions and social exclusion.

Tribal Expo- NIRMITI

Venue: University of Mumbai | Date: 7th January, 2016



Archbishop Stanislaus inaugurating Nirmiti - The Tribal Artefacts Expo



A stall displaying artefacts made from bamboo by the tribal communities in Amravati, Maharashtra



Cloth made artefacts made by tribal communities from Gandhinagar, Gujarat for sale at Nirmiti - the Tribal Artefacts Expo



Warli painted products from tribal groups in Vasai, Maharashtra for sale at Nirmiti - The Tribal Artefacts Expo

'Nirmiti!' was an exhibition organized by WRSSF to showcase tribal artefacts from the western region of India. Western Region of India is enriched with various tribal artefacts but the unfortunate part of the story is tribal artefacts are not represented well in today's market due to various reasons. The tribal artisans were thus given a platform to make visible their skills and artefacts through the medium of Nirmiti. Some groups also networked with other agencies to with the objective of developing their business. Nirmiti had tribal representations from Dinaris of Gujarat, Korkus of Melghat, Gonds of Gadchiroli and Warlis of

Vasai. From bamboo handicrafts to cloth works to the mesmerizing Warli paintings and aromatic traditional herbal medicines, the variety of arts represented was vast. There were walk ins throughout the day with curious eyes enjoying the array of artefacts. The expo ended in content, the purpose effectively served. Rural artisans could portray their culture to people from the bustling metros, thus bridging the rural and urban cultural gap to some extent through a joyous and interactive platform. More than Rs. 18,000 were collected by different artisans during the sales from over 500 people who visited the tribal expo.

Exposure Visit to PGSS- Gorakhpur

Location: Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh | Dates: 16th to 19th February, 2016



WRSSF Team Members, DSSS Directors, Staff Representatives along with PGSS Associate Director and Team Members

Co-learning and replicating good practices found in other organizations is a key ingredient in gaining excellence. WRSSF organized an exposure visit for its partners to Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti (PGSS), social development body of the Diocese of Gorakhpur. PGSS has achieved excellence in the sector of organic farming, farm promotions amongst the especially abled and various other allied sectors. The exposure visit was organized for three days with a package of intense field visits and interactions with

beneficiary communities, project implementation team and the NGO leadership. The zonal staff representatives from all the four zones participated in the exposure visit and two DSSS Directors - one from the state of Gujarat and other from the state of Maharashtra were leading the entire team along with the WRSSF staff.

The Key Areas where the visiting team got strong inputs were as follows

- Organic Farming and Brandings,
- Disability- Community and Institution Based Rehabilitations
- Micro-finance for SHG's

One of the most remarkable and noteworthy work which was greatly appreciated by all was the change led by PGSS for the disabled in the field of agriculture by making adaptive farming tools for the disabled. This is truly revolutionary in the Indian context where agriculture is the backbone of the economy.

Highlight of WRSSF Partners

LOKSAMGRAHA SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (LSSS), Chandrapur, Maharashtra

MAJOR INTERVENTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016:

Women Empowerment – LSSS has taken steps towards empowerment of women by facilitating the formation of Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) and through this medium training them with different skills which would help them generate income for their families, linking them with banks, assisting them in availing of



Farmers Exposure Visit facilitated by LSSS

different Government Schemes etc. Moreover, LSSS also conducts sessions to make women aware of their rights, on how they can participate in the Panchayat Raj Institutions and take on other leadership. Thus, women participation in their community is enhanced.

Sustainable Agriculture – Farmers Clubs have been formed with the objective of producing maximum agricultural produce through natural and organic farming. Trainings and exposure visits on sustainable agricultural practices, seed preservation etc. are conducted for farmers

groups. 20 exposure visits were conducted through which 560 people were benefitted.



Child Development – LSSS focuses on child development by providing quality education to children, especially the children from economically weaker families. With this objective 20 tuition centers were set up to provide special subject based tuition classes. Educational material was also provided to these children which lightened the economic burden on their families to provide for the education of their children. Community libraries were also started at 20 villages of the Ballarpur block with 180 books for each village. Apart from providing children with direct amenities for skill and knowledge enhancement, LSSS also addresses associations of teachers and parents through capacity building trainings and other related activities.

Youth Development through Vocational Training – With the objective of equipping the youth with skills which would make them employable in the job market, either government or private sector, LSSS has been providing vocational training to the youth in their operational area. Vocational trainings are provided in the area of computer and electronics, driving, tailoring etc. This year vocational training was provided to 163 youth on a variety of different skills thus enabling them to move towards a brighter future.

Community Led Action for Change – LSSS has been focusing on making the people at the grassroots more active participants in efforts for their development. Thus, Village Action Teams (VAT) and Village Development Committees have been formed where people come together to spread awareness, advocate on variegated issues etc. One of the examples is 'Village Cleaning Day' in 20 villages where 1300 people participated.

Other Key Interventions – Some of the other key interventions include water supply in 20 of the drought affected villages of Jivati block, medical camps in 20 villages of Ballarpur block from which 2400 people benefitted, hand wash program for school going children in 20 villages which benefitted 480 students.

SINDHUDURG DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (SDDS), Sindhudurg, Maharashtra

MAJOR INTERVENTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016:

Skill Development – One of the flagship programs of SDDS has been 'Koshish', a project to provide youth with skills and trainings which would empower them and provide them opportunities to get employment. One of the focus has been hotel management and training due to the hotel industry boom in this area. SDDS has



Certificate distribution program on completion of their vocational training conducted by SDDS

completed 2 batches of its hotel management course. Along with hard skills SDDS also provides the youth with soft skills such as communication skills, inputs on effective leadership, goal setting and self-esteem, motivation and personal growth, maintaining positive attitude, building positive and healthy relations etc. Apart from Koshish, SDDS privately conducts vocational trainings on motor mechanics cum driving and garment making. These courses are certified by the Don Bosco Institute.

Women Empowerment – SDDS has already built a number of strong Self Help Groups (SHGs) for women which are promoting income generation programs aiming to enhance the economic as well as social development of women. Apart from economic activities SDDS also ensures that women are made

aware about variety of Government schemes and other amenities which will strengthen their position in a primarily patriarchal society. One of the highlights for the year has been a training on 'Leadership Development and Group Management' with specific emphasis on second line leadership, group building, group dynamics and group management. 30 women from across 5 SHGs in the Kalambist village participated in this training.

SABARMATI SAMRUDDHI SEVA SANGH, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

MAJOR INTERVENTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016:

Tribal Empowerment- The team at SSSS has been working tirelessly across 3 Districts of Gujarat to support the tribal population and strengthen them. One of the stand-out achievements by the team has been to register 4 credit cooperatives with 2334 registered members with a collective saving of Rs. 29,21,317. These credit cooperatives are functioning well as they provide opportunities for the members to avail loans for their families at a reasonable rate and repay them in easy installments. SSSS has focused towards

economic empowerment as it believes that this will ensure a transformation on multiple fronts like nutrition, health, education etc. There is a special efforts to develop a strong skill set among this group to ensure continued livelihood; multiple livelihood skills have been acquired by this community through various training programs like tailoring (300 members), kitchen gardening (812 members), beauty parlor (192 members) and handicrafts (510 members). The success of this program lies in the fact that more

than 30% of the livelihood training participants are practicing alternative livelihood options, thereby ensuring increased incomes for their families.

Health- One of the key priorities of SSSS as an organization has been the health of the people where it serves. The operational areas have the unfortunate tag of fairing poorly in the specific area of Maternal and Child Health. Over the years there is a strong commitment by the SSSS to reduce the MMR and IMR rates and raise awareness among the community on sanitation, hygiene, ante and post natal care. The efforts by SSSS has ensured that the community is utilizing the government schemes has really empowered the rural areas and the efforts have received tremendous appreciations from the local government. Some of the approaches to ensure that Health initiatives and awareness have been achieved by ensuring regular health camps and awareness campaigns in the rural belt.



Awareness Programme on Child Protection being conducted for college students by SSSS

Child Protection- Child protection will always be a topic that is close to the heart of the team in SSSS. They are taking up this issue as a cross cutting theme across all their programs and it is definitely reflecting in their activities for the year 2015-2016. There is a dedicated helpline that is available 24X7 and the

team under Childline takes up cases on priority. Over the last year Sabarmathi Samruddhi Seva Sangh team has led 22 rescues and has over 104 registered cases where direct support was provided. Throughout the year SSSS team functions effectively raising awareness about Child Rights and Child Protection across the region. The awareness campaigns in different schools and colleges have really helped in increasing the knowledge on Child Protection across the 6 districts where SSSS is working.

NAVJEEVAN TRUST, Rajkot, Gujarat

MAJOR INTERVENTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016:

Navjeevan Trust is the Social Work Department of the Diocese of Rajkot, Gujarat. It works in 12 civil districts of Saurashtra and Kutch, i.e., Rajkot, Amreli, Porbandar, Junagadh, Surendranagar, Bhavnagar, Morbi, Devabhoomi Dwaraka, Somnath, Jamnagar, Botad and Kutch covering 5000 villages, 188 slums and work through 29 field offices, 25 partners, 14 sister concerns, 526 staff members, and hundreds of volunteers and well-wishers associated with it.

Navjeevan Trust mainly focuses on promoting and sustaining the advancements in education, health, and culture, and livelihood, social and economic development of the downtrodden and marginalized. Navjeevan Trust believes in working for the integral development of the poor and marginalized to lead



Navjeevan Trust conducts a rally as part of their anti-tobacco campaign

them towards a dignified and liberated life. Navjeevan Trust makes partnership with local, National & international NGOs, State and Central Government departments, corporate and cooperative sectors.

Thrust Area	Operational Area	Total	Land Mark Achievements
SHGs	Saurashtra region & Kutch District	6260	1. 8282 SHG women availed of 3568 various govt. schemes. 2. 674 groups from 140 villages from Rajkot and Kutch district had been federated. 3. 380 groups and 3996 members from 68 villages from Kutch district are part of microfinance and getting benefit.
Skill Training	Saurashtra Region & Kutch District	2085	We trained 2085 Youth on six different trades and placed 1629. And they receive Rs. 8000/ salary pm.
Agriculture & Farming	Training & Awareness	81774	81774 Farmers and cattle keepers given the training on Clean Milk, Fodder Development and Animal husbandry
IGP	Saurashtra Region & Kutch District	3996	3996 families got sustainable income through livelihood activities.
Educational Initiatives	Saurashtra Region & Kutch District	5754	1. Formed 184 Balmandals in 51 villages with 21160 members. 2. Conducted 1642 Balmandal meetings. 3. Formed 23 Balpanchayats with 248 members.

MCH & RCH and VBDCP	Rajkot & Morbi district	15000	We render service in the Gujarat Industrial Areas of Metoda at Rajkot and Ceramic Industrial hub at Morbi with, 851 ANC, 309 Vaccination, 424 Live birth, 25921 people are supported with awareness on VBDCP
HIV	Rajkot district	12300	Two Targeted Intervention Program is implemented by Navjeevan in High Risk Areas of Rajkot. Following services are given to them; 1240 HIV Testing, 3227 IPC, 6848 Counseling and 170 Health Camp
Rural Health	Saurashtra Region & Kutch District	8193	We provide health care services to rural people through following services : 196 General Health camps and 3318 Health awareness programs

KAIRA SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (KSSS), Ahmedabad, Gujarat

MAJOR INTERVENTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016:

Kaira Social Service Society (K.S.S.S), the official social wing of Diocese of Ahmadabad, is engaged in promotion of the rights and health of the poor, socially excluded and marginalized communities who are in conflict situation of poverty, injustice and disaster.

KSSS is a registered society and trust under the Societies Registration Act 1860 and the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 on 3rd Feb, 1967. It has completed glorious 49 years of service in building a humane, secular and peaceful society.

During the year 2015-16, We rededicate ourselves to continue the good work to realize our vision and mission by implementing the organizations overarching non-negotiable principles in the coming Golden Jubilee year of KSSS & rededicate this year for care and support to PLHIVs and Differently abled people (Disabled). KSSS continued empowering communities towards self reliance through formation and strengthening CBOs like SHGs, Peace clubs, Federations, Mahila/children Panchyats and Task forces etc, which address their economic, social and other local issues. Kaira Social Service Society has been recognized and awarded for its good development work and empowerment of



Children Parliament at KSSS

marginalized and poor communities. KSSS also continued to initiate various projects on vocational skill development for the marginalized poor youth and women especially of 10th Drop out Students.

Today KSSS makes a difference in all its dealings, interventions & professional approach towards addressing the issues of communities, and follows with its very committed & skillful professional staff with its various policies namely HR, Finance, Gender, Child Protection, Ethics, and HIV/AIDS and so on.

Thrust area	Operational Area	Achievements
<p>Empowering Of Marginalized Children</p> <p>Towards their Rights, Dignity and Quality Education</p>	Kheda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 120 poor and marginalized children were provided with school kits on 20/06/2016. 30 missing children were found and brought back to their parents during the fair at Santaram Temple Nadiad. 89 children were rescued from child labour in the places such as hotels, tea stalls, and construction sites and reintegrated them with their parents. One physically abused child was assisted with counseling and legal assistance One girl was rescued from Child Marriage Educational and Medical sponsorship has been provided to 65 children In Kheda 60 missing children were re-united with their families / homes during this year
	Anand, Ahmedabad & Kheda Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 71 Children's Parliaments have been formed in 43 targeted villages of rural and urban areas of Ahmedabad, Anand and Kheda districts. 33 disabled children joined in Children's Parliaments. 100% enrollment of children in primary school of 43 villages has been achieved. 37 Malnourished left out children were identified linked to PHCs and CHCs 250 children were enrolled in 1st standard in the Sabarmati slum area of Ahmedabad. 107 drop out children rejoined schools in Pansora, Salun, Dakor and other target areas.
<p>Community Based Care & Support Programs</p> <p>Towards promotion / dignity of HIV Positive People</p>	Kheda & Ahmedabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1318 of PLHIVs have been registered at our centers during the year 2015 – 16. 88 CLHIVs received scholarship for their education. Uniforms, Health Kits and Educational assistance were provided to 30 CLHIVs. To improve the health of the PLHIVs Blankets & Quilts were distributed in Ahmedabad and Kheda to 200 HIV Positive Widows. Nutrition food items like Dal, Rice, Oil, etc. were distributed to 35 PLHIVs widows once in two month during their solidarity meeting at Hansol
	Ahmedabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total program coverage: 89834 truckers Out of 6302 truckers counseled 624 were treated on STD/STI and other sickness. 9202 received information on HIV, TB, STI, Safe Sex Practices and behavioural changes etc...
	Ahmedabad Rural & Urban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During this year 45 TB patients referred for testing at hospital, PHC, DMC through conducting 62 awareness programs in Ahmedabad rural & urban.



WRSSF Partner Organizations with Bishops & Directors

PARTNER DSSS	PRESIDENT/CHAIRPERSON	DIRECTOR
Centre for Social Action, Mumbai	Cardinal Oswald Gracias	Fr. Mario Mendes
Karunya Trust, Kalyan	Bishop Thomas Elavanal	Fr. Paul Kunduparambil
Vasai Janhit Trust, Vasai	Archbishop Felix Machado	Fr. Dominic D'Abreo
Caritas Goa, Goa	Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao	Fr. Maverick Fernandes
Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society, Sindhudurg	Bishop Alwyn Barreto	Fr. Milet D'Souza
Social Service Adivasi Sanstha, Dadra Nagar Haveli	Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao	Fr. Minguet D'Souza
Aurangabad Diocesan Social Service Society, Aurangabad	Bishop Ambrose Rebello	Fr. Wilfred Saldhana
Nashik Social Service Society, Nashik	Bishop Lourdes Daniel	Fr. Allwyn Kalghatgi
Paona Diocesan Social Service Society, Pune	Bishop Thomas Dabre	Fr. V. Louis
Jeevan Vikas Sanstha, Amravati	Bishop Elias Gonsalves	Fr. Benjamin Mhora
Nagpur Multipurpose Social Service Society, Nagpur	Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangara	Fr. Jose John
Loksamgraha Social Service Society, Chandrapur	Bishop Ephrem Nariculam	Fr. Jobin Ovelil
Kaira Social Service Society, Ahmedabad	Bishop Thomas Macwan (Administrator)	Fr. Joseph Appavoo
Sabarmati Samrudhi Seva Sangh, Gandhinagar	Bishop Thomas Macwan	Fr. Salvadore Fernandes
Navjeevan Trust, Rajkot	Bishop Jose Chittooparambil CMI	Fr. Thomas Nadakkalan
Khedut Vikas Mandal, Baroda	Bishop Godfrey de Rosario SJ	Fr. Richard Pereira
Western Region Social Service Forum	Chairman- Archbishop Felix Machado Vice Chairman- Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangara	Director- Fr. George Vattamattam Treasurer- Fr. Louis V.

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 (Uran, Bhayander) of Thane District, Dharavi Island	Mumbai, Thane & Raigad
Karunya Trust, Kalyan	Maharashtra	31 Panchayats	Ambarnath, Kalyan & Bhiwandi	Thane
Janhit Trust, Vasai	Maharashtra	26 Panchayats	Bhiwandi, Shahapur, Vasai, Dahana, Palghar, Talasari, Jawhar, Mokhada, Vada & Vikramgad	Thane
Sindhudurg Diocesan Development society, Sindhudurg	Maharashtra	32 villages	Vengurja, Dodamarg, Malvan, Kudai, Kankavli	Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri and Kolhapur
Caritas Goa, Goa	Goa	34 villages	Bardez, Salcete, Quepem, Tiswadi, Ponda & Ilhas	North & South
Poona Diocesan Social Service Society, Poona	Maharashtra	32 villages	Daund, Satara, Pune (11 Parishes)	Pune, Satara, Kolhapur, Solapur & Sangli
Kaira Social Service Society, Ahmedabad	Gujarat	100 villages	Dholka, Barwa, Dhandhuka, Umreth, Petlad, Khambhat, Anand, Nadiad, Matar, Kathalal, Mahudha, Balasinor, Thasara, Mehmabad	Kheda, Anand, Ahmedabad & parts of Panchmahal
Navjeevan Trust Rajkot	Gujarat	1279 villages, 395 slums	Rajkot, Sihor, Amreli, Dwaraka, Veraval, Bhuj, Surendranagar, Porbandar	Rajkot, Amreli, Porbandar, Junagadh, Surendranagar, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar & Kutch
Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh, Gandhinagar	Gujarat	741 villages	Tharad, Dhanera, Deesa, Dantiwada, Amingadh, Danta, Vadgam, Palanpur, Deodar, Kalok, Gandhinagar, Dehgam, Radhanpur, Sidhpur, Patan, Khedbrahma, Vijaynagar, Idar, Bhiloda, Medhraj, Himarnagar, Modasa, Satlasana, Kheralu, Bhileshwarapura, Mahesana, Kadi, Satlasana, Kheralu, Unjha, Visnagar, Vijapur, Mahesana, Becharaji, Kadi	Banaskantha, Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Patan, and Gandhinagar
Kheda Vikas Society, Baroda	Gujarat	56 villages	Ahwa, Valiya, Dharampur, Jagadia, Umapada	Surat, Bharuch, Valsad, Dangs
Nashik Social Service Society, Nashik	Maharashtra	75 villages	Shevgaon, Shrirampur, Navasa, Dindhori	Nasik, Ahmednagar, Jalgaon, Nandurbar, Dhule
Aurangabad Diocesan Service society, Aurangabad	Maharashtra	140 villages	Aurangabad, Beed, Vasi, Kalamb, Ahmedpur, Udgir, Patoda, Kaij, Gangapur, Paithan, Khuldabad	Aurangabad, Beed, Jalna, Parbhani, Latur, Hingoli, Nanded & Usmanabad
Nagpur Multipurpose Social Service Society, Nagpur	Maharashtra	20 villages	Nagpur and Umred	Nagpur
Jeevan Vikas Sanstha, Amravati	Maharashtra	50 Panchayats	Achalpur, Chikaldara, Dharni, Anjangaon, Daryapur, Bhatkuli, Amravati, Washim	Amravati & Washim
Loksamgraha Social Service Centre, Chanda	Maharashtra	516 villages	Chandrapur, Ballarpur, Rajura, Jivati, Gondpipri, Mul, Nagbhid, Bramhapuri, Bhandravati, Samodrapur, Gadchiroli, Chamorshi, Mulchera, Ettapalli & Aheri	Chandrapur, Wardha, Gadchiroli
Total		Village/Panchayat/ Slums: 3650	Blocks: 146	Districts: 53



AUDIT REPORT

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
107, Unique apt, p.p. marg
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SCHEDULE-IX
Vide Rule 17(11)

The Bombay Public Trust Act 1950
Name of the Public Trust:-

Registration No: F - 23262 / m um
WESTERN REGION SOCIAL SERVICE FORUM : GOREGAON , MUMBAI

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31.3.2016

EXPENDITURE	Rs.	Rs.	INCOME	Rs.	Rs.
To Expenditure in respect of properties:			By Rent received		-
Rates, Taxes, Cesses	-		By Interest received		221,361.00
Repairs and maintenance	-		On Bank Account	66,197.00	
Salaries	-		On Securities	-	
Insurance	-		On Loans	-	
Depreciation	-		On Saving Bank Account	155,154.00	
(by way of provision of adjustment):-			By Dividend		
Other Expenses					
To Establishment Expenses			By Donations		
To Remuneration to Trustees			In Cash	8,600.00	
To Remuneration (in the case of a math)			By Cheque	4,225,007.00	4,233,607.00
to the head of the math including					
his household expenditure, if any.			By Other income	-	-
To Legal Expenses			LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FEES		-
To Audit Fees			By Transfer from Reserve		-
			By Professional Tax		-
To Contribution and Fees					
Amount Written off:					
(a) bad debts					
(b) Loan Scholarship					
(c) Irrecoverable Rents					
(d) Bank Chgs					
To Miscellaneous Expenses					
To Amount transferred to Reserve					
or Specific Funds					
To Expenditure on Objects of the Trust		5,152,693.70			
(a) Religious					
(b) Educational					
(c) Medical Relief					
(d) Relief of Poverty			By Deficit		697,725.70
(e) Other Charitable Objects					
To Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet					
		5,152,693.70			5,152,693.70

As per our report on even date
For Veleirian Rodrigues & co

For WESTERN REGION SOCIAL
SERVICE FORUM : GOREGAON , MUMBAI

Chartered Accountants
Dated : 17th June 2016

1) Executive Director

2) Treasurer



AUDIT REPORT

FUNDING AND LIABILITIES		PROPERTY AND ASSET	
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Trust Funds or corpus	1,000.00	Immoveable Property :- (at cost)	
Balance as per last Balance sheet added during the year (Given Detail)		LAND	
Other earmarked funds (Created under the provision of the Trust deed or out of the income)		BUILDING	
Depreciation Fund		Balance as per last balance sheet....	
Members Deposit		Addition during the year..	
Reserve Fund		Less: Sales during the year	
Endowment fund	783,557.00	Depreciation upto the date	
Loans (Secured & Unsecured)		F.D With Bank	
From Trustees		F.D. with Bank of Baroda	1,321,559.00
From Others		Add : Int Receivable	101,241.00
Liability		Note : The market value of the above investment is Rs.....	
For Exps TDS Payable		Furniture & Fixtures:-	
For Advances		Balance as per last balance sheet....	930,256.38
For Rent & other deposits		Add : Addition during the year..	32,900.00
For Sundry credit balance		Less: Sales during the year	
Income & Expenditure Account		Less : Depreciation during the year	206,502.70
Balance as per last balance sheet	3,221,873.63	To Employees	
Less: Appropriation if any		To Contractor	
Add: Surplus as per I & E A/c		To Lawyers	
Less : Deficit as per I & E A/c	697,725.70	To IT Refund due	
		T.O.S	26,941.00
		Rent	
		Interest	
		Other income	
	2,524,147.93	Cash in Hand	35,863.00
		In SB A/c with BOB	1,086,447.25
	3,308,704.93		1,102,310.25
			3,308,704.93

As per our report on even date
For Velerian Rodrigues & co

Chartered Accountants
AUDITOR
Memb no 103587
Dated : 17th June 2016
Place : Virar

Income outstanding
(if accounts are kept
on cash basis)
Rent
Interest
Other income
Total Rs.

The above Balance sheet to the best of my belief
contains a true account of the fund and
liability and of the property & asset of
the trust

1) Executive Director

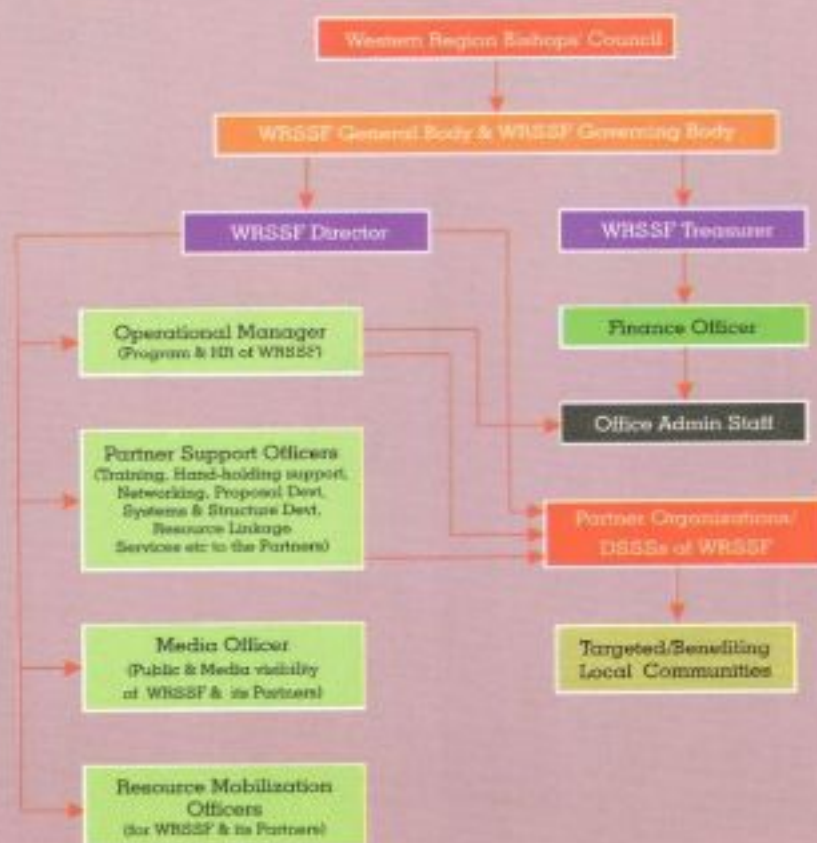
2) Treasurer





WRSSF Director Fr. George with the team - (L to R) Mr. Clifford D'Costa, Mr. Aju E.J., Mr. Antony Francis, Fr. George Vattamattam, Ms. Rini D'Souza, Mrs. Rezol Correia

WRSSF ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE



Our Funding Partners in Development
for the year 2015-2016





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 Organizations for remedying the de-humanizing conditions of wretched 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.

WRSSF 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.

WRSSF 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.

Donations made in India by Indians are eligible for 50% tax benefit under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act

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

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