

KUMBAKONAM MULTIPURPOSE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

KUMBAKONAM

BLOOM AND BLOSSOM



ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005



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Women's Day 2005



SHG Women updating records



Best Award at
District Level



Sponsored Children



Yet another step for oppressed



Narikuravar Women in rapt attention at KMSSS facilitation Meeting

Empowering the Oppressed a proud Dalit Family with the Cow procured from KMSSS's Assistance at Pommanpatti.



"Mupperum Vizha" District Collector Thiru. Radhakrishnan and our President Most. Rev. P. Remigius, D.D.

CBR Activities - Home Based Physiotherapy at Thiruvaidaimarudur.





Convergence of Sponsorship Children to mark the beginning of the Academic Year - 2004 - 2005

"Sponsorship Day" Children Exhibit their Talents



"Nutritious Mix" balls prepared by our SHG Members being distributed.

Staff Capacity Building in session at Elakurichi





Rice distribution to victims of Flood

**Tri-Cycles being distributed to
"DIFFERENTLY ABLED" persons.**



**Value Based AIDS Awareness Programme for
SHG Women at Ammanpet.**

**Kolping Group Meeting in Progress
at Thirumanur Parish**





Welcoming Very Rev. Fr. C. Peter Francis, Vicar General
On the occasion of 'World Women's Day - March 8, - 2005

Capacity Building for Women and Farmers Federation
Leaders in Session at KMSSS Training Centre



"Green Empowerment" Urban Based SHG Women of
Palavathankattalai in Collective Initiatives for income generation.

Sensitization on Sustainable Agriculture -
A Cultural Programme in Progress.



From the Secretary's Desk

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report for the year 2004-2005. The following pages shall throw much light on the activities that have been carried by our organization during the period.

First and foremost, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to our Beloved Bishop, the President and patron of KMSSS, for the confidence he has in our team of KMSSS, which has glorious tradition in fulfilling various needs of the underprivileged and oppressed communities in our Diocesan areas for decades.

KMSSS has come of age. The exclusive acts of compassion were the main activities, in the early years of KMSSS, and after passing through a long phase of aid and assistance, during the 1980s until the mid 1990s, it, in the process of evolution, and has reached the current stage of facilitation initiatives with major focus on **Socio-economic Empowerment** of the oppressed and the resource poor sections of our region.

The **Mobilization of Women**, farmers and the members of the community of disabled into People's Organization of Sangams and Self Help Groups and their existence in hundreds, stands testimony to the success of our facilitation efforts.

To mention in particular about our interventions, the **Sponsorship Programme** that has been aiding hundreds of children from the poverty stricken remote villages of our region phenomenally for without it, a great number of these children will end up as Child labour, languishing as domestic servants in the fields, in workshops, in tea shops and you name it all.

Similarly the rehabilitation of the members of the **community of disabled** persons deserves special mention here, as KMSSS has been striving hard against heavy odds, especially in terms of financial constraints, to relieve the hardships and pain of the disabled in our region.

In fact much needs to be done in particular, the fulfillment of the academic and vocational needs of children afflicted with the crippling cerebral palsy and mental retardation, as appropriate training in the above areas would make sea change in the future of this unfortunate children.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who are associated with KMSSS in one way or the other, especially the **Partners** in our interventions, like the various **Government Agencies, Funding Agencies**, the Bankers, our staff members and many others who directly and indirectly have been contributing to our activities.

I also wish to place on record our sincere thanks to the cooperation and support to all our activities by the Vice President Rev. Msgr. C. Peter Francis, V.G. and Rev.Fr. S. Gaspar, our Treasurer. Similarly, the monumental cooperation being extended always by the members of the Governing Body, General Body of KMSSS and the Project Committee deserves praise and thanks and also to the yeomen contribution of my predecessor, Rev.Fr.J. Antony Joseph and with a special mention of Fr.S. Alphonse, Asst. Secretary.

I would like to **conclude**, by outlining some of our future plans namely, ♦ Innovative collective initiatives for economic empowerment of **women**, ♦ Animating the SHG according to the norms of the Government like "Namathu Gramam" "Namakku Namay" Schemes. Priority will be given for the sale of the products produced by the SHG ♦ Rehabilitation interventions for the **children** with cerebral palsy and mental retardation, to bring out the best in them, giving prominent importance for the total development of children who are sponsored. ♦ Capacitation of the resource rural poor **communities**, in sustainable agricultural practices will be among the few, proposed to be taken up in the coming days.

Once again I thank our President, for his prayers and blessings, for his efforts and encouragements and for his optimistic vision and mission, in the implementation of KMSSS goals.

I pay my respects to Rev. Fathers, Sisters and to all who in one way or other contribute for the growth of KMSSS.

Finally I extend my gratitude to all my staff members especially to the "Annual Report" Committee Members - Mr. P. Lionel Arockiaraj, Mr. G. Tharanising Rajan, Mr. A. Santiago, Mr. D. Adaikalam and Mr.S . Arulappan and special regards to 'Anto Press' Sivakasi.

Fr. A. Martin De Porres
Secretary

KUMBAKONAM MULTIPURPOSE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (Regd. S.No. 54 of 1973)

Vision:

To strive for blossoming of human values of life through establishing Love, Justice, Peace, Equality and Fraternity irrespective of any discrimination.

Mission:

Awareness on social issues and problems, building peoples organization, inculcation of positive values of social order, promoting economical standard of people, develop sustainable livelihood programs and Promotion of Peoples' organization and federating people, conserve Environment & Rehabilitation of the Community of disabled..

Objectives:

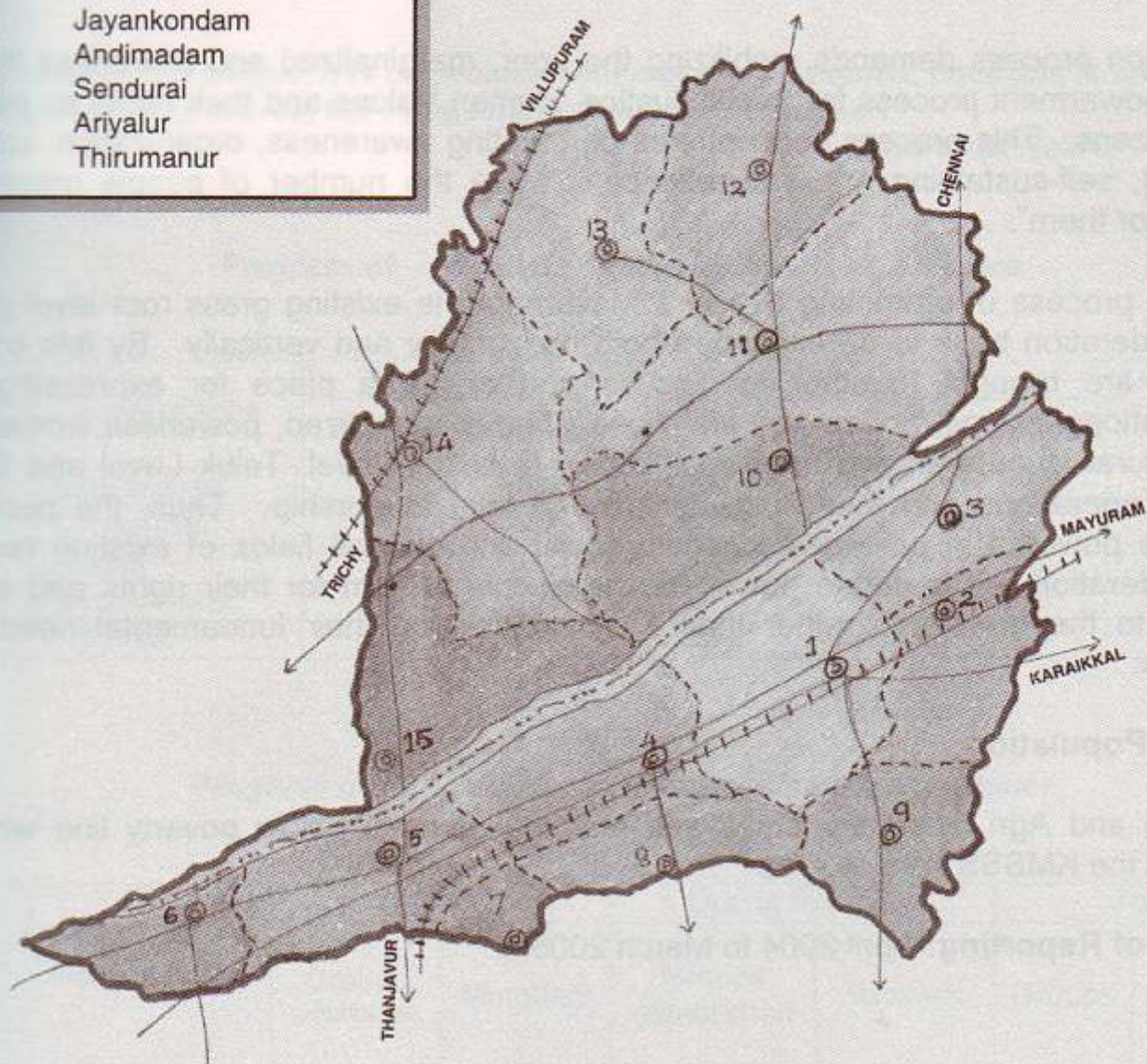
- To perform works of charity for those in need irrespective of race, caste, community or creed.
- To engage in social service activities aimed at improving the living conditions and general welfare of the poor particularly farmers and other working people, indigent persons of whatever occupation irrespective of race, caste, community or creed.
- To work for integral development of the people, especially the weaker and disadvantaged.



S.No.	Block Name
1	Kumbakonam
2	Thiruvaidaimarudhur
3	Thiruppanandhal
4	Papanasam
5	Thiruvaiyaru
6	Budalur
7	Thanjavur
8	Ammapettai
9	Valangaiman
10	T.Palur
11	Jayankondam
12	Andimadam
13	Sendurai
14	Ariyalur
15	Thirumanur

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Field Service Area



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I. TOWARDS EMPOWERING WOMEN

I. "New Thrust Federation Project"

Introduction:

Organizing rural women especially marginalized, economically poor and deprived people have been our main thrust in implementing different programmes and activities as part of development process in the entire area of KMSSS target villages. Both women and men agricultural Farm workers and small farmers who have been striving towards socio-economic empowerment are organized into federations at the periphery and higher levels.

Animation process demands mobilizing the poor, marginalized and powerless through an empowerment process for Social Justice, Human Values and their rights as persons and citizens. This process concentrates on creating awareness, organization, capacity building, self-sustaining and self reliance. "More the number of people greater the power for them".

For the process of promoting People's Movement the existing grass root level groups and Federation have to be expanded both horizontally and vertically. By this process people are brought together to discuss and create a place for expressing their expectations, issues, hopes and ambitions. The marginalized, powerless women and Agricultural labourers have been mobilized into Union Level, Taluk Level and District Level Federations and they plan, decide and take leadership. Thus, the people to become powerful in political economic, social and cultural fields of existing realities. The federation will generate power for the people to fight for their rights and ensure justice to the powerless rather than focusing only on their fundamental needs and benefits.

Target Population:

Women and Agri labourers, small and marginal farmers below poverty line who are living in the KMSSS service area.

Period of Reporting: April 2004 to March 2005.

Goal:

The Goal of the project is to enable people to form self reliant and self sustaining federation at State Level thereby leading to a People's Movement in the region.

Objectives:

- To increase the number of Sangams/Federations, Savings, People centred activities and tap the resources from Local, Government, banks and other sources.
- To enhance the capacities of Federation Leaders and staff on managerial skills, human rights and common issues.
- To ensure that other activities of KMSSS are emanating from animation process and networking with like minded NGO's at Regional Level.
- To enable the members of the sangams/federations to contribute towards development programs and activities.

"To awaken the people, it is the women who must be awakened, once she is on the move, the family moves, the village moves, the nation moves".

- Jawaharlal Nehru.

Progress of - Women's Groups/Sangams at a Glance

S. No.	Name of Zone	Till March 2004		During 2004-2005		Total	
		Groups	Members	New Groups	New Members	Groups	members
1	Kumbakonam	441	7892	112	1926	553	9818
2	Thiruvaiyaru	57	985	32	468	89	1453
3	Ariyalur	58	938	14	236	72	1174
4	Jayankondam	87	1375	28	418	115	1793
TOTAL		643	11190	186	3048	829	14238

Progress of Agri. labourers (Farmers) Groups at a Glance

S. No.	Name of Zone	Till March 2004		During this Year		Total	
		Groups established	Members	Groups established	Members	Groups	Members
1	Kumbakonam	75	1368	26	462	101	1830
2	Thiruvaiyaru	17	300	33	522	50	822
3	Ariyalur	64	1081	18	288	82	1369
4	Jayankondam	116	1943	21	379	137	2322
TOTAL		272	4692	98	1651	370	6343

Union-wise Federations/Groups established during the year 2004-2005

S. No.	Name of Union Federations	Total Panchayats	Total Villages	Covered		Sangam coverage			Members	
				Panchayats	Villages	Women	Agri. Labourers	Total	Women	Agri. Labourers
1	Kumbakonam	47	159	47	120	49	8	57	902	150
2	Thiruvudaimarudhur	48	151	48	142	37	12	49	596	212
3	Thiruppanandal	44	178	9	12	15	3	18	215	48
4	Valangaiman	50	167	8	17	11	3	14	213	52
5	Papanasam	34	93	14	16	6	7	13	112	118
6	Ammamet	46	162	6	9	3	8	11	50	128
7	Thanjavur	61	179	6	6	3	4	7	45	60
8	Thiruvaiyaru	40	94	20	26	8	7	15	92	129
9	Budalur	42	126	12	15	12	7	19	169	87
10	Thirumanur	36	108	13	32	8	6	14	124	95
11	Ariyalur	38	108	17	28	6	12	18	112	193
12	Jayankondam	35	136	27	46	16	8	24	236	147
13	Andimadam	30	104	14	42	10	5	15	152	82
14	T.Palur	33	104	14	18	2	8	10	30	150
Total		584	1869	255	529	186	98	284	3048	1651
Sangams till 2004		-	-	-	-	643	272	915	14238	4692
Grand Total		584	1869	255	529	829	370	1199	17286	6343

Promotion of Savings & Formation of Credit Union/"Sangamam"

One of the major objectives of promoting savings program is to redeem poor people from the local moneylenders and enable them to have easy access to inter lending from their own savings. After long years of hard work, now the People's Bank (*Sangamam*) at the Union level federations of women and agricultural labourers are established.

Savings

S. No.	Name of Zone	Status of Savings in Women Groups			Status of Savings in Agri. Labour Groups		
		Till March 2004	During 2004-05	Total	Till March 2004	During 2004-05	Total
1	Kumbakonam	71,16,707.00	35,31,835.00	1,06,48,542.00	1,10,000.00	1,43,050.00	2,53,050.00
2	Thiruvaiyaru	4,96,677.00	2,14,685.00	7,11,362.00	49,000.00	1,28,450.00	1,77,450.00
3	Ariyalur	24,00,459.00	55,690.00	24,56,149.00	4,27,000.00	1,36,000.00	5,63,000.00
4	Jeyankondam	34,60,704.00	6,75,856.00	41,36,560.00	16,68,000.00	7,24,230.00	23,92,230.00
TOTAL		1,34,74,547.00	44,78,066.00	1,79,52,613.00	22,54,000.00	11,31,730.00	33,85,730.00

"SANGAMAM"
Union Level Credit Union / People's Bank

S. No.	Credit Union		People's Fund	KMSSS Fund	No. of Sangams involved
	Formed till 2004	During 2004-05			
1	Ariyalur	-	1,60,000.00	1,60,000.00	16
2	Andimadam	-	3,20,000.00	3,20,000.00	32
3		Thirumanur	1,10,000.00	1,10,000.00	11
4		Thiruppanandal	85,000.00	85,000.00	11
5		Thiruvaidaimarudhur	3,37,000.00	3,37,000.00	40
6		Kumbakonam	2,15,000.00	2,15,000.00	22
Total			12,27,000.00	12,27,000.00	132



**Foot Wear Making : Yet another step towards empowering the
Most Oppressed Communities.**

SELF HELP GROUPS MAHALIR THITTAM

KMSSS takes pride in being one of the pioneering institutions in this part of the State, facilitating the women, then perceived only as objects, destined to serve men in the remote rural areas to mobilize into groups called "Sangams" even as early as 1980s. And Mahalir Thittam came as yet another blessing, for the women, who have organized themselves in Self Help Groups.

The primary aim of "Women Development " is economic, social, political and empowering process, the Mahalir Thittam of Tamil Nadu Government was introduced at KMSSS in the year 1999 in two Community Development Blocks Thiruvudaimarudhur and Kumbakonam.

Strategy of the Project:

- ✍ Development of cohesive, self help women groups with a spirit of self help and team building.
- ✍ Inculcation of the habit of savings among the women.
- ✍ Increased social awareness through, intermingling and exposure opportunities.
- ✍ Development of leadership qualities.
- ✍ Access to various development schemes, banks and strong partnership with Tamil Nadu commission for women development.
- ✍ Building financially sound and sustainable SHG
- ✍ Improved skills to family and society and credit process.
- ✍ Networking of women's federation

Project area:

À Total 95 village Panchayats and 9 town Panchayats coming under Kumbakonam and Thiruvudaimarudhur Panchayat Unions,

Union wise data regarding SHG:

S. No	Union	Total Villages	Prog. villages	SHGs			SHGs' Members		
				Till 2004	During this year	Total	Till 2004	New	Total
1	Kumbakonam	189	159	244	49	293	4631	902	5533
2	Thiruvudaimarudur	151	137	275	37	312	4125	586	4721
	Total	340	296	519	86	605	8756	1488	10254

Training Activities:

S.No	Nature of training	Module	Group	Members Trained	Duration	Place of training
1	Members Training	I	37	1782	One day	KMSSS
		II	110	1942	"	
		III	43	750	"	
		IV	52	926	"	
2	Animator (Representative) training	I	Two representatives of each group	483	2 days	KMSSS
		II		246		
		III		640		
3	Entrepreneurship Training	I	Selected Women	25	10 days	KMSSS
4	Panchayat level Federation	I	"	92	2 days	At local Panchayats

Groups Graded and Loan Obtained:

S. No	Block Name	Total SHG groups	Graded	Loan Assistance			Repayment
				Groups	NABARD	DRDA	
1	Kumbakonam	261	206	24	83000	5125000	90%
2	Thiruvudaimarudhur	313	233	37	1056000	5575000	
3	Kumbakonam Town	32	17	-	-	-	

Entrepreneurial activities and economic development:

To equip the self help group members, in alternative vocational skills, KMSSS has ventured and organized various entrepreneurship trainings and the following is the short list of the same.

- * Two groups of Marudhanallur, obtained bank loan of Rs.50,000/- each for the purpose of cultivating 1.33 Acre of land and gained Rs.32,000 income during this year.
- * Perumandi group received Rs.150000/- and they are rearing 15 milch animals which gives a sum of Rs.800/- each, per month per family.

- * Ullur SHG is running a grocery shop through a bank loan assistance of Rs.40,000/- and every month the group earning not less than Rs.1500/-..
- * In Kalyanapuram group Coir making is done through the bank loan assistance and get a net income of Rs.2500/- per month.
- * Vasantham group of Thiruvidaimarudhur village, preparing "Nutritive Flour Mix" and successfully marketing the same among the Self Help Group members and general public from a loan of Rs.1,00,000/-. It is encouraging and they get Rs.2000/- net income in a month.
- * Malligai group of Thiruvidaimarudhur, with the bank loan assistance of Rs.2.5 lakhs, has been involved in weaving pure silk sarees. Each member is benefited a sum of Rs.1200 to 1500 per month.

Block level coordination committee:

The block level coordination committee of SHGs of Kumbakonam and Thiruvidaimarudhur meet regularly once in a month. Animators of the SHG participate in this meeting. The major topics of the meeting are listed hereunder: -

1. Panchayat level federation
2. Savings and economic activities and procedures
3. Natural farming practices
4. Bank loan (NABARD) SGSY, Revolving Fund
5. Herbal and its use as remedy for common illness.
6. First aid for the emergencies
7. Alternative crop cultivation
8. LIC
9. Child labour problem
10. Social problems
11. Social solidarity etc

Special activities carried out by SHGs:

- ☞ Seminar on AIDS and TB was organized at Thiruvidaimarudhur in Association with Rotary and Lions Clubs, during December 2004. More than 200 persons, took part in the Seminar.
- ☞ Special Day on "prevention of violence against women" was organized at Veppathur in which 240 women participated.
- ☞ Due to the initiatives of the SHG members, 43 cluster houses have been secured for Poundareegapuram. The construction of the same is in progress.
- ☞ A Bandh was organized against the proposed opening of "Tasmac" outlet at a residential area in Natchiyarkoil village and succeeded in this issue.
- ☞ Basic need of drinking water and road to cremation ground got sanctioned for Ammanpettai village with efforts of SHG.

- ☞ Through collective resistance against low wage, the SHG members, successfully secured increase in their wages from Rs.30 to 35/-.
- ☞ SHGs of local area actively involved themselves in "Shri Krishna School" fire accident relief. SHG members immediately rushed to the spot and extended material support and offered counselling.
- ☞ KMSSS and Lions Club, Kumbakonam organized Eye camp at kumbakonam with voluntary support of SHGs volunteers. And more than 250 women were benefited by the same.
- ☞ Training in Footwear and leather goods making was organized for the members of Self Help Groups at Auto Nagar by CFT, Chennai.
- ☞ Thiru. Veera Shanmugamani, I.A.S., District Collector of Thanjavur, during his visit to Navasakthi and Mahasakthi SHGs of Swamimalai, was very much impressed and he appreciated the Craftsmanship and creativity of the members involved.
- ☞ To ensure easy and adequate flow of credit to SHGs the People's Bank was established at Thiruvidaimarudhur Block, with their share of Rs. 3,37,000/- an equal amount of contribution from KMSSS.
- ☞ Tsunami relief operation was done on the next day of the occurrence of the calamity. 300 plastic pots, 40 bags of rice, dresses and cash were distributed by the SHGs of KMSSS to the victims of the disaster.
- ☞ KMSSS was awarded merit certificate and placed IIIrd in the District of Thanjavur by the Government Officials of Mahalir Thittam, in recognition of its outstanding facilitation role in the operational areas for forming a large number of SHGs, Training, arranging bank loan, proper record maintenance and for formation of special groups of Differently Abled Persons in Thiruvidaimarudhur Block.
- ☞ Annalagraharam "Sudar Oli" SHG was awarded a Shield of 3rd place, for being a model SHG among 9000 SHGs in the District.

The entrepreneurship training provided to the SHG resulted in income generation activities such as mushroom culture, Milch animal rearing, incense sticks, candle and Readymade Garments making and craft materials production and "Nutritive Flour Mix" preparation. These interventions of SHG members, has led to the rise of their level of income.

Sustainable Livelihood for Urban Poor

Project Title: Collective Integrated Micro Farming for Socio-Economic Empowerment of Marginalized Urban Poor

Main Objectives:

- To provide income generation options for landless Dalit women who have been losing their livelihood, due to massive urbanization through land and other infrastructure for collective participation and benefit.
- To impart training in integrated organic farming practices as a source of sustainable livelihood for Groups of SHGs.
- To enable the oppressed Dalit families of Anaikaranpalayam of Kumbakonam Town, to achieve social empowerment by achieving better standard of living.

Activities:

Three women Self Help Groups of the area, have been lent a unit of land with the area of 3 acres in the land owned by KMSSS, adjacent to Anaikaranpalayam in Kumbakonam Town.

Sixty women belonging to the SHGs have been involved in collective integrated organic farming activities for income generation. Apart from preparing and cultivating the land of 3 acres through rotational cropping pattern with a variety of species of greens, which command a very good market potential and vegetables. They are also involved in collective rearing of milch animals and aqua culture to supplement their income, for more than year since the initiation of the project.

As part of this Agro Forestry Collective, a small fresh water aqua culture unit with the fishpond in the size of 5500 sq.ft , has been established.

As the activities proposed in the project is an ongoing process, the land of the proposed project belonging to KMSSS, is being utilized by a group of 3 SHGs of women (with maximum of 60 members) of Anaikaranpalayam, in turns for a period of 2 years each. Agreements to this effect has been entered into with the respective groups of SHGs.

Infrastructure established in the Farm:

- ❖ A bore well with the pumping system
- ❖ Cattle shed in the size of 1500 sq.ft.
- ❖ A Fishpond in the size of 5500 cu.ft.

The Impacts and Results:

- Participants in the collective initiative have become better skilled, as the project incorporates traditional sustainable system of livelihood with innovations by intercropping, crop rotation, organic manuring etc.
- Increased ability to earn higher income, made possible by the multifaceted sources of income within the farm, have helped the women from these to Self Help Groups, to cater to help their children's education and other needs.
- Together with daily income from the sale of greens, milk yield and the periodical harvest of fish from the fishpond, (once in 4 months), the members of women SHGs of Anaikaranpalayam, have been able to make tremendous strides, already in their economic conditions and with this new found economic independence the members of these traditionally marginalized sections of urban poor, are sure to achieve total socio-economic empowerment.
- This apart, the integrated collective organic farming experiment, has also been proving to be an invaluable learning centre for collective farming practices for the resource poor communities.



Women's Day 2005 was celebrated in style with participants from all the 24 Multipurpose Social Service Societies of the State, taking part.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, PULLAMBADI

The objective of this training is to prepare young and adolescent girls who have discontinued their education due to various reasons and circumstances in their families, with different types of vocational skills.

WDC was established in January 18th 1988. Two batches of training are organized, every year, with duration of 6 months each. At the rate of 30 girls for each batch of training for a period of 6 months duration, So far, 850 girls have been trained at WDC Pullambady in 34 batches of training. Present batch has 17 girls selected from the villages of the entire Diocese.

Preference is given in selection to the girls, who belong to below poverty line in their economic status. Similarly the girls in the age group of 15 to 25, with basic education, unmarried and recommended by the local Parish Priest or Self Help Groups and KMSSS Field Staff are eligible for admission.

To reduce the social controls and restrictions imposed on women with an intention of developing younger generation to perform their role effectively and more skillfully and to establish an amicable relationship in the society and with the overall aim of integrated development of personality and equality. This Training Centre was designed to serve the girls from most needy underprivileged and marginalized sections.

Training components:

Training imparted at Pullambadi WDC prepares the girls to face challenges and problems in their life and to lead a life as responsible citizens in the future. The training curricula are designed with a combination of various life oriented subjects. Skills in tailoring, decorative pieces preparation, handicraft items, and more relevant behavioural aspects of group work and dynamics of leadership qualities are taught in a simple style to make them assimilate and adopt. Classes on realities of economic, political and socio-cultural conditions, women's status in health, environment knowledge and child care are covered as part of training.

The impacts of training:

WDC trained girls find easy way of earning while taking care of the household responsibilities remaining at their homes which is helpful to their own and family requirements. The training offered in the Centre enable the girls to bring out the best in themselves like the various talents and other potentials. And it also offers them many options for alternative income generation and the ultimate economic self reliance.

The girls who have undergone this comprehensive training in Vocational & Life Skills, have been able to find better fortunes as many of them are presently employed in the Tailoring Units of Thiruppur, a few of them have secured Government grants for procuring Sewing Machines on Self Employment. Similarly this training also enables the girls, to manage their family routine in a much better way and lead healthy and peaceful life. They become more knowledgeable in day to day social life and take leadership role in village Sangams, Panchayats and even in local political arena.

II. SHAPING THE FUTURE

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Kumbakonam Multipurpose Social Service Society heartfully remembers and thank the Donor Organization, **Christian Child Care International, Canada** for the valuable assistance extended to support the children of below poverty line families in the Diocese. Initially the project was started on February 1999, with 15 students of Good Shepherd Boys Home, Valangaiman and 18 boys of St. Antony's Home for children, Pasupathikoil. The total number of beneficiaries this year is 308.

Mission:

With the support of the Community initiatives in developing educational and personal growth of the children through the Sponsorship Programme.

Values:

- To affirm the sacredness of life and dignity of all people, especially the children and parents.
- To make our children fully capable of identifying and addressing social conditions.
- To manifest or to shower the Christ loving care for the poor and suffering that is an essential element of Jesus Teachings.

Goals:

"To alleviate the effects of Poverty by offering an effective and trustworthy Sponsorship Programme that reflects God's Love and Mercy."

Objectives:

- ❖ To provide Basic education, nutrition, clothing and health.
- ❖ To build up solidarity among the children.
- ❖ To foster personality developments.
- ❖ To promote social awareness, health and hygiene to the parents.

Area of Operation:

The project is implemented in three revenue districts (Thanjavur, Trichirapalli and Perambalur) which form part of Kumbakonam Diocese. The beneficiaries are drawn from 80 Parishes in the Diocese.

Details of Children Sponsored through this Programme:

S. No.	-Project Name	Project Code	No. of Children on April '04	No. of Children proposed on Jan.05	No. of children proposed on Mar.05	Children sponsored newly.
1	Valangaiman	KMA	53	43	-	-
2	Kalpalayam	KMA	47	-	-	-
3	Pasupathikoil	KMB	42	13	-	5
4	Assisi Padalur	ASI	11	-	-	-
5	Villiavarambal	KMV	9	12	3	-
6	Vadagarai	KMV	11	-	-	8
7	Periyavarseeli	PVR	44	39	-	3
8	Vadaveekam	VDV	71	28	44	-
9	Perambalur	PLR	Nil	76	-	1
10	Michaelpatty	MKT	Nil	26	70	3
11	Kumbakonam	KMU	-	61	5	-
12	Jayankondam	JKM	-	36	70	-
13	Pullambadi	PMB	-	69	27	-
	Total		288	403	219	20

Beneficiaries Year-wise Progress from 1999 to 2005:

S.No.	Year	No. of Children (Beneficiaries)
1	1999-2000	35
2	2000-2001	104
3	2001-2002	151
4	2002-2003	238
5	2003-2004	274
6	2004-2005	308

During this year a total of 308 children belong to 13 Sub-Projects area are benefited. Monitoring and children Counselling had been done by the project Coordinator. The beneficiary children share their progress through letter of Correspondence to the sponsors.

Two special visits were undertaken to the field area by the Project Staff team to document the progress and experiences of children with photo illustration of each student. The same team have chosen two Vicariates (Jeyankondam and South Michaelpatti) and collected 219 new applications from the children and same set of applications were sent to Canada on March 2005 after processing.

Letters from Children to their Sponsors:

The children who are living in the Sub-Projects area sent "Easter Wishes" to their Sponsors. Their letters were collected, translated and sent to the CCCI, Canada. During the Christmas season, the children received the gifts from their sponsors. The children, who received the gifts, reciprocated through letters thanking them for their generous gesture.

The special gifts received from Canada on Birthdays and other occasions for children were distributed to them. The amounts received as gifts were distributed to the children in cash as well as in kind, in the form of school bags and other essential items such as uniforms etc..

Canadian Visitor:

Deacon Eugene Perabo, Canada accompanied by Mr. Israel from Chennai, made a special visit to our organization. They have also made a short visit to the Venture Project area and met the children living in Kalpalayam and Periyavarseeli Sub-Project areas. The children had a great time in having the representative of their Foster Parents in their midst.

Sponsors Day:

On December 2004 the Sponsors Day was celebrated with the objectives to remember the generosity and pray for their sacrifice towards the development of the poor children. Secondly to educate the beneficiary children on the best use of the support received and to create an opportunity to explore the hidden talents of the children. Sponsors Day celebration was presided over by our Loving Bishop Most .Rev. P. Remigius, D.D. He delivered the Presidential address and distributed Christmas Gifts and Sports Prizes to the children of all the Sub-Projects.

Future Plan:

We are planning to collect 400 new applications from all the parishes in the Diocese and the completed applications would be sent to Canada by August 2005.



EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The financial support for the education of deserving students, hailing from SC&BC communities is one of the important activities of KMSSS. The drop out of students from SC & BC communities is due to their economical backwardness and lack of access to education and such students are supported under three different categories:

Category : 1. +1, +2 students from SC Communities

Category : 2. College and vocational course students of BC Communities

Category : 3. College and Vocational course students of SC Communities

S. No.	Name of the Parish	+1 & +2 students (SC)	Amount	College & vocational course (SC)	Amount	College students (BC)	Amount	Total
1	Achanur	15	3,000.00	3	1,350.00	0	0	4,350.00
2	Ammanpet	11	2,200.00	1	450.00	26	10,100.00	12,750.00
3	Alambakkam	4	800.00	0	0	17	8,450.00	9,250.00
4	Andimadam	0	0	0	0	12	4,700.00	4,700.00
5	Amlashram	1	200	0	0	3	1,200.00	1,400.00
6	Ayyampet	31	6,200.00	5	2,150.00	38	13,450.00	21,800.00
7	Annamangalam	0	0	0	0	4	1,650.00	1,650.00
8	Ariyalur	5	1,000.00	0	0	0	0	1,000.00
9	Elackurichi	8	1,600.00	0	0	3	1,150.00	2,750.00
10	Fatimapuram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
11	Gabrielpuram	10	2,000.00	2	900.00	11	4200.00	7,100.00
12	Irungalur	10	2,000.00	0	0	22	9,400.00	11,400.00
13	Jeyamkondam	0	0	0	0	1	400.00	400.00
14	Kabistharam	0	0	0	0	8	4,500.00	4,500.00
15	Kallakudi	27	5,400.00	1	350.00	37	16,000.00	21,750.00
16	K.V.Pet	11	2,200.00	0	0	2	700.00	2,900.00
17	Kokkudi	4	800.00	0	0	4	3,400.00	4,200.00
18	Konalai	11	2,200.00	5	2,250.00	9	3,500.00	7,950.00
19	Konneikudi	21	4,200.00	5	2,250.00	25	11,350.00	17,800.00
C/O		169	33,800.00	22	9,700.00	222	94,150.00	137,450.00

Sl. No.	Name of the Parish	+1 & +2 students (SC)	Amount	College & vocational course (SC)	Amount	College students (BC)	Amount	Total
	BF	169	33,800.00	22	9,700.00	222	94,150.00	1,37,650.00
26	Kattapalayam	11	2,200.00	0	0	6	2,250.00	4,450.00
27	Kalamur	5	1,000.00	0	0	0	0	1,000.00
28	Kandakurichy	2	400.00	2	900.00	28	14,150.00	15,450.00
29	Kamanickam	17	3,400.00	0	0	19	8,650.00	12,050.00
30	Kumilenguzhi	11	2,200.00	4	1,800.00	17	7,100.00	11,100.00
31	Kumbakonam	36	7,200.00	1	450.00	58	24,550.00	32,200.00
32	Konathur	31	6,200.00	8	3,600.00	61	27,900.00	37,700.00
33	Lajud	29	5,800.00	7	2,750.00	17	6,350.00	14,900.00
34	Marakkal	17	3,400.00	1	450.00	6	2,200.00	6,050.00
35	Marathidal	17	3,400.00	5	2,250.00	0	0	5,650.00
36	Matthankulam	0	0	1	450.00	2	900.00	1,350.00
37	Matur	38	7,600.00	0	0	23	9,550.00	17,150.00
38	Keelamichaelpatty	0	0	0	0	18	7,800.00	7,800.00
39	Keeleneduvai	4	800.00	1	450.00	6	2,200.00	3,450.00
40	Musri	3	600.00	0	0	5	1,100.00	1,700.00
41	Megalaithur	11	2,200.00	0	0	0	0	2,200.00
42	Naduvalur	0	-	0	0	16	6,900.00	6,900.00
43	Noothapur	3	600.00	0	0	1	400.00	1,000.00
44	Pattinamkurichy	0	0	0	0	7	2,700.00	2,700.00
45	Padalur	3	600.00	0	0	10	3,800.00	4,400.00
46	Palayam	6	1,200.00	1	450.00	6	2,350.00	4,000.00
47	Papanasam	19	3,800.00	1	450.00	12	5,800.00	10,050.00
48	Perambalur	0	0	0	0	1	400.00	400.00
49	Periyavarseeli	15	3,000.00	5	2,250.00	23	9,350.00	14,600.00
50	Perumalpalayam	0	0	0	0	1	400.00	400.00
51	Perumathur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Poondi	21	4,200.00	2	900.00	0	0	5,100.00
53	Pudhukottai	3	600.00	2	800.00	18	8,300.00	9,700.00
54	Punalvasal	24	4,800.00	15	5,750.00	0	0	10,550.00
55	Pullambadi	17	3,400.00	8	3,200.00	14	5,600.00	12,200.00
56	Purathakudi	23	4,600.00	0	0	19	7,250.00	11,850.00
57	Ramanathapuram							
58	Kattur	38	7,600.00	1	450.00	35	14,800.00	22,850.00
59	Samayapuram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	C/O	573	114,600.00	87	37,050.00	651	2,76,900.00	4,28,550.00

S. No	Name of the Parish	+1 & +2 students (SC)	Amount	College & vocational course (SC)	Amount	College students (BC)	Amount	Total
B/F		573	114,600.00	87	37,050.00	651	276900.00	428550.00
53	Sembodai	0	0	3	1,250.00	10	3,750.00	5,000.00
54	Southmichaelpatty	18	3,600.00	1	450.00	0	0	4,050.00
55	Sickalnayakanpet	1	200.00	0	0	9	3,200.00	3,400.00
56	Sukkambar	6	1,200.00	0	0	0	0	1,200.00
57	Soosaiyapparpattinam	0	0	0	0	6	2,950.00	2,950.00
58	S.Pudhur	35	7,000.00	4	1,800.00	14	5,100.00	13,900.00
59	Thennur	10	2,000.00	7	3,050.00	19	7,500.00	12,550.00
60	Thiruppanthuruthy	36	7,200.00	7	3,150.00	0	0	10,350.00
61	Thirumanur	12	2,400.00	0	0	2	700.00	3,100.00
62	Thiruvaiyaru	9	1,800.00	2	900.00	0	0	2,700.00
63	Thirukavalur	0	0	0	0	9	4,200.00	4,200.00
64	Thirumandhurai	1	200.00	0	0	2	750.00	950.00
65	Thondamandhurai	1	200.00	0	0	1	350.00	550.00
66	Thiruvalandurai	1	200.00	2	900.00	0	0	1,100.00
67	Thuraiyur	2	400.00	0	0	14	9,450.00	9,850.00
68	Thottiyam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
69	Uthamanur Pudhur	28	5,600.00	8	3,500.00	18	8,300.00	17,400.00
70	Vadagarai	33	6,600.00	3	1,350.00	13	4,950.00	12,900.00
71	Vandhalai	20	4,000.00	2	800.00	10	3,650.00	8,450.00
72	Vadaveekam	12	2,400.00	3	1,350.00	3	1,100.00	4,850.00
73	Vadugarpet	17	3,400.00	0	0	22	8,400.00	11,800.00
74	Valangaiman	3	600.00	0	0	8	3,050.00	3,650.00
75	Varadarajanpet	5	1,000.00	4	1,800.00	60	25,300.00	28,100.00
76	Vadakkalur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	Villiavarambal	14	2,800.00	1	450.00	8	2,900.00	6,150.00
78	Vilagam	4	800.00	1	350.00	5	1,950.00	3,100.00
79	Viragalur	22	4,400.00	3	1,350.00	16	7,500.00	13,250.00
80	Villapallam	0	0	0	0	7	3,350.00	3,350.00
Total		863	172,600.00	138	59,500.00	907	385300.00	617400.00



KOLPING INDIA PROGRAMME

Aim : To build the spiritual and economic life of the Christian Community and follow the principles of brotherhood, equality, Justice, love and liberty.

Date of commencement : The programme was commenced on 20.10.2003.

Area of Operation : Six Vicariates area villages of the Diocese of Kumbakonam.

Programmes and Activities:

Based on the above aim of the project the programme is being effectively implemented in the operational areas of the two Social Service Organizations of the Diocese i.e. KMSSS and PSSS. Two Coordinators are in-charge for the project planning, execution and reporting of the progress of the project activities every month to the Kolping India Headquarters through the Secretary of KMSSS.

Groups organized by the KMSSS:

S. No.	Name of Parish	Name of Village	Name of Group	Members			Savings
				Male	Female	Total	
1	Ayyampet	Pasupathikoil	Annai	-	20	20	22,922.00
2	Mathur	Mathur	Jayarakkini Annai	-	29	29	22,038.00
3	Kumilanguzhi	Kumilanguzhi	St.Xavier	9	16	25	18,750.00
4	Soosaiappar pattinam	Soosaiappar Pattinam	St.Joseph	13	12	25	22,968.00
5	Keelaneduvai	Keelaneduvai	St.Annes	-	20	20	18,239.00
6	Naduvalur	Naduvalur	St.Joseph's	11	7	18	19,039.00
7	Vaiangaiman	Semmankudi	Little Flower	-	13	13	9,579.00
8	Jeyankondam	Jeyankondam	St.Fatima	10	5	15	10,900.00
9	Vadagarai	Puthakaram	Annai Theresa	15	-	15	9,570.00
10	Kabisthalam	Kabisthalam	St.Lourdu	-	25	25	7,962.00
11	Ammanpet	Ammanpet	St.Adaikala Annai	-	19	19	10,650.00
12	Punalvasal	Punalvasal	Mother Teresa	-	20	20	14,000.00
13	Thiruvaiyaru	Peramur	Mother Teresa	-	20	20	12,000.00
14	Michaelpatty	Thirukattupalli	Annai	-	15	15	4,350.00
15	Ariyalur	Santhanamadha Street	St.Lourdu	-	16	16	7,800.00
16	Elakurichy	Sullankudi	Vinmeen	-	16	16	4,360.00
17	Varadarjanpet	Pudukkuppam	St.Lourdu	-	23	23	5,640.00
18	Pattanamkurichy	Pattanamkurichy	St.Lourdu	-	20	20	6,000.00
19	Sembodai	Sembodai	St.Xavier	-	20	20	4,500.00
TOTAL				58	316	374	2,31,267.00

Groups organized by the PSSS:

S. No.	Name of Parish	Name of Village	Name of Group	Members			Savings
				Male	Female	Total	
1	Gabrielpuram	Gabrielpuram	Sacred Heart	-	20	20	9,010.00
2	Purathakudi	Mahilampadi	St.Xavier	-	20	20	10,487.00
3	Konnaikudy	Konnaikudy	St.Vanathu Anthoniyar	-	14	14	11,144.00
4	Periyavarseeli	Periyavarseeli	St.Adaikala Annai	-	15	15	9,885.00
5	Palayam	Palayam	St.Joseph	-	11	11	9,403.00
6	Thondamandurai	Thondamandurai	St.Michael	-	20	20	9,466.00
7	Noothapur	Noothapur	St.Adaikala Annai	-	20	20	9,646.00
8	Perambalur	Kaulpalayam	St.Paduva Anthoniyar	-	12	12	5,306.00
9	Kovandakurichy	Kovandakurichy	St.Santhi-Yagappar	-	15	15	14,250.00
10	Musiri	Musiri	Idaya	-	13	13	3,975.00
11	Alambakkam	Alambakkam	St.Thomas	-	20	20	4,000.00
12	Kottaipalayam	Kottaipalayam	St.Magdalene	-	13	13	500.00
TOTAL				-	193	193	97,072.00

Training Programmes for the Groups:

S.No.	Date of Training	Topics	No. of Trainings	No. of Participants
1	19 th June	Loan Facilities	1	67
2	03 rd July	Trust Formation	1	86
3	27 th Sep., 17 th , 21 st Oct. 8 th , 9 th Nov.	Self Help Groups Training	5	174
4	8 th Oct., 26 th , 27 th Dec.	Entrepreneurship	3	145
5	15 th Nov.	Women Literacy	1	80
6	17 th Oct.	Social Analysis	1	42
7	13 th July 12 th Sep.	Accounting, Book Keeping	2	63
TOTAL			14	657

Financial Assistance Extended to Kolping Groups (KMSSS Area):

S.No.	Village	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount
1	Semmankudi	10	12,000.00
2	Peramur	10	10,000.00
3	Punalvasal	9	12,000.00
4	Kumilanguzhi	11	16,000.00
5	Keelaneduvai	17	20,000.00
6	Ayyampet	4	10,000.00
7	Naduvalur	5	12,000.00
8	Jeyankondam	4	10,000.00
9	Soosaiapparpattinam	10	20,000.00
10	Mathur	22	20,000.00
TOTAL		112	1,52,000.00

MICRO CREDIT PROGRAMME

Micro Credit to the people of below poverty line, extended with the objectives to improve the economic condition of the members of rural poor and for providing, sustainable livelihood opportunities. Credit facility primarily is given to village level sangam members, on the basis of recommendation of their respective sangams.

The members who avail the credit facilities are benefited with low interest rates and easy installment of repayment that does not involve any cumbersome and painstaking process of documentation, registration and other formalities. During the period, IOB extended the maximum amount of loan. Field Staff of KMSSS identify the eligible group and give orientation about the procedures to be followed for availing the loan and repayment. The concerned village Sangam takes the responsibility of proper repayment by the members.

Credit at a Glance for the period 2000-2004:

S.No.	Year	Lending Institution	No. of Total Beneficiaries	No. of SC Beneficiaries	Amount Rs. Ps.
1	2000-2001	Bridge Foundation	202	150	13,16,000.00
2	2001-2002	Bridge Foundation	534	320	37,15,000.00
3	"	I.O.B.	156	72	11,00,000.00
4	"	KMSSS	184	103	12,88,000.00
5	2002-2003	I.O.B.	150	115	15,00,000.00
6	2003-2004	I.O.B.	311	71	31,10,000.00
7	"	KMSSS	138	74	9,77,000.00
Total			1675	905	1,30,06,000.00

(From the above table we can infer that out of 1675 beneficiaries, 905 are exclusively from the SC Community beneficiaries.)



Credit details during Current year:

S. No.	Name of the Union	No. of Sangams	Total No. of Beneficiaries	SC Beneficiaries	Purpose of Credit	Amount
1	Kumbakonam	6	13	7	Milch Animal Small Business	1,30,000.00
2	Thiruvudaimarudhur	36	112	62	Milch Animal	11,20,000.00
3	Valangaiman	8	25	18	Milch Animal	2,50,000.00
			1	1	Petty shop	5,000.00
4	Thiruppanandal	5	16	6	Milch Animal	1,60,000.00
5	Jeyankondam	10	34	19	Milch Animal	3,40,000.00
6	T.Palur	8	25	19	Milch Animal	2,50,000.00
7	Andimadam	25	76	18	Milch Animal	7,60,000.00
		5	75	30	Credit Union Inter lending	75,000.00
8	Thirumanur	9	28	22	Milch Animal	2,80,000.00
			1	1	Sewing Machine	5,000.00
9	Papanasam	3	7	0	Milch Animal	70,000.00
		1	3	3	Sewing Machine	20,000.00
		3	30	10	Credit Union Inter lending	35,000.00
10	Ammamet	1	3	3	Milch Animal	30,000.00
11	Thiruvaiyaru	10	31	25	Milch Animal	3,10,000.00
12	Budalur	4	10	10	Milch Animal	1,00,000.00
TOTAL		134	490	254		39,40,000.00

Helping the beneficiaries to improve the economic condition is the major highlight of this scheme. People avail loan for meeting their immediate needs and paves way for entrepreneurship development among people.

SARVA SIKSHA ABIYAN (SSA)

KMSSS has been identified as a potential organization by the Education Department of Government of Tamil Nadu to popularize the scheme SSA and educate the school dropouts and their parents about the importance of continuous primary/Secondary education for school drop out children. In response to their call the KMSSS in collaboration with District Educational Department selected Kumbakonam Block area for implementing Sarva Siksha Abiyan Scheme in villages.

Project period : 11.10.2004 to 31.03.2005

Area of Operation:

Kumbakonam Block, 9 selected villages which belongs to 8 Panchayats.

Objectives:

To enroll the school drop out children of 6 to 14 years age under the umbrella of Universal Education for all through Alternative Innovative Education - (Bridge Course).

Project Programmes and Activities:

The Kumbakonam Multipurpose Social Service Society field staff have conducted a survey of the entire area of the Kumbakonam block and identified 503 school drop out children during the month of September 2004. It has also been noted by the field staff that child labour was common in Ammachathiram and Dharasuram Panchayat villages and around them.

Awareness and Counseling Sessions have been organized for the Parents, Leaders, Panchayat Presidents and Members about the importance of the enrollment of all children in school going age. Project Coordinator briefed and obtained approval from Village Education Committee for starting and introducing Bridge Course for children of their respective villages.

Subsequent, to the survey, KMSSS selected 12 village level volunteers to participate in Sarva Siksha Abiyan Scheme and work as motivating Teachers at the periphery. Their educational background ranges from +2 to degree level and they were given training by "DIET" (District Institute of Education and Teaching) Centre, Aduthurai on alternative innovative education, use of various types of teaching and learning methods, materials, records and reports maintenance etc. for a period of one month.

In 9 villages with the involvement and cooperation of the Block Level Resource Centre, Village Panchayat Presidents and Village Education Committees the Scheme was implemented.

Details of Bridge Course Beneficiaries

S.No.	Village Name	No. of Children	
		Male	Female
1	Muthupillaimandapam	12	3
2	Maharajapuram	6	6
3	Thulukaveli	6	5
4	Iyanallur	5	10
5	Thirunallur	10	3
6	Periya Karuppur	1	15
7	Keela Korkkai	7	5
8	Nathankovil	8	4
9	Mandamedu	15	10
TOTAL		70	61

In the above centres, 6 women teachers and 3 male teachers conducted the classes. All the children who are enrolled in the Bridge Course centres were supplied with books, slates and provided Noon Meals throughout the course period. The volunteers (Teachers) of these centres were given incentives of Rs.1000/- each, per month.

Main Streaming of Children:

Thus after 6 months of Education and Coaching, examination was conducted. Out of 131 children, who wrote the exams, 108 were declared to have passed the tests and were distributed certificates. Subsequently they were enrolled in the Panchayat Union Primary School or Middle School or High School appropriately in their area.



Sudaroli Group receiving Award for being the 3rd Best performing SHG at District Level from District Collector Thiru. Veerashanmugamani. IAS., Fr. J. Antony Joseph along with KMSSS Team in the Background

III. REHABILITATION

DISABILITY TO DIFFERENT ABILITY – THE SHIFT

COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION PROJECT

In close partnership with CBR Forum Bangalore, the KMSSS commenced the Community Based Rehabilitation Project at Thiruvidadaimarudhur Panchayat Union in the year 2002. The project gives more emphasis to community involvement in the process of Rehabilitation and home based service to the most needy members with physical and mental disabilities.

Project Objectives:

- 1) To conduct disability awareness and prevention initiatives.
- 2) Strengthening the process initiative with the local self-help groups.
- 3) To meet the rehabilitation needs of the disabled people through community based rehabilitation approach.
- 4) To promote a federation of the self-help groups towards self governance and sustainable action.
- 5) To promote entrepreneurial skills and employment opportunity.
- 6) Protecting the rights of the disabled persons through education and advocacy.
- 7) Building the capacity of the staff to ensure better quality of the work.

Persons with Disabilities - Survey Findings:

Thiruvidadaimarudhur Block

Sex/Age Group	VI	H&SI	IO	MI	MR	CP	MD	LCP	Total
Male: 0-12	5	10	28	2	23	14	5	-	87
Female: 0-12	4	16	17	1	23	5	4	-	70
Male: 13-18	4	17	55	-	8	3	-	-	87
Female: 13-18	7	11	39	-	13	11	2	1	71
Male 19 & above	19	54	183	13	20	5	3	15	312
Female: 19 & above	8	55	100	14	15	1	-	13	207

VI – Visually impaired, IO – Orthopedic

MI – Mentally ill, MR – Mental Retardation, CP – Cerebral Palsy, MD – Multiple Disabilities

LCP – Leprosy person cured

Implementation Process:

With active participation of 457 disabled persons 40 sanghas have been formed in 96 villages of 30 Panchayats in Thiruvidadaimarudhur Union. On date, they have Rs.28,900/- as savings of the groups and they maintain records and deposit their savings in the Banks regularly. Awareness programme on disability in the form of Street play, Songs, Celebration of Special days, Video coverage and Seminars were

organized, in which our cultural troupe, comprising of our project staff themselves played a major role with the assistance of village level leaders, Panchayat Presidents and Local resources.

Themes such as prevention of disability, early identification, and community responsibilities, towards the persons with disability, are highlighted in the message of awareness generation. The specific information like on the nature and degree of intensity of disability and integration of the differently abled persons into the society form an important aspect of our initiatives in this project.

Separate training is organized to the parents of children with mental disability and retardation which helps to improve the quality of home based and community based interventions for persons with disability. Community level Training and educational programmes to specific categories of village Panchayat Presidents, Teachers, VHN are carried out. This programme served as a measure to bring about, attitudinal changes among the rural masses on discrimination of disabled persons.

I.G.P. training to 31 persons for a period 10 days was organized with the cooperation of Mahalir Thittam officer. Seminar on Human Rights for disabled were organized in 5 villages, with the participation of Local Panchayat Presidents, members of Lions and Rotary Club. Human Rights Lawyer and renowned activist for Rights of Disabled Mr. Vidya Sagar of Chennai took part as the resource persons. This apart, with the esteemed presence of our Bishop, Most Rev. P. Remigius, D.D. and the District Collector as the Chief Guests "*Mupperum Vizha*" was conducted.

- Tieing with the existing Government Programme services enables disabled to build and maximize the benefits to the disabled, and to establish a functional relationship through camps, Medical support etc.

Staff Capacity Building:

- As part of capacity building, four of our staff members, underwent special training for 40 days on "*Development Training on Disabled*" at ADD INDIA, Trichy.
- Four Rehabilitation staff members, have undergone a 10 days course on CP, MR child management at VIDYA SAGAR, Chennai.



Activities and achievements:

Category	Activity Details	No. of Beneficiaries
Medical / Physical Rehabilitation	Medical Camps to identify / help PWDs	325
	Medical Support and Surgeries	32
	Referral for Medical, Consultation	26
	Home based support (physiotherapy & CP, MR	165
	Aids and appliances	37
Access to government schemes / facilities	Pension	13
	Railway	37
	ID Cards	25
	Medical Certificates	20
	Educational support counseling	15
Education of Children	Rehabilitation of school drop outs	15
	Special Schools	7
	Integration Schools	17
	Scholarships	102
	Pre-vocational and vocational courses	40
Vocational training / Employment	Self employment	4
	Providing finance for IGP	54
	Strengthening of SHGs	40
Organization of groups	Training programme for leaders	200
	Counseling of PWDs	27
	Disabled Day	1100
Advocacy	Training on PWDs act to people	5000
	Act – leaders	20
Networking with NGOs, CBOs and Govt. offices	Govt. Departments	7
	Schools	7
	Hospitals	6
	Volunteer, Organization, Rotary, Lions etc.	5
	Training programme Coordinator	1
Capacity Building of Organization staff	CBR workers	10

Impacts:

- Mobilization of Resources and Banks Savings.
- Village level support system is developed
- Increased participation of disabled in processes and programmes.
- Attitudinal change among non-disabled members of the society towards persons with disability (Social recognition).
- A networking system of service and linkage is developed.

Planned Activities:

- To cover all the villages in Thiruvidadimarudhur Union under the project.
- To form 'Federation' with the members of village Sanghas to foster solidarity efforts.
- To establish 'Day Care' Centre for children with Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation for severely disabled persons under the supervision of Project personnel and local community.
- Resource mobilization, to create assets to generate sustainable income, to support the various rehabilitation initiatives for the persons with the disabilities in our operational area.



**"Mupperum Vizha" District Collector Thiru. Radhakrishnan, IAS., and
our president Most Rev. P. Remigius, D.D.**

IV. EMPOWERING THE OPPRESSED:

SOLID INITIATIVES TOWARDS CONCRETE SOLUTION

In line with one of the basic objectives of KMSSS, it has been involved in quite a number of initiatives aimed at improving the lot of the members belonging to the most oppressed communities especially the **Dalits**. Who have been bearing the brunt of the atrociously inhuman practices of discrimination purported by the cruel hierarchical system of caste.

Similarly with the unflinching belief in the concept of education, as the most vital tool in the process of empowerment of any oppressed community in the world and taking into account, the highest form of discrimination of depriving education to a person on the basis of his or her birth, KMSSS has been extending educational aid to the maximum number of children from the Christian Dalit community and income generation activities in a big way for quite a long time.

These two factors have been accorded the highest priority because, education and economic self sufficiency, shall together certainly bring about transformation in the socio-economic conditions of the oppressed communities. Together with the above, the denial of equal rights to the members of Dalit Christian Community, on par with their brethren belonging to the Hindu faith is one of the primary causes, that prompted our Church to do the maximum, to correct this discrimination within discrimination policy. Hence significant allocations of funds are being made for these purposes.

And indeed the traditional practice of the Secretary of KMSSS, holding the Chairmanship of the SC/ST Commission of the Diocese, simultaneously, has come in handy and proved to be a great contributing factor, towards serving the cause of the empowerment of oppressed sections. This has helped towards appropriate and liberal allocations to the priorities that would help accelerate the process of empowerment of the members of the oppressed communities in our Diocese.

This apart, KMSSS, taking into account, the most vulnerable socio-economic conditions of the oppressed communities in all spheres, always strives to ensure that the members of SC/ST communities, form significant proportion of the number of beneficiaries of all the other welfare and development schemes. Our proud statistics of all these years vindicate this fact.

The early 1990s saw a remarkably proud achievement, taking place in the annals of KMSSS, as in line with this conviction and tradition, KMSSS had provided permanent housing with concrete structures to one of the most oppressed ,among the Dalits communities, the **Dhobies** (*Washer men Community*) who had been subjected to worst kind of social segregation. KMSSS cherishes this feat with immense sense of satisfaction

The funds allotted for the purpose of alternative income generation to the members of most oppressed communities during the year 2004-2005 is given hereunder

COW PROJECT

S.No.	Vicariate	Parish	Beneficiary	Loan Amount Rs. Ps.
1	Kumbakonam	Vadagarai	36	2,00,000.00
2	Perambalur	All Parishes	45	4,50,000.00
3	South Michaelpatti	Thiruvaiyaru	6	54,000.00
4	Pullambadi	All Parishes	27	2,37,600.00
		Thiruvaiyaru (Thillaisthanam)	6	54,000.00
Total			120	9,95,600.00

Future Plan:

To create an atmosphere of equal social status with decent and permanent place of dwelling, Education and Entrepreneurship the KMSSS proposed a project "Integrated intervention for Empowerment of the Oppressed Christian Cobbler Community" to benefit 435 families, in 52 villages with the beneficiaries participation in the Diocese area.



The Urban SHG Women of Palavathankattalai updating records

V. TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE MEANS:

EMPOWERING FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (APHD)

1. Objectives:

Sensitizing the members of socially and economically deprived and politically marginalized resource poor people **through equipping them to achieve self sufficiency and socio- economic empowerment.**

2. a) **Project Period** : April 2004 to March 2007.

b) **Project Area** : Jeyamkondam, Ariyalur and Andimadam Block.

3. Essential Features:

A. Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)

B. Facilitation towards forming Sanghas

C. Orientation and training in the following topics to the members of resource poor sections.

i. Agriculture

ii. Health and Hygiene

iii. Government Schemes

iv. Savings

v. Peoples Bank

vi. Environment Conservation

vii. Literacy

viii. Gender Equity

ix. Sensitization on child labour

D. Inculcating the habit of savings among individuals and groups.

E. Participatory planning, execution and evaluation.

F. Facilitation to form people's bank at village and union levels.

G. Educating the target population on the need for Nutritiously Balanced Food.

H. Identifying volunteers at village level for literacy campaign.

4. Activities:

Through the exercise of Participatory Rural Appraisal, the people in need of various basic requirements, have been identified and mobilized into Peoples Organizations. And sangams have been formed and currently, the members of these groups are being imparted training in groups' savings, social analysis, and leadership qualities. As a follow up training, on the above mentioned topics, the following activities have been carried out.

Resource Mobilization

1. A total of 150 saplings and cuttings of various tree species have been planted and maintained around the bunds of Nandavanam lake situated at Varadarajanpet of Andimadam block.
2. Neem and Pongan tree saplings have been planted and maintained by Vilangudi sangam members within the school campus and the village Bus Stand area.
3. One of the members of Vilangudi Farmers Association has secured a loan of Rs.26,000/- from THADCO. And with this capital amount he has been maintaining a Hire Cycle cum Petty Shop at Vilangudi.
4. A total of 186 persons have been enrolled under Group Insurance Schemes of LIC and availed the benefits of annual educational aid to their children.
5. A total of 255 tree saplings of various species have been planted and are being maintained in the following 6 villages of Andimadam, Savurveli, Anulanandapuram, Annakarankuppam, Easwari Nagar, Sivalingapuram by the members of sangams of the respective villages.

Social Activities

1. The members of 3 Self Help Groups, belonging to Annakarankuppam have secured the construction of contract worth Rs.1,10,000/- to build, the village Self Help Group Centre from the Government, against stiff competition from traditional and politically influential local elements.
2. The members of group at Pattanamkurichy, have carried repairs on the damaged drinking water pipeline to a length of 150 metres.
3. Group members belonging to Kangavadanganallur, have bagged labour contract to lay 1.5 kms. long metal road from the local civic body (Panahcayat).
4. The group at Pudupalayam have secured a contract worth Rs.60,000/- to construct a small concrete bridge.
5. The sangam members of Sathanapattu have secured a semi metal road with the total length of 750 meters (3/4 kms.).
6. The group belonging to Melakaruppur have been able to secure a village bus stand, after a long collective struggle.
7. A total of 150 members belonging to 8 sanghas of our area took part in the joint agitation organized against the "New Veeranam Drinking Water Scheme"
8. The group of Samathanapuram got the contract from the local civic body to lay a semi Metal road for a total length of 4 kms.
9. The Vilangudi Sangha members have successfully secured the facility of Bus Stop at the place where, the local Primary Health Centre is located, after organized struggle.
10. At Ariyalur a joint day long agitation was organized by members, belonging to 10 Sangams, against cruel child sex abuse incident.

Special Activities

1. Women federation and the Joseph Eye Hospital based at Ariyalur together organized a joint free eye camp for the benefit of the poor. A total of 252 persons were directly benefited by this camp.
2. Similarly the SHGs belonging to Vilangudi along with village local civic body jointly organized an eye camp. A total of 220 persons secured consultancy and medical aid in connection with eye ailments.
3. The Farmers Association and, Women Self Help Groups of Manakkollai organized a joint function (Mooperumvizha), to mark the unveiling of name board of the Sangha, Pongal Day celebrations and Prize distribution to the children participated in various competitions.

ARIYALUR UNION FARMERS ASSOCIATION

S.No.	Village	No. of Participants	Savings
			Rs. Ps.
1.	Vilangudi	18	8,100.00
2.	Thelur	13	650.00
3.	Velipringiam	15	600.00
4.	Velipringiam II	12	7500.00
5.	Periya Nagalur	15	750.00
6.	Ambalavarkattalai	13	-
7.	Periya Thirukonam	20	-
8.	Kottakadu	15	-
9.	Pudupalayam	15	7000.00
10.	Vallakulam	12	6000.00
11.	Subbarayapuram	15	3500.00
12.	Pallakrishnapuram	35	3000.00
13.	Ariyalur	15	750.00
TOTAL		213	37850.00

JEYANKONDAM UNION FARMERS ASSOCIATION

S.No.	Village	No. of Participants	Savings
			Rs. Ps.
1.	Kamaraj Nagar	15	6000.00
2.	Utkottai	15	3750.00
3.	Kangavadanganallur	20	2500.00
4.	Vanniruppu	16	8000.00
5.	Kangaikondacholapuram	15	3750.00
6.	Bagalmedu	15	4000.00
TOTAL		96	28000.00

ANDIMADAM UNION

S.No.	Village	No. of Participants	Savings Rs. Ps.
1.	Pattanamkurichi	25	12500.00
2.	Kuppam	15	4500.00
3.	Andimadam	15	4500.00
4.	Villanatham	17	15600.00
5.	Manakkollai	15	1500.00
6.	Pudukuppam (South)	14	6000.00
7.	Pudukuppam (North)	14	5000.00
8.	Varadarajanpet	15	11000.00
9.	Samathanapuram	15	4850.00
TOTAL		145	65,450.00

WOMEN SANGAM ARIYALUR UNION

S.No.	Village	No. of Participants	Savings Rs. Ps.
1.	Siruvalur	20	7000.00
2.	Ameenabath	13	3900.00
3.	Ariyalur Market	20	16444.00
TOTAL		53	27344.00

ANDIMADAM UNION

S.No.	Village	No. of Participants	Savings Rs. Ps.
1.	Easwarinagar	17	11050.00
2.	Savarveli	15	4500.00
3.	Annakarankuppam	15	7500.00
4.	Annakarankuppam II	13	6500.00
5.	Agneshpuram	21	8400.00
6.	Koovathur	21	10500.00
7.	Manakkollai	20	8000.00
8.	Ponnankanninatham	14	6000.00
9.	Sathanapattu	16	9500.00
TOTAL		152	71950.00

JAYANKONDAM UNION

S.No.	Village	No. of Participants	Savings
1.	Kamaraj Nagar	15	3750.00
2.	Utkottai	15	2550.00
3.	Kangaikondacholapuram	13	3500.00
4.	Vanathirayankuppam	20	8250.00
TOTAL		63	18,050.00

TRAINING DETAILS

S.No.	Village	Topics of the Training	Beneficiaries
1.	Pattanamkurichi	Agriculture	30
2.	Easwari Nagar	Promotion of Saving	12
3.	Annakarangkuppam	Environment & Hygiene	24
4.	Koovathur	Agriculture	40
5.	Sathanapattu	People's Bank	20
6.	Kamaraj Nagar	Literacy	15
7.	Utkottai	Gender Equity	20
8.	Vanathirayankuppam	Social Analysis	20
9.	Kangaikondacholapuram	Government Schemes	15
10.	Pudupalayam	Literacy	15
11.	Siruvalur	Child Labour	15
TOTAL			226



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TRADITIONAL MEDICINE:**A PANACEA FOR RURAL MASSES**

Project Title : Developing an Alternative Health Care System and Providing of low-cost and effective Health Care Services.

Aims and Objectives:

1. To sensitize, the community organizers and the village volunteers on the utility of cost of effective indigenous medicines.
2. To conduct medical-cum-Demonstration camps, in order to make rural communities get acquainted with traditional medicines as the remedy for the common ailments and establish Referral Centres.
3. To generate awareness among rural communities on the importance of reviving the traditional medicine, in place of expensive Modern Health Care System and to facilitate to form village-wise Health Committees and establish local Herbal Gardens.

Project Area: Jeyankondam Block, Perambalur District

Project Duration: March 2003 – March 2006

Coverage so far :

S.No.	Name of Centre	No. of Panchayat	No. of Villages
1	Cross Road	5	17
2	Kallathur	6	17
3	Meensuruti	7	16
4	Udayarpalayam	6	16
5	Jeyankondam	4	8
Total		28	74

I. Health Committees:

To create mass awareness and to enable the members about basic knowledge and skills in utilization of herbals, meetings to health committee members were held as detailed under :

Topics covered: Health, Hygiene, Nature Food and Health of Adolescent girls.

S.No.	Name of Centre	Total No. of	
		Groups	Members
1	Cross Road	18	96
2	Kallathur	18	112
3	Meensuruti	17	99
4	Udayarpalayam	14	82
5	Jeyankondam	7	38
Total		74	427

II. An essential component of the project kitchen herbal garden at Panchayat level were encouraged by providing free seeds to the villagers.

Kitchen Herbal Gardens:

S.No.	Centre	No. of Panchayats	No. of Villages	No. of KHG	No. of PHG
1	Cross Road	4	6	9	2
2	Kallathur	3	6	8	1
3	Meensuruti	6	10	10	-
4	Udayarpalayam	4	9	9	2
5	Jayankondam	4	3	3	1
Total		21	34	39	6

Total No. of Medicinal Plants Raised : 54

A few Important Medicinal Plants Raised in the Project Villages:

Phyllanthus emblica (நெல்லி), *Ocimum sanctum* (துளசி), *Aloe vera* (சோற்றுக் கற்றாழை), *Lawsonia inermis* (மறுதோன்றி), *Ada thoda* (ஆடாநொடை), *Solanum Tribolatum* (தூதுவளை), *Ocimum basicilicum* (திருநீற்றுப்பச்சிலை), *Hibiscus* (செம்பருத்தி), *Vinca rosea* (நித்திய கல்யாணி), *Centella asiatica* (வல்லாரை), *Eclipta alba* (கரிசாலங்கண்ணி), *Cardiospermum halicabum* (முடக்கத்தான்), *Zingiber officianale* (இஞ்சி), *Gymnema sylvestre* (சிறுகுறிஞ்சான்), *Andrographis Paniculata* (பெரியாநங்கை)..

Special Activities:

Exhibitions:

S.No.	Centre	No. of Villages	No. of Visitors	No. of Exhibits
1	Cross Road	3	438	48
2	Kallathur	3	485	54
3	Meen Suruti	3	165	50
4	Jeyankondam	6	465	54
Total		15	1553	-

Cultural Programmes:

S.No.	Centre	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Cross Road	156
2	Kallathur	173
3	Meen Suruti	138
4	Jeyankondam	235

Drug formulation:

a) "Suranams" (Dry powdered medicinal mix), consisting of medicinal plants dried in shade are being prepared by the group members for common ailments such as, lung congestion, skin allergies, diabetes, common fever, diarrhea etc.

b) Ointments:

Ointment made mainly of the leaves of "*Lawsonia inermis*", a remedy for excess body heat, jaundice etc. and Ointment made of "*Eclipta alba*" the remedy for Hair loss, dandruff etc. are being currently formulated by our group members. Similarly members of Women Self Help Groups are getting trained to formulate more and more semi drugs as recipes for different ailments.

Total number of persons trained in drug processing : 65 women.

Medical Camp :

S.No.	Venue	Date	Beneficiaries	Main Complaints
1	Cross Road (Deaf-Dumb School)	28.11.2004	246	Skin Allergies Anaemia Arthritis, etc.
2	Kallathur (Govt. School)	13.03.2005	290	Rheumatic disorders Anaemia, etc.
3.	Jeyankondam (Fatima Hr.Sec.School)	24.10.2004	450	Anaemia Arthritis Skin Allergies, etc.

Recipe Demonstration :

Demo on the preparation of various types of decoctions and Soups made of medicinal plants, as health Drinks are routinely conducted in order to discourage people from consuming various stimulant and toxic drinks like coffee and soft drinks.

Preparation of IEC Material:

- A booklet titled "*Herbs and their use*" in Tamil has been released by KMSSS.
- Charts containing information and diagrams on various species of medicinal plants and their utility have been prepared for the purpose of knowledge dissemination during Training, Camp and exhibitions.
- IEC material and teaching aids were prepared highlighting the importance of medicinal plants protection, as integral part of environment conservation.

Impacts and Results:

- 1) The semi processed drugs, as recipes for common ailments are distributed to the people in need of it, is becoming increasingly popular.
- 2) Significant level of attitudinal changes on personal hygiene and environment sanitation has been taking place in our operational area of Jeyankondam in a big way.
- 3) Kitchen Herbal and Kitchen vegetable gardens have been established in quite a number of households.
- 4) The residents belonging to the villages of Thularankurichy and Kattukollai, have as per common united resolve, have started including nature food in their menu.
- 5) The Nutritional flour mix is being widely used, especially as a cost effective nutritional supplement to the kids.

Well established uses of various medicinal plants

Ailment	Remedial Medicinal Plant
poisonous bites	<i>Extract of Musaparadisiaca</i> (வாழைச்சாறு)
Dermatological disorders	<i>Asteracantha longifolia</i> (நீர்முள்ளி) <i>Cassia auriculata</i> , (ஆவாரை)
Skin Allergies by caused by poisonous bite	சிறியாநங்கை <i>Cassia auriculata</i> , (ஆவாரை)
Lice and dandruff	<i>Philanthus Niruri</i> (கீழாநெல்லி) <i>Cassia ariculata</i> (ஆவார இலை)
As body coolants.	<i>Aloe Vera</i> , (சோற்றுக் கற்றாழை) <i>Philanthus Niruri</i> (கீழாநெல்லி) <i>Eclipta Alba</i> (கரிசாலை)
Common cold and lung congestions	<i>Solanum Tribulatum</i> (தூதுவளை), <i>Ada Thoda</i> (ஆடாதொடை)
White discharge	<i>Aloe Vera</i> , (சோற்றுக் கற்றாழை) <i>Tribulus terrestris</i> (நெருஞ்சி)
To treat rheumatic complaints	<i>Delonix Elata</i> (வாதநாரயணன்) <i>Cardio sphermum halicabum</i> (முடக்கத்தான்)
Piles	<i>Abutilon indicum</i> (துத்தியிலை)

Food as medicine (i.e Drumstick, sessilis etc.) Vallarai, (*Centlla asiatica*),
Ponnanganni (*Altemanthera sessilis* etc.)

Feedback and opinion of target people:

- Enlightenment on time tested and cost effective indigenous medicines.
- Sensitization on the different medicinal plants species.
- Realization on the relatively side effect free and traditional medicine.
- Easy local availability of medicine for common ailments.
- Useful facilitation to establish kitchen herbal and vegetable gardens.

Kurinjil Herbal Clinic:

Kurinjil Herbal Clinic was inaugurated at Jeyankondam on the 7th September 2004 by the District Collector of Perambalur. And the clinic started functioning officially from 8th October 2004.

A total of 211 patients have undergone treatment for various ailments in the clinic as on 31st March 2005 since its inauguration.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

The Project Objective:

Facilitating, the resource poor small & marginal farmers and landless labourers, towards their economic self sufficiency, through sensitization and imparting training on Sustainable Agricultural Practices.

உழுதுண்டு வாழ்வாரே வாழ்வார் மற்றெல்லாம்
தொழுதுண்டு பின்செல்வர்

/"Only those who till the soil shall live and lead.
The rest bound to follow them in veneration".

An excellent couplet from the immortal and unparallel Tamil literary master piece "*Thirukural*", aptly describes the inevitable contribution of agriculture as the essence of life for the entire human kind. Similarly, one among the five great classic epics of the ancient and rich Tamil language, "*Manimekalai*" declares, that those, who volunteer to satisfy the hunger pangs of others, shall appropriately be called as providers of life.

Tamil Nadu has glorious tradition, as one of the pioneering regions to involve in cultivation practices. The very term "*Rice*", in English, *Riz* in French, *Riso* in Spanish and Italian, *Al-riz* in Arabic, and "*Arizi*" in Greek, and the equivalent terms for rice in all other major languages of the World crigate from the Tamil term "*Arisi*". And the cultivation methods for that matter, our State, comprising the Great ancient Chola country, where according to historical records, elephants were made use of in the process of threshing, to de-husk the bountiful harvests of paddy.

But unfortunately, that is past glory, the advent of modern cultivation techniques, compounded by the serious water shortage, caused by dwindling of underground water tables over the decades, have made the occupation of agriculture as worthless exercise, necessitating, the revitalization of our natural resources of soil and water, through sustainable agricultural practices

The growth and prosperity of any Nation and the society depends, heavily on development of agriculture and its allied activities, for it forms the lifeline of any Nation and the survival of humankind as a whole. Agricultural Farming Operations, being the backbone of Indian economy, employs well over 67% of the Indian population.

But, the contemporary scenario does not present rosy picture. In the words of an eminent economist, "The Life of the Indian farmer, especially the marginal and small farmers as the ones, who are born and die in debt.

And it is ironical, that in the so-called modern civilized society, the noble profession of Agriculture does not get the regard, it deserves. Being deprived of sustainable income, economic development and the ultimately the social status; in exodus has been taking place from our rural heart lands to the congested urban centres.

As it is widely known, the reason for this pathetic condition, is the paradigm shift from the time tested traditional and comprehensive farming methodology, which comprised of the Organic Farming Practices, that cycled all organic wastes to enrich the soil, to the synthetic external input oriented agriculture practices.

The chemical fertilizers, pesticides insecticides etc. have dealt a deadly blow, by completely removing the soil fertility and made the soil barren. To add to the woes, the decades of dumping of these toxic inputs into the soil, and crop that is being grown on it turn poisonous, thus making all that we eat poisonous too.

In order to reverse these awful conditions, initiatives towards the same, though had begun, as early as, in the 1980s, at the International Level, our country became alive to that only in the 1990s. And KMSSS, though has been into the sensitization efforts on Sustainable Agricultural Practices, since 1989, due to the lukewarm response among the farmers, it took quite a few years, to make them receptive to the concept.

And now the last four years of successive drought conditions has made sea change in the attitude of farmers here and hence our initiatives towards this end, have gained momentum.

Activities:

S. No.	Union	Village	Topic discussed	No. of Participants	Identified Potential farmers
1	Ariyalur	Vilangudi	Organic manure & Ground nut cultivation	20	3
2	Thiruppanandal	Kuruvadi	Organic manure and Paddy Cultivation	35	10
3	Thiruppanandal	Kuruvadi	Organic manure preparation & Pancha Kaavya	Follow up Meeting	10
4	Thirumanur	Keelavarappan Kurichi	Organic manure preparation	22	8
5	T.Palur	Anaikudam	Organic manure preparation	15	4
6	Jeyankondam	Kangavadanga Nallur	Organic manure preparation	21	4
7	Andimadam	Pattanamkurichi	Organic manure preparation & Pancha Kaavya	30	5

S. No.	Union	Village	Topic of the Training	No. of Participants	Impact
1	Thiruvidaimarudhur	No.33 Mangudi	Issues of Farmers	20	General Attitudinal change
2.	Thiruvidaimarudhur	Melaiyur	Development of women in agriculture	45	Women Sensitize on the intricacy of agriculture
	Jeyankondam	Kuruvalappur-Koil	Issues of Farmers	30	Women Sensitize on the intricacy of agriculture
	Thirumanur	Keelavarappan kurichi	Issues of Farmers	15	General Attitudinal change

Results:

So far 44 persons have been sensitized and trained in Organic Farming Practices.

A Pioneering Initiative**Eco-Farm at Kumbakonam**

A model Eco-Farm is being developed, in our agricultural lands, located at Sakkottai, Kumbakonam. In the western side of the land, vegetables, Greens and high breed grass varieties, like Napier, are being raised. These crops are raised exclusively on organic manure. Similarly, the pests are controlled by making use of bio-pesticides. And infrastructure for the formulation of bio-fertilizers, concentrates like EMO (Effective Micro Organisms), *Pancha Kaavya*, "*Amirthakaraikal*" etc. which are used as yield boosters.

Future Plan.....

This apart, KMSSS has ambitious plans for the future. That includes facilitation in the training process and involving the resource poor peasants of our operational areas, in a big way, in organic farming practices like soil fertility protection, preparation and formulation of organic manure, vermi compost, and rotational cropping pattern, integrated farming, and dynamic agricultural practices methods etc., with the view to ushering a total transformation in agricultural scenario of our region and ultimately standard of living of rural masses of working area.

VI. EMERGENCY RELIEF:

Relief to Victims of Calamities

Kumbakonam School Fire:

The incident shocked the entire world. The inferno chose the wrong place to demonstrate its diabolic might. July 16th 2004, that day dawned on to swallow 94 innocent tender lives. The otherwise quiet town of Kumbakonam hit the headlines on that black Friday, leaving an indelible horrendous impression in the minds of one and all.

The team from KMSSS, rushed to the spot, but, it was all over by then as most of the little buds, had already been consigned to flames alive. Our team members frequented the Government hospital and distributed bread, fruits and clothes etc. Our staff had a tough time counselling the parents, who had lost their children and those, fighting for their lives, with very high degree burns.

Our delegation continued the counselling initiatives in Natham, the small residential colony situated in the suburbs of Kumbakonam that suffered the most. This apart, KMSSS facilitated a few other organizations of their efforts of aid and counseling, especially the Salesian Sisters, who came, all the way from Chennai and spent more than a month in the midst of the shattered families.

A small fund created and a joint Bank Account has been opened in remembrance, of the children who were killed in the fire with the help of the gracious donation from the Salesian Sisters is to be utilized towards, educational aid to the identified siblings of the children, who had, perished in fire.

Followed by our Counseling initiatives, KMSSS team, as part of the efforts to make the parents, especially the mothers, in pain and mental agony, gradually overcome the traumatic experience, and to involve themselves in the activities for economic self reliance, has mobilized them into self help groups. So for 2 women SHG groups have been formed, comprising of the women from Karuppur and Natham villages.

Tsunami catastrophe:

Nature's fury arrived in the guise of water this time, shaking the earth. The eventful year 2004, came to a close, to be laden with much heavier unprecedented cruel burden, further adding, to its bag full of horrifying incidents.

KMSSS responded to the colossal tragedy that came un-beckoned to leave behind a trail of destruction along the Coastlines of many a Nation in Asia and Africa on that fateful day of December 26th 2004, with dutiful compassion, by doing its bit.

Upon learning about the stunning devastation, in our own coast of Nagapattinam and its neighbourhood, a team left for Nagapattinam and distributed emergency relief supplies

like food pockets, Household utensils to the survivors, who were left stranded in total shock, having been totally stripped off, what all they had, apart from the irreversible loss of the lives of their loved ones.

Aid to the Victims of Flood:

The sense of relief, and cheers, to the resource poor masses, brought in by the South West monsoon rains, after long and agonizing wait for nearly four years, was short lived to many families, who are residing in the low line areas of our region, as they were flooded by the rains.

This flooding was caused by years of neglect of the waterholes and other draining facilities as they got silted over the years and remained neglected. This left hundreds of families homeless. KMSSS, immediately stepped into offer aid and assistance to these people in distress.

Aid towards Flood Relief:

S.No.	No. of Beneficiaries	Food grains Rs. Ps.	House Repairing & Reconstruction	Solatium Rs. Ps.
1	580 families	1,75,200.00	-	-
2	10 families	-	-	9,100.00
3	56 families	-	15,700.00	-
Total		1,75,200.00	15,700.00	9,100.00

The total amount given in aid towards Flood Relief Rs.2,00,000/-



VII. CAPACITY BUILDING – for community members

Capacitation of the persons from the resource poor community can only be the vehicle towards the social and economic empowerment. Hence Training programmes on various topics relevant to the local realities and issues were organized during the period of reporting.

Training to Federation Leaders

S.No.	Topic	Place/Union	No. of Groups	Participants
1	Social Analysis	Thiruvidaimarudhur	28	445
		Kumbakonam	5	100
		Valangaiman	6	125
		Thiruppanandal	10	211
		Thiruvaiyaru	4	70
		Budalur	3	75
		Papanasam	11	268
		Ammamet	3	48
		Ariyalur	2	25
		Thirumanur	7	125
		Andimadam	5	91
		Total	84	1583
2	Leadership	Thiruvidaimarudhur	18	450
		Kumbakonam	4	80
		Thiruppanandal	4	70
		Thiruvaiyaru	4	55
		Budalur	4	60
		Papanasam	5	95
		Ammamet	2	35
		Andimadam	3	60
		Total	44	905
3	Entrepreneurship	Kumbakonam	20	42
		Valangaiman	15	30
		Thiruppanandal	10	20
		Ariyalur	30	60
		Thirumanur	20	40
		Andimadam	20	40
		Total	115	232
4	Resource Mobilization (Credit Union)	Thiruvidaimarudhur	40	160
		Kumbakonam	30	120
		Thiruppanandal	15	60
		Thiruvaiyaru	16	64
		Papanasam	12	48
		Thirumanur	15	60
		Total	128	512
5	Sustainable Agriculture	Thiruppanandal	10	40
		Ariyalur	12	48
		Thirumanur	10	40
		Total	32	128

6	Political Analysis	Papanasam	10	40
		Thiruvaiyaru	15	60
		Total	25	100
7	Panchayat Raj	Thiruvidaimarudhur	5	20
		Papanasam	3	44
		Ammamet	4	30
		Total	12	94
8	Maintenance of Accounts & Records	Thiruvidaimarudhur	50	200
		Kumbakonam	40	160
		Thiruvaiyaru	10	40
		Papanasam	10	40
		Thirumanur	10	30
		Jayankondam	15	60
		Andimadam	20	80
		T.Palur	10	40
		Total	165	650
Grand Total			605	4204

"Leadership is the ability to influence, guide and enhance the knowledge, attitudes, expectations and behaviour of others towards development. The above trainings contributed for the self development of members involved".

Resource Mobilization:

People's resource mobilization forms part of people building tasks of the project and emphasis has been given to economic and entrepreneurship programmes. The nature and kind of resources developed by the people are given here under.

- 12 acres of land is taken on lease and gainful cultivation of paddy crop is carried by the groups in 7 villages of Thiruvidaimarudhur and One village Kumbakonam Block.
- Silk Saree production is nurtured and developed to get good income by few groups in Narasingampettai, Thiruvidaimarudhur and Ammachathiram villages, where such craft is traditionally carried out.
- Rs.10,000/- obtained as capital for carrying out Kajan plaiting work, at Sembodai village.
- Grocery Shop is being maintained with a stock and other assets worth Rs.20,000/- is run at Manampady.
- 367 members of Federation project have been are rearing milch animals and get regular income.
- In Ariyalur Zone 12 persons are taken up the rearing of goats.
- 354 Tree Seedlings planted at Punalvasal, Varadarajanpet and Andimadam.
- Melaneduvai 1 acre of cashew nut grove has been taken on lease by one group.

- A construction work worth Rs.1,10,000/- was taken up on contract by a women group at Annakarankuppam..
- *Union Level People's Bank ("Sangamam") has been established* Thirumanur, Thiruppanandal, Kumbakonam and Thiruvidadimarudhur.
- 150 Government Cluster Houses, meant for people of BPL has been secured, due to the initiatives of the people.

Entrepreneurship Activities:

In order to ensure sustainable livelihoods to the members of the resource poor rural sections especially the women sensitization on different issues affecting them and training in various vocational skills, in addition to Entrepreneurship are imparted. The list of beneficiaries these interventions are given hereunder.

- 129 families of the landless labourers are involved in cultivation on lands taken up lease.
- 54 persons have taken up small food products processing like spices.
- Grocery shop in 32 villages.
- Fruit business by 5 persons.
- Milch Animal rearing by 82 persons
- Phenoyl production by 5 persons.
- Sewing and Tailoring by 6 persons.
- Cycle shop in 2 villages.

And Fish sale, Herbal Powder sale, Mat production, Mushroom culture etc.



IMPROVING MOBILITY, TO IMPROVE STAFF POTENTIAL

In order to cater to the increasing needs and requirements, as demanded by the fast changing socio cultural and economic changes and make the work output more efficient, it was decided to equip our Field Staff with two-wheelers.

This was necessitated by the globalization at the macro level and conceptual changes in perception, among the communities in our working areas, that has been taking place, together with the expansion of the geographical area, that each field worker both in the ranks of Animators and Coordinators have thrown up new and diverse challenges, apart from the basic requirement of timely interventions.

Forty bicycles and Nine Mopeds have been given to the Animators and Coordinators respectively. Since equipping the team members of KMSSS with these vehicles, an apparent improvement has been taking place in quality of their work and a sense of professionalism has been induced in to their very attitude. This shall certainly lead to greater productivity of our human resources.

S.No	Type of Vehicles	No.
1	Gents Bicycle	28
2	Ladies Bicycle	12
3	Moped, TVS XL50	9



VIII. OTHER HAPPENINGS:

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND CELEBRATION OF SPECIAL DAYS

Though the KMSSS arranges and organizes many field issue relevant and project concerning programmes at the village level, to give a boost and experience to the programme personnel build interest of the people towards effective participation and show the strength of common concern few special days and events are held during the period of reporting and to mention some of them are:

- **Disabled Day and Competitions for the Disabled:**

On 5.12.2004 World Disability Day was celebrated under the Presidentship of Most Rev.P. Remigius in KMSSS. Talents and sports competition was held for the differently abled persons and prizes distributed to those came out triumphant in these competitions. Secretary of KMSSS, Managing Trustee of Easwar Trust, A.P.O. of Mahalir Thittam, and dignitaries from Local Lions and Rotary Clubs participated in the function.

- **Entrepreneurship Development Training:**

A function was organized to mark the distribution of certificates to the differently abled persons, who have undergone training in various vocational skills, as part of entrepreneurship development. This function also marked the distribution of identity cards to the persons cured off Leprosy. The District Collector, Our Bishop Most Rev. P. Remigius, D.D. , and other dignitaries also participated in the function.

- "Medical Camp" was conducted at Keelapazhur on 24th September 2004, Dr. Saravanan rendered his assistance to screen, issue medicine and refer cases of acute nature to Hospital. About 300 villagers benefited by this camp. KMSSS Secretary and Staff arranged the required facilities and services during the medical camp.

- "*Blood Donation Day*" was conducted with the active contribution and involvement of the Dr. Shanmugasundaram, Kali Blood Bank, Thanjavur on Oct. 20th 2004 at Veeramangudi village in which 18 persons donated blood and 85 persons got identified their blood group and the KMSSS organized the camp.

"Mupperum Vizha" ("Triadic Carnival"):

A special celebration "*Mupperum Vizha*" for Distribution of Tri-cycle, Registers and records and loan assistance to the members of differently abled community was organized on 10.9.2004 in KMSSS campus, District Collector Thiru. Radhakrishnan and Bank Officials graced the occasion with their participation.

- On Oct. 26th 2004, an eye camp was organized at Cross Road, Jayankondam Block. Joseph Eye Hospital medical team of Ariyalur, gave all required help to

conduct the camp successfully in which 300 persons got checked up their eyes and 40 cases operated for eye problem.

- Tamil Nadu State level celebration of "International Women's Day" was organized at Kumbakonam by TASOSS and KMSSS, on 8th March 2005, representatives of 24 Diocesan Social Service Societies Women Federations and staff numbering about 1000 attended the Seminar held at "*Maha Maham Kalai Arangam*". Fr. Joseph Selvaraj, the Director and Fr. A. Xavier, Deputy Director of TASOSS and Very Rev. Fr. C. Peter Francis, V.G., Kumbakonam Diocese and Fr.J. Antony Joseph, Secretary, KMSSS took leadership in organizing the programme, Mr.G. Ramesh Babu, Lawyer from Chennai and Mrs. S. Valantine, All India Women's Federation, Cuddalore delivered inspiring special address on the problem of "Trafficking women and children" and Violence against women.

An oath was taken on prevention of sexual violence and trafficking of women and children by all the participants in the meeting. As part of celebration, an exhibition was conducted with materials and product manufactured and process by women Self Help Groups.

- On March 17th 2005, Zonal Level Women's Day Celebration was organized at Andimadam for Jayankondam zone on the same theme of "Violence against women and girls". Dignitaries like, Project Officer of Mahalir Thittam, Officials from DRDA and the Secretary KMSSS, delivered inspiring speeches. More than 1000 women of Zonal village Sangams attended the programme.
- At the R.C. School campus, Papanasam Women's Day celebrations were held on 19.03.2005. More than 350 women participated in the programme. Mrs. Malathi, Democratic Women Federation, Thanjavur addressed the gathering.
- For Ariyalur Zone, Women's Day celebration was organized on 25.03.2005 Thirumanur. Highlighting local issue of a child rape a rally of women was conducted. Professor Santhi, Mr. Muniyasamy, Mahalir Thittam Project Officer, Perambalur and the Secretary delivered special address in the meeting. 500 women of local federation groups participated.

Thiruvaiyaru Zonal "Women's Day" programme was arranged at Michaelpatti on 30.03.05, more than 300 women participated in the celebration.

IX. COVERING THE LIVES OF RESOURCE POOR.

JANA SHREE BIMA YOJANA

KMSSS had immediately decided to facilitate, once LIC announced the introduction of the Jana Shree Bima Yojana scheme, which had the major objective of making the direct and other allied highly useful benefits of Insurance, a reality even to the members of resource poor communities.

An agreement was entered into with LIC of India under the Scheme "Jana Shree Bima Yojana" Group Insurance Policy on the life of members for the period of 31.03.2004 to 31.03.2005. For each person an amount of Rs.100/- by the insured individuals and an equal amount of Rs.100/- by the Government of India are remitted to the LIC as yearly premium on this scheme.

A total of 2876 men and women aged between 18 to 60 years, belonging to below poverty line and members of local SHGs have joined this same. The Group Policy taken, under this "*Jana Shree Bima Yojana*" scheme, assures the benefit of Rs.20,000/- in the event of natural death and Rs.50,000/- for accidental death or accident resulting in disability, depending upon the type and severity of accident.

Benefits obtained:

Under this scheme, death benefits of Rs.20,000/- each has been paid to the nominee and legal heir of 7 deceased persons. The amounts were deposited in Savings Bank Account in the names of nominees.

Similarly, under this same scheme, for 2 persons who have met with accidents have been recommended to receive claims. Their applications are in process.

Beneficiaries:

- 1) Ramamoorthy Annagarankuppam,
- 2) Banumathy, Sathiyaganar
- 3) Rajendra Mary, Punalvasal
- 4) Kavitha, Dharasuram
- 5) Santha, Kuppankulam
- 6) Samuthiram, Karaivetti
- 7) Anjammal, Kangavadanganallur

Additional Benefit under this Scheme:

The children of those persons who are covered under this Group scheme of LIC and studying in 9th, 10th, +1, +2 Std. were given a total sum of Rs.5,70,600/- by the L.I.C. as Educational assistance. This benefit was extended to a total of 634 children.

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