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Message From the Secretary,

Dear Friends,

It is with profound gratification, I present the Annual Report for the year 2006-07. At the outset, I would like to fondly extend gratitude to our beloved Bishop and President of KMSSS the Most Rev. P. Remigius, D.D. for his towering guidance and support towards the cause of underprivileged masses of our Diocese, through KMSSS during his tenure for well over 17 long years.

This year has passed off with the accomplishment of an array of diverse programmes. A few of them were pioneering in nature, such as the massive **Sustainable Agriculture Programme** and the creation of infrastructural facilities to fulfill the long pending educational needs of the children belonging to the underprivileged sections from the villages of our working areas.

Sustainable Agriculture being one of our most focused interventions in the recent years, especially in the dry tract of Andimadam and Jeyankondam Blocks. It is worth mentioning considering the colossal loss and damage caused to the livelihood resources which form part of the environment and eco-system of area. In association with **"Manos Unidas"** Spain, an extensive organic farming initiative covering about 600 farmers of 30 villages in the block of Andimadam has been underway.

Similarly the Community Based Rehabilitation Programme, (CBR) saw the establishment of the **"Day Care Centres"** for the disabled children, especially those with Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation. The facilitation interventions towards empowering the women through formation of SHGs and confederating them into federations have reached the crucial stage of culminating in the formation of the **"Peoples Bank"** a couple of years back. And this structure has got further strengthened this year.

The CCCI Canada supported **"TAMIL Project"** for sponsored children has all along been one of the prominent programmes of KMSSS. This is in view of our attaching primary importance to the education of children from the poorest among the poor, as the solid foundation and most powerful tool towards attaining the cherished goal of the Empowerment of the Marginalized and the Oppressed Communities. Home for the Boys at Pazhavathankattalai, which is to serve as a Resource Centre, completes in all respects and the well equipped exclusive CCCI section within our Administrative Office were established during the year.

The 2006 elections to the local civic bodies served as a great opportunity for the women of our Self Help Movement, who have attained a moderate degree of social empowerment, to experiment and have hands-on experience in the Electoral politics, as part of progress towards achieving political empowerment. Many of them have come out in flying colours having won various positions in the **"Local Panchayats".**

I am duty bound to convey my gratitude to all the Partners.the Funding Agencies, the various Government Departments, the Bankers and the committed Staff members of our team and well wishers -Auditors, and Legal Advisors for their cooperation and unstinted support. Towards concluding my note, I wish to place on record our sincere thanks to our Vice President Msgr. C. Peter Francis, Treasurer Rev. Fr. G. Christuraj and our Asst. Secretary Rev.Fr.S. Alphonse and all the Governing Body and the General Body Members for extending their valuable cooperation and encouragement in our endeavours throughout the year, while thanking again our patron and Bishop for his untiring leadership in executing all our Projects and Programmes.

Fr. A. Martin De Porres,
Secretary.

1. NEW THRUST PROJECT

Reporting period : April 2006 to March 2007.

Goal :

To enable people to form self-reliant and self sustaining federation at state level thereby leading to a people's movement.

Objectives of the Project :

The strategy of operation is based on the objectives, to enable the federations to improve their capacities through:

- Deciding, planning and managing their programmes and functions.
- Acquiring legal aid, social identity and to gain recognition among the societies.
- Establishing linkages with other people's organizations, Government Departments and Resource Centres.
- Mobilizing and administering resources,
- Developing and implementing functional communication, monitoring and documenting systems and
- Identifying macro issues, adopting ways and means for implementing the same to tackle the issues.

Women Sangams / Groups Detail :

S.No	Name of Union	Number of Groups / Sangams upto'06	Members	During this year (2007)	Members	Total Groups	Total Members
01.	Kumbakonam	244	4300	64	1030	308	5330
02.	Thiruvidaimarudur	304	5314	40	684	344	5998
03.	Thirupanandal	52	865	12	178	64	1043
04.	Valangaiman	43	598	3	47	46	645
05.	Papanasam	13	202	2	25	15	227
06.	Ammapettai	8	100	3	43	11	143
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	34	416	3	36	37	452
08.	Budalur	14	223	2	36	16	259
09.	Thirumanur	19	310	-	-	19	310
10.	Ariyalur	19	349	1	16	20	365
11.	Jayankondam	17	272	-	-	17	272
12.	T.Palur	8	120	5	63	13	183
13.	Andimadam	60	984	2	33	62	1017
Total		**835**	**14053**	**137**	**2191**	**972**	**16244**

Union wise Women Group Savings :

S.No	Name of Union	up to 2006 Rs.	During this year Rs.	Total Rs.
01.	Kumbakonam	45,47,195	29,51,860	74,99,055
02.	Thiruvidaimarudur	68,25,520	31,15,010	99,40,530
03.	Thirupanandal	3,64,500	1,30,225	4,94,725
04.	Valangaiman	1,95,225	3,40,975	5,36,200
05.	Papanasam	2,22,850	97,750	3,20,600
06.	Ammapettai	46,865	49,750	96,615
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	1,20,000	1,48,725	2,68,725
08.	Budalur	1,66,950	1,27,000	2,93,950
09.	Thirumanur	4,86,805	56,070	5,42,875
10.	Ariyalur	3,87,100	1,44,050	5,31,150
11.	Jayankondam	4,67,626	1,30,400	5,98,026
12.	T.Palur	1,46,300	96,800	2,43,100
13.	Andimadam	7,24,725	1,96,475	9,21,200
	Total	**1,47,01,661**	**75,85,090**	**2,22,86,751**

Men Group Savings :

S.No	Name of Union	up to 2006 Rs.	During this year Rs.	Total Rs.
01.	Kumbakonam	80,700	2,28,900	3,09,600
02.	Thiruvidaimarudur	2,63,400	3,41,700	6,05,100
03.	Thirupanandal	39,400	11,250	50,650
04.	Valangaiman	0	14,000	14,000
05.	Papanasam	1,09,200	58,250	1,67,450
06.	Ammapettai	1,500	2,050	3,550
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	29,500	34,300	63,800
08.	Budalur	80,720	29,250	1,09,970
09.	Thirumanur	3,08,800	27,400	3,36,200
10.	Ariyalur	1,77,000	53,800	2,30,800
11.	Jayankondam	1,90,348	1,04,500	2,94,848
12.	T.Palur	1,21,400	76,500	1,97,900
13.	Andimadam	7,79,000	2,18,530	9,97,530
	Total	**21,80,968**	**12,00,430**	**33,81,398**

Men Groups. Sangams and Members :

S. No.	Unions	Groups/ Sangams up to 2006	Members	During this year	Members	Groups	Total Members
01.	Kumbakonam	6	120	13	250	19	370
02.	Thiruvidaimarudur	17	337	12	215	29	552
03.	Thirupanandal	3	60	4	70	7	130
04.	Valangaiman	-	-	1	20	1	20
05.	Papanasam	8	145	1	17	9	162
06.	Ammapettai	3	39	1	12	4	51
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	14	210	2	30	16	240
08.	Budalur	14	243	2	25	16	268
09.	Thirumanur	15	227	1	12	16	239
10.	Ariyalur	14	246	-	-	14	246
11.	Jayankondam	11	165	1	12	12	177
12.	T.Palur	7	98	2	32	9	130
13.	Andimadam	40	700	3	49	43	749
	Total	**152**	**2590**	**43**	**744**	**195**	**3334**

Promotion of People's Bank / Sangamam :

Through KMSSS efforts, the practice of inter-lending by the Sangams is already established. As a measure of self help process of development the grass root sangams together formulated a macro level (union level) service provider system for the purpose of micro credit which is more encourageous and serve the purpose of financial needs of members. To form this Sangamam/People's Bank, each village sangam contributes a sum which fetches an equal amount from the organization. This facilitates easy circulation of micro-credit among themselves.

Progress of Union level people's Bank / Sangamam :

S. No.	People's Bank formed till 2006	No. of Groups involved			People's Contribution	KMSSS Contribution
		Till 2006	This Year	Total		
01.	Ariyalur	16	08	24	2,40,000	1,60,000
02.	Andimadam	32	27	59	6,00,000	3,20,000
03.	Thirumanur	11	05	16	1,60,000	1,10,000
04.	Thirupanandal	10	10	20	1,55,000	85,000
05.	Thiruvidaimarudur	40	14	54	5,10,000	3,37,000
06.	Kumbakonam	22	19	41	4,10,000	1,65,000
07.	Papanasam	10	08	18	1,80,000	1,00,000
08.	Thiruvaiyaru	13	04	17	1,51,000	1 ,00,000
09.	Budalur	12	0	12	1,08,000	1,10,000
10.	T.Palur	0	13	13	1,30,000	1,30,000
	Total	**166**	**108**	**274**	**26,44,000**	**16,17,000**

Elected members of Local body. Administratfon (Panchayat Raj) :

S. No.	Union Name	Panchayat Presidents		Panchayat Ward Member		Union Ward Member		Town Panchayat Ward Member	
		Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
01.	Kumbakonam	1	8	3	1	1			
02.	Thiruvidaimarudur	6	1	21	2	1	-	3	-
03.	Thirupanandal	-	2	6	1	-	-	2	-
04.	Valangaiman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
05.	Papanasam	-	-	1	-	-	.	-	-
06.	Ammapettai	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
08.	Budalur	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
09.	Thirumanur	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
10.	Ariyalur	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
11.	Jayankondam	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
12.	T.Palur	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.	Andimadam	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	2
	Total	**8**	**6**	**43**	**11**	**2**	**4**	**5**	**2**

Note : *(KMSSS beneficiaries alone)*

This is a significant indicator, which shows that women in our area of operation are really empowered. They willingly come forward and participate in social development and local level issues and problems and represent the people for immediate solutions and to avail Government Welfare Schemes, and facilities.

Women and Agri. labourers Exposure Visits :

S. No.	Union Name	Visit to Organizations		
		Karur SWATE	SMSSS Sivagangai	Andimadam Sangams
01.	Kumbakonam	3	-	-
02.	Thiruvidaimarudur	4	2	-
03.	Thirupanandal	4	2	-
04.	Valangaiman	1	-	-
05.	Papanasam	5	1	-
06.	Ammapettai	2	1	-
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	4	1	-
08.	Budalur	2	1	-
09.	Thirumanur	3	1	.
10.	Ariyalur	3	3	-
11.	Jayankondam	4	4	09
12.	T.Palur	4	2	16
13.	Andimadam	4	4	-
	Total	**43**	**22**	**25**

The above exposure visits helped the participants to know the successful experiences of other NGOs and gain knowledge about the technique of execution and various dimensions related to Federation building and strategies of operation.

Training / meetings to federation leaders at Union level:

S. No.	Name of Unions	No. of Trainings	Number of Participants		Resource Persons
			Women	Men	
01.	Kumbakonam	09	418	101	CO's & CCO's
02.	Thiruvidaimarudur	09	379	100	"
03.	Thirupanandal	09	354	68	"
04.	Valangaiman	10	219	-	"
05.	Papanasam	10	305	186	"
06.	Ammapettai	08	209	47	"
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	10	330	166	"
08.	Budalur	10	188	128	"
09.	Thirumanur	08	207	129	"
10.	Ariyalur	09	258	165	"
11.	Jayankondam	07	222	109	"
12.	T.Palur	10	300	169	"
13.	Andimadam	10	350	249	"
	Total	**119**	**3739**	**1617**	"
District Level (Abstract)					
01.	Perambalur	6	88	78	Mr. A, Barnabas TASOSS CCO, Rev. Fr.Soosai Manickam, Mr.Thandapani AITUC, Mr. Natesan, AITUC.
02.	Thanjavur	4	90	44	
03.	Thiruvarur	1	02	-	
	Total	**11**	**180**	**122**	

Union level and District level trainings and meetings were conducted to capacitate the Groups and Sangams. Topics on : Federation building, political parties, problem analysis, resource mobilization, asset creation, Panchayat Raj system, issues analyzes, planning process, Managerial aspects, networking and trade union were taught to them either by local project resource team or external subject specialists, apart from field exposures.

Training helps to prepare and to gain knowledge and skills or behaviour modification. Informal training is imparted through various ways and to make them fit to do something easily with crispness. To prepare federation leaders and members, different topics are dealt with related to the goals and objectives of the programme.

Special achievements through Federation :

- Connecting road for Thittankuttai village, about a kilometer in length was obtained through the efforts of local Agro labourers federation.
- Representing in Grama Sabha Meeting about the non availability of street light, resulted in installation of 5 street lights.
- In Kollapuram, 2 kms Road, worth of Rs. 1,84,000/- has been sanctioned through the representation given to the B.D.O. by two women groups of this village. .
- Exclusively for the use of Scheduled Caste people of Kulothunganallur, cement road was laid for a length of 200 meters.
- For easy movement of villagers of Suthamalli, with the active lobbying of union level federation leaders additional bus facility was arranged.
- Street light and drinking water pipeline connection for the use of villagers were obtained at Arulmozhi, Suthamalli, Sinthamani villages by effort of Sangams and Union Level Federation's follow-up effort.
- Naduvalur village sangam got public distribution outlet of Civil Supplies Department to benefit easy access to all the families of this village,
- Two Cement roads with a length of 100 & 200 meters have been laid through the continuous contact and request of the women sangam and federation, benefiting the people of Nadhiyanur and Thirumanur village.
- In Papanasam and Ammapettai unions, a seminar was conducted on "Violence against women" by the Federations On 25.11.2006 in which 150 women took part.
- The local women Police wing and the women federation jointly organized an awareness meeting cum seminar on 16.12.2006 at Papanasam in which more than 100 women participated.
- Malpractices of P.D.S. in Weighing ration commodities were represented to the official (Tahsildar) by local women sangams and federation and got the problem solved.
- With an intention of creating more specific awareness about the Democratic process of Panchayat Raj election, 2000 pamphlets were printed by Federation leaders and distributed in Papanasam area.
- At Punalvasal village, even after persisting requests the local political parties refused to remove Flag Posts erected in the common place. Women group boldly removed all the political parties flag posts over night.

Network Programme :

World Women's Day was held at Coimbatore on 08.03.2007 as an effort to bring together the Tamil Nadu Women Federation under a common platform and to insist upon 33% reservation to women. From KMSSS field area, 50 women leaders participated in the Women's Day function and deliberations.

2. MAHALIR THITTAM
(Self Help Groups)

Introduction :

KMSSS is engaged in Women Empowerment Programmes and activities through Sangam from its inception in the area of Diocese considering the local needs and problems. SHG scheme is being implemented in Thiruvidaimarudhur and Kumbakonam Community Development Blocks from the year 1999. And Thiruppanandal Block is added from this year for easy implementation and coordination with Tamil Nadu Mahalir Thittam of Thanjavur District.

Goal and Objectives :

To find change in socio-economic status of the rural poor women in the entire State of Tamil Nadu and to enhance the Self Help process and empowerment through Self Help Groups.

1. The objectives delineate the development of Groups Awareness, Savings, Micro-Credit (inter-lending) women leadership, building economic sustainability through Government and Bank Loans.
2. Fostering Self Help process, solidarity in decision making, social reforms, health and family welfare, and removal of women oppression.
3. Empowering women in skills of financial management, self confidence, networking, income generation, assets creation, and federation formation.

Functional Area and villages of Mahalir Thittam (KMSSS):

S. No.	Name of Block	Name of Block			Total Villages
		Panchayats	Town Panchayats	Municipality	
1	Kumbakonam Block	36	3	1	86
2	Thiruvidaimarudur	15	5	-	97
3	Thiruppanandal	08	1	-	10
Total		**59**	**9**	**1**	**193**

tails of SHGs and their Savings:

S. No.	Block Name	Groups		Group Members		Group Savings	
		Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
1	Kumbakonam Block	308	19	5291	368	7498755	339900
2	Thiruvidaimarudur	344	29	5902	594	9940530	619100
3	Thiruppanandal	64	07	1043	130	494725	50750
	Total	**716**	**55**	**12236**	**1092**	**17934010**	**1009750**

onomic Development and Assets:

Block	Economic Assistance Received				Assets Creation				
	People's Bank	Bank	Govt.	Total	Live-Stock	Land acres	House	IGP Activities	Others
Kumbakonam	387000	7014000	625000	8026000	178	3.7	15	267	73 education 78 freed from Usury
Thiruvidai-maruthur	1040000	10975000	332500	12347500	212	9.83	45	149	–
Thiruppanandal	655000	675000	240000	1570000	89	3	47	193	–
Total	**2082000**	**18664000**	**1197500**	**21943500**	**479**	**16.53**	**107**	**609**	–

nctional Details : SHGs Social Services :

On 20,05.06 at Sembodai village a Homeopathic medical camp was organized by the initiative of *"Kalpana Shavla"* group Chettimandapam and KMSSS with the assistance of "Janakalyan Medical Centre" Pattukottai in which more than 500 persons were benefited.

*"Renuka** SHG of Ammankoil Street, Kumbakonam took initiative and collected donation from people and rendered financial help to conduct marriage between a poor couple.

Veppathur area village SHGs distributed 'Free Note Books' to 85 school going children on 03.07.2006.

150 orphanage children of Marudhanallur village were supplied free lunch by Pazhavathankattalai SHGs.

Karuvilacherry SHG contributed Rs.500/- towards school building repair work to the local school.

- Lunch plates, electric fan and school note books were gifted to Darasuram Elementary School by Darasuram 'Vinayakar' and 'Durgha' SHGs.

Trainings :

The details and nature of Training Programmes conducted to the SHGs to empower them.

S.No.	Nature of Training	Participants						Total	
		Block							
		Kumbakonam		Thiruvidaimarudur		Thiruppanandal			
		Group	Numbers	Group	Numbers	Group	Numbers	Group	Numbers
1	SHG	36	627	17	279	06	94	59	1000
2	A&R	54	108	35	70	25	50	114	228
3	EDP	27	88	13	26	-	-	40	114
4	Fashion Technology	04	11	07	12	-	-	11	23
5	Computer	10	30	02	04	-	-	12	34
6	Beautician	07	17	15	32	-	-	22	49
7	PLF	47	141	48	144	08	24	103	309
8	Fishery	04	04	-	-	-	-	04	04
9	Exposure	-	141	-	144	-	24	-	309

World Women's Day was celebrated on 08.03.2007 at Kumbakonam. Women Rally started from famous Mahamaham Tank and went through major streets and reached KMSSS campus. Following the Rally, meeting was held under the Presidentship of our Rev. Bishop of Kumbakonam Diocese. Cultural Programme and special address were delivered by Kumbakonam Men's College Principal Karol Vijaya.

Special days and celebrations :

- Women SHGs and Men groups jointly celebrated the Independence Day in Annalagraharam village, Kumbakonam.
- SHG building Inauguration at Arulanandapuram, PLF Name Board opening at Annalagraharam and Grocery shop and renting service of vessels by groups at Korkai village were initiated by the SHGs.
- Religious Harmony Day was celebrated at Mallapuram with active participation of 14 groups.
- *"Mupperum* Vizha" (Triadic Carnival) was conducted (Sangam Anniversary, Agri. Labourers group formation, and Religious Harmony Day) in which Hindu, Muslim

and Christian Religious Heads and KMSSS Secretary addressed and blessed a gathering of 360 women.

- To promote solidarity among various communities, the Harvest festival **"Pongal"** was celebrated by various groups at Veppathur, Annalagraharam, Mallapuram, Thirunaraiyur, Nachiyarkoil, Kuvathur, Enanallur, Viswanathapuram, 33 Mangudi, Thippirajapuram. In Ezhumanthidal village the Scheduled Tribe - Narikoravars organized special function and cultural programme to celebrate Pongal.
- In all these above special functions, the Secretary and Asst. Secretary, local dignitaries, leaders and staff took active participation.

SHG - Loan Mela Function :

Date	Place & Groups	Financial Institution	Loan Amount	Special invitees / Dignitaries
22.05.2006	Udayalur 8 groups	IOB Darasuram	8,00,000/-	Secretary, Asst. Secretary, KMSSS.
20.10.2006	Darasuram 6 groups	IOB Darasuram	3,20,000/-	Secretary, KMSSS Chief Manager, Manager, IOB, Thanjavur Region.
17.12.2006	Thanjavur 3 groups	DRDA & IOB Swamimalai	9,00,000/-	Minister, Local Administrative Minister Cooperative and Statistics Central Finance Dy. Minister.
20.12.2006	Swamimalai 25 groups	IOB Swamimalai & Darasuram	15,00,000/-	Regional Manager IOB Branch Manager Darasuram, Swamimalai, Kumbakonam.
24.03.2007	Thiruvidaimarudur 3 groups	IOB, Thirubhuvanam	5,63,000/-	Union Chairman, Thiruvidaimarudur Panchayat President, Manager, IOB, Special Officer, Cooperative Milk Society, BDO Thiruvidaimarudur

Felicitating Puraskar Awardees :

From the KMSSS operational area, Ammachatram village Panchayat President Mr. Murugan was awarded the 'Puraskar award' by the Indian President and Annalagraharam and Perumandi Presidents were also graded as 'B' grade Panchayats. To appreciate their services and participation in social activities and periphery level democracy the Mahalir Thittam SHGs under the guidance of KMSSS arranged a special facilitation meeting on 22.08.06 and during the occasion Secretary and Assistant Secretary encouraged their work and blessed them.

3. EMPOWERING FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
(APHD)

Project period : April 2004 to March 2007

Reporting period : April 2006 to March 2007

Project area : Jayankondam, Andimadam and Ariyalur Blocks of Perambalur District.

Objective :

To study and organize people as sangams/groups and inculcate saving habit through involvement of people in planning, implementation and evaluation process and to achieve self sufficiency and socio-economic empowerment.

Key interventions :

- Participatory rural appraisal
- Sangam/Group formation
- Orientation training on various development topics.
- Participatory planning, implementation and evaluation.
- Inculcation and encouragement of saving habit.
- Formation of people's Bank
- Health, Hygiene and nutrition education.
- Gender equity and literacy.

Sangam / Groups and Savings :

S.No.	Name of Block	Groups			Members			Amount of Savings
		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	
01.	Ariyalur	05	19	24	79	323	402	2,31,050
02.	Andimadam	21	19	40	345	303	648	2,37,350
03.	Jayankondam	10	14	24	170	225	395	6,29,450
Total		**36**	**52**	**88**	**594**	**851**	**1445**	**10,97,850**

Training Programmes organized :

S. No	Topic	Number of Participants
01.	Social analysis	240
02.	Leadership	185
03.	Promotion of Savings	250
04.	Micro credit	50
05.	Maintenance of records	120

S. No	Topic	Number of Participants
06.	People's Bank	75
07.	Income generation activities	156
08.	Welfare schemes	150
09.	Rural health	145
10.	Panchayatraj	94
11.	Gender equity	250
12.	Mobilization of local resources	90
13.	Sustainable agriculture	180
14.	Child labour	110
15.	Project planning	90
	Total	**2185**

Details of income generation activities :

S. No	Nature of Activity	Number of persons engaged
01.	Timber sales	02
02.	Cycle Repair Shop	02
03.	Petty Shop	07
04.	Flower & Garland sale	02
05.	Idly kadai	02
06.	Sale of Coconut Leaves	02
07.	Rearing Milch Animals	73
08.	Fish Rearing	1 village group

Mobilization of resources :

- In Annakarankuppam village, Government contract for construction of Anganwadi centre worth about Rs. 1,20,000/- was undertaken by the Group and completed.
- In Koovathur village an over head tank got sanctioned through proper approach of the groups.
- Common facility like rural approach roads, cement roads and metal roads were obtained through collective initiative of the groups.
- In Vilandai village, 20 Dalit people who belong to our Group got land 'title deed' through applying to the revenue and social welfare department officials.
- Under "Janashri Bima Yojana" Scheme (L.I.C) 212 persons insured. 189 children belong to the insured parents were given the benefit of educational assistance by the L.I.C.

People's Bank Established :

S. No	Name of Block	No. of Groups involved
01.	Ariyalur	05
02.	Andimadam	22
03.	Jayankondam	04
Total		**31 village sangam**

Result and impact :

- Basic need services such us water, road, electricity were obtained from the Govt welfare and development schemes.
- High degree of voluntary participation of women reflected in local body elections and the Grama Sabha meetings.
- Practice of small savings are very much encourageous among the target groups and they are benefited at large by circulation of money among themselves at low interest rate to meet the group members economic requirement.
- Target people have faith over self help process of development and participation.
- Groups involve themselves in 'People Building tasks' such as joint decision marking, cooperative functioning and democratic way of thinking and participation.

4. SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

"If you want to plan for a decade, plant trees,
if you want to plan for five year, cultivate paddy.
IF YOU WANT TO PLAN FOR THE HUMAN KIND, EDUCATE THE CHILDREN".

Kumbakonam Multipurpose Social Service Society gratefully remembers the Donor Agency, the "Christian Child Care International", Canada for the continued assistance and encouragement. The society is able to assist 890 children (5-20 age groups) both male and female to attain their basic education.

Mission :

With the support of the community initiatives in developing educational and personal growth of the children through the sponsorship programme.

Imbibing, Moral, Social and Religious values :

- To affirm the sacredness of life and dignity of all the 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 the suffering that is an essential element of Jesus teachings.

Goal :

"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.

The summer camps - An experience of Rejuvenation & Learning :

Summer camps for the sponsored children were conducted at Elakurichy, Kumbakonam and Papanasam in the month of April 2006, with 3 days duration each. Except a few, all the children took part in the summer camp: enthusiastically. The camps went a long way in rejuvenating the spirits of the children, apart from imparting some of the essentials of the Life Skills. And the children thoroughly enjoyed every session of the camps, which were highly informative and served as Curtain Raisers about their future.

All the 3 camps ended with distribution of Groceries, Bed sheets, Bedcover, Pillow, Pillow cover, Bucket and Mug and other essential item were distributed to all the children.

Documentation of Child Status:

The process of collecting the information on Child Status Package for each and every sponsored child was quite hectic, and literally our team members had to race against time in order to send the data to our donors CCCI at the earliest. The professionalism of our team members came to the fore, as they rose to the occasion to complete the task in time.

"Home Away from Home" - A Boon to Rural Children :

Nearly a decade long experience in implementing the CCCI sponsored TAMIL Project showed that the children from the interior villages, studying in the local schools as Day Scholars, find it extremely difficult to match children from privileged sections in standards both academic and social development parameters. A policy decision had been taken to accommodate children mainly in hostels with adequate infrastructure to help them acquire all-round development.

In line with the above policy, this year 86 girls have been accommodated to the St.Antony's Hostel at Konnaikudy and 95 boys to the "Hello Boys Home" at Kumbakonam, This move has helped the sponsored children to get admitted in the reputed schools managed by the Catholic Church. With this a total of 373 children have been so for accommodated in the hostels out of the total of 957 TAMIL Project sponsored children.

Distribution of Educational Kit :

All the children were distributed the cash to be paid as school fees along with the school uniforms and school bags and other educational kit such as Geometry box, Sketch box, Colour pencil, Pen, Ruler etc. In the month of June, the beginning of the academic year was marked by individual family visits made for the purpose of case studies and documentation.

Loving Special Gifts from Donors :-

During the year, special gift amounts were received from the individual donors on special occasions like the birth days of sponsored children, festivals like Christmas and New Year etc,

A good number of sponsored children were presented with apart from cash, a variety of Special Gifts such as Gold ear ring, wrist watch, cash, teapoy, table

fan, iron box, chair, dress, hot box etc from the cash gifts lovingly sent by the individual donors of these children.

And in some cases, these cash gifts were utilized towards repairs of the houses of the families of sponsored children, like laying of roof, construction of toilets, bath room and fitting of doors etc. according to the needs of the poor families of the children. A total of 175 children received such gifts from their individual donors.

Little Artistic Creations as X'mas Greetings :

All the sponsored children sent self created artifacts as Christmas Greetings to the respective foster parents during the Christmas season of 2006. Some of the Greeting Cards were so beautifully created, showing the hidden artistic talents of many of the children.

Visit of Officials from CCCI :

The Advisory committee comprising of the representatives of the parents of the sponsored children met 4 times during the year. In the months of June, August, October, January. The matters concerning the visit of the officials from CCCI, the summer camps and the development of children etc. were discussed during the meetings.

The Visitors from CCCI Canada Deacon Eugene, Madam Myrna and Fr.Jaimy, Regional Director CCCI paid official visit to the TAMIL project. They also graced the Sponsor's Day Celebrations organized together with Sports Day on 7th October 2006. Colourful cultural events also were staged by the Sponsored Children, enthralling the gathering and our beloved visitors from CCCI. The Regional Director Rev. Fr. Jaimy again visited the Tamil Project and spent 3 days here from 11th December to 13 December.

Other Activities & Proposed Sponsorships :

I.D. cards and T.shirts were given to all the children and similarly hostel uniforms were distributed to the children residing the Hello Boys Home, Kumbakonam and Fathima Mercy Home at Vadaveekam. And similarly the children were distributed the new sets of dress for Christmas, Hot packs, Rice and Groceries in the month of December. The Medical Checkup conducted in all the 6 Vicariates of the Diocese on 27.12.2007.

The TAMIL Project sponsorship staff members were taken to Mettupalayam and Coimbatore for Staff Training and Review. The Regional Director also participated. In the month of March Seminars for the parents were conducted in all the 6 Vicariates of the Diocese. The theme was about the responsibilities towards the growth of the children.

During the current year, a total of 290 applications for New Sponsorships have been requested and papers filed for the same.

Educational Particulars of TAMIL Project Sponsored Children

Primary to Middle School :

Standard	1st Standard	2nd Standard	3rd Standard	4th Standard	5th Standard	6th Standard	7th Standard	8th Standard
No. of Children	2	4	9	31	62	141	216	123

High School and Higher Secondary School :

Standard	9th Standard	10th Standard	11th Standard	12th Standard
No. of Children	98	64	36	38

Technical and Professional Course :

Catering	Film Technology	Poly technic	Staff Nurse	T.T.C	Dip. Nurse	BSc Nurse	ITI	DCA Computer
2	1	1	1	1	2	1	40	4

Other Academic and Religious courses :

College	Seminary	Convent
16	4	1

5. COW PROJECT

The "Cow Project" is one of the very highly productive economic empowerment initiative being implemented exclusively for the socially most oppressed section of Dalits, belonging to our Diocese. This project has been carried out for the last 3 years, with the benevolent support being extended through the initiatives of Mr. Eduardo Traver Nicolau y Nieves of Spain.

Among the members of the Dalit community the most deserving persons -Widows, the women deserted by their husbands apart from the economically most backward were identified and given priority in the selection of beneficiaries. The process of selection of beneficiaries and continued monitoring and evaluation of the project is handled by the committee comprising solely by the representatives of Dalit community from all the 6 Vicariates of our Diocese and the recommendation of respective Parish Priests.

One of the salient features of this project is 40% subsidy being allowed for all those beneficiaries who are prompt in repaying the loans obtained for procurement of

Milch Animals. For the beneficiaries, the project has proved to be a great boon, thanks to the perennial demand for the commodity of milk.

This year 50 beneficiaries 47 Women and 3 Men received loans of Rs. 10,000/- each for the purpose of procuring cows for income generation and a total of Rs.5,00,000/- has been extended as loan to them. The beneficiaries of this year belong to the villages of Thirupazhanam, Valangaiman, Othakadai Idaiyathumangalam and Regunathapuram falling under different Vicariates. So far, an amount of Rs.19,79,200/- has been extended as loans to 204 members of Dalit community of our Diocese through this project.

6. MICRO CREDIT PROGRAMME

Project period	:	October 2005 to March 2007 April
Reporting period	:	2006 to March 2007
Target area	:	T.Palur & Jayamkondam Unions.
Target people	:	Landless labourers. Small and marginal farmers. Women sangam members.

Goal of the project :

To strengthen the self help capacities of marginalized groups 7 sangams 7; help groups and to assist for sustainable improvement of their living conditii and to enhance their economic status.

Objectives of the project:

- To strengthen the capacities of the sangam / SHG members through organizing training programs.
- To felicitate members towards collective initiative for sustainable income generation and improve the standard of living.
- To help the members in identification and mobilization of locally available resources.
- To encourage savings habit among the members and to improve their economic condition and life style.

Training to the Sangam Members :

S. No.	Place	Content	Number of Villages represented	Number of persons participated
01.	T.Palur	Social analysis	15	120
02.	Jayankondam & Kumbakonam	Concept of people's Bank	30	120
03.	Kumbakonam	Revolving fund management	20	60
04.	T.Palur	Resource mobilization	25	60
05.	Kumbakonam	Record maintenance	20	60

Distribution of Revolving Fund to the Sangams :

S. No.	Name of Village	Name of Sangam	Amount of distribution	
			last year	this year
01.	21 villages	-	5,25,000.00	
02.	Gangaivadanganallur	Subosh Chandra Bose		15,000.00
03.	"	Yamuna		25,000.00
04.	"	Ganga		25,000.00
05.	"	Cauveri		15,000.00
06.	Thittankuttai	Kamarajar		25,000.00
07.	Utkottai	Nila		25,000.00
08.	Pillaipalayam	Mariamman		25,000.00
09.	Kulothunganallur	Pudumaipengal		25,000,00
10.	"	Dr.Ambedkar		25,000,00
11.	Kuruvalappar kovil	Senbagam		20,000.00
	Total		**5,25,000.00**	**2,25,000.00**

Income Generation Activities Initiated :

S. No.	Name of Village	No. of Groups		Number of Beneficiaries	Purpose
		Women	Men		
01.	Suthamalli	1	-	3	Milch Animal 2 Agri 1
02.	Naduvalur	1	1	6	Milch Animal 4 Bullock Cart 1 Agri 1
03.	Koolatukkuppam	-	2	6	Agri 3 Leather shop 1 Cycle Repair shop 1 Petty shop 1

S. No.	Name of Village	No. of Groups		Number of Beneficiaries	Purpose
		Women	Men		
04.	Mela Michaelpattti	1	1	6	Agri 4, Milch Animal 2
05.	Keela Michaelpatti	-	1	10	Agri 10
06.	Chinthamani	1	-	5	Milch Animal 5
07.	T.Palur	1	-	4	Milch Animal 4
08.	Kurichi	-	1	3	Land lease 3
09.	Thenavanallur	1	-	5	Milch Animal 5
10.	Nayaganaipriyal	1	-	3	Milch Animal 3
11.	Arulmozhi	1	-	4	Milch Animal 3, Agri 1
12.	Anaikudam	-	1	3	Milch Animal 2, Agri 1
13.	Keelakudiyeruppu	-	1	2	Leather Bag 2
14.	Kumilanguzhi	1	1	6	Milch Animal 5, Agri 1
15.	Eravangudi	-	1	3	Land lease 2, Agri 1
16.	Koovathur	1	-	4	Milch Animal 4
17.	Vadaveekam	1	-	5	Agri 4 Milch Animal 1
18.	Thittankuttai	-	1	3	Milch Animal 3
19.	Kulothunganallur	2	-	6	Milch Animal 6
20.	Utkottai	1		3	Milch Animal 1 Petty shop 1 Land lease 1
21.	Gangaivadan-ganallur	3	1	12	Milch Animal 10 Goat 2
22.	Pillaipalayam	1	-	3	Milch Animal 2 Milk vending
Total		**18**	**12**	**105**	

External Evaluation:

On 09.02.2007 Mr. Johnson Raj & Mr.Sekar of TASOSS, Trichy met the staff, people leaders and made record verification through Field visit to Naduvalur Agri sangam and Suthamalli women sangam.

Result of Revolving Fund :

- Economic growth among individual members is visible.
- Groups have got trained in financial management and sub-committees were formed for monitoring the utility of fund.
- By effective utilization and management of revolving fund, the groups have formed people's Bank at the urban level and contributed a total sum of Rs. 1,30,000/- at T.Palur.

Benefit out of revolving fund :

The target population is more interested towards improvement of their economic level through their participation in small business such as petty shops, skilled work like leather goods, shoe production and rearing of Milch Animal & Goat, improved agriculture practices, vending milk and vegetables.

7. KOLPING PROGRAMME

Introduction :

The Kolping scheme was initiated during the period of 2003 in the Diocese of Kumbakonam and it is being coordinated and monitored by the National Kolping organization.

Goal :

To strengthen and revive the spiritual fervour among the Christian community in the Diocese area and to improve and facilitate their economic self sufficiency.

Objective :

- To establish 50 groups under Kolping programme.
- To impart training to realize the said goal.
- To develop ideal parenthood.
- To create true Christian sprit among the group and people.
- To organize income generation skills through training and generate additional regular income.
- To foster the attitude of citizenship.

Kolping groups status of programme :

S. No.	Period	Number of Groups		Number of Membership		Savings in Rs.	
		KMSSS	PSSS	KMSSS	PSSS	KMSSS	PSSS
I.	Till last year	22	21	406	311	4,38,398	2,80,310
II.	Reporting period (2006-07)	3	2	46	40	1,92,746	1,71,638
	Total	**25**	**23**	**452**	**351**	**6,31,144**	**4,52,018**

Details of Financial Assistance extended to groups in favour of Income generation in KMSSS Area :-

S.No	Village	Assistance	No of Beneficiaries
01.	Ammapettai	25,000	5
02.	Ayyampettai	25,000	3
03.	Jayankondam	25,000	5
04.	Keezhnedu'vai	25,000	8
05.	Keela Michaelpatti	13,000	13
06.	Mathur - I	25,000	4
07.	Mathur-II	25,000	6
08.	Pattanamkurichi	23,000	7
09.	Peramur	25,000	5
10.	Pudukuppam	25,000	10
11.	Suzaiapparpatinam	25,000	3
12.	Thiruppoonthuruthi	6,000	6
13.	Thirukattupalli	16,000	6
14.	Punalvasal	25,000	5
15.	Kabisthalam	22,000	11
16.	Semmangudi	25,000	5
17.	Sembodai	22,000	7
18.	Kumilankuzhi	25,000	5
Total		**4,02,000**	**114**

II. Financial Assistance in PSSS area:

S. No	Village	Amount Rs.	S. No	Village	Amount Rs.
01.	Allapaliam	14,000	10.	Nutappur	25,000
02.	Kaberialpuram	25,000	11.	Periyavarseeli	25,000
03.	Konnaikudi	25,000	12.	Palayam	24,000
04.	Kavulpalayam	20,000	13.	Thondamanthurai	25,000
05.	Kovandakurichi	25,000	14.	Vadakkalur	13,000
06.	Kottapalayam	14,000	15.	Veragalur	10,000
07.	Mahizhampadi	25,000	16.	Perunallur	8,000
08.	Mazhavanur	12,000	17.	Reddimangudi	5,000
09.	Musiri	17,000	18.	Krishnapuram	10,000
Total					**3,22,000**

For enabling the target people to build their economic stability and to improve their social status, in selected villages, loan for purchase of Milch animals, low cost housing construction programme were extended and the details of which are given hereunder. In addition to the loan, the beneficiaries have added their own money and purchased Milch animals.

Milch Animal Loan :

S.No.	Area	No. of Animals Given	Amount
01	KMSSS area	5	25,000
02	PSSS area	5	25,000

Low Cost Housing :

S. No.	Area	No. of Housing loan beneficiaries	Amount
01	KMSSS area	12	1,80,000
02	PSSS area	8	1,20,000
		Total	**3,00,000**

Special Activities :

In Susaipparpattinam, Ayyampettai, Mathur, Ammapettai, Pudukuppam, Pattamkurichi, Punalvasal, Keela Michaelpatti, Kumilanguzhi villages the groups meet regularly once in a month for the purpose of strengthening the pastoral services, visiting the sick and for remedial services. Spiritual tour to Uvari, Manappadu, Alanthalai and Vadipatti was organized under Kolping project.

Samathuva Pongal Vizha was organized by the Group and celebrated at Mela Thiruppanthuruthi and free meal was supplied to the public.

Kolping Day programme was celebrated on 23.08.2003 in which 361 persons from 21 Groups took part actively in competition and cultural programs. With the help of Diocese pastoral centre, a seminar was organized on 21.12.2006 and 22.12.2006, exclusively for the Kolping group representatives in which 86 persons of belong to 6 groups attended and benefited with more information, awareness and communion.

Income Generation Programmes (IGP):

- Kolping group members benefited through rearing goats, improved agriculture activities, running petty shops and crafts works.
- Three persons benefited by expanding their small business.
- Three members have been involved in brick kiln making.
- Preparation of incense powder for prayer purposes is done by Ayyampettai Groups.
- At the rate of Rs,5,000/- per groups, 8 Kolping Groups deposited in hello project of KMSSS and benefiting themselves regularly.
- Susaiapparpattinam and Mathur Kolping groups are on the First and second place in their effective performance and activities, record maintenance, economic programme, asset creation and team work etc,

Problems :

- Transport cost is more expensive.
- Expected cooperation is not extended in few places by the parishioners.

Solution :

Inform and solve such problems through prior consultation with the local Parish Priest about the Kolping meetings and make collective decisions and conclusions.

8. "HELLO" - PEOPLE'S POWER PROJECT

Introduction :

With a scope of benefiting the target population of the KMSSS, an innovative programme named "Hello" Project was conceived by the Secretary and initiated with blessings on April 12th, 2006 by the Most Rev. Bishop P. Remigius, D.D, It embraces the people of below poverty line (SHGs) as the primary target and the secondary group includes KMSSS projects beneficiaries, staff and other supportive organization.

Aim :

To ensure sustainable avenues of job opportunities to the SHG members, through engaging themselves in known trade and to provide Quality Home requirements to the members of SHGs and others and benefit by sale proceeds and to avoid middle men exploitation.

To cater to the family grocery requirements of target population, to purchase, process and supply grocery items such as Coriander, Chilly, Dhal, Grams, Beans, Spice, Aniseed, Pepper, Custard, Cumin, Dill, Oil and incense sticks, powder etc., through involving SHGs as Cooperative share owners.

The SHG representatives are engaged in Hello project as Manager, Accountant, Supervisor, Production Assistant and packing Assistant work on full time basis. The project enables opportunities of self earning and employment to SHG members.

Method of Operation :

During the harvesting season required grocery items are purchased from the open market and processed, dried for durability of utilization. After grinding into small particles or powder form the products are mixed appropriately in proper ratio and packed as ready made item for distribution using automatic pouch packing machine. The grocery items are packed in various measures in grams according to the people requirement. Only *Garam Masala - Sambar Podi* is powdered and packed. The entire process of grading, grinding and packing are done in hygienic condition. Oil is purchased in bulk and repacked for distribution and sale. Incense sticks are made, using locally available raw materials and packed and sold to the consumers.

Benefits :

Essential groceries such as Masala Powders, Oil for cooking food and incense items are prepared and distributed to the target population at a reasonable low cost with quality, comparing the local market prices.

Future :

Since there is a greater demand for mosquito repellent among the people in general, we propose to find a formula and prepare Herbal Mosquito repellent.

9. REMI COMPUTER EDUCATION

To augment and bring out the hidden talents and potentials of the youth (School going age Children) of lower strata families of the society, the Remi Computer Centre has been established recently under the overall guidance and control of the Secretary KMSSS with required basic infrastructure, essential soft and hardware resources to cater to the demands of the neighbouring Little Flower Higher Secondary School students and children of the poor families of nearby area.

This unit is well equipped with required services of technical men and materials. Short term computer training to children and Spoken English course are being conducted in this centre.

Courses are designed and conducted exclusively to serve the 10th/ +2 students / Religious Fathers / Sisters / Lay persons and Ladies. Food and accommodation facilities were arranged to outside students during the special Summer Courses.

Course & Students Particulars :

S. No	Course Name	Duration	No of School Students	Other Students
01.	DCA (Diploma in Computer Application)	3 Months	221	83
02.	'Certificate Course' in Computer for SHG's representatives	1 Month	-	25
	Total		**221**	**108**

Total Trained = 329

For those who have completed the course, the Diploma / Certificate will be distributed soon. The students have a conducive atmosphere of learning, at the Centre.

10. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AMONG DRY LAND FARMERS

Title : **"Facilitation of Sustainable Agriculture among Dry Land Farmers in 30 village Panchayats - Andimadam Block"**

Project Location : Andimadam Union - 30 village Panchayats.

Duration : 3 years (Date of commencement: 21.11.2006).

Aims and Objectives :

To find stabilities and enhance natural resources through Sustainable means, monitoring and managerial skills and learn techniques in irrigation watershed, recycling of farm nutrients and flow of organic matter.

- To enable 600 small farmers, to achieve profitability in dry land farming through sustainable agriculture practices.
- To facilitate trainings and follow up on sustainable agriculture through model farm of KMSSS.
- To enable thousands of other small farmers, to adopt the sustainable environmental enhancement.

Introduction :

The area and population identified for this project, have very less employment opportunities due to seasonal vagaries and dry weather conditions. The small farmers are not able to withstand the risks involved due to environmental factors, use of indiscriminate chemical fertilizer, pesticides and expensive farming methods which resulted in scope-less attitude among the farmers. Realizing the problem of target population (farming community), with a judicial combination of external input as its main component, the project is initiated.

The project focuses on augmenting Agricultural development in dry land area with organic farming practices, reducing the cost of cultivation and production of crops, free from harmful insecticidal and fertilizer application and enhancement of ecological balance and sustainable measure of cultivation.

Execution and Methodology :

Preparatory, preplanning and briefing session was conducted on 16.12.2006 and 22.02.2007 at Andimadam in which the local parishioners, V.F. and people's representatives and project staff took active role in explain the discuss and to arriving a final plan of Action. For selection of beneficiaries of the project the following criteria were followed :

- People of small land holding.
- Belong to below poverty line.
- Widow or destitute and sangam (Group) members.

Model Farm and Farm Shed Preparation and Construction :

Primarily for the purpose of project demonstration and training, a model farm and animal shed are under construction. In Melaneduvai village, Garden and model farm in 3 acres of land is being developed.

Bore well :

It has been planned to sink 3 bore wells in different villages of the project area, one bore well is completed at Melaneduvai. At Senapallam and Arulanandapuram the erection of Bore well work is under progress. These 3 bore wells will ensure water supply and facilitate Farmers in cultivation work without any problem.

Tractor:

Exclusively for ploughing purposes, a Tractor with a Trailer and accessories has been purchased and it is being used in the project to benefit the target population.

Grouping of villages and beneficiaries :

All the 600 beneficiaries of the project are grouped under 6 divisions having the background of the cosmos, land, water, tree and living beings and for easy identification, management and to speed up easy service facilities.

S. No.	Name of Division	Number of Beneficiaries
01.	Bees	134
02.	Kaveri	108
03.	Banian Tree	106
04.	Sun	82
05.	Paddy	112
06.	Kurinji	58
Total		**600**

To orient the beneficiaries on specific programme methods and project activities, training was organized on relevant topics of subject matter. Since the beneficiaries include both farming labourers and farmers the central theme and contents of Training were according to the project programme objectives such as Natural farming, composting, natural pesticides/vermi compost preparation, Pancha Kaviya, problems in agricultural operations, animal rearing, sustainable farming, conservancy measures and external input for productive cultivation. So far, about 348 participants were trained under this project.

On 22.02.2007 an observation visit was organized to Coimbatore for the beneficiaries of the project. Mr. Lawrence Coordinator of the Coimbatore

Multipurpose Social Service Society explained the participants in detail the functioning and development of "Manos Garden". He also briefed about the procedures involved in loan repayment, savings scheme etc.

For the purpose field exposure visit, 52 persons visited Mettupalayam for two days and learned the natural farming practices such as Vermi compost preparation, composting methods, *Pancha Kaviya* preparation, inter crop cultivation animal rearing. Herbal pesticides preparation etc.,

Branch Office at Andimadam :

For easy monitoring and managerial purposes and to ensure close contact and communication with the beneficiaries, exclusively under the project a Branch Office has been established in a rented building from the month of January 2007 at Andimadam. Field Programme Staff find it convenient to discuss and review the progress periodically and this also serves as a meeting place for the beneficiaries of the project.

11. JANA SHREE BIMA YOJANA
(L.I.C. INDIA)

The KMSSS in collaboration with the Life Insurance corporation of India with the aim of benefiting the people of below poverty status, this scheme is popularized among target population of KMSSS. To this effect, in association with the L.I.C India the *"Jana Shree Bima Yojana"* Group Insurance Policy was introduced to the SHG members in the year 2003.

This year, during the period of reporting (2006 - 2007), a total of 469 persons belong to women sangams and male groups registered themselves by paying an annual minimum premium of Rs.100/- or more according to their capacity of income. The major criterion for eligibility of this scheme is :

- Any person, with an income of below poverty status.
- In the age group of 18 - 59.

This scheme covers the Policy Holder for a period of one year. For next year a fresh renewal amount has to be remitted for continuity and coverage and benefit.

Eligible claims and benefits:

The scheme extends financial help of Rs.20,000/- if death occurs by nature during qualifying year. If died in accident Rs. 75.000/-, for loss of an organ in accident Rs.50,000/-, for inactivated part of body due to accident Rs. 35,000/-. Thus a graded benefit is given according to this criteria and the qualifying period.

Benefits Received :

For the children of those who enrolled under this scheme, an educational assistance of Rs. 1,200/- is provided per year, for IX, X, +1 ,+2 and ITI students. Among the total 469 insured parents, 250 students were given a total sum of Rs.3,00,000/-. From this, first installment of Rs. 61,800/- for 103 children, IInd installment of Rs. 44,100/- for 147 children benefited. Remaining amount Rs. 1,94,100/- will be distributed in due course.

For those deceased, Death claims of Rs. 80,000/- was distributed to the legal heirs of Kaliyamoorthy of Valangaiman, Ramachandran of Kumbakonam and Sekar of Sikkalnayakkanpettai.

12. SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

KMSSS takes pride in organizing and celebrating special days and functions which are in congruence with its aims and objectives of the projects and programmes. The details of such items are described hereunder.

- **International Labour's Day.** On 24.05.2006, the Diocesan Social Service Societies - the KMSSS and PSSS jointly organized the "May Day" as District Agricultural labourers convention at Ariyalur.

Local Body Leaders Meeting :

- To felicitate and encourage the leaders who succeeded in the local body election the KMSSS organized a special function in which 40 persons took part. Vicar General Very Rev. Fr. C. Peter Francis graced the occasion by blessing and presenting Shawls to them as a token of love and briefly described their role as change promoters.

- **International Women's Day** was celebrated on 08.03.2007 at Coimbatore, reiterating the Demand of 33% reservation for women in Government job and services. Programme staff and 50 women belong to the KMSSS field area villages participated in the function.

13. COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION

I. a. **Project period** : 2 years from April 2005.

b. **Operational Area** : 187 Villages in Thiruvidaimarudur Block (48 Village Panchayats, 5 Town Panchayats)

c. **Funding Partner** : The CBR Forum, Bangalore.

II. **Objective:**

To empower the disabled persons in the project area villages and to attain equal rights and social equity similar to others in the society, through self help process, skill development, education and advocacy with involvement of the community.

This project was initiated with basic data collection in the year 2002, in continuation of this the II and III phase programme activities were implemented in consonance with the aims and expectations of the agency. The IV phase programme was started in the year 2005 and being carried out successfully.

III. **Program Activities:**

a. **Groups and their Savings :**

S. No.	Period	No. of Groups formed	Member		Saving in Rs.
			M	F	
01.	Till last year	40	220	201	67,713
02.	This year	29	247	174	45,741
Total		**69**	**467**	**375**	**1,13,454**

Thrust was given on prevention of hearing impairment, Rehabilitation to the physically disabled, facilitation towards availing concessions and other entitlements from Government Agencies and awareness programmes with personalized services to affected persons.

b. **Details of Awareness Programmes :**

S.No.	Nature of Programmes	No. of Persons Attended
01.	Counseling to Pregnant Women	490
02.	Disability Education to young girls	426
03.	School Children and Teachers Awareness	3150
04.	Village Panchayat President Awareness Programme	64
05.	Cultural Programme in Villages on Disability	26

c. **Rehabilitation Services :**

- Involving medical specialists in Ortho, Physiotherapy, Eye, Ear and Nose, 4 medical camps were conducted in Thirunageswaram on 17th and 19th October 2006, in which 1380 persons obtained I.D card for disability.
- To ensure care and attention to new born, 333 babies born in various hospitals, were thoroughly examined and 7 babies were identified with hearing impairment and referred for treatment.
- On examination of 759 children of under five age group, ten children were diagnosed as hearing impaired and their parents have been advised on medical follow up of children.

d. **Rehabilitation Service & Donor Agencies :**

KMSSS, availing the linkages of networking organizations and Government Departments provided rehabilitative services as collaborative venture, to benefit the disabled.

S. No.	Nature of Service	Donor Agency	Number of beneficiaries
01.	Medical treatment Assistance	KMSSS	15
02.	Therapy (Ortho, MR) to disabled	KMSSS	172
03.	Free Bus fare	District Rehabilitation Department	17
04.	Educational Assistance	District Rehabilitation Department	17
05.	Supply of Tricycle	Sacred Heart Hospital, Kumbakonam	22
06.	Supply of Hearing Aids	Sacred Heart Hospital, Kumbakonam	49
07.	Supply of Calipers	Rathina Nidhi, Bombay	72
08.	Supply of Artificial limb	Rathina Nidhi, Bombay	12
09.	Supply of Crutches	Rathina Nidhi, Bombay	2
10.	Supply of Wheel Chair	Sacred Heart Hospital, Kumbakonam	6

IV. Economic Development :

With the assistance of Government Departments of THADCO, DRDA, TSunami and Disability Groups, Banks, loan facility was arranged to the Disabled persons to find economic and social changes and the details of which are as follows.

S.No.	Agency	Amount Rs.	Results
01.	KMSSS	30,000	71 persons rear catties
02.	Banks	40,000	14 persons engaged in Agriculture
03.	Govt Departments	7,57,000	5 persons Constructed houses
04.	Local Groups	20,500	18 persons engaged in Tailoring, Coconut trade etc.,

V. Special Events:

a. Day of 'Differently Abled' persons:

Celebrations of 'Disabled persons' was organized on 05.12.06, with a Rally inaugurated by the local DSP Ms. Mutharasi. Sports and cultural programs were held as part of the celebration. Our Most Rev. Bishop, Dist Rehabilitation Officer and Vicar General of the Diocese graced the occasion by delivering special address and distributing prizes and tools of rehabilitation and bank loans. These activities infused the sense of self confidence in the minds of the participants on their own ability, civic Rights and favourable attitudes in them.

b. The disabled groups' office bearers (representatives) met the General Manager of Tamil Nadu State Transport Department of Kumbakonam depot and briefed the ill treatment shown to the disabled in Government owned bus. On representation by the Disability office bearers, The General Manager assured to prevent such ill treatment in the future.

c. In local body Panchayat Board Elections, 7 persons contested and 4 women got elected as ward members and 1 male member was elected as Panchayat President.

d. Day Care Centre:

Two Day Care Centres have been established at Gangadaranallur and Thirucherrai villages and providing services to the children with cerebral palsy, MR, Orthopedic and physiotherapy problems. Ten children are availing services regularly. The benefiaries are ensured with specific schedule of training and therapy services by trained workers.

VI. Details of Training programs for disabled & Staff:

S. No.	Date	Topic /Subject	Place of Training	No. of Participants	Trainer
01.	Once in every 2 months	Sanga roles and function of office bearers	KMSSS	62	KMSSS team
02.	Once in four months	Federation office bearers training	KMSSS	20	KMSSS team
03.	20.04.06	SHG, A&R membership training	KMSSS	20	KMSSS team
04.	19.06.06	Rights of Disabled	KMSSS	67	Mr. Raj Vidya Sagar, Chennai.
05.	09.07.06	Arts and Handicraft skills training	KMSSS	30	Mrs.Uma, Kumbakonam.
06.	10.11.06	Federation	KMSSS	74	Mr.Panneerselvam 'Vizhudugal' Pudukottai.
07.	11,12.06	Panchayat system of Administration	KMSSS	56	KMSSS team
08.	05.03.07	Beautician	KMSSS	10	"Keys" Beauty Parlor, Kumbakonam.
09.	19.03.07	Skills development, Sangam Federation formation for staff	Trichy	4	ADD INDIA, Trichy.
10.	25.02.07	Panchayat Raj	Trichy	4	CBR Forum
11.	08.12.06	Individual Rehabilitation.	Trivandrum, Kerala	2	CBR Forum
12.	26.06,06	Half yearly review programme	Puducherry	2	CBR Forum

VII. Evaluation :

From the Funding Partner, Mrs.Prahadha of CBR forum Bangalore, on December 27th & 28th, 2006 evaluated the project activities and services rendered to the disabled persons at the KMSSS. She lauded and encouraged the spirit of field workers and wished them to achieve further excellence.

14. Educational Assistance - Scholarship

The need of education is being realized by our target population, year after year the KMSSS receives increased number of applications in favour of assistance to achieve proficiency and BC children of below poverty line families approach the KMSSS with the recommendations from the local Parish Priest and the Head of the education institutions.

The Diocesan Bishop, Vicar General and SC/ST Commission representatives screen the applications received from the Diocese area students and finalize the list of eligible students to avail educational scholarship. The details of such beneficiaries are as follows:

S.No.	Vicariates	Parishes	+1, +2 Students	Amount Rs.	College			TNBC		
					Parishes	Students	Amount Rs.	Parishes	Students	Amount Rs.
1	Kumbakonam	9	194	38800	12	278	116950	7	10	11000
2	South Michaelpatti	10	150	30000	11	239	99650	8	11	12000
3	Jeyankondam	7	97	19400	14	308	132600	5	18	22000
4	Pullambadi	12	121	24200	13	283	125050	7	11	12000
5	Lalgudi	13	179	35800	15	279	121750	6	8	10000
6	Perambalur	7	17	3400	9	50	21000	2	2	3000
	Total	**58**	**758**	**151600**	**74**	**1437**	**617000**	**35**	**60**	**70000**

S. No.	Nature of Course	Number of Students Rs.	Scholarship Amount
1	+1, +2	758	1,51,600.00
2	College & Technical Course	1437	6,17,000.00
3	TNBC	60	70,000.00
	Total	**2255**	**8,38,600.00**

Thus the assistance results in reduction of drop outs, illiteracy and positively contributes for the continuity of studies of socially and educationally backward community children.

15. EMERGENCY RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

Owing to the sudden rain and flood in Cauvery Delta region, heavy damage has been resulted to crops, fields, dwelling units and communication links during beginning of this year. Immediate relief measures were carried out to the affected people by the Revenue Department and Non-Government Organizations.

The depth of severity and its damage has been studied by the KMSSS team and a proposal was submitted seeking assistance to Manos Unidas for restoration of livelihood, environment reclamation and residential houses to the families who lost their houses.

With the generous assistance extended by Manos Unidas in addition to relief and rehabilitation, concrete housing facility were provided based on the criteria of - ownership of land patta, widow/Destitute and income below poverty line to victims of the flood and rain.

From the fund received from CARITAS INDIA for rehabilitation to the victims a total of 100 new houses constructed. Each cost Rs.55,000/- with Beneficiary contribution of Rs.5,000/- All the houses were handed over to the victims as a permanent measure to avoid future problems of similar calamity. For partly damaged 100 houses an amount of Rs.5,000/- was provided each as assistance.

As part of implementation of the above services the local people were given a short orientation on "Disaster Preparedness".

Impact :

All the beneficiaries are very happy in their new, permanent concrete houses each with 240 sq.ft. and their lifetime expectation of one of the basic need is fulfilled. The compensation assistance provided to them were realized by the beneficiaries as the immediate, timely and permanent relief to the victims.

16. MSW STUDENTS FIELD TRAINING

Introduction :

To fulfill the social work PG Degree course curricular requirement, the Istyear MSW Students of Bon Secours College for women, Thanjavur were placed in KMSSS Kumbakonam, from 5th February to 31st March 2007.

Aim :

For equipping the students to become practitioners in social work with professional knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that are necessary for the students.

The KMSSS has given the students the opportunity to practice and experience and to acquire information about the placement organization, involve themselves in the KMSSS field activities, participate in the programs, visit other Agencies - Government Departments, conducting case studies, group work, community organization, recording and documentation of their experiences.

Identification of students and their guide :

1. Miss. L.Saraswathi, Mrs. S. Sangeetha Faculty Advisor of the College.
2. Miss. J.Amala Jayasudha, Mrs.S.Sangeetha Faculty Advisor of the College,

In consultation with the Agency's supervisor, the students were guided on basics of Data collection, programme planning, people's participation, leadership, community organization, communication, documentation etc., An itinerary was prepared for the students and they were oriented by the Personnel Manager about the organization, programmes which are being implemented by the KMSSS.

For their field work experience, Thirumanampettai and Murukkangudi villages of Thiruvidaimarudur Taluk were assigned to gain practical experience from field lab with the assistance of the local field programme staff of the KMSSS. After completion of their field work placement, they have submitted their "Consolidated report on field work" to the Secretary KMSSS.

17. GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

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1.	Most Rev. P. Remigius, D.D.	President
2.	Msgr. C. Peter Francis, V.G.	Vice-President
3.	Rev. Fr. G. Christuraj	Treasurer
4.	Rev. Fr. A. Martin De Porres	Secretary
5.	Rev. Fr. S. Alphonse	Asst. Secretary
6.	Rev. Fr. S. Caspar	Member
7.	Rev. Fr. A. James Joseph Raj	"
8.	Rev. Fr. S. Selvaraj	"
9.	Mr. Arumai Arulanandam	"
10.	Mr. A. Victor	"

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10.	Rev. Fr. S.A. Chinnappan	"
11.	Mr. Arumai Arulanandam	"
12.	Mr. A. Victor	"
13.	Mrs. M. Rose Mary	"
14.	Mr. A. Aruldoss	"
15.	Mr. V.A. Arul Jegarayar	"
16.	Rev. Fr. D. Antony Solomon	"
17.	Rev. Fr. T. Xavier	"
18.	Rev. Fr. G. Arockiaraj	"
19.	Mr. Joseph Navaneetham	"
20.	Mrs. Florence Mary	"
21.	Mrs. Adaikalamary	"

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2.	Very Rev. Msgr.C. Peter Francis	Vicar General
3.	Rev. Fr. A. Martin de Porres	Secretary
4.	Rev. Fr. S. Alphonse	Asst. Secretary
5.	Rev. Fr. G. Christuraj	Treasurer
6.	Mr. A. Aruldoss	Advocate
7.	Mr. Arul Jagarayar	Teacher
8.	Mr. Arokiasamy	Principal

18. STAFF OF THE KMSSS

TASOSS FEDERATION

S.No.	Name	Designation	S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	A. Santiagu	Chief Coordinator	10.	V. Ezhilarasi	Community Organizer
2.	S.M. Sagayamary	"	11.	S. Aruldoss	"
3.	D. Vincent	Coordinator	12.	A. Arputharaj	"
4.	S. Ashok Kumar	"	13.	Arockiasundaram	"
5.	G. Sivakumar	"	14.	Sr. Agnes	"
6.	J. Jeganathan	"	15.	D. Adaikalam	Documentation Officer
7.	A. Jeyaraj	"	16.	T. Jancy Selvarani	"
8.	P. AliceMary	"	17.	U. Arockiamary	Accountant
9.	A. Charles	"	18.	S. Lazar	Driver

MAHALIR THITTAM

19.	Senthamizh Selvi	Coordinator	24.	G. Rajendran	Community Organizer
20.	N. Bhuvaneshwari	Community Organizer	25.	K. Arockiaselvi	"
21.	S. Ramesh Kumar	"	26.	J. Rabekkal	"
22.	S. Gunavathi	"	27.	M. Chitra	"
23.	N. Thilagavathi	"	28.	S. Valarmathy	"

CBR

29.	S. Sagayarajan	Coordinator	34.	R. Kaliyamoorthy	Community Organizer
30.	A. Helen Reena	Community Organizer	35.	S. Punitharaj	"
31.	A. Vanitha	"	36.	P. Sophia	"
32.	P. Devadoss	"	37.	D. Joyce Mary	"
33.	D. Benista	"	38.	G. Jeni George Mary	"

OFFICE STAFF

39.	G.Tharanisinghrajan	Personal Manager	41.	R. Antonydoss	Community Organizer
40.	T. Bhavani	A/c. Assistant			

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

42.	Sr. Scholastica	Coordinator	49.	M. Philominraj	Field Worker
43.	A. Shoba	Data Entry	50.	J. Samuvel	Translator
44.	A. Sagaya Leema	"	51.	B. Muthuraj	"
45.	C. Suganya	Cashier	52.	Stephen	Field Worker & Photographer
46.	C. Julie	Office Asst.	53.	Savariammal	Field Worker
47.	X. Christy	Book Keeper	54.	S. Johnson Sekar	Clerk
48.	S. Arulappan	Field Worker	55.	S.J. Arulraj	Driver

APHD

56.	D. Antony George	Coordinator	59.	S.Jayaraj	Community Organizer
57.	M. Kennadyraj	Community Organizer	60.	P. Michaelsamy	"
58.	K. Antonysamy	"	61.	S. Milton Josephraj	"

OTHERS

62.	Lionel Arokiaraj	Project Officer	68.	Swaminathan	Electrician
63.	Arokia Suresh Kumar	Tuition Teacher	69.	G.Pavadai	Gardner
64.	Arokia Inba Roja	"	70.	Selvanathan	Watchman
65.	AJM. Robin	"	71.	Alphonse	Gardner
66.	Murugaiyan	Gardner	72.	Soosai	Watchman
67.	Kiruba	Attender	73.	Motchamary	Asst. Maid