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குத்தகைக்கு நிலம் எடுத்து

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கும்பகோணம், ஜூலை 22: கும்பகோணம் அருகே மகளிர் குழுவினர் நிலத்தை குத்தகைக்கு எடுத்து அதில் நெல் சாகுபடி செய்தனர்.

தஞ்சை மாவட்டம் கும்பகோணம் அடுத்த புத்தகரம் ஊராட்சி இரண்டாம் கட்டளை கிராமத்தில் தென்றல் மகளிர் கய உதவி குழு உள்ளது. இக் குழுவில் உள்ள பெண்கள் விவசாயம் செய்யும் முயற்சியில் ஈடுபட்டனர்.

குழுவின் பிரதிநிதிகள் பவுனம்மாள், வளராணி, உமாராணி, ஆகியோர் முயற்சியால் கும்பகோணம் பல்நோக்கு சமூக சேவை மைய வழிகாட்டுதல்களுடன் திருநாகேஸ்வரம் இந்தியன் வங்கியில் கடன் பெற்று

ரூ. 50 ஆயிரத்திற்கு இரண்டாம் கட்டளையில் மூன்று ஏக்கர் நிலத்தினை குத்தகைக்கு எடுத்து நெல் நடவு செய்தனர். ரூ. 5 ஆயிரம் செலவு செய்யப்பட்டதில், 46 மூட்டை நெல் விளைந்தது. இந்த நெல் மூட்டைகளை ரூ. 28 ஆயிரத்திற்கு விற்பனை செய்தனர். குழு உறுப்பினர்களின் செலவு போக ரூ. 18 ஆயிரம் லாபம் கிடைத்தது.

இந்த மகளிர் குழுவின் தொழிற் திறமைகளை கும்பகோணம் பல்நோக்கு சேவை மைய நிறுவன செயலாளர் மார்ட்டின் தே போரஸ், உதவி செயலாளர் அல்போரன்ஸ், இந்தியன் வங்கி மேலாளர் முத்துக்குப்பன், ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் அற்புதராஜ் பாராட்டினர்.

Thenral SHG - Erandamkattalai Harvesting their return from 3 acre leased land

1. "Frontispiece"

Dear Friends,

I feel pleasure to share through this Annual Report of 2007-2008, the developmental interventions as hall marks of our organization which has completed 35 years of Social Service Activities in the Diocese area of Kumbakonam.

The Society has rendered undoubtedly incredible services to the poor, marginalized, oppressed, women, children and Aged irrespective of caste, creed or community, in consonance with its laid down aims and objectives.

In tune with the changing scenario of ever dynamic social setting, for empowering the target population, the strategy of operation from individualized, philanthropic activities to Group building and community orientation programmes, economic and self sustaining schemes, Self Help Groups, Disability, enhancing Human Development, Sponsorship for Education of Children, technical training, sustainable Agriculture in Dry Land, and Credit for individual / Groups and Federation building to improve their assets and human solidarity are being experimented with successful achievements.

People Oriented Projects and programmes for more than 3 decades have resulted in formation of federations in which people manage by themselves. People's Bank at Union levels is an example for their assets. To Voice their grievances and problems to the Government or official Authority and find solution through peoples forums, participation in "Grama Sabha" is utilized appropriately by people.

People in **Groups are recognized, respected** and they improve their Quality of life through empowerment process. The KMSSS welfare and developmental activities are extended through 1160 women and men groups to benefit about 23,000 families. Micro Credit, housing, Milch Animals and Micro Insurance Programmes and emergency assistance enables the target population to the higher levels of integrated development. Towards educational attainment physical, mental, social and personality development for poor, oppressed Christian family children, the Child Care International assists 1431 children. Steadfast activities of the KMSSS in socio-economic and political arena of women empowerment have generated an effective network and federation.

With all our braveries of the past, the challenging situations of present day tragedy, horror, terrorism, oppressions, atrocities remind us to reflect and recommit ourselves and find strategies and means to overcome these social evils from the society and save humanity.

Our mission is more of **people centered**, realistic and transparent and consistent. We express our gratitude to all the kind hearted noble Partner Agencies for the generous support and collaboration.

I recall with a profound happiness and gratitude the unstinted cooperation and assistance by all **our stakeholders**. On behalf of all beneficiary community and myself I express sincere thanks to all who have helped in the **people building tasks**. Last but not the least, on behalf of the KMSSS and the people's representative, let me convey our noble respect and regard to the Diocesan Administrator Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. Peter Francis the President of KMSSS, and to Rev. Fr. G. Christuraj our Treasurer, and our energetic Asst. Secretary Rev. Fr. S. Alphonse. At this juncture with much joy and jubilation, we wholeheartedly welcome Most Rev. F. Antonisamy our New Bishop as well as our new President of the KMSSS.

Fr. A. Martin De Porres,
Secretary.

"Bloom where you are planted"



"Success is to flow like water through a road of rocks"

2. New Thrust Programme

Despite the initiative on extensive facilitation of Promotion of Sanghas and Self Help Groups by the 24 Diocesan Multipurpose Social Service Societies during the last 25 years, at the local level, the need of a broad state level approach was realized on Social, Cultural, Economic and Political stands was found to be missing.

Based on this the TASOSS, together with the Diocesan Social Service organizations has evolved a strategy with uniform policy, goal, plan, objectives and activities for the federation building project and it is being implemented.

Goal:

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

Objectives :

To enable the federations to improve their capacities in

- Deciding, planning and managing their programmes and functions.
- Acquiring legal and social identity in order that they gain recognition among the societies.
- Establishing linkages with other peoples' organizations, government departments and resource centres.
- Mobilizing and administering resources for the development of the community.
- Developing and implementing functional communication, monitoring and documenting systems.
- Identifying macro issues, adopting proper strategies and implementing the same to tackle the issues.

And since 1999 the project activities have been designed and implemented with focus on the concepts such as Resource Analysis, Political clarity, Field Analysis, Problem analysis, Administrative Skill Development, Social Analysis, networking, conceptualization, support mobilization, resource mobilization and documentation.

Fruitful lobbying with Government Agencies:

Relentless efforts of the federation enabled the people of Veerasingampettai village to secure a Community Hall worth Rs.3 lakhs have borne fruit.

Arrangements have been made to get the Primary Health Centre at Thirukattupalli of Budalur Union, thanks to the lobbying of Federation.

Roads have been laid at Maharajapuram, Karuppur, Sangarampettai and Semmangudi villages due to the initiatives of the members of the SHGs of Federation.

Three street lights and 5 Community water taps, and 2 Electric Post for Karuppur of Papanasam Union have been secured.

Special Activities:

Eye Camp was organized in association with Regional Development Agency of Valangaiman.

Union Level Training Programmes :

S. No	Union	No. of Programmes	Participants		Theme
			Women	Men	
01.	Kumbakonam	12	1150	60	Networking of Federation, Conceptualization/Support Mobilization. Resource Mobilization, Documentation, Occupational Problems
02.	Thiruvaidaimarudhur	12	1400	20	
03.	Thiruppanandal	10	650	90	
04.	Valangaiman	10	180	00	
05.	Papanasam	10	280	80	
06.	Ammapettai	08	210	00	
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	10	225	40	
08.	Budalur	10	20	10	
09.	Thirumanur	06	90	38	
10.	Ariyalur	06	75	00	
11.	Jeyankondam	05	65	00	
12.	T.Palur	10	440	60	
13.	Andimadam	12	360	50	

District Level Training Programmes :

District	No. of Programmes	Participants		Theme
		Women	Men	
Thanjavur	4	80	40	Conceptualization/ Resource Mobilization and Occupational Problems.
Ariyalur	4	80	60	

Resources Mobilized:

Repairs worth Rs.60,000/- have been undertaken to 6 houses of Thelur village belonging to Ariyalur Union. Members of 3 Groups have secured an amount of Rs.1,16,000/- as loan from Indian Overseas Bank Ariyalur towards Income Generation Activities of rearing Milch Animals, Goatery etc.

Twenty five persons have procured Milch Animals with a total amount of Rs.2,50,000/- secured from KMSSS.

Fifty nine members have secured loans through internal lending to the tune of Rs.5,57,000/- for a variety of purposes of creating and renovating assets like houses and livelihood Resources of Procurement of Milch Animals, Goatery, Agriculture Development.

In Thirumanur Union, 7 persons have secured houses from Development office on Group houses scheme worth Rs.2,80,000/-.

In Valangaiman Union, 7 SHGs have secured a total Rs.4,90,000/- as loan to find Income Generation activities of Milch Animal rearing and Agricultural Development.

A total number of 505 persons have received Rs.21,22,200/- as loan from People's Bank and internal lending in the region of Thiruvaiyaru for Income Generation Initiatives. A Phenyl making unit is being run by the Punalvasal based group "Deepam".

An amount of Rs.1,80,000/- has been received from IOB Thiruvaiyaru by the members of Thirupalanam village.

The members of Karuppur and Vadasarukkai village groups have secured Rs.1,00,000/- as bank loan for various development purposes.

Particulars of Women Groups functioning under Federations :

Sl. No.	Union	Groups at the end of last year		Groups formed this year		Total	
		No. of Groups	No. of Members	No. of Groups	No. of Members	Groups	Members
01.	Kumbakonam	308	5291	42	691	350	5982
02.	Thiruvidadaimaruthur	344	5902	41	673	385	6575
03.	Thiruppananthai	64	1043	3	43	67	1086
04.	Valangaiman	34	625	7	84	41	709
05.	Papanasam	11	164	1	15	12	179
06.	Ammappettai	9	124	-	-	9	124
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	23	347	-	-	23	347
08.	Buthalur	12	213	-	-	12	213
09.	Thirumanur	12	189	1	13	13	202
10.	Ariyalur	20	372	-	-	20	372
11.	Jayankondam	7	108	2	40	9	148
12.	T.Palur	9	124	1	28	10	152
13.	Andimadam	50	786	7	128	57	914
	Total	903	15288	105	1715	1008	17003

Agricultural Labourers Sanghas/Groups :

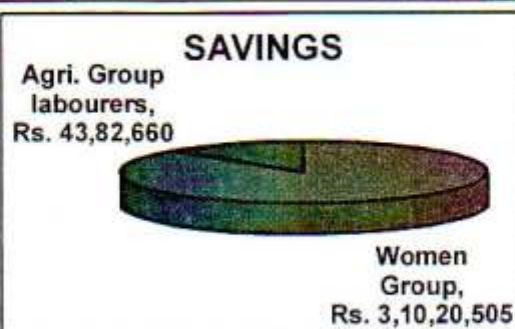
Sl. No.	Union	Groups at the end of 2006-2007		Groups formed during current year		Total	
		No. of Groups	No. of Members	No. of Groups	No. of Members	No. of Groups	No. of Members
01.	Kumbakonam	19	368	8	148	27	516
02.	Thiruvidadaimaruthur	29	552	7	127	36	679
03.	Thiruppananthai	7	130	-	-	7	130
04.	Valangaiman	1	20	-	-	1	20
05.	Papanasam	7	122	2	38	9	160
06.	Ammappettai	1	11	-	-	1	11
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	4	49	2	35	6	84
08.	Buthalur	3	43	-	-	3	43
09.	Thirumanur	8	135	2	31	10	166
10.	Ariyalur	5	87	2	28	7	115
11.	Jayankondam	5	71	4	54	9	125
12.	T.Palur	6	84	2	24	8	108
13.	Andimadam	26	407	3	55	29	462
	Total	121	2079	32	540	153	2619

Women Group Savings

S.No.	Union	Till last year	Recent Year	Total
01.	Kumbakonam	7498755	4959955	12458710
02.	Thiruvidadaimaruthur	9940530	2392800	12333330
03.	Thiruppananthai	494725	19600	514325
04.	Valangaiman	351800	287400	639200
05.	Papanasam	248500	103950	352450
06.	Ammapettai	75150	81940	157090
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	167625	167150	334775
08.	Buthalur	192320	117360	309680
09.	Thirumanur	542875	62360	605235
10.	Ariyalur	531150	152210	683360
11.	Jayankondam	176600	63600	240200
12.	T.Palur	262700	84800	347500
13.	Andimadam	1510050	534600	2044650
	Total	21992780	9027725	31020505

Savings of Agri Labour Groups:

S.No.	Union	Till 2006-2007	Current years (2007 - 2008)	Total
01.	Kumbakonam	339900	54950	394850
02.	Thiruvidadaimaruthur	619100	236800	855900
03.	Thiruppananthai	50750	20500	71250
04.	Valangaiman	20250	-	20250
05.	Papanasam	153450	69195	222645
06.	Ammapettai	1100	13200	14300
07.	Thiruvaiyaru	28150	28950	57100
08.	Buthalur	66450	25450	91900
09.	Thirumanur	336200	61085	397285
10.	Ariyalur	230800	60680	291480
11.	Jayankondam	126950	105600	232550
12.	T.Palur	154200	54600	208800
13.	Andimadam	1118750	405600	1524350
	Total	3246050	1136610	4382660



Sangamam (People's Bank)

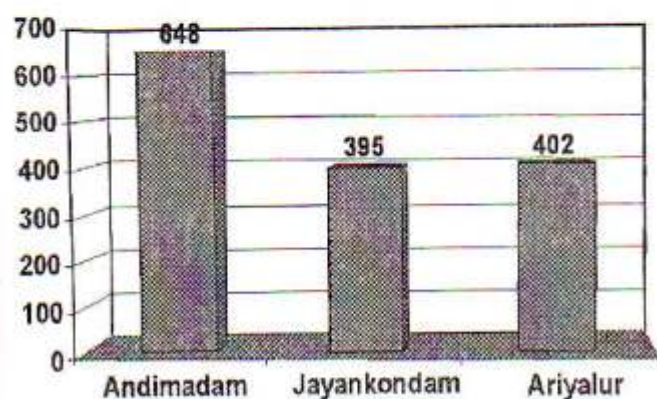
The "Sangamam" (Peoples Bank) is the evolution of the Self Help Micro Finance Concept. The main objective of People's Bank is to ensure the people, sustainable financial self sufficiency by facilitating them to create resources on their own, through fostering the habit of savings among the members of groups/sanghas.

This "Sangamam" is a unit of the grassroots Self Help Micro Finance system which has culminated as federation. These village level micro finance institutions function as credit and thrift societies. They help the members through financing the collective and individual Income Generation Initiatives of the groups. The KMSSS facilitates the process of functioning and growth with 50% matching amount as assistance.

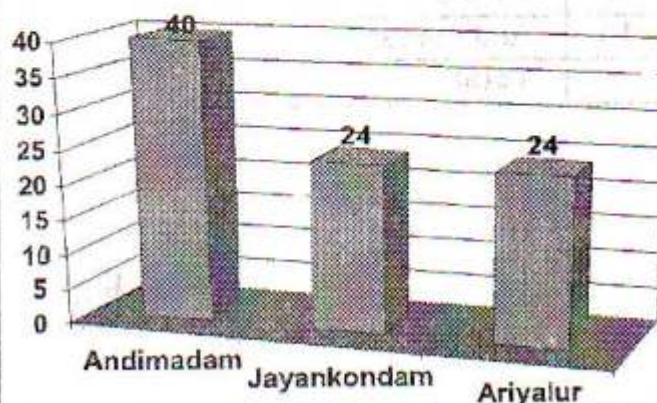
Sangamam Status:

S. No.	Name of Union	Groups till last year	Groups formed this year	Total No. of groups	Capital from Savings		
					People's Contribution	KMSSS Contribution	Total
01.	Kumbakonam	41	10	51	520000	165000	685000
02.	Thiruvidadaimaruthur	48	9	57	550000	337000	887000
03.	Thiruppananthai	19	2	21	185000	-	185000
04.	Papanasam	13	1	14	140000	100000	240000
05.	Thiruvaiyaru	17	6	23	180000	-	180000
06.	Budalur	09	1	10	120000	100000	220000
07.	Thirumanur	16	1	17	170000	-	170000
08.	Ariyalur	22	-	22	220000	50000	270000
09.	Andimadam	57	2	59	885000	-	885000
10.	T.Palur	13	4	17	170000	200000	370000
	Total	255	36	291	3140000	952000	4092000

MEMBERS



GROUPS



3. EMPOWERING FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Project area : Jayankondam, Ariyalur and Andimadam Blocks.

Project's Aim : Inculcation of 'savings habit' through formation of groups, facilitating effective functioning and decision making for growth and development of socially economically deprived and politically marginalized people in the area of operation.

Objectives :

- To form people's group and organize training and sensitize about nutrition, Health and organic farming.
- To promote economic and social development activities through savings..
- To federate groups at union level and form people bank.
- To promote self help process, self respect and self confidence.
- To facilitate people participation in planning, implementation and evaluation of project activities.

Introduction :

After recruitment and training of the staff, the area, target people's needs were studied through PRA. The initial activity of formulation of village level sangams and specific problems oriented training programmes were conducted as a measure to sensitize the people on common issues and to analyze possible alternative course of solutions.

Sangams and members in the project area :

S.No	Union / Block Name	Groups			Members		
		Women Group	Agriculture Labourers	Total groups	Women Group	Agriculture Labourers	Total groups
01.	Andimadam	19	21	40	303	345	648
02.	Jayankondam	14	10	24	225	170	395
03.	Ariyalur	19	5	24	323	79	402
	Total	52	36	88	851	594	1445

Activities carried out :

Training :

To streamline the field staff on expected activities and programmes they were taken to Kanchipuram on 27.10.2007 along with other development projects staff of KMSSS on observation visit. The "Makkal Mandram" members explained their method of operation in their area and how they tackle the issues. The Chief Co-ordinator organized a review meeting cum training on 07.10.2007 at Ariyalur in which the project staff took keen interest and participated. Social Analysis training was attended by the

Staff at Kumbakonam in which Mr. Victor Emmanuel as resource person gave ample exposure to the subject.

Exclusively for the people of the project area the following trainings were conducted.

S. No.	Subject / Topic	Place of Training	Date	No. of Participations	Resource persons
01.	PRA	Siruvalur Mannuzhi KK Nagar	17.04.07 18.05.07 10.06.07	20 18 19	Coordinator
02.	Peoples bank	Siruvalur Ameenabath	20.08.07 14.09.07	20 17	Coordinator
03.	Health & Sanitation	Ameenabath	23.01.08	44	Chief Co-ordinator
04.	PRA	Arulanandapuram Melaneduvi Patnamkurichi	16.07.07 12.09.07 05.05.07	33 20 29	Co-ordinator
05.	Peoples bank	Kuvathur Savurveli Annakavankuppam	06.06.07 05.08.07 14.10.07	17 14 13	Co-ordinator
06.	Organic Farming	Andimadam Patnamkurichi Kurumbur	23.02.08 07.03.08 13.01.08	84 47 22	Voice trust CCO CO
07.	HIV/AIDS	Arulanandapuram	07.11.07	44	CCO
08.	Health & Sanitation	Patnamkurichi V.R.Pettai	07.02.08 10.01.08	45 33	CO CCO
09.	PRA	Pilichikuzhi Eravankudy Meikavalputhur Jayankondam	15.02.08	162	CO & CCO
10.	People's Bank	Suriyamanal	20.09.07	30	CO
11.	HIV/AIDS	Pilichikuzhy	09.01.08	25	CCO

Activities:

a) Social Activities:

- In Thelur village sangam, 6 persons received Rs.10,000/- each and repaired their houses.
- Ariyalur and KK Nagar Sangam members submitted applications to the union Chairman and got contract of 1 KM road repairing and 150 meter cement road laying work, worth about Rs.2,15,000/-
- Meikavalputhur and Meensuriti sangams repaired 100 meter village road and conducted a seminar on healthful life.

- Through active participation of groups at Meikavalputhur, the main road breach was set right during the period of last year continuous rain.
- The bogus listing of houses damaged, during the last year heavy rain and partial attitude was brought to the notice of District authority by Pilichikuzhy village sangam and the village attendant was suspended.
- Demanding Bore well for Drinking water at Melaneduvai, 4 sangams jointly approached and got Bore Well.
- In Arulanadapuram village, 4 sangams gave application demanding Shed at the Bus Stop, public Distribution Shop (Ration), and mini Drinking water tank. They got Drinking water and other works are under process.
- Kuvathur village sangam represented their need of over head tank to the official. Tender is sanctioned for execution of this work.
- Ten members belong to Kandiyanakuppam and Sengamedu villages planted tree seedlings in their house premises.

b) Economic

- Five sangams received revolving fund loan of Rs.1,66,000/- towards economic development.
- Paying a share of Rs.15,000/- each, the sengamedu and Keelaneduvai village sangams joined in union level "People's Bank"
- Meikavalputhur sangam bought 15 chairs and one petromax light and they earn through renting of these materials.

c) Political Participation

- In Ariyalur Union, the village sangam members participated and aired their grievances to the knowledge of the officials.
- All those who won the local Body election as peoples representative serve for the people's basic need in their own villages.
- Keelaneduvai village sangam by representing their need in the Grama Sabha, got sanctioned village Public Distribution Shop.
- In general 40% of people of Sanghas regularly attend the Gram Sabha Meetings.

d) Cultural :

The Awareness activities organized in villages has contributed a reduction of luxury expenses in celebrating family and community functions.

d) Special activities:

- On January 15th, Melakaruppur and Melaneduva sangams celebrated Community Pongal.
- World women's Day was organized on March 15th, 2008 at Ariyalur in which Rally and Public Meeting was held and more than 500 women and Agri labourers representing the groups participated.

h) Networking Activities.

- Jointly with Jananayaka Madhar Sangam of Ariyalur and union level Sangam raised voice and filed FIR demanding justice against the injustice and violence caused to the young girl.
- Demanding basic need services to the target people, a rally was organized by Jananayaka Madhar Sangam and union level sangam at Ariyalur.
- Joseph Eye Hospital of Ariyalur with the support of sangams organized **Eye Camp** at Jayankondam and Andimadam on separate days in which more than 300 persons were examined and referred for spectacles.

Assets Creation

S.No	Nature of Asset	No. Of Persons	Place
01.	Milch Animal	5	Ariyalur
02.	Self Employment	2	"
03.	Milch Animal & Goat	5	Melakaruppoor
04.	Petty shop	1	"
05.	Tree seedlings planted	25	KK Nagar
06.	House repaired	6	Thelur, each cost Rs.7,500/-
07.	Agricultural Development	8	Thelur
08.	Ground nut cultivation	8	Keezhavilangudy
09.	Milch Animal	3	Vadugarpalayam
10.	Nursery plants sale	1 Acre area	"
11.	Land lease 2 Acres	3	Arulanandapuram
12.	Tree seedlings planted	108	Melaneduva, Sivalingapuram, Arulanandapuram, Savurveli
13.	Bought Milch Animal	4	Kuruvalapparkovil
14.	Renting Materials	1 sangam	Meikavalputhur
15.	Ground nut cultivated	2	Suriyamanal
16.	Goat and chicks rearing	3	Pilichikuzhi

4. COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION

The intervention on Community Based Rehabilitation is being carried out since 2003 in the villages falling under the Jurisdiction *Thiruvidaimarudhur Block*. And KMSSS takes pride of being a pioneering organization in the entire erstwhile composite district of Thanjavur and in facilitating the Differently Abled Persons and other PWDs towards mobilizing them into CBOs on rights based activism and economic empowerment.

Target Area: Villages under 30 Panchayats of Thiruvidaimarudhur union.

Project Objectives:

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

Milestones crossed so far:

First Phase: The Project had the following 3 phases from January 2002 to June 2002
Collection of data on Persons with Disability was the major activity focus.

Second Phase : From January 2003 to December 2004

Awareness and Sensitization and training on the rights of PWDs, Skill development and rehabilitation measures through facilitation to organize them in to CBOs

Third Phase: From April 2005 to March 2007 strengthening of groups, Federation building, Legal awareness and Entrepreneurship development

Fourth Phase : Project period April 2007 to March 2009.

No of Groups Formed So far:



Savings Particulars :

<u>Closing Balance 2007</u>	<u>Savings during 2008</u>	<u>Total</u>
Rs.113454.00	Rs.55655.00	Rs.169139.00

Training Imparted:

Trainings have been organized on the following topics. Bank Account Procedures, Federation Building, causes for disabilities, Leadership Qualities to Representatives and office bearers. This apart, various training sessions on Annual action plan were conducted.

No. of Training Sessions

11

No. of Participants

311

Field Exposure :

The staff members and the office bearers of groups of the Differently Abled Persons paid exposure visit to the organization IRCDS based at Thiruvallur. Its working area villages were visited. The staff and the members of the groups shared the field experiences.

Resource Mobilization:

Seven members received a total amount of Rs.70,000/- as loan for Income Generation activities of rearing Milch animals, Fuel wood depot and Petty shop, This apart internal lending to the tune of Rs.73,500/- have been received by the members for various purposes.

S.No	Project Activities	No. of Participants
01.	Sensitization of women Group members	398
02.	Health Care Training of Pregnant women	317
03.	Awareness generation for young Women Training in Fine Arts	15
04.	Cultural Troupe performances	18 (villages)
05.	Medical Camps	165 Beneficiaries
06.	Aids distributed	22 persons
07.	Various other Training imparted	98 persons
08.	Parents Camps conducted	262 persons

Special Activities:**Celebration of Disabled Day :**

The Disabled day was celebrated on 05.12.2007 at Kumbakonam, a rally was taken out from the new bus stand to the KMSSS campus where a meeting was held. The district rehabilitation officer Mr.Thangavel and the Diocesan Administrator Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Francis graced the function with their special addresses. The members of the federation members made all arrangements for the function with the funds collected on their own.

“Samathuva Pongal” was organized on 10.01.2008 in villages, the harvest festival of **Pongal** was celebrated as a feast of communal harmony and equality. The function marking the same was held at Semmangudi village. The groups of Nagambodi, Semmangudi, and Vanduvanjeri together with the federation jointly organized the function and the Asst. Secretary Fr. S. Alphonse graced the function and appreciated the field staff.

Inauguration of Grocery shop:

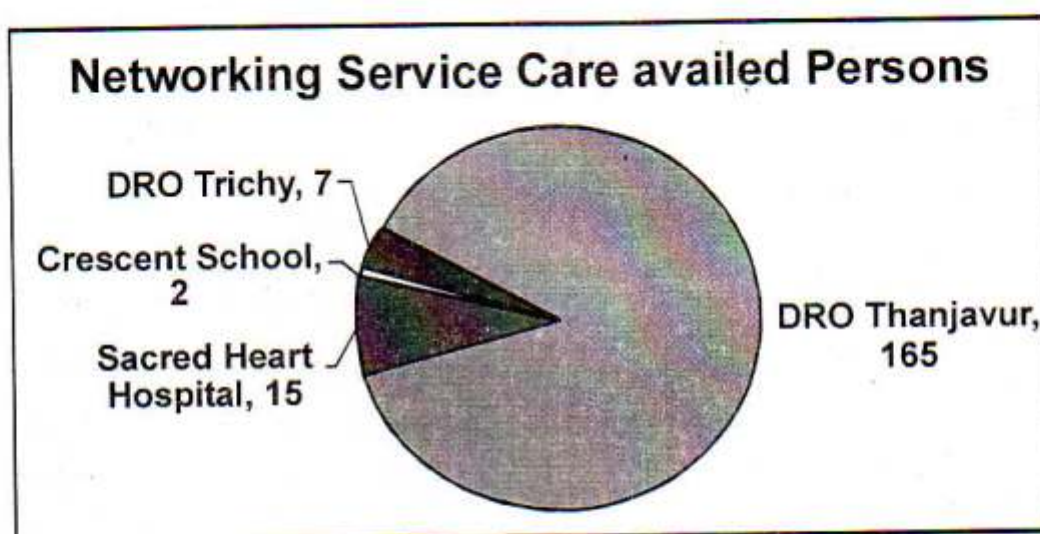
A function marking the inauguration of the Grocery shop owned by the federation of Thiruvidadaimarudur was held on 21.02.2008 and an amount of Rs.60,000/- has been made from this income generation initiative.

Day Care Centre Anniversary:- Thirucheraai

The First Anniversary of the Day Care Centre together with the Republic Day was celebrated on 26.01.2008 similarly the Manager of Chalice Project of CANADA paid a visit to the centre on 10.02.2008 and he promised to adopt the children belonging to the center through the Sponsorship.

Network Activities:

Participation of our delegates in the meeting of State level Federation and ADD India added both knowledge on practical problems and realities.

**Issue Based Activities:****Lobbying and Advocacy:**

The discriminative act of the crew of government owned public transport buses, not stopping the buses at the recognized bus stop despite the requests of person with orthopedic disability, was taken up by the federation with the concerned authorities. And they have succeeded in establishing their rights.

Appointment of physician:

The federation has lobbied with the district authorities to ensure appointment of a physician at Kumbakonam for the purpose of issuing identity cards for the PWD, this has eased the trouble of having to travel all the way to the district headquarters for the persons with disabilities. This is the long pending demand of the community of PWDs belonging to the project villages.

5. Cow Project

Funding Partner : Missioners Seculares De Jesus Cletcetxe

Reporting Period : 01.04.2007 to 31st March 2008

Introduction :

For Empowering the Dalit (SC / ST) Christians through improving their standard of living, they have been assisted with loans for procuring with Milch Animals, Goats and Fowls. This project was introduced and functioning well for the past 4 years with the generous Assistance of the Missioneres, Mr.Eduardo Traver Nicolau Y Nieves of Spain.

Objectives:

To assist the poor Dalit Community clients by giving a preference to widow, deserted and below the poverty status families.

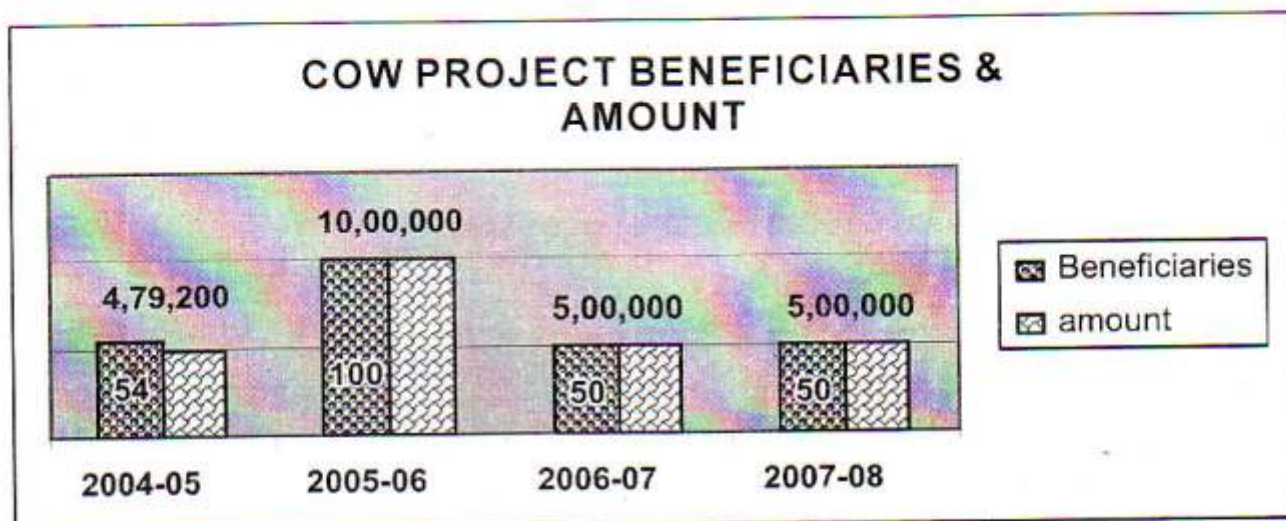
Target People are:

- a) Dalit Community with poor social Status.
- b) Widows.
- c) Separated / Deserted / Divorced.
- d) Economically very backward family.

Operational Process:

Selection of deserving beneficiaries is made at the Diocese level by a committee of SC / ST Commission representatives, local parish priest and the KMSSS field staff. All the 6 vicariates of the Diocese area villages which are under the service area of KMSSS were covered before finalizing the list of beneficiaries to make them avail the assistance. Regularly repaying clients are eligible for 40% subsidy. This method of operation facilitates to extend the Assistance of cow project to new clients on a continuum.

During the current period of reporting, 50 persons were given the Milch Animals assistance and through which the beneficiaries' family members as well as the individuals are benefited. Children and senior people of the beneficiaries' family have the benefit of taking milk every day after supply to the Depot which enhances their health condition and development in addition to their income. The details of the beneficiaries are furnished below.



6. INSURANCE CARE FOR THE POOR **(JANASHREE BIMA YOJANA)**

Insurance :

As part of our continuing and varied interventions to mitigate the risks being faced by the families of the people belonging to Below Poverty Line, they are facilitated to join the schemes designed to cover the risks of loss of life and compensation for expenses on education of children. Under the "JANASHREE BIMA YOJANA" group insurance policy a good number of beneficiaries have been benefited as the annual premium is fixed at low amount of Rs.100/-.

Benefits and death claims :

In addition, if 100 persons join as policy holders, for 15 children's educational assistance of Rs. 1200/- each is provided.

For natural death a sum of Rs. 30,000/- is paid to the legal heir of the deceased. For accident death Rs. 75,000/- is paid and for any part of body loss Rs. 50,000/- is given. For partial damage and loss of movement Rs. 25,000/- provided by the L.I.C.

Claims settled by L.I.C. :

S.No.	Claimer	Village	Amount
1.	Arockiyamary	Mettukuppam	Rs. 30,000/- for Natural death
2.	Arulmary	Keelavarappankurichy	Rs. 30,000/- "
3.	Papathi	Mallapuram	Rs. 30,000/- "
4.	Chinnappan	Lalgudi	Rs. 30,000/- "
5.	Anthonisamy	Valangaiman	Rs. 75,000/- Accident benefit

7. Sustainable Agriculture among Dry Land Farmers

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

Operational Area : 30 village Panchayats in Andimadam Block.

Project Period : 3 years from November 2006.

Aims:

Project aims to enhance stable and adequate production levels through natural resources and sustainable means, monitoring and managerial skills, to learn techniques of water irrigation, recycling of farm nutrients and flow of organic matter to find more productivity and profit.

Objectives :

- To enable 600 farmers, to achieve profit in dry land farming through sustainable agricultural practices.
- To facilitate trainings and follow up on sustainable agriculture through Model Farm of the KMSSS.
- To enable thousands of other small farmers to adopt the sustainable agriculture and environmental enhancement.
- To formulate village level farmers club and train in appropriate techniques of cultivation.

Introduction :

The project area is one of the Most Backward regions in Tamil Nadu. Factors of nature deprivation such as low average rainfall, hard soil of semi rocky condition apart from excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides have been seriously affecting they farmers. Added to these, unemployment condition worsened the situation. Small farmers were helpless except to dispose their tiny landholdings for their living and have been force to become landless labourers. Analyzing this problem and its severity the KMSSS initiated the project in Andimadam area.

Implementation of the Project :

In consultation with the local leaders, Parishioners and Vicariate Father, after a clear analysis of the problem, the plan of action for the project was drawn. For the purpose of easy and manageable reach, the target population located in 30 Panchayat areas were divided into convenient groups.

Established Group Details:

S.No.	Centre/Division	Groups Name	Beneficiary Members
1.	Andimadam	Cauvery	108
2.	Kuvathur	Bees	134
3.	Varadarajanpet	Baniyan	106
4.	Thennur	Sun	82
5.	Senapallam	Paddy	112
6.	Keela Neduvai	Kurinji	58
	Total		600

Training conducted to the Groups:

On different dates training programmes were conducted on various topics related to the main theme of Sustainable Agriculture.

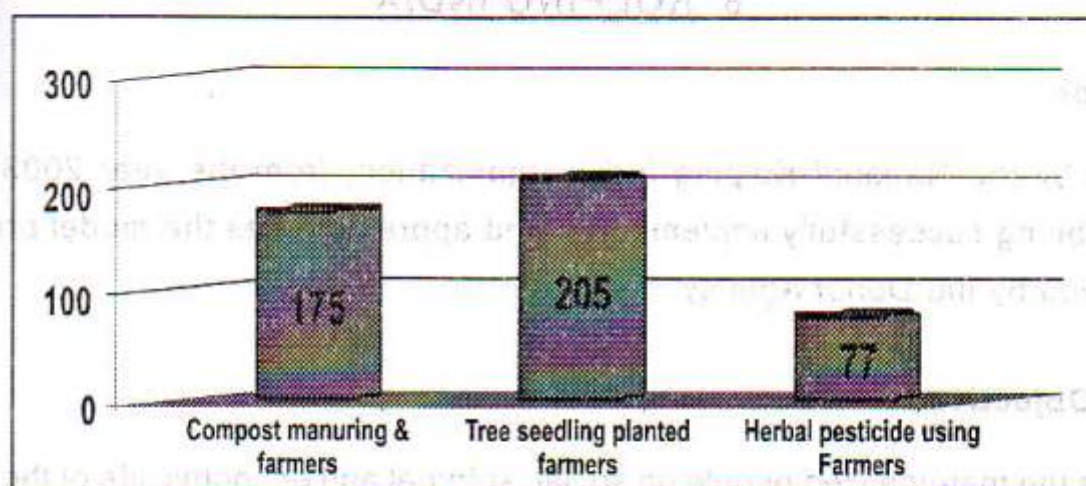
The details of Training and beneficiaries:

S.No.	Topics / Subjects	No. of Participants
1.	Composting, Soil fertility, Natural Pesticides.	414
2.	Animals rearing, Tree Planting, Natural Farming	240
3.	Water Management	90
4.	Fruit Plant cultivation, Green manure, its importance	38
5.	Rain water harvesting	29
6.	Dry land cultivation	35

Demonstrations:

No. of Villages	Participated groups	Participants
10	10	167

No doubt demonstration ensures lasting learning experience to the participants. To sensitize and make them understand the steps involved in the following improved agriculture practices, they were given on the spot explanation about the benefits involved in natural farming through group discussion and individual contacts and field visits.

Results of Trainings and Demonstrations:**Model Farm:**

For Sustainable agricultural demonstration as well as for training purposes, the KMSSS has established a Model Farm at Melaneduvai village. Fencing work, Shed for the Milch Animals, Leveling and Ploughing of 3 acres of land for cultivation have been completed.

Since the Bore Wells are erected in 3 places including Melaneduvai and farming activities are in progress using the organic farming methods.

Results :

Exclusively for easy and effective implementation of project activities, communication and monitoring purposes an office at Andimadam has been established on rental basis.

- A trend of positive attitudinal change towards organic farming practices is found emerging among the project area target people.
- Animal rearing practices are getting popularized in the area of operation realizing the value of dung.
- In consonance with our project aims and objectives, the Tamil Nadu Government Departments and Agriculture Colleges are also positively disposed towards organic farming practices as an alternative means for the present situation and they are very much sold to the idea and people find a favourable and supportive atmosphere towards organic farming.
- The Farmer groups are engaged jointly in building 'People's Bank' Scheme which will make people "Self Reliant" in many ways.

8. KOLPING INDIA

Introduction :

Sponsored by the National Kolping India organization, from the year 2003, Kolping scheme is being successfully implemented and appreciated as the model programme in Tamil Nadu by the Donor Agency.

Goal and Objectives :

To enshrine the marginalized people on social, spiritual and economic life of the Christian community and sustain the principles of brotherhood, equality, justice, love and freedom.

- To adore the true spirit of Christian way of life.
- To foster their economic standard and favourable attitude of equality.
- To form 65 groups in the Diocese area.
- To empower the groups through Skills Training on income generation.
- To inculcate the values of citizenship and social change.

Strategies of operation :

Formation of groups, meetings, Discussions, Exposure visits, sharing success experiences, advocacy, Rally, Public Meeting, interviews, Training, Demonstration and follow up.

Activities Brief :

Awareness, Motivation, Formation, Savings, Book keeping, repayment, leasing the land, education, prayers and mass, visiting the sick, Sangha meeting, problem solving, social issues, resources mobilization, Asset creation and Reporting.

Groups and their Savings :

S.No	Period/Year	No. of Groups		No. of Members		Savings	
		KMSSS	PSSS	KMSSS	PSSS	KMSSS	PSSS
01.	Till last year end	26	23	452	351	6,31,144/-	4,52,018/-
02.	Current Year	2	1	36	14	2,54,887/-	1,97,738/-
	Total	28	24	488	365	8,86,031/-	6,49,756/-

Trainings :

S.No	Place	Topic / Subject	Date	Participants	Trainer
01.	Kumbakonam	Govt. programmes & insurance	25.10.2007	84	Regional Officer, LIC
02.	Kumbakonam	Social Actions Vocational guidance	21.12.2007	275	Asst. Secretary, KMSSS
03.	Jayankondam	Federation leadership	18.11.2007	33	Asst. Secretary, KMSSS
04.	Kumbakonam	Federation, leadership	27.12.2007	36	Asst. Secretary, KMSSS & CCO.
05.	Lalgudi	Book keeping	15.10.2007	60	CCO, Perambalur
06.	Pullambadi	Book keeping	12.10.2007	50	CCO, Perambalur
07.	Perambalur	Book keeping	27,28.12.2007	20	CCO, Perambalur
08.	Lalgudi	Federation and Leadership	27,28.12.2007	33	Kolping Coordinator

INCOME GENERATION PROGRAMME DETAILS:**KMSSS area :**

S.No	Village Name	Amount of Assistance Rs.	Group Name	No. of Beneficiaries
01.	Ammanpettai	25000	Adaikala Annai	5
02.	Ayyampettai	25000	Annai	3
03.	Jayankondam	25000	St. Fathima Annai	5
04.	Keela Neduvai	25000	St. Annal	4
05.	Kumizhankuli	25000	St. Xavier	5
06.	Mathur - I	25000	St. Jayarakini Annai	3
07.	Mathur - II	25000	Annai Therasal	5
08.	Peramur	25000	Annai Therasal	5
09.	Pudhukuppam	25000	St. Lourdu Annai	10
10.	Agneespuram	14000	St. Chinnappar	14
11.	Keela Michaelpatti	25000	Vidi Velli	3
12.	Kabistharam	25000	St. Lourdu Annai	8
13.	Pattanamkurichy	25000	St. Lourdu Annai	6
14.	Puthagaram	20000	Annai Therasal	10
15.	Sembodai	23000	St. Xavier	8
16.	Suthamalli	6000	St. Salêth Annai	6
17.	Thiruppanthuruthi	22000	St. Arputha Annai	14
18.	Punalvasal	25000	Annai Therasal	5
19.	Semmangudi	25000	Sirumalar	5
20.	Susaiapparpattinam	25000	St. Joseph	3

PSSS area :

S.No	Village Name	Amount of Assistance Rs.	Group Name	No. of Beneficiaries
01.	Aalambakkam	23000	St.Thomaiar	8
02.	Savulpalayam	25000	St.Puthuvai Antoniar	5
03.	Kottapalayam	23000	St.Maria Mathalenai	6
04.	Mazhavanur	24000	St.Puthuvai Antoniar	4
05.	Musiri	25000	Idhaya	5
06.	Palayam	25000	St.Valanar	5
07.	Pudhukottai	25000	St.Mangala Annai	5
08.	Vadakkalur	22000	Sirumalar	11
09.	Viragalur	20000	St.Ubahara Annai	5
10.	Peruvalanallur	15000	St.Xavier	3
11.	Rettimangudi	18000	St.Santhiyagappar	6
12.	Krishnapuram	23000	Arockia Annai	4
13.	Gapraelpuram	25000	Thiru Irudaya Andavar	5
14.	Kollakkudi	25000	St.Vanathu Chinnappar	5
15.	Kovandakurichy	25000	St.Santhiyagappar	5
16.	Mahizhampadi	25000	St.Xavier	5
17.	Nuthappur	20000	St.Adaikala Annai	4
18.	Periavarseeeli	25000	St.Adaikala Annai	5
19.	Thondamandurai	25000	St.Michael Athithuthar	5

The Kolping groups were given an assistance of loan to start different types of IGP activities. During the reporting period a total sum of Rs.4,43,000/- was distributed to 20 + 19 groups to find economic development.

Federation Building:

a. Jayankondam.

On 18.11.2007, Jayankondam vicariate Federation was established with Mr.S.Arputhasamy of Susaiapparpattinam as president, Mr.A. Joseph of Jayankondam as Vice President, Mrs.F. Jaciclara selvi of Agneshpuram as Secretary and Mrs.I.Roja of Keela Michaelpatti as Treasurer. In this meeting the general rules and regulations were explained in detail. It has been accepted that the membership fee of Rs.20/- from each will be collected per month and remitted to the Federation once in 3 months. All the members, unanimously decided to hold the Federation meeting once in 3 months period.

b. Kumbakonam :

Kumbakonam Vicariate Kolping Federation was formed on 27.12.2007. The general rules and regulations, membership fee, follow up meetings were decided by the Federation group and office bearers are given under :

S.No	Name	Village	Position
01.	Mrs. A.Ruby	Ayyampettai	President
02.	Mrs. A.Adaikalamary	Mathur – I	Vice President
03.	Mrs .I.Elizebethrani	Mathur – II	Secretary
04.	Mrs. R.Christinalmary	Ammanpettai	Treasurer

c. Lalgudi :

The structure and Function was formulated on 18.02.2007 for the Lalgudi Vicariate federation with

S.No	Name	Village	Position
01.	Mrs. A.Estharmary	Peruvalanallur	President
02.	Mrs. P.Arockiamary	Mahizhampady	Vice President
03.	Mrs. P.Viyakulamary	Mazhavanur	Secretary
04.	Mrs. Jayapriya	Musiri	Treasurer

Since all the above 3 federations were established and they regularly meet and discuss their needs and problems and make arrangement to solve them and approach officials.

Religious Development Activities.

- Among 20 Kolping groups of the KMSSS, 15 groups are regular in their weekly prayer meet.
- 2 groups of Mathur village jointly organized a pilgrim visit to Vadipatty and nearby religious places in Madurai District.
- Susaiapparpattinam, Kumilankuzhi and Keela Michaelpatty groups hosted Lenten period food and snacks to the poor in their villages.
- Mathur and Ayyampettai groups jointly assisted 4 poor families with new dress materials during Christmas festival.
- Sixteen groups participated in Novena days and special celebrations and extended help to the parish priests.

Economic Activities

- Milch Animal loan to 3 persons, were given each Rs.10,000/- at Susaiapparpattinam.
- Micro Credit provided to 3 persons in Jayankondam.
- Bank loan of Rs.50,000/- was received by Mathur Annai Therasa group.
- Bank loan of Rs.1,80,000/- was received by Annai Theresa group of Peramur.
- Membership in groups considerably increased in Kabisthalam and Peramur villages.
- Medical Assistance of Rs.500/- was given to one person by the Kumilankuzhi group.
- Annual Auditing was done for 14 groups.
- In Kumilankuzhi Village Annual day Celebration was organized by the Kolping group and members were given mementos in the common function.

For the Kolping groups, the requirements criterion of merging Kolping group as SHG in their functioning and the objective of women Development was explained. Afterwards, 4 groups of Kolping scheme obtained Bank loan as specified below.

S.No	Village	Amount Rs.	No. of members
01.	Ammapettai	3,00,000/-	20
02.	Ayyampettai	50,000/-	15
03.	Peramur	1,80,000/-	18
04.	Mathur	50,000/-	20



9. FACILITATION TOWARDS EMPOWERING WOMEN

As it is well known the "Mahalir Thittam" project is the most vital programme launched by the state government, way back in the early 1990s, aimed at empowering the women. And KMSSS having been a pioneer in introducing the concept of "sangha" and savings in villages, automatically stepped in to implementing the same. "Mahalir Thittam" project is being implemented in Kumbakonam and Thiruidaimarudur Blocks since 1999 with active co-operation of the Tamil Nadu Social Welfare department from the year 2006 in Thiruppanandal block.

Goal :

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.

Objectives :

1. The objectives delineate the development of Groups Awareness, Savings, Micro-Credit (inter-lending), women leadership building and 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.

Groups Established:

Block	Kumbakonam		Thiruidaimarudur		Thiruppanandal	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
upto last year	19	308	29	344	7	64
Current year	8	42	7	41	0	0
Total	27	350	36	385	7	64

Members:

Block	Kumbakonam		Thiruidaimarudur		Thiruppanandal	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
upto last Year	368	5291	552	5902	130	1043
Current Year	148	691	127	673	-	-
Total	516	5982	679	6575	130	1043

Social Activities:

Reflecting the awareness on health and environment sanitation, the women and children of Enanallur, cleaned the campus of health centre and monited to maintain the same.

The SHG members participated in the Grama Sabha meetings and ensured repairing of 8 houses in their village.

The members of Murukankudi group have been involved in sensitization on 'Anemia':

At Thiruppanandal 6 cluster houses have been secured for the deserving families, thanks to the efforts of the members of SHGs.

Economic Activities :

The SHG members, with the loans received from the peoples bank, have been engaged in income generation activities such as Floriculture on the lands taken on lease, running grocery, and petty shops, door to door cloths selling etc.,

Rs.18 lakhs loan was given by Bank of Baroda, on 25.07.2008 to 13 groups of 6 villages. This apart some of the group members are involved in sewing, kajan plating, running public call offices (STD booths), beauty parlours, eateries, hiring of vessels and coir making etc.

Political activity :

In a by election conducted in the Mallapuram panchayat, a member of our group has been elected as the ward member in the local Panchayat with active participation of SHG members of the area.

Socio-cultural activities :

As part of displaying Communal harmony, Community Pongal Feasts were organized, transcending caste and religious differences at the villages of Puthagaram, Thiruvaidaimarudur, Thiruppanandal, Aduthurai and Sooriyanarkoil.

Special Activities :

- 1) At Korkaipuducherry, on 9th May 2007, the grocery shop owned by the SHG "Esai Thenral" was inaugurated in which all the members and village people participated.
- 2) Awareness generation programme on women's health was organized on 01.07.2007 at Kumbakonam in which Mr. G.T.Rajan the Personnel Manager of KMSSS and Mr. Prabakaran of 'DIET' Aduthurai addressed the women gathering and clarified many personal questions raised by the participants.
- 3) Health awareness seminar was conducted to women at Sathankudi on the 25th of August 2007, involving the local Health Department staff.
- 4) On 20.09.2007, Legal awareness camp was organized at Ammankoil Street, Kumbakonam in which the local advocate Thiru. S. Manickavelu clarified many issues of life realities.
- 5) Kumbakonam town on 27th September, a function was organized to distribute various welfare scheme benefits extended by the Government, On this occasion the Cooperative and Statistics Minister Mr. Ko.Si. Mani gave financial assistance to the SHGs.

- 6) To encourage the girl students performance in 10th, +2 Public Examinations, the rank holders were awarded prizes by the KMSSS Manager on 20.06.07.
- 7) Regional level Loan Mela was organized jointly by KMSSS & IOB in which the Mr. Veerappan Regional level General Manager distributed a sum of Rs.16,28,000/- to 18 SHGs. The programme was coordinated by IOB Manager Mr. Panneerselvam at IOB Main Branch, Kumbakonam.
- 8) World Women's Day was organized at KMSSS, on 13.03.08, more than 1500 women participated. As part of World Women's Day an Exhibition was conducted at Thanjavur as District Level programme on 23.03.2008 in which District Officials and many dignitaries addressed and participated. The District Collector Mr. Vijayaraj kumar I.A.S. presided over function. The Central Minister of States (Finance), Mr.S.S. Pazhanimanickam, Tamil Nadu Cooperative and Statistics Minister Mr. Ko.Si. Mani, and MLA Mr. S.N. Ubhayadullah graced the occasion with their participation. Tamil Nadu Tourism and cultural Department Officials and Foreign Guests from Germany, Australia and Canada visited the exhibition stalls and appreciated the efforts of women groups.

"Free Eye Camp" :

As part of networking organizations service, an eye camp was organized in close cooperation and joint endeavour of the City Lions Club Kumbakonam, KMSSS, Kali Rolling Shutter and "Earth" (NGO) Thippirajapuram on 30-08-2007 at the KMSSS premises. Trichy Joseph Eye Hospital rendered all medical support including intraocular lens fixing to the affected persons.

Resource Mobilization :

Union	No.of Groups	Nature of assistance	Beneficiaries of Milch Animals	Amount in Rs.
Kumbakonam	75	Milch Animals	169	68,90,000.00
Thiruvidaimarudur	134	"	212	1,66,91,000.00
Thirupanandal	12	"	19	7,42,000.00

Trainings Imparted including Vocational Skills

Block	A&R	SHG	EDP	CRP	Computer Application	Herbal drug processing	Beautician	Candle & incense stick	Tailoring
Kumbakonam	52	384	72	3	22	2	5	72	82
Thiruvidaimarudur	52	390	-	3	-	6	11	-	5
Thiruppanandal	6	42	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	110	816	72	7	22	8	16	72	87

Apart from the above, the members of SHGs also underwent training in value added products.

Other Vocational Skills :

S. No	Vocational Training	No. of Beneficiaries	Duration of Training	Date of Training
1	Food processing	19	10 days	15 to 25 th Feb. 2008
2	Diary products	33	2 days	10 th & 11 th Dec. 2007
3	Soft Toy making	40	5 days	13 th to 18 th Dec. 2007

Particulars of training :

Capacity Building programme for General skills development were held on various dates for the women groups representatives at KMSSS :

- Social Analysis – 13 group representatives.
- Leadership Qualities – 168 members of BLCC representatives.
- Problem Analysis – 1 meeting for Union Level Representatives.
- Resource Mobilization – 1 meeting.
- Federation Building – 1 meeting.

Monthly Training Sessions were conducted on Gender, Legal Awareness, and Panchayatraj mobilisation of unorganized labourers.

Joint Activities:

As part of activities of Network, actively involving the NGOs :- 'STAR', 'DURGA', 'SAKTHI', 'POWER' and 'HESAT' the Women's Day Celebration was organized on 13.03.2008 at KMSSS Campus. Similarly a good number of programme have been organized jointly in association with Banks, LIC, United Insurance and various government agencies and departments.

Field Exposure Visits:

As part of Field Exposure, the staff of Mahalir Thittam visited "Makkal Manram" an NGO, based at Kanchipuram which has been in the forefront in fighting for the rights and the issues of the people in its working areas. It was an useful exposure visit to the staff members to know the Human Rights based activism.

Problem Salvation:

Local people of Thandanthootam raised an issue regarding change of Union Elementary School, and it has created unrest among villagers. The KMSSS field staff with the support of Tahsildhar, B.D.O. and Police Department Officials settled the problem amicably involving village Nattamais and SHG members in the dialogue.

10. SPONSORSHIP

Mission :

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

Inculcating, 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 loving care of Christ 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".

KMSSS - Tamil Project has kept a few reliable objectives in the sponsor programme that is to promote equal opportunities to all children especially the most deserving and eradication of child illiteracy and child labor.

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

Visit to the Sponsored Families:

Field workers of the Tamil Project visited the families of the sponsored children every month and encouraged them to work hard to lead a better life in the society. Occasionally Programme director and coordinator visited the children and parents and interacted with them regarding their needs and to know their expectations in studies etc.,

Academic Status of the Children

This year result states that 70% of the sponsored children have passed their Government board exams with first class and 20% with distinction and other 10% have scored 2nd class, 3rd class and below.

Maximum Benefits

In the month of July, as part of fulfilling children's needs, they have been distributed school bag, geometry box, scale, pencil, sketch box, color pencil box, uniform, school fee, special fee, note books and mess fee. Mess fee is paid to the hostels every month through the field workers or through wardens. children were given rice, groceries, table, chair, hot case, table fan, tea buoy, cot, goat, bureau, electrical things, sewing machine, mixie, grinder, cooker, and inner garments and shoes to all the sponsored children.

Special Coaching

To improve the academic performance and General Knowledge, tuition teachers were appointed in all the sub sites to teach the sponsored children besides going to school. These teachers give special care to the children who are very poor in studies.

Medical Camp

To keep the children healthy and energetic, medical check up were conducted in which Blood, Urine and Motion tests, X-ray, ECG, Scan were done and remedial treatments to the children were given.

Visit of International Manager

In the month of February 2008 **Deacon Eugene Perabo**, the International Manager for Asia visited the Tamil Project with the **Regional Director Rev. Fr. Jaimy**. We were fortunate to celebrate the Birth Day of our Dear brother Deacon in Our Mother land India especially in our Tamil Project. He did taught the Logic Model Plan for 34 members in which the Director, staff, advisory committee members and the parents of the sponsored children took part.

Visit of our Regional Director

Every quarter, the Regional Director Rev. Fr. Jaimy visits the Tamil Project and gives us the direction for the better performance of the Tamil Project. He visited all the sub sites and talked to the sponsored children and their parents regarding the benefits they received and enquired about their growth.

Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory committee meeting were conducted three times during the last year to plan for the better growth of the sponsored children, physically and spiritually. In which committee discussed the most urgent needs of the children and their families.

Christmas Greetings to Sponsors

Sponsored children sent the Christmas Greeting cards to the Sponsors. In that they had beautifully pictured their thankfulness that they wanted to show towards their foster parents.

Literacy Training to Parents

We have just started the Adult education to make the sponsored children parents to realize their duty as a citizen of the country and parent of the child. Our first aim is that, that no parent should keep thump impression and all should be able to put their own signature. We are slowly progressing.

Parents' Seminar

To develop the personality and self confidence of the sponsored parents a Seminar was conducted in which the parents were advised to provide nutritious meals and better education besides the above mentioned topics. They were asked to watch the activities of the children very closely.

Summer Camp

Summer camp was conducted in an appreciable way. The children were taught English, Mathematics, Science, and Yoga and personality development. They were divided into three groups and asked to attend the camp for 15 days. Special coaching classes were arranged for the 10th and 12th Std children. This camp was conducted at Hello Boys Home & in Remi Computer Center at Kumbakonam. The children who were studying 8th standard were divided into two groups and were offered tuition in St. Joseph De Britto Hostel at Pullambadi the same subjects that were mentioned above. All the children took part very actively in the summer camp.

Educational Tour

As part of the summer camp each group was taken to educational excursion to different historical places of Tamil Nadu like Kanniyakumari, Rameshwara, Veilankanni, Poombugar, Madurai, Thiruvannamalai, Oriyur, Genggee and the Union Territory Pondichery. It helped the children to broaden their knowledge in the subjects of History and general knowledge.

School Admission

On the advice of the Advisory committee and sponsored parents, Sponsorship children admitted in better schools. The children are very happy and they do get chance to develop their extra curricular activities.

Special Gifts

Special and birthday gifts were given to the children and the children in return wrote thanks giving letters to their sponsors for what they received.

New Child Application

Every quarter we send the New Child Applications and the selected children are called to KMSSS, and given detailed information about the project by the Director and the Coordinator. They do write thanks giving letter to their sponsors for choosing them as their foster children. This year, Applications were sent for the tribal's and disabled children.

Child Status Package

Child Status Package details were sent in the months of April, May and June after collecting from the children and translating them from Tamil to English.

Sports Day

The sports day was conducted exhibit to their hidden talents. All the children took part in one or the other event. The winners of the competitions were awarded with prizes.

Competition

Summer Quiz competitions on Bible, General Knowledge and Thirukural were conducted and the winners of these competitions were taken to Mysore for three day tour. Thus, the Sponsorship project was started with 13 children about 10 years ago now it has grown and benefiting 1488 children.

11. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS

The KMSSS is extending a helping hand to the poor family students to continue their studies and to meet out their educational fees of +1, +2, College, Vocational skills programme and professional course studies. Students belong to low socio-economic strata residing in the Diocese area were given educational assistance.

The children from the scheduled caste, Scheduled Tribe and Backward Community are covered under this project.

The KMSSS and the Tamil Nadu Bishop's Council extends with generosity educational assistance for the above purpose. This support service, contributes for reduction in school drop out and promotes attainment of educational goal of students. The details of educational scholarship is furnished under :-

Vicariate-wise distribution of Educational Scholarship

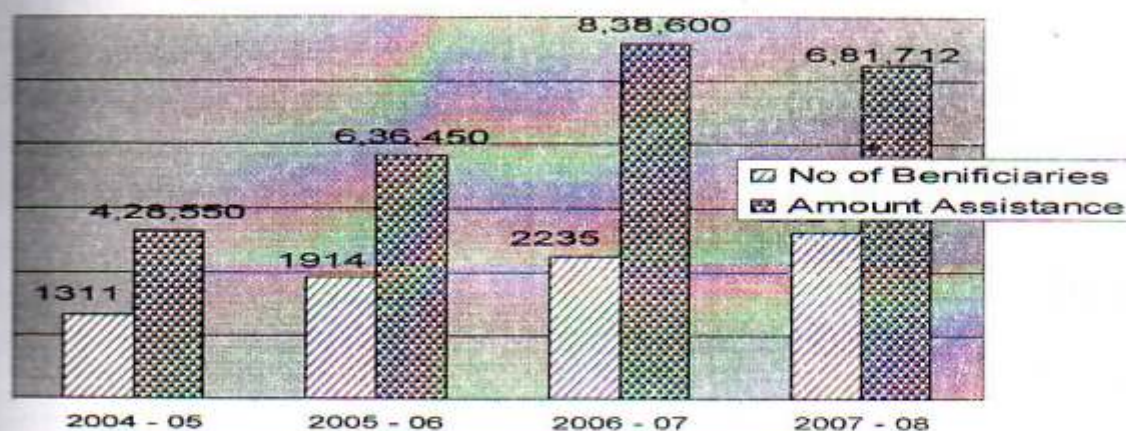
S.No.	Name of Vicariate	+1, +2 SC, ST Community		College or Technical course SC, ST, BC.	
		No. of Beneficiaries	Amount in Rs.	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount in
1	Kumbakonam	199	39,800	291	72,750
2	South Michaelpatti	180	36,000	290	72,500
3	Jayankondam	99	19,800	413	1,03,250
4	Pullambady	109	21,800	311	77,750
5	Lalgudy	121	24,200	260	65,000
6	Perambalur	30	6,000	53	13,250
	Total	738	147,600	1618	4,04,500

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Professional & Vocational, Technical Course SC, ST.		Professional & Vocational Technical Course (TNBC)	
No. of Beneficiaries	Amount in Rs.	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount in Rs.
30	7,500	14	19,000
63	15,700	12	15,000
40	10,000	5	6,000
24	6,000	9	11,000
48	12,000	8	11,500
9	2,250	3	4,000
214	53,450	51	66,500

Assistance in Brief for the last 4 years:

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE



12. "Remi" Computer Education

The computer have become part and parcel the day today life and play a vital role. KMSSS established a Computer Centre at the Campus of the Little Flower Higher Secondary School Kumbakonam in the year 2006, with a scope to facilitate technical competencies among school and out of School youth of the nearby villages. Suitable to emerging needs and current trends the computer programmes are designed. In addition to the youth, the local area institutions and Government Departments also depute their employees to orient them about computer utilization and basic skills. In this regard a proper networking relationship is established with Government and Non Government organizations by facilitating their man power in computer skills.

A nominal fee is collected with an intention to ensure continuity of participation and to maintain the infrastructure required for the centre.

Thus the Computer Unit is delivering basic computer knowledge and skills through trained and competent staff. In summer days, students throng for getting trained than in other seasons of the year.

Type of course and beneficiaries

S. No.	Course Name	Duration	No. of Students	Others	Total
01.	DCA	3 months	200	75	275
02.	Certificate	1 month	20	15	35
03.	DDTP	3 months	104	27	131
	Total		324	117	441

13. "HELLO" PEOPLE'S PROJECT

Introduction :

With the aim of ensuring job opportunities and to supply quality items of Groceries to the target people of below poverty line, especially the Self Help Groups and secondary group of KMSSS project beneficiaries and the staff, this programme was initiated by the Secretary and blessed by the Most. Rev. Bishop in the year 2006.

Objectives:

- To provide employment to SHG Members in the project.
- To serve the families with Grocery requirements at fair price cost.
- To find avenues of self earning and employment of SHGs.
- To avoid middleman exploitation through direct purchase of Groceries.

Method of Implementation:

The groceries required to the target population such as Grains, Dhals, Coriander (Dhaniya), Chilly, Sesame oil, and Pepper, spice, cereals, turmeric, custard, pulses and raw materials for incense sticks, powder preparation were purchased in the whole sale market or from the producer and dried up for long period for durability and processed before packing. To meet the readymade use of groceries, few items are made in powder form and proper mixing and packing are also done according to different measures.

The SHG members and their families are participating in preparation of incense sticks, incense powders, phenol and other household materials and cosmetic items. Sponsorship beneficiary children's family also benefited by these Hello Project materials. Disabled youth were given training in I.G.P activities to make them stand on their own income through engaging in "Hello" project.

Asafetida preparation, instant mixes of Sambar powder, Rasa powder and Masala powder are moving fastly and there is more demand from the consumers.

Networking:

During Women's Day celebration held at "Sarva Mangala Hall, Kumbakonam" the Hello Project products were displayed and sold. Grocery shops run by the Disabled Federation members are receiving Hello Project items for sale in their own villages outlet. Seven persons of SHG members who are residing in and around Kumbakonam are given employment under this project.

14. MSW Students Field Placement

I. Adaikala Matha College, Vallam:

As part of their curriculum, the II year MSW students of Adaikala Matha Institute of Social Work, Adaikala Matha College of Vallam, Thanjavur District were placed under KMSSS for field work experience. During the current year Mr. V. Kasi, II year MSW student began their internship at KMSSS on 4th December 2007 and he has visited the area for field work in every alternate days of the week (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday) starting from 4th December to 07.02.2008 to gain knowledge and experience in the field programmes.

His field work was so arranged with active involvement of the KMSSS Staff. The Personnel Manager of KMSSS, rendered theoretical orientation support and the field programme Coordinator (SHG) extended guidance in the field. Through this field work arrangement the MSW student gained practical experience on Community Development, Leadership, Extension activities, Educational approach, organization of people, program planning etc.

II. Bon Secours College for Women, Thanjavur.

Two girls named Miss. S. Josephine and Miss Ramu from Bon Secours College for women, Thanjavur were deputed by the Principal to KMSSS to undergo field experiences as part of academic pursuit during the period of February and March 2008. They were given the responsibility of Area study, Data collection, need assessment and Educational programme organization. Accordingly, Srineevasanallur and Thiruvidaimarudur area were selected and they conducted meetings, individual contacts, interviews and resource mobilization for their action programmes.

After completion of their assignment they prepared field reports for submission to the institution (College).



15. Participation of KMSSS Staff in SC/ST Commission Meeting and Tour Programme.

The KMSSS Director to boost the morale and enhance the committed work of the staff, organized this programme to visit Delhi and participate in SC/ST Commission Meeting on 29th November, 2007. The Director and the Staff participated in the Dharna which was organized as a Macro Level protest by the All India SC/ST Commission in Jandar Mandar Road, New Delhi. National political leaders addressed the gathering about the importance of providing the benefits to SC/ST and to claim the quota in education as well as employment opportunities. Regional and State Level Representatives and Bishops, Fathers, Sisters and Lay people took a leading role in organizing and the conduct of the programme with more enthusiasm and vitality.

The previous day and next day of this programme, the KMSSS staff team visited the famous historical places of the past civilization like Taj Mahal, Agra, Jandar Mandar, Qudub Minar, Lotus Temple, Laxminarayanan Temple, India Gate, Red Fort, Chandni Chauk, Raj Ghat, Gandhi Museum and Indira Gandhi Museum which was an inspiring experience which gave lot of insight to know about the past history and the growth and glory of the Nation.

All the staff members were left free to make purchase for their own from Karol Park and Chandhini Chauk marketing places. Thus the whole programme was of more enjoyable one, in which the Director Father and Asst. Director Father have made elaborate programme arrangements and physical facilities. On 3rd December, comparably the large team of staff reached back KMSSS smilingly without any hurdle. The whole programme was a rare and enchanting experience to the KMSSS Staff.



16. SPECIAL EVENTS

Loan Assistance for SHGs Income Generation

At Melachatram, Valayapettai Panchayat 4 groups (Vanavil, Pasamalar, SemBaruthi and Roja) obtained 12 Lakhs rupees from DRDA as Financial Assistance with provision of subsidy to engage themselves in income generation activities, mainly for preparation of pillow, mattress and readymade garments for children of below 14 years. The District Collector, State Minister Honourable K.Stalin and Local Officials and Presidents participated in the loan Mela and encouraged the groups participation. Separately for construction of a training hall Rs. 6 Lakhs has been sanctioned by the District Collector from the State Fund.

Survey to Identify Mentally Handicapped

In Thirubuvanam Village, a survey was conducted to identify the mentally retarded children with the initiative of the KMSSS. Sarva Siksha Abiyan Staff, local school teachers and Panchayat Presidents were also involved in the survey. It was a surprise to know that this village have more than 40 children affected by MR. Most probably, this may be due to the factor of close blood relative marriages that exist among the sowerashtra community who are engaged in silk weaving which is flourishing in this area. In the meeting held on 7th March 2008, following the survey, the local president and parents of affected children requested to take up programme to reduce their children problem. The KMSSS, under CBR project assured to ensure service programme for the affected children in due course.

World Women's Day Celebration at Ariyalur

Women's Day Programme was organized, at Ariyalur on 15th March 2008, in which women of Federation went on procession from New Bus Stand to Church campus. Rev. Fr. R.S. Antonysamy, parish priest of Ariyalur presided over the women's day meeting. Dignitaries Municipal Chairman Srimathi. S.Vijayalakshmi and District Revenue Officer Thiru. K.Pulamadan raised their voice in favour of women's rights. Professor Vasanthi, Arts College, Ariyalur, Thirumathi. Christy Subathra, Editor "Suttum Vizhi Sudar" and also News Branch - All India Radio, Trichy gave their special address to the large gathering of women. With vote of thanks the programme ended successfully.

Adoption of New Villages

KMSSS adopted very backward and poor, Scheduled Caste people residential villages of Sooriyanarkoil, Elumanthidal and Ariyapadaiveedu for the purpose of implementation of developmental and income generation activities. The KMSSS presented 30 children with new dress during the Deepavali Festival. Pongal Vizha was conducted in all the above villages purely with a collective response of local people and the Chief Co-ordinator and Staff of the KMSSS. Though the Government is extending number of welfare and developmental schemes, the above cited villages are deprived even the basic requirement of drinking water, house, electricity and approach road. The KMSSS Staff brought these to the notice of the "Mahalir Thittam" Officials and as a positive response the Sooriyanarkoil people have got cement road and others also expecting similar response.