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Annual Report 2009 - 2010

Secretary's Message

I feel happy and privileged to serve in this organization of social transformation which has lasted nearly 4 decades in multipurpose development services, empowering the marginalized, under privileged and oppressed people below poverty line.

Our organization with participation of periphery level stake holders, both women and men, design projects and programmes to reduce the gap that exists between the 'Haves' and 'Have-nots' and to create their capacity in different walks of life.

The 'Self Help group' programme has permeated the target population with numerical number of 10871 members and 699 village level groups, with their savings of ₹435.13 (in lakhs) and availed a bank loan to the tune of ₹2,74,20,000/- which has been revolved and utilized for resource enhancement and income generation activities.

People building tasks are given high priority through New Thrust Programme that covers the entire KMSSS operational area as the backbone in the annals of our organization. Empowering people on various issues and problems, preparing people to stand on their leg, with capacity building, motivation and sensitization processes to bring improvement among lower strata of population.

Facilitation of sustainable Agriculture in Dry land area has geared up to yield good result and farmers are empowered towards self help and sustainability and created mass awareness and skills essential for sustenance. We may go for another term towards continuation and achieving the goal in a larger area of operation.

Community Based Rehabilitation for disabled is most welcomed among the target area. It focuses on different disability problems and rehabilitation aspects with active participation of community.

Special programmes of Chalice, Kolping India, Sustainable Agriculture for Dalits, Educational Scholarship for Dalit students, Cow (Milch Animals) project, People's Bank, Remi computer Centre and adhoc programmes of Emergency relief are being implemented relentlessly.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our partners who were the key force for all interventions and developments to serve for the benefit of the most deserving sections of target population.

With a sense of contentment, we place on record our gratitude for the guidance and leadership support extended by the Most Rev. **F. Antonisamy,** D.D., STL., Bishop of our Diocese and President of KMSSS, Rev. Msgr. **C. Peter Francis,** Vicar General and Vice President, Rev. Fr. **G. Christuraj** our Treasurer, the Governing Body and General Body and Project Selection Committee members of KMSSS for their valuable ideas and support.

Realizing the developments and present situation in the social arena, it has been proposed to undertake 'Gender' mainstreaming.The Community Based Rehabilitation for the disabled has a wider consciousness and demand and hence it shall be taken up as the high priority and development programme.

As against the plethora of welfare and development programmes of the Government, the disparity between rich and poor sections of population needs to be studied and analysed and action programme has to be contemplated and considered for reducing inequality and for harmonious social atmosphere.

Our regards to the well wishers – Auditors, Legal Advisors and Rev.Fr. A. Martin De Porres, Vicar forane and Parish Priest who inspired our strategy of operation as my predecessor (KMSSS) and we welcome the newly joined Rev.Fr.A. Arul Prakasam, Joint Secretary and Rev.Fr.**G.Arockiaraj,** Co-director of Chalice. The untiring organizations administrative and field staff and the leaders and community of 15 Blocks/Unions, do deserve our sincere gratitude.

Fr. **S. Alphonse,** Secretary.

1. New Thrust Programme

Project Duration: October 2009 to September 2012.

Operational Area: Thirteen unions of Thanjavur, Ariyalur and Thiruvarur Districts.

Goal of the Project: As part of social transformation, to build and enhance the action of oppressed communities' organization.

Mission: The oppressed people should take personal responsibility to improve their capacity on formulation of policies and utilization of the Government schemes to their advantage and growth; Preservation of their community characteristics, security, opportunity, sustainability, future and integration and lobbying with Government and commercial organizations for social agreement.

Objectives:

- To capacitate and augment skills of the Diocesan Social Service Societies Directors and Staff.
- To formulate people's livelihood and right based groups (CBOs).
- To establish experts committee for right based and increase livelihood resource support organization.
- To develop documentation skills among CBOs.
- To establish networking with like minded organization.
- To strengthen right based and livelihood community based organization.
- To work with government officials towards finding solutions to problems.
- To extend coordination among peoples organizations.
- To enable the existing leaders of CBOs to emerge as state level trainers.
- To facilitate the capacities of CBOs as to foster right based common solutions.

Union level CBOs:

The existing CBOs of Thiruppanandhal, Thiruvaiyaru and Andimadam Unions were strengthened and during the period of reporting, the new CBOs were formed in Thiruvidaimarudur, Papanasam, T.Palur Unions and engaged in actions.

Village level Training for CBOs:

In 27 villages 1143 persons were given training on "New Thrust" Programmes.

Union level Trainings:

For five representatives of executive group members, 20 members of People's right and 20 sustainability group members were trained in their own settings on human rights and laws, consumers protection act, violence, human rights, basic needs, livelihood requirements, leadership characteristics and qualities, social analysis, health, gender equality and Panchayatraj Training was organized in all 13 unions.

Resource support organization meeting (RSO):

Resource support organization (RSO) is functioning in the KMSSS as the technical expert group to facilitate the New Thrust project activities and programmes, in which the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Field Staff representatives, TASOSS Chief Coordinator, Peoples representatives, Lawyers and other NGOs Secretaries are the members. During the reporting period three meetings were held on April 15, June 28, and November 10. In these sittings peoples right, livelihood issues were d.scussed and according to the suggestions training programmes were conducted. RSO group member, Lawyer Jayapaul gave special address on 14.11.2009 in Andimadam union meeting and on 20.11.2009 in Thiruppanandhal Union meeting.

Evaluation:

Under New Thrust Scheme of IVth Phase, first year progress of achievements were assessed on 02.08.2008 by Thirumathi Gayathri. It has been identified and appreciated that KMSSS stands in the first rank organization list and a sum of ₹1,00,000/- was awarded as a sign of encouragement.

Field observation programme:

A team of 28 persons of people federation leaders and field staff visited on 16.09.2009, 'Peoples Watch' organization, Madurai and learned from experts about Human Rights, Laws and Approaches to be made. On 11.09.2009, 26 persons visited "BLESS" organization of Cuddalore and observed and discussed about Resource Mobilization, development and the role of people and more about groups collective business development.

District Federation Meeting:

The District level federation meetings of Thanjavur and Ariyalur were held at Kumbakoanm and Jayankondam on January 19th and 23rd, 2010 respectively. In Thanjavur, from seven unions, 24 members and 19 members from 5 unions of Ariyalur participated.

Special meetings and Rallies:

- On 17.08.2009, in Kumbakonam 'Swine Flu' awareness rally was organized. More than 2000 persons from Kumbakonam zonal Peoples organization, Little Flower Higher Secondary School, St. Mary's Industrial School and St. Joseph's Girls Higher Secondary School students participated.

- On 14.09.2009 in Kumbakonam, an awareness rally on "Global Warming" was conducted in which people of Kumbakonam Zonal Federation Members, other NGOs representatives and KMSSS Staff about more than 2500 persons took interest and participated.

- A similar programme of awareness rally cum meeting on 25.09.2009 was organized in Thiruvaiyaru on the same theme of "Global Warming", about 800 persons participated.

- With active participation of people's federation, members of Andimadam, demanding essential "Basic Needs", went on a procession 29.09.2009 to create attention of the rulers and officials, in which more than 500 members participated and submitted a Memorandum to the Government Officials and it has a positive effect in favour of people.

Other Programmes:

S. No.	Subject/Topic	No. of Participants	Resource Person	Place & Date
1.	Human Rights Laws - Special Lecture	78 persons	Advocate Fr. Roch Alexander	Kumbakonam & 26.10.2009
2.	Human Rights day – seminar	80 persons	Advocate Mr.Jayapaul	Andimadam 15.03.2010
3.	Independence day celebration	50 groups (550 persons)	Tendered the application the celebrated	- -
4.	Samathuva Pongal	11 villages	Celebrated	
5.	Tree Seedlings planting	1756 planted	-	-

In the above meetings and programmes KMSSS staff participated with people's representatives.

Women's Day:

In the World Women's Day Celebration held at Pondicherry on 07.03.2010, totally 56 persons of 12 Panchayat unions participated.

S. No.	Unions	Date & Place	Topic / Subject	No.of Persons
1.	Kumbakonam Thiruvidaimarudur Thiruppanandhal Valangaiman	13.03.2010 Kumbakonam	• Women's Right, • Welfare Schemes, • Self Protection.	41
	"	14.03.2010 Kumbakonam	• Quiz, • Elocution, • Songs, • Competition & Prize distribution	98
	"	15.03.2010 Kumbakonam	• Blood donation, • Rally & Meeting	2500
2.	Thiruvaiyaru, Budhalur, Papanasam, Ammapettai	09.03.2010	• Quiz, • Elocution, • Songs, • Competition & Prize distribution	
3.	"	11.03.2010	• Rally & Meeting	871
4.	Jayankondam, Ariyalur, T.Palur, Thirumanur, Andimadam	21.03.2010	• Rally • 170 seedlings distributed	1000

Diocesan Perspective Plan:

The Diocesan perspective planing Meeting was held with the guidance of the Caritas India, Regional representative, Mr. John Arokiyaraj on 11th & 12th June, 2009 in KMSSS in which Fathers, Sisters, People's representative leaders, KMSSS Secretary, Asst. Secretary and staff participated. Issues and problems, objectives, services, Community Based Programmes, networks and sustainability were elaborately discussed.

Further, the strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats and the area specific issues and problems were identified and listed and prioritized as given beneath and five year perspective plan was drawn.

2. Kolping India

Project Operational Area:
Kumbakonam, Michaelpatti and Jayankondam Vicariates of Kumbakonam Diocese.

Aim: For strengthening the development of spiritual renaissance, economic sustenance through love, justice, equality and brotherhood among Christian community.

Objectives:

- To establish new groups and lead people in spiritual, economic self sufficiency.
- To encourage the true spirit of Christian way of life.
- To empower the groups through skills development and increase economic standard, community life and citizenship.

Group details with savings:

Groups	Groups Number	Members		Amount ₹
		Women	Men	
Till last year	28	423	65	8,78,782
During this year	2	30	--	2,61,950
Total	30	453	65	11,40,732

Training Programmes:

Topic/Subject	No. of Participants
Office bearers Training	90 (in 2 trainings)
Federation building	115 (in 2 trainings)
Data collection, statistics	100 (in 2 trainings)
Networking	40 (in 2 vicariates)
Functions of Federation	20 participants
Entrepreneurship	95 (in 3 trainings)
Sub groups, functions & roles	40 participants
Awareness on social issues	63 participants
PWR training	43 participants

- Groups belonging to the parishes of Susaiapparpattinam, Ayyampettai, Punalvalvasal, Ammanpettai, Pattinamkurichi, Jayankondam and Keela Michaelpatti are regularly conducting special Mass during Lenten season.
- Michaelpatti, Susaiapparpattinam group members jointly organized a religious pilgrimage to Uvari and Manapad and Kumilanguzhi group members went to holy places of Acharapakkam.
- ₹ 1000/- was donated to a sick person by Mathur village groups of Annai Theresal and Jayarakkini Annai.
- Ammanpettai group members donated a sum of ₹1000/- for their village school building fund.
- In Susaiapparpattinam the group celebrated grandly the Christmas and presented new dress and meals to 2 poor family members. During Lent special prayers and meals were provided to all people.
- An illegally married couple who separated themselves in the middle of their life were helped to compromise and now they are living together.

Economic Programmes through Bank Linkage:

- 15 persons of Ayyampettai group received a loan of ₹ 3,00,000/- and utilized for Kiln production, children education, tailoring shop and small business.
- For one member of the group, a sum of ₹10,000/- was provided by Kolping India on the recommendation of KMSSS, as a compensation for fire accident and loss of dry fish shop. She has recovered from loss and started sale of dry fish again.
- The Ammanpettai group with a loan of ₹2,00,000/- engaged in Kiln work, grocery shop and rearing Milch Animals and goats.
- Through IGP loan 8 persons are rearing Milch animals, 20 persons are constructing houses.
- The Kumilanguzhi village group obtained an amount of ₹ 60,000/- as loan.
- In Kumbakonam and Jayankondam area Kolping India federation groups are formed and functioning.

Details of Loan from Kolping India:

S.No	Details	Amount ₹
1.	Milch Animals loan to 8 persons 8x ₹8000/-	64,000.00
2.	Small Scale Industries training for 5 persons 5x ₹10,000/-	50,000.00
3.	Housing Scheme for 11 persons 11x ₹ 20,000/-	2,20,000.00

Revolving Fund to Groups:

To equip and empower the Kolping groups, twelve groups were given a total sum of ₹3,00,000/- at the rate of ₹25,000/- for each person. They have invested in lands or assets and their social dignity and economic status have been improved.

As special assistance a sum of ₹13,000/- was provided by National Office of Kolping to meet out disaster mitigation measure.

3. Community Based Rehabilitation for Disabled

(Vth Phase)

Project Duration:
April 2009 to March 2011

Project Location:
30 Panchayats in Thiruvidaimarudur Block.

Goal: Towards fostering and sustaining equality, dignity and rights for the disabled.

Objectives:

- To build awareness on disability.
- To develop leadership skills.
- To train parents of the disabled on rehabilitation.
- To empower the groups of disabled persons.
- To establish advocacy, lobbying and network.

Groups under this Project:

Total Groups		Members Last Year		Members this Year		Savings in ₹	
last Year	Current Year	Male	Female	Male	Female	Last Year	This Year
65	1	371	271	7	6	2,47,850	1,42,644
Total	66	642		13		3,90,094	

Activities carried out:

- 9 Children were enrolled under Sponsorship scheme of KMSSS and benefiting.
- Under Nirmaya Insurance Scheme 150 children with Cerebral Palsy were enrolled and registered.
- On 22nd June, 2009 Federation office bearers were elected.
- In the medical camp conducted on September 25, 2009, 50 persons received I.D. cards, 156 disabled received Social Welfare Board cards and 34 persons received tricycles.
- In the Medical camp on 10.12.2009, at Thiruvidaimarudur 109 persons received ID, 64 persons received welfare card. In this camp District Rehabilitation Officer and Block development Officer gave their valuable services.
- On November 7, 2009 the District Rehabilitation Officer participated in welfare camp and 88 persons were given welfare card.
- Representing KMSSS, 156 persons participated in a rally held on 23.11.2009 at Railway Station, Thanjavur and submitted application to the District Collector, demanding a 20 point programme for disabled persons.
- Exclusively a camp for surgical intervention was conducted on 05.01.2010, in which 116 persons turned up for check up and 6 persons were provided with the service of surgery.

Special Functions and Events:

- Independence Day and Republic day functions were conducted in the "Day Care Centre" of the project, in which disabled persons, community leaders, KMSSS Secretaries and Lions Club President participated.

- The world disability day was organized on 07.12.2009, with Rally, competition and special meeting were conducted. Kumbakonam Diocesan Bishop, Vicar General, DRO, District Panchayat Council Member Thiru. K. Anbalagan, Medical Officer Dr. Chandrasekar, Thasildar, Advocate and Easwar School Founder Mr. Jayapaul took part and graced the special occasion.
- Community Pongal was organized in Govindapuram on 13.01.2010.

Supply of Aids and Appliances:

As part of rehabilitation, Aids and Appliances were supplied to disabled persons.

- Tricycle to 20 persons
- Hearing Aid to 13 persons
- Calipers to 2 persons
- Wheel chairs to 5 persons
- Crutches to 4 persons
- Artificial limbs to 2 persons
- Line House to 2 persons

For 42 cerebral disability persons monthly assistance were provided.

Training Programmes:

S. No	Date	Topics	No. of persons participated	Resource Person
1.	18.04.2009	Resource Analysis	74	Chief Co-ordinator
2.	12.06.2009	Democratic Election	184	ADD India
3.	19.07.2009	Parental Awareness	22	Chief Co-ordinator
4.	18.09.2009	HIV/AIDS	94	Chief Co-ordinator
5.	18.10.2009	Cultural Training	15	Co-ordinator

Union Level (Block Level) Trainings : programme contents on Managerial skills, Documentation, laws and Rights, Self Help process, Economic Development, Disability prevention were given priority.

Networking relation: Federation people from Pondicherry Social Service Society visited our area on 20.04.2009 and discussed with clients and appreciated the approaches and achievements of the programmes.

Federation team of the KMSSS gave a cultural programme to the Disabled School Children and old age Home inmates in Velankanni on 21st & 22nd August, 2009. "CBR Forum" Coordinator Mr. Dominic visited our project during November 3 & 4, 2009 and encouraged the staff and disabled persons.

Revolving Fund & Resource Mobilization:

Six (6) Disabled groups and 4 individual members received ₹ 4,25,000/- as revolving fund from Government Assistance. 12 Disabled Groups benefited from People's Bank to a tune of ₹ 2,75,000/-. Utilizing these resources the disabled are engaged in various income generation activities or field of work

Weaving	... 26 persons
Tailoring	... 06 "
Agri. farm work	... 14 "
Petty shop	... 03 "
STD Booth	... 02 "
Milch Animal	... 08 "
Coconut leaves plaiting	... 07 "
Sand Art	... 01 person
Construction of house	... 01 "
Higher Education	... 06 persons
Decorative ornaments renting	... 02 groups

4. Facilitating Sustainable Agriculture Among Dry Land Farmers in Andimadam

Project Period: December 2006 to March 2010.

Project Area: 30 Village Panchayats of Andimadam Union.

Aim: Facilitate in organic farming and to increase adequate production through use of sustainable means of nutrients and natural farm practices, monitoring skills, irrigation and crop recycling.

Objectives:

- To organize and involve 600 dry land farmers in organic farming practices.
- To develop model farm and train the farmers.
- To establish village level farmers club and encourage them towards organic farming.
- To adopt sustainable dry land cultivation and improve profit.

New Groups formed:

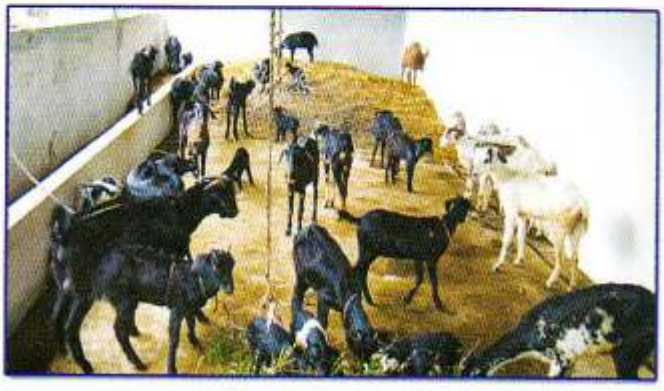
S. No.	Group Name	No. of Village	New Groups	Members
1.	Bees	6	7	29
2.	Cauvery	2	2	12
3.	Banian Tree	10	11	49
4.	Sun	3	3	14
5.	Paddy	3	3	19
6.	Kurinji	4	4	19
	Total	28	30	142

Changes due to Trainings:

S. No.	Group Name	Changes						
		Use compost	Herbal Pesticide	Plant Nutrients	Grow Trees	Garden Development	Animal rearing	Land taken on lease
1.	Bees	47	22	12	0	15	40	9
2.	Cauveri	52	26	20	47	12	41	7
3.	Banian	55	35	22	67	40	25	16
4.	Sun	34	20	18	49	20	17	8
5.	Paddy	39	26	22	45	22	35	12
6.	Kurinji	40	24	21	44	26	20	7
	Total	267	153	115	312	135	178	59

Trainings conducted:

The Trainings conducted to the people of different villages. The topics which were discussed in the trainings were on fertility of soil, natural manure, water management, Gardening, Panchakaviya, Pesticides, Rain water harvesting, Organic farming, Kitchen-gardening, inter crop. Nutrients. 402 persons were benefited from above trainings.



Agriculture loan distribution:

A sum of ₹8,20,000 has been distributed to 164 Farmers @ ₹5000/- per head, on 15.07.2009. ₹5,00,000/- has been distributed to 100 farmers on 28.10.2009. Through the above loan, 32 farmers have taken land on lease for cultivation, 6 persons purchased bullock cart tyre vehicles. 6 Purchased Oil Engines and 56 bought bullocks, and 32 engaged in cashew growing.

Model Farm:

Developed Melaneduvai Model Farm and using the compost, vermi fertilizer. 40 Mango, 20 goa, 15 Nelli, 20 Suppotta, 20 Lemon and 10 Jackfruit trees are being grown. From the Vermi compost of Model Farm, 984 farmers of 6 groups were benefited.

External Evaluation:

Trichy "Voice Trust" (NGO) Director Mr. Gregory, as external evaluator, planned and conducted evaluation of 3 years project activities on 22.02.2010. The KMSSS Secretary and Asst. Secretary facilitated the process of evaluation. From the 6 groups area of the project, 256 persons (beneficiaries) participated in the evaluation, interview, discussion and field assessment.

5. Empowering People for Social Action

Project Duration: June 2007 to May 2010.

Area of operation: Ariyalur, Andimadam and Jayankondam Unions.

Aim: Organize groups in the project area and encourage savings habit among them and find social, economical and political development through empowering and decision making capacity.

Objectives:

- To plan, implement and evaluate project programmes with people's participation.
- To federate groups at union level and establish 'people's bank'.
- To organize training programmes on vocational skills and create sustainable livelihood opportunities to the groups
- To promote awareness on health, nutrition, hygiene, environment and HIV/AIDs.
- To popularize organic farming practices among target people.

Groups formed during this year:

S. No.	Union	Women groups	Men groups	Members	
				Women	Men
1.	Jayankondam	5	2	78	31
2.	Andimadam	5	2	85	29
3.	Ariyalur	3	0	43	0
	Total	13	4	206	60

People's Savings:

S. No.	Union	Women ₹	Men ₹	Amount ₹
1.	Jayankondam	3,38,850	1,03,050	4,41,900
2.	Andimadam	2,85,400	2,08,650	4,94,050
3.	Ariyalur	81,400	..	81,400
	Total	7,05,650	3,11,700	10,17,350

Empowering Meetings / Trainings:

In Jayankondam Union, Vizhapallam, Kuruvalapparkoil, Jayankondam, Kazhuvanthondi, Eravangudi, Chinnavalayam and Susaiapparpattinam village groups were trained on the topics of People's Bank, Social Analysis, resource mobilization, record maintenance, organic farming, HIV/AIDS and Health. Totally 451 trainees have participated in the trainings.

For Andimadam union, village leader's trainings have been conducted for 145 persons on the above topics, covering villages of Koovathur, Varadarajanpettai, Anthoniyarpuram and Keezhaneduvai and in Ariyalur Union 20 persons were trained on social analysis.

Union Level Meetings:

Towards improving the knowledge and awareness of the union level leaders training meetings were conducted.

In Jayankondam union, 263 members have participated in the trainings. The topics which were discussed are People's Bank, Income Generation Programme, Health, Gender equality, Resource Mobilization.

In Andimadam union 169 persons of different villages were trained on Records & Reports maintenance, Health & Welfare, HIV/AIDs,Gender equality. At Ariyalur union 61 persons were empowered on gender equality.

Other Activities:

- In Chinnavalayam village, 2 groups jointly contributed their labour and deepened the lake.
- With the efforts of the women group of Murukkankottai based on their demand the public Transport bus is plying 3 times a day.
- Through Joint action of 5 groups of Kuruvalapparkoil village, they have got public approach road worth about ₹1,40,000/-.
- Two kilometer road facility worth of ₹ 30,000/- arranged in Pottankulam village through the efforts of women group.
- In Keezhaneduvai, the malpractices in weighing PDS materials was brought to the concerned authority by the group and new Salesman appointed.
- In Melaneduvai new Ration Shop (PDS) was opened and Savadiyartheru 4 new persons obtained Family cards.
- Line houses to 10 beneficiaries in Kuruvalapparkoil, Over head Tank for water in Keezhaneduvai, Evening Coaching Class for 50 children in Agneshpuram and Tree seedlings planting in Chinnavalayam, Tar road and drainage facilities were obtained in project area villages.

Resource development:

Received revolving fund for Income Generation by Groups of Jayankondam and Ariyalur Unions area to a tune of ₹ 1,72,000/- and ₹ 3,20,000/-.

Groups benefited by People's Bank:

18 groups of Jayakondam Union received ₹ 7,50,000/- for Milch Animals for 35 persons, Agriculture for 15 persons, Petty Shop for 10 persons and Education of their children for 45 of them.

In Andimadam Union 21 groups received ₹14,00,000/- for Milch animals for 40 persons, Agriculture for 40 persons, Petty shop for 16 persons and Education of their children; 50 persons benefited.

Common Events:

On 29.09.2009 all the groups of Jayankondam, Andimadam and Ariyalur Unions jointly organized a rally, demanding basic needs to the target population and submitted Memoranda to the Government Officials.

Community Pongal:

Kuruvalapparkoil groups organized a grand community Pongal Vizha in which more than 200 persons participated and it was enchanting programme, getting people of village social groups together.

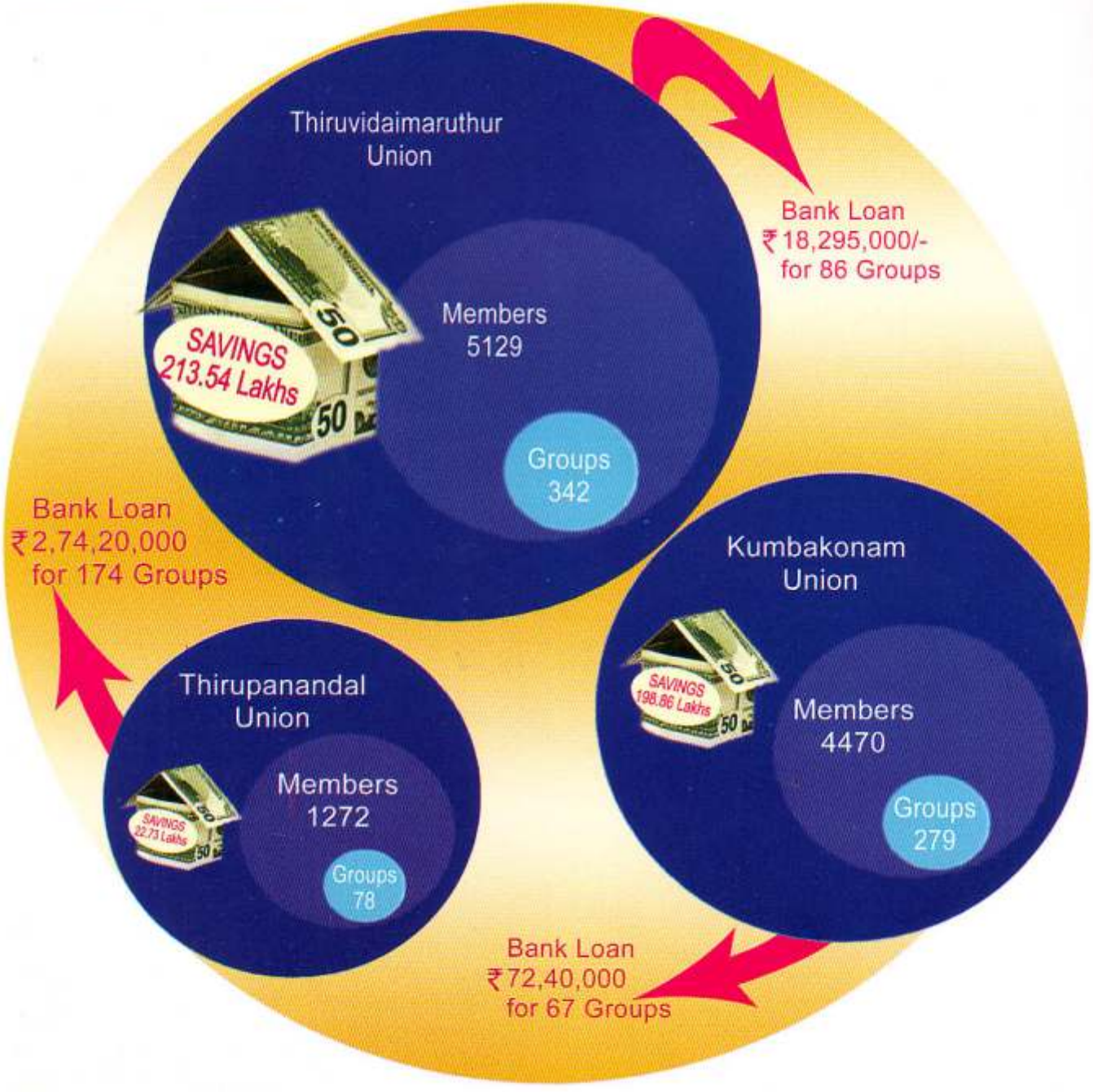
6. Mahalir Thittam (Self Help Groups)

Project Area: Kumbakonam, Thiruvidaimarudur and Thiruppanandal unions.

Goal: To empower rural poor women to find change in socio-economic, political and cultural aspects towards attaining self sustainability through self help process.

Objectives:

- To build women groups and develop awareness and leadership qualities.
- To develop creativity, self reliance, savings and Micro Credit.
- To establish SHGs linkage with financial organizations, Government and Banks.
- To empower skills in entrepreneurship, assets management and federation building.



Assets invested in Income Generation: By Groups

I.G. Activity	Number of groups
Grocery shop	1 group
Flower Garden	1 group
Food/Briyani Sale	3 groups
Agriculture	2 "
Sale of Saree	3 "
Fish Farm	2 "
Tailoring Centre	1 group
Vessels rental	1 group
Stationery sale	2 groups
Tea shop	3 groups
Silk Weaving	4 groups
Bamboo – Fence (Padal)	1 group

Assets invested in Income Generation: By Individuals

I.G. Activity	Number of Persons
Petty Shop	08 persons
Sewing Machine	13 "
Small business	29 "
Weaving	84 "
Flower Sale	08 "
Idly stall	05 "
Fuel stall	05 "
Milch Animal	44 "
Goat	03 "
Computer	02 "
Bell metal icon work	01 person
Sweet Stall	01 person
Hollow Block making	04 persons
Vegetable vending	02 persons
Coconut leaf weaving	40 persons

Special Activities:

Sanitary facilities are being properly managed and maintained by Annalagraharam group. To change the place of TASMAC sale counter, Group demonstrated a Dharna to show their feeling.

- In Udayalur, groups engaged in repairing of road.
- Thenampadugai group helped the fire victims.
- In Aduthurai and Sannapuram villages, groups contributed their services for proper sanitation of the school campus.
- A road blockade demonstration was organized against TASMAC stall in residential Thiruvisanallur.
- Thiruloki village groups jointly organized and submitted request in favour of Bus services and they achieved it.

Common benefit activities:

- 409 number of wood-value tree seedlings were planted in Kumbakonam and Thiruvidaimarudur union villages.
- A medical camp was conducted in Thiruppanandhal union with active involvement of consumer protection movement representatives and Sakthi Physiotherapy unit.
- Three union groups jointly extended relief services during flood occurrence in November & December 2009.

Union Level Training Programmes:

Topic / Content	Resource Person
Problems of Adolescent girls and how to face them	Inspector, Women Police Wing, Kumbakonam.
Economic measures to be followed in using gas	Indane Gas Company, Demonstrator.
Problems of the Old age people – Arthritis, Osteoporosis, spasm	Medical Officers, Primary Health Centre, Patteswaram.
Environmental protection, Global Warming, ill effects of Plastic.	Inspector of Police, Kumbakonam.
Alcoholism and Rehabilitation	Project staff KMSSS.
Human Rights	Field Staff, KMSSS.

Impact:

It is evidently understood that among women of rural area, after inception of SHG Thittam in KMSSS operational villages, their solidarity, self help process and entrepreneur skills have been remarkably increased. Illiteracy is no longer a hurdle for achieving their basic needs from Government Department and development agencies. Constitutional knowledge on women rights show courage among women and they participate in social,political and cultural activities with great vigour.

7. Jana Shree Bima Yojana (LIC)

The Jana Shree Bima Yojana scheme of LIC was introduced to benefit the people of below poverty line with low premium payment. Both men and women, in the age groups of 18 to 60 years are eligible to become policy holders with the LIC and to pay ₹300/- per year. But the immediate benefit for the policy holder is that the client has to pay only ₹100/- and the remaining ₹200/- will be paid by the Central Government to the LIC.

Claim benefits:

In case of accident for death of the policy holder, his nominee will get ₹75,000/-, for loss of an organ due to accident the policy holder will benefit with ₹ 50,000/- and for dis-functional organ ₹ 25,000/- will be given. The KMSSS arranges with LIC, that for every 100 policies, 15 persons can get educational assistance of ₹1200/- each for their children's education. During the March 2009, 1252 persons taken the policy.

Benefits:

(a) For 15% of policy holders @ ₹1200 each, a total sum of ₹ 2,25,600/- as first and IInd installment were received towards their children education.

(b) among policy holders 3 person's nominee received ₹30,000/- each for natural death. Additionally 1686 persons entered into agreement as new policy holders on 31.10.2009, among them for death of one person, his nominee Arulmary received ₹30,000/-.

8. Milch-Animal Assistance

From the year 2003, as part of economic development to the weaker and disadvantaged community, milch-animals were given to find income and improve their socio-economic standard. The Dalit Christians in the Diocese area are the major beneficiaries of this programme.

Eligibility criteria to avail of this assistance:-

- Widows from the family of poor status.
- Economically lower strata Dalits.
- Destitute women of Dalit.
- Disabled persons belonging to Dalit community.

Applications submitted by the target population are verified and screened by the SC, ST Commission and through the local Parish Priests. The applications are forwarded to the Secretary of KMSSS.

All the animals given to the beneficiary are insured to compensate against loss. The milch-animals' yield is sold to the Government Milk Societies or private vendors. Through this scheme the children are greatly benefited in education. They are supplied with milk which is essential for normal growth of children.

Cow Project client's details:

Zone	Villages	No.of Clients	Amount ₹
Thiruvaiyaru	11	50	6,00,000
Kumbakonam	04	50	6,00,000

Total repayment from the above 100 beneficiaries is ₹3,24,650/-.

With the repayment amount received from the beneficiaries, the target people are given assistance to engage in small scale business like sewing machine and milch-animals and for education of children.

9. Sustainable Livelihood for the oppressed Dalits

(In Thiruvaiyaru Taluk)

Project Area:

Thiruvaiyaru Union – 13 villages

Budalur Union – 5 villages.

Target People: The oppressed Dalits – women and Agri labourers.

Objectives:

- To prevent large scale migration of men.
- To strive for alternative and sustainable, local specific livelihood.
- To conscientize people on the constitutional rights and privileges to the Dalit landless and women.
- To sensitize the target people on alcoholism, hygiene, HIV/AIDs and family breakdown.

Groups functioning during the period of reporting:

S.No.	Union	Villages	Number of Groups	
			Women	Men
1.	Thiruvaiyaru	13	16	2
2.	Budhalur	5	6	2
	Total	18	22	4

Training Programmes conducted in Thiruvaiyaru Union:

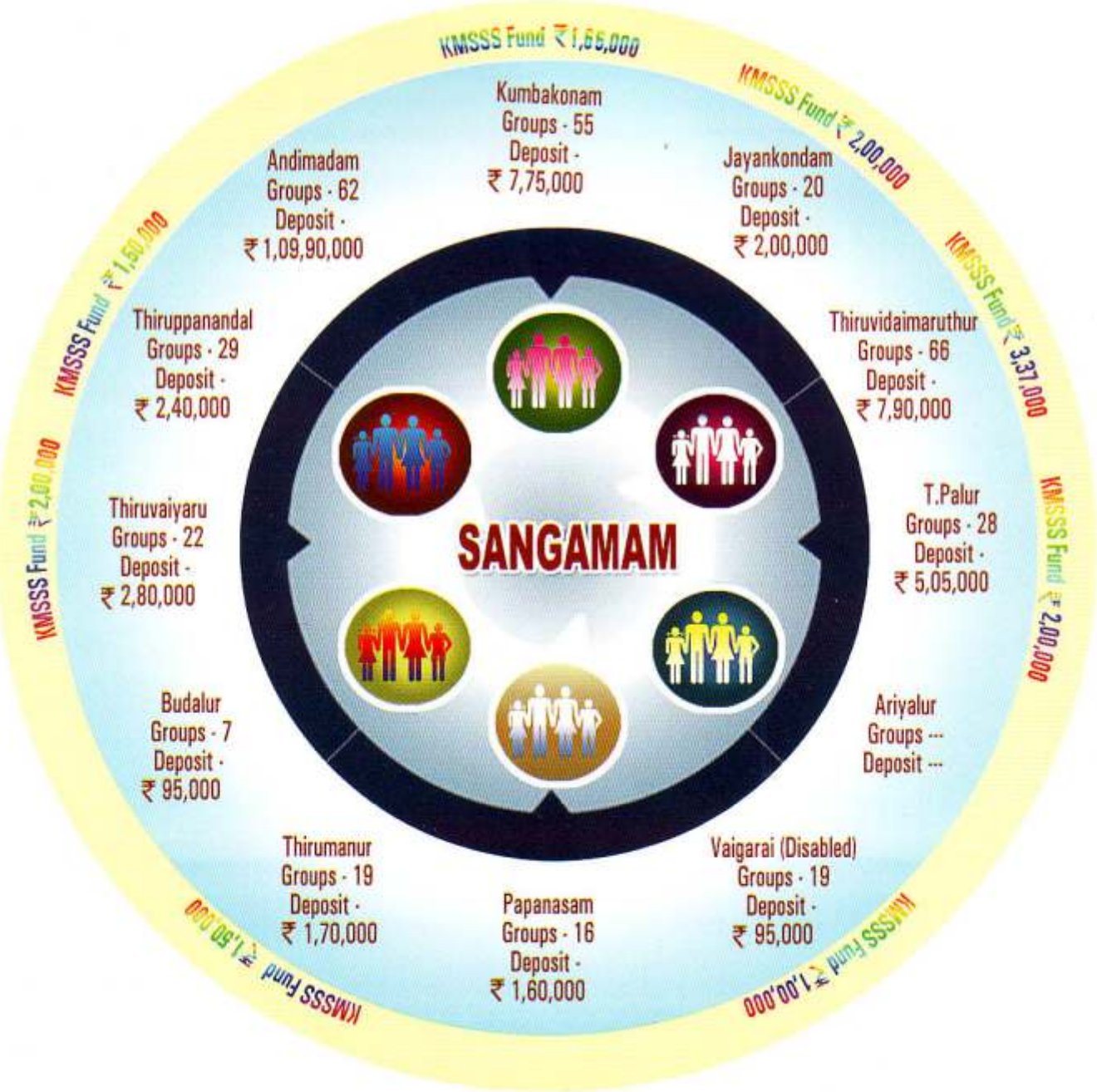
S. No.	Date	Village	No. of Participants	Topic / Subject	Resource Person
Thiruvaiyaru Union					
1.	13.04.2009	Nadukaveri	30	Social Analysis	Coordinator
2.	18.06.2009	Veerasingampettai	40	Social Analysis & Project details	"
3.	18.06.2009	Sathanur	35	Livelihood opportunities	"
4.	24.06.2009	Valappakudy	45	Project Details	"
5.	15.07.2009	Thirupazhanam	50	Social Analysis	"
6.	"	Peramur	40	Project Details	"
7.	17.07.2009	Punalavasal	55	Project Details & Social Analysis	"
8.	26.08.2009	Kandamangalam	45	Social Analysis	"
9.	18.09.2009	Kaduveli	50	"	"
10.	23.10.2009	Kazhumangalam	30	"	"
11.	17.11.2009	Maharajapuram	40	Livelihood opportunities	"
12.	08.12.2009	Punalvasal	38	"	"
13.	18.12.2009	Valappagudy	40	"	"
14.	27.01.2010	Sathanur	48	Panchayatraj	"
Budalur Union					
15.	19.06.2009	Poondi	51	Project Details & Social Analysis	"
16.	29.06.2009	Raphaelpuram	38	"	
17.	12.09.2009	Pavanamangalam	28	"	"
18.	16.11.2009	Mahimaipuram	39	Livelihood opportunities	"

Project Activities:

- Counselling Centre is being conducted regularly, on 4th Saturday of every month, by Fr. Thomas Sahayaraj and he extends his services to persons of psychological problems, addiction cases of the project area.
- Empowered by the Training content, target people are regular in attending and raising their voices heard in Grama Sabha Meetings.
- People participate in 100 days work, SGRY Programme and benefit with income, in their own village itself.
- Through group inter-lending method raise the resources and people are engaged in animal and goat rearing which gives regular additional income.
- Government Welfare schemes and special facilities such as Katcha House, old age pension, Government identity and ration cards are being received by group efforts.
- Migration of people from the target area is considerably reduced.
- Established networking relationship with like minded NGOs.
- On 13.04.2009, awareness cum cultural programme on the theme of sustainable livelihood was conducted in Naducauvery, in which more than 100 persons attended.
- On 16.03.2010, Rally and Meeting on World Women's Day was conducted in Thiruvaiyaru, stressing women's quota in Government services. All India Radio News Reader Thirumathi Christy Subhatra and Mrs. Manikumari, College Lecturer of Thiruvaiyaru, gave special address to the gathering of 750 women.
- On 25.09.2009, awareness, rally cum meeting was organized on "Global warming" and 180 trees seedlings were planted in Thiruvaiyaru.
- Health camp was conducted on 12.12.2009 in the counselling centre of the project and special awareness meeting was organized on de-addiction. From 20 villages 99 persons availed this service. Secretary and Asst. Secretary participated in the meeting.
- On 06.06.2009, Environment awareness seminar was organized in Punalvasal. The District Coordinator of Environment Centre delivered special address to more than 60 women.
- 16 groups of the project area availed themselves of a bank loans (₹ 9,50,000), for their income generation. 45 persons purchased Milch- animals, 24 persons invested in Agriculture, 20 persons repaired their houses, 1 person bought sewing machine, 1 person joined in ITI and 7 persons are self employed.

10. People's Bank (Sangamam)

For ensuring the economic growth of the people, the established groups in the target area of KMSSS have given their share towards deposit for building common fund for 'people's bank'. Based on the amount of deposits contributed by each group they avail themselves of a loan and find growth and development in their life. This loan is being profitably utilized for income generation activities such as purchase of milch-animal, goat, agricultural activities house modification and improvement, micro level activities of petty shop etc. Through a low interest of 1% all the members are gaining benefit, comparing their area financier's rate of interest. The formalities are simple, only being a member in group one can avail himself/herself of a loan for emergency purposes also.



11. Remi Computer Centre

Modern Electronic device of Computer is no more a symbol of sophistication. The Government and private organizations are popularizing computer knowledge as the basis for development. Schools and colleges adopt this as essential component in day to day affairs. The KMSSS taken up a challenging task to provide training in computer.

The beneficiaries are the youth, school and out of school children and women group (SHG) members and their wards, Teachers, Police and Government office personnel. Computer courses are organized according to the capacity and need of the learner. This year, 10 disabled students, 25 Teachers from education Department of District Education Officer were trained for one week in Computer Application.

Courses conducted and beneficiaries:

Training Course	Duration	Total beneficiaries
DCA	3 months	98
Certificate Course	1 month	22
DDTP	3 months	12

12. Educational Sponsorship Programme - CHALICE

Vision: With community initiative developing educational and personal growth of children, and basic needs of elders who are deprived.

Goal: To establish a society where people will be self sufficient and responsible by enabling themselves to appropriate education, positive values of social order, promoting economical standard of living and participation as active partners in development process.

Objectives:

- To ensure basic education, nutrition, clothing and health care.
- To promote social solidarity among the children.
- To build personality development.
- To create awareness on health, hygiene and sanitation to the parents.

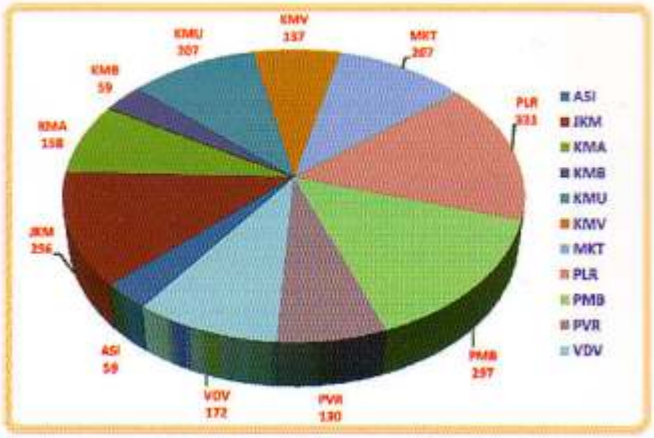
Operational area:

The entire Diocese area, villages belong to 6 vicariates and 89 parishes.

Activities and Achievement :

- Totally 2004 boys and girls (students) have been benefiting by this extensive scheme of educational assistance.
- 38 elders benefited.
- Among the beneficiary children many are pursuing their studies in Engineering, Arts Colleges,Teacher training studies, nursing course and industrial training schools.
- Regular medical check up is done to the students to ensure healthy growth and care.
- For encouraging the skills development, both indoor and outdoor sports and games competition are held and prizes distributed.
- There are 9 hostels in the Diocese area in which 475 students are staying and continuing their studies.
- Computer training, Spoken English, Maths and Science coaching and special classes are being conducted during summer course.

- Students are also taken on educational tours to important places to orient them about our culture, religion and historical importance of the past and present.
- The beneficiary children's parents are given training to facilitate bringing up and guidance of their children.
- As part of community project, family assistance, Emergency fund, gift catalogue items such as house, houses repairing, toilets, ploughs, sewing machines, seeds, goats, cows, chickens (fowl) and mosquito nets etc. were distributed to the children.
- As family gifts, toilets, bore wells, metal sheet for roofing, tables and chairs, and fridges were supplied to the hostels.
- Each student was given uniform dress, aids, bags and new dress materials and school/college fees.



New hostels established in Kumbakonam:

Two separate hostels for boys and girls were constructed and inagurated on 5th December, 2009. 'Hello Boys Hostel' was blessed by Most Rev. Peter Remigius Bishop of Kottar and opened by Deacon Eugene Perabo, 'Hello Girls Hostel'' was blessed by Most Rev. F. Antonisamy, Bishop of Kumbakonam and opened by respected M.S. Shanmugam IAS, District Collector of Thanjavur.

Christmas and Chalice Programme decennial function was held on 5th December, 2009. Students, parents, hostel directors, Diocesan priests, Sisters, Bishops, Regional Director Rev. Fr. Jaimy, Government Officials, and the District Collector participated in the programme. From Canada Coordinator Deacon Eugene and special guests blessed the children.

New Office :

On 4th January, 2010 new Office has been inaugurated for Chalice Programme at Palavathankattalai and is functioning independently.

13. Educational Scholarship

Operational Area: Diocese.

The assistance given towards educational scholarships to the school students and college and the Technical and Professional course students by KMSSS is increasing year after year. The assistance of total amount also is rising every year. This programme is extended to the students of oppressed community families and backward community pupils to meet their educational expenses.

Operational modalities:

- +1, +2 students of Dalits only.
- College and technical / Professional course students of BC only.
- College and technical course students of SC/ST community.

The primary source of fund is drawn from Tamil Nadu Bishop's Council for SC/ST students.

Details of scholarship distributed:

S. No.	Vicariate	+1, +2 SC/ST		College and Industrial courses BC/SC/ST		Technical Course SC/ST-KMSSS		Technical Course SC/ST, TNBC	
		Number	Amount ₹	Student	Amount ₹	Student	Amount ₹	Student	Amount ₹
1.	Kumbakonam	153	30,600	300	1,28,350	45	25,550	26	26,000
2.	South Michaelpatti	134	26,800	311	1,37,450	32	16,150	15	15,000
3.	Jayankondam	103	20,600	443	1,99,250	25	12,900	12	12,000
4.	Pullambadi	97	19,400	334	1,61,750	31	16,850	10	10,000
5.	Lalgudi	115	23,000	425	1,88,650	61	36,500	24	24,000
6.	Perambalur	23	4,600	52	28,200	10	5,850	3	3,000
	Total	**625**	**1,25,000**	**1865**	**8,43,650**	**204**	**1,13,800**	**90**	**90,000**

Information at a Glance:

S.No.	Course	Community	No. of students	Amount in ₹
1	+1, +2	SC/ST	625	1,25,000
2	College & Technical	BC/SC/ST	1865	8,43,650
3	ITI – KMSSS	SC/ST	204	1,13,800
4	ITI - TNBC	SC/ST	90	90,000
	Total		**2784**	**11,72,450**

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