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## DIRECTOR'S DESK

**"If the world is fractured, let us be the stitches of its healing". Pope Leo XIV**



It is with immense pride that we present our annual report for the year 2024 - 2025. As we reflect on the past year, we are proud of the progress we have made especially in empowering women in rural areas, providing education to underprivileged children, assisting people to have low cost housing, and helping marginalized for sustainable development. Our team has worked tirelessly to achieve success in the key areas of our focus.

We have seen stories or examples of impact that demonstrate the difference our work can make in the lives of target communities. These stories inspire us to continue our efforts and strive for even greater impact. We have faced challenges, but we have also identified opportunities for growth and improvement. We are committed to new initiatives, strategic partnerships, and innovative approaches to overcome them and make a significant impact.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to our donors, partners, board members, and supporters who have made our work possible. Your trust and investment in our organization mean the world to us. As we move forward, we are excited about the potential for expanding our reach with future plans. We are confident that with your continued support, we can build a brighter future and make a meaningful difference in the lives of disadvantaged people. Thank you for being a part of our journey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. L. David".

Rev. Fr. L. David

## VISION & MISSION OF OUR ORGANIZATION

### Vision

**To Proclaim Liberty to the Captives”**

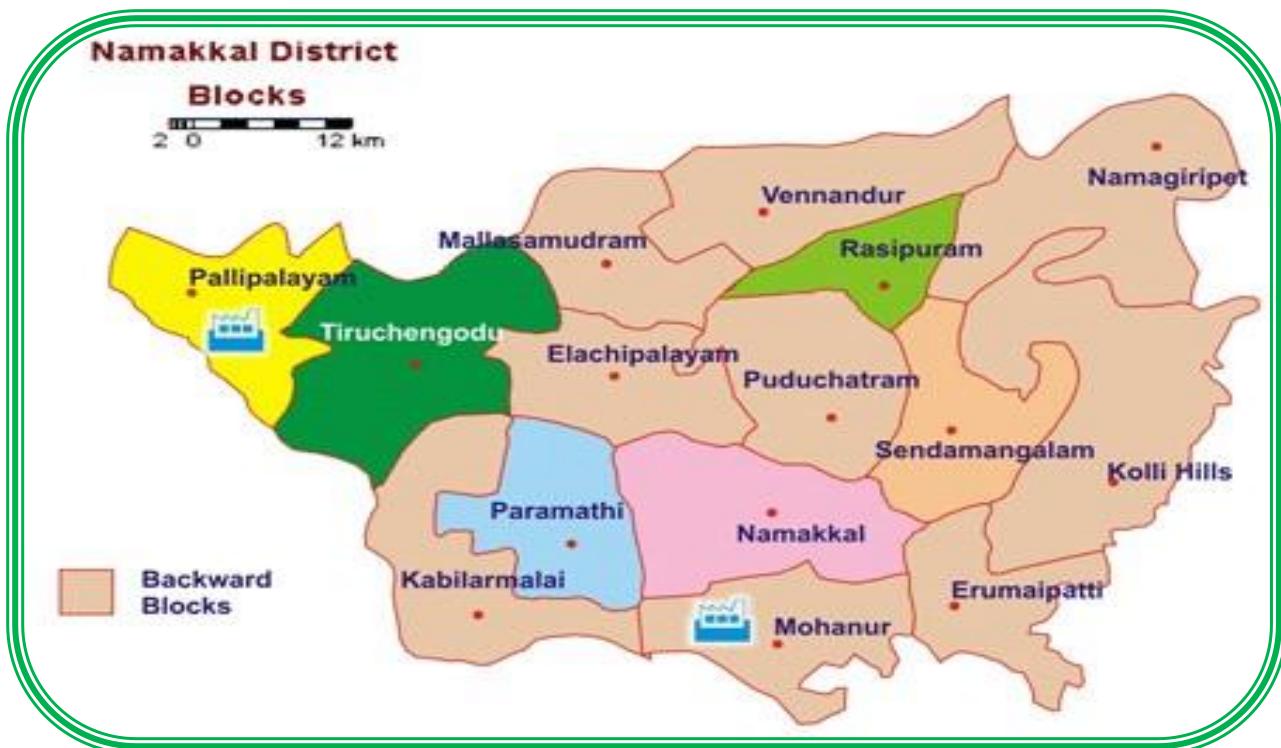
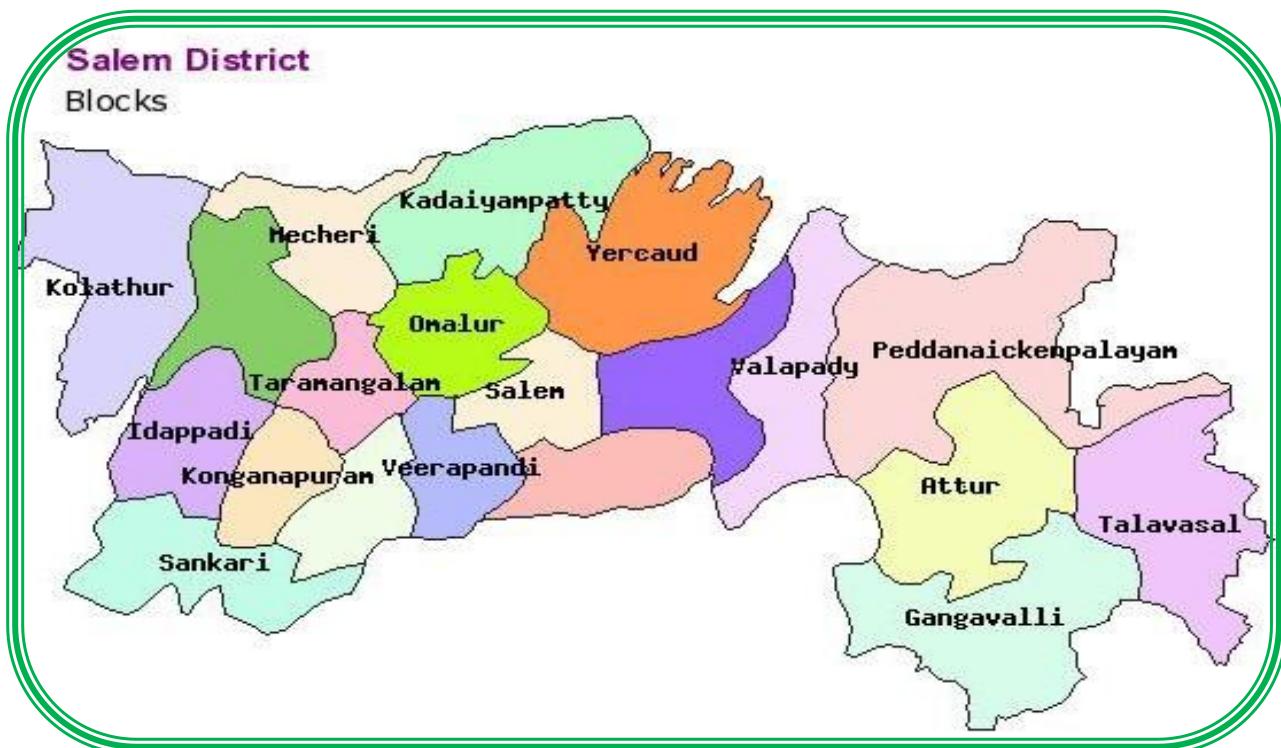
### Mission

**“Realization of “Social Justice and Peace” for the poor and the marginalized children, youth and women through the process of empowerment.**

## ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Name</b>                     | Salem Social Service Society (SSSS)   |
| <b>Address</b>                  | No.19/4, Convent Road,<br>Alagapuram,<br>Salem – 636 016.<br>Tamil Nadu, India. |
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| <b>Website</b>                  | <a href="http://www.ssssociey.in">www.ssssociey.in</a>                          |
| <b>Director</b>                 | Rev. Fr. L. David   |
| <b>Registration Number</b>      | 12/1968 under the Tamilnadu<br>Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860           |
| <b>80G Registration Number</b>  | AAATS4916PF20214  |
| <b>Permanent Account Number</b> | AAATS4916P  |
| <b>FCRA Registration Number</b> | 076000021   |

## INTERVENTION AREA OF SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY



## COLLABORATIVE PARTNER ORGANIZATION ( KOLPING INDIA)

### Title of the Project

Strengthening of ownership and participation of disadvantaged population groups through development of social structures in South India.

### Project Objective

The Partner contributes to poverty reduction through capacity building measures and the promotion of socio – economic structures at micro, meso and macro levels to improve the quality of life of the target groups in India.

### Target Area and Problem Identified

#### TARGET AREA

- | Valaiyamadevi
- | Thandavarayapuram
- | Therkumanakadu
- | Punalvasal
- | Karumanthurai
- | Naranampalayam
- | Kamakkapalayam
- | Kondayampalli

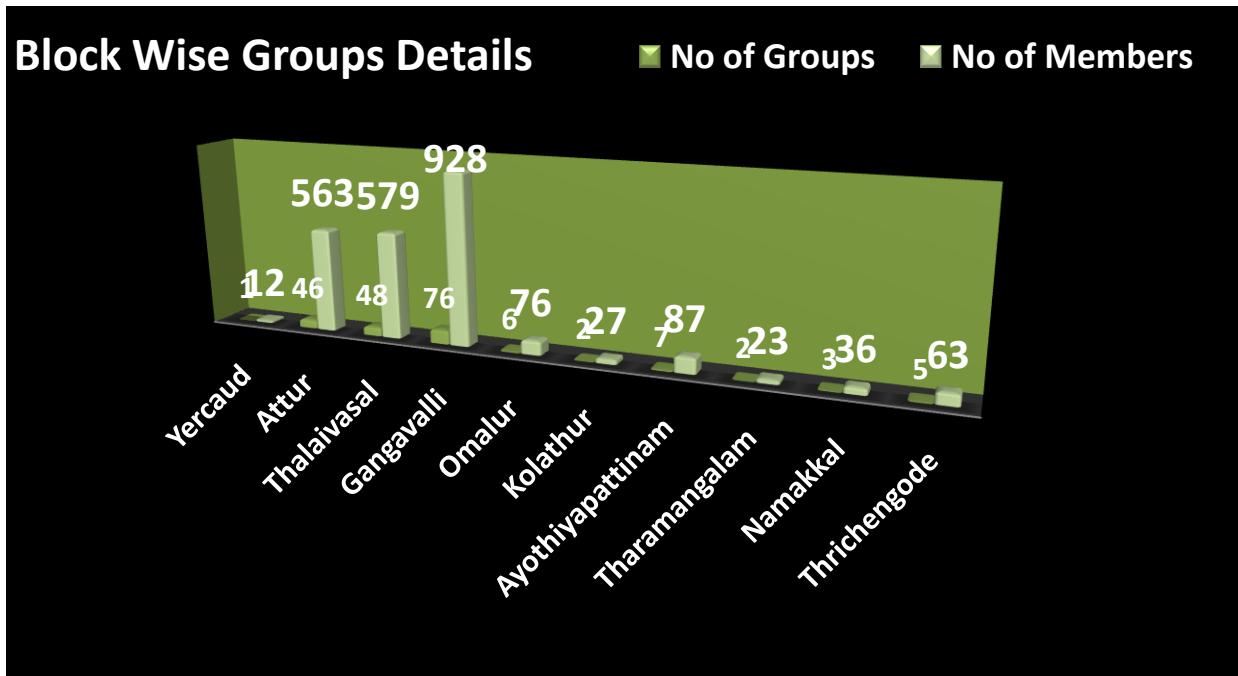
#### IDENTIFIED PROBLEMS

Conventional Farming

Solid Waste Management

Open Defecation

## Group Details



## Groups established in the year 2024- 2025

| S.No         | Name of the Group       | Name of the Village | No of Members |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1            | Poonthendral KSHG       | Sadayampalayam      | 13            |
| 2            | Alli Malar KSHG         | Naraikinaru         | 15            |
| 3            | Sri Magaganapathi SHG   | Mani Vizlunthan     | 13            |
| 4            | Maga Lakshmi SHG        | Thammappatti        | 13            |
| 5            | Sri Vishnavi SHG        | Attur               | 14            |
| 6            | Subiksham SHG           | Attur               | 12            |
| 7            | Sri Krishna SHG         | Attur               | 12            |
| 8            | Thalampoo SHG           | Veeraganur          | 12            |
| 9            | Vibiyam SHG             | Veeraganur          | 12            |
| 10           | Gold SHG                | Narasingapuram      | 12            |
| 11           | Aavin SHG               | Thedavur            | 12            |
| 12           | Om Sakthi SHG           | Kanavaikadu         | 13            |
| 13           | Thalampoo SHG           | Konneripatti        | 12            |
| 14           | Vanatha Anthoniyar KSHG | Konneripatti        | 12            |
| 15           | Sri Karupaiya KSHG      | Punavasal           | 12            |
| 16           | Sri Anjinerya SHG       | Pattuthurai         | 12            |
| 17           | Palayathamman SHG       | Manivilunthan       | 13            |
| 18           | Fathima Annai KSHG      | Kumaramangalam      | 12            |
| 19           | Poonthenral KSHG        | Sadaiyampalayam     | 12            |
| 20           | Vennmeen KSHG           | Odappalli           | 12            |
| 21           | Arockiya Annai KSHG     | Kandampalayam       | 12            |
| 22           | Malar KSHG              | Patlur              | 12            |
| 23           | Vinnarasi KSHG          | SPB Colony          | 12            |
| <b>Total</b> |                         |                     | <b>286</b>    |

## Kolping India Schemes:



## Beneficiaries of Kolping Scheme

| S.NO         | NAME OF THE PROJECT                    | NO OF MEMBERS BENEFITED | AMOUNT           |
|--------------|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1            | HOUSING SUPPORTED PROJECT              | 8                       | 4,00,000         |
| 2            | MILCH ANIMAL PROJECT                   | 20                      | 3,00,000         |
| 3            | SANITATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT          | 15                      | 2,25,000         |
| 4            | VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME          | 5                       | 75,000           |
| 5            | INDIVIDUAL INCOME GENERATION PROGRAMME | 5                       | 50,000           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |  | <b>53</b>               | <b>10,50,000</b> |

### Implemented Activities

| S. No | Name of the Activity   | No of the Activity | Place   | No of Members Participated |
|-------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1     | Orientation to Kolping Family Association at Village Level on Concepts and Practices | 3                  | Kondayampalli, Sadayampalayam , Punalvasal              | 120                        |
| 2     | Re-Orientation to Existing Kolping Groups  | 2                  | The davur, Agraharam                                    | 80                         |
| 3     | Formation of Kolping Association   | 3                  | Panthoppu, Sadayampalayam, Punalvasal                   | 75                         |
| 4     | Leadership Training for Elected Group Representatives of the Newly Formed Groups     | 1                  | The davur Pudhur  | 40                         |
| 5     | Leadership Training for Elected Group Leaders of Existing Groups                     | 1                  | Attur   | 40                         |
| 6     | Group Dynamics Training for Group Members  | 5                  | Naranampalayam, Edappadi, Salem, Therkumanakadu, Mettur | 175                        |
| 7     | Awareness Training at Village Level on Ecological Degradation                        | 4                  | Attur, Naranampalayam, Kamakkapalayan, Punalvasal       | 100                        |
| 8     | Training to CLKF Leaders on Roles and Functions of Federation                        | 1                  | The davur Pudhur  | 35                         |
| 9     | Kolping Members for Formation of Village Development Councils                        | 1                  | Kondayampalli   | 35                         |
| 10    | Training on Government Schemes for Leaders of Kolping Group at CLKF                  | 1                  | Thillainagar  | 35                         |

| S. No | Name of the Activity  | No of the Activity | Place                     | No of Members Participated |
|-------|---|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 11    | Motivational Training to Kolping Groups   | 1                  | Mummudi                   | 30                         |
| 12    | Skill Training on Networking, Lobbying and Advocacy to SHG Leaders on Ecological Issues | 1                  | Thammampatti              | 32                         |
| 13    | Life Skill Training on Conflict Management to Kolping SHG Representative                | 1                  | Gangavalli                | 30                         |
| 14    | Awareness Training on Gender Equality to Kolping SHGs Representatives                   | 1                  | Thedavur                  | 40                         |
| 15    | Skill Training on Value Added Products  | 2                  | Attur, Thammampatti       | 52                         |
| 16    | Training on Women Health and Personal Hygiene   | 1                  | Thedavur Pudhuru          | 41                         |
| 17    | Training on Entrepreneurship Development  | 2                  | Nathakarai, Narasigapuram | 42                         |
| 18    | Awareness Training on Livelihood Issues for the Traditional Communities                 | 1                  | Naranampalayam            | 40                         |
| 19    | Plantation of Saplings  | 2                  | Nathakarai, Koneripatti   | 350 Tree plantation        |

## Mass Campaign on Ecological Issue:

On 11th August 2024, we held an awareness program on ecological issues in Maramangalam village. It began with a rally led by Rev. Fr. L. David and Rev. Sr. Vinnie. Children and Kolping Self Help Group members walked around the village with awareness slogans and placards. They also gave out notices about ecological issues. After that, a meeting was held at the R.C. Church in Maramangalam.

Our secretary spoke about plastic pollution and the importance of planting trees. Mrs. Kala Kolping Representative gave the vote of thanks. A total of 55 Kolping members and children from Maramangalam and Naranampalayam Puthur took part in the program.

On 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2024, our Director and Coordinator went to Gandhinagar in Gangavalli block for Tree Plantation programme. Rev. Fr. Asaithambi, Parish Priest of Koneripatti and Assistant Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Belavendiram were the chief guests of the plantation programme. In that day we have planted 25 tree saplings of Teak, Pungai Maram, Arasa Maram.

On 14<sup>th</sup> of November our Director and Coordinators went to Nathakarai village in Thalaivasal Block for Tree Plantation Programme. Rev. Fr. L. David explained about the importance of tree plantation and coordinator discussed about the collective income generation activities to the participants.



## **Pathway Created for the Individual Income Generation Programme:**

On 28th of June 2024, Our Director and coordinator went to Narasingapuram village in Attur block to inaugurate the Rice Flour making business started by a member of Puthar Koping Family, Attur.



On 2nd of January 2025 Our Director and Coordinator went to Masilapalayam and Distributed the Parishal worth of Rs.17,000/ each ( $17,000 \times 6 = 1,02,000/-$ ) to the 6 Kolping Group members for creating their income generation. Rev. Fr. Lourthu Samy, Parish Priest of Masilapalayam distributed the parishal for the beneficiaries.



On 13th February 2025, our Coordinator visited Masilapalayam for group monitoring and record verification. She also visited the groups where IIGP activities are being carried out.



On 18th February 2025, our Director and Coordinators visited the Attur block, where they inspected the garment unit run by Mrs. Magalakshmi, which belongs to the Nila Kolping SHG in Attur.



## CASE STORY:

### Nature Kolping Group – Flour Mill Success

The Nature Kolping Group was formed in 2020 in Pungavadi village under the Salem Kolping Region with 12 members. After attending CIGP orientation training, the group identified a local need for a rice mill and flour grinding unit, especially since many villagers rear milch animals and depend on grinding services for feed. With support from the Kolping India National Office, they received Rs. 1,00,000/- to set up the unit.

The mill was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Maria Soosai, and the group began producing items like chilli powder, masala powders, health mix, and Idly/Dosa batter. The venture now serves over 10 customers daily and generates about Rs. 18,000/- per month.

Encouraged by this success, the group plans to improve packaging, introduce herbal and millet products, and expand into online sales. This project has empowered the women economically and stands as a model for collective income generation in rural communities.



## Bank Linkages

34 Self Help Groups

435 SHG Members

Rs. 2,43,05,000/-



## PROGRAMME ACTIVITY PHOTOS



## PROGRAMME FUND PHOTOS



**Loan Distribution**



**Loan Distribution**



**HSP Loan Beneficiary**



**VTP Loan Beneficiary**



**MAP Loan Beneficiary**



**SAP Loan Beneficiary**

**Project Title**

Support for Marginalized Dalit Women and Individuals for Livelihood Advancement and Enterprises – “SMILE”

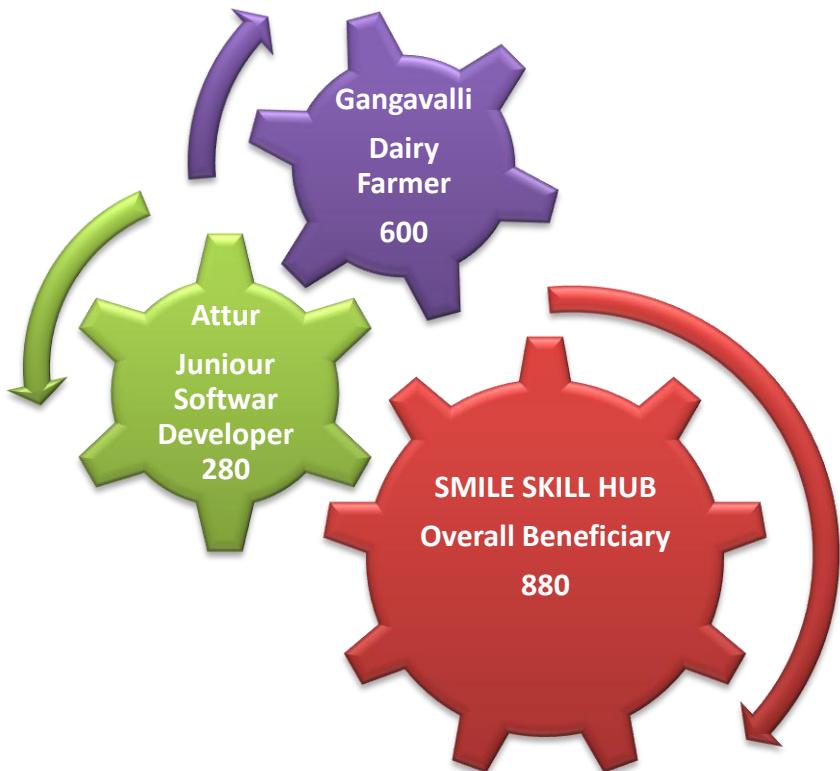
**Location of the Project:**

This Project is implemented in underdeveloped 2 blocks with socially and economically excluded dalits in Salem District of Tamilnadu.

**Target Group**

880 poor dalit women are the target group. They are standing far from mainstream of development.

**Overall View of the Skill Training:**



## **Implemented Activities:**

On 18th and 19th of September 2024 SSSS organized exposure visit to Sivagangai Multipurpose Social Service Society. The purpose of visit was to see the newly opened "Nallayan Milk Chilling Unit". Following that Mr. Arockiya Raj, Coordinator of Sivagangai Multipurpose Social Service Society explained about the ongoing projects of SMSSS. (Thulir Trust, Magil Groceries Packing and Milk society). After that the Director of SMSSS explained about the process of chilling unit and conflict faced during the unit making.



On 26th of November 2024 our Director and Coordinators distributed Milk Cans to those who run Milk Society in Gangavalli Block. It was done to encourage the members to create more income-generation activities.



On 18th of February 2025, we organized Computer course completion certificate distribution for Junior Software Development programme (Computer Basic, Ms software, Basic web design) Rev. Fr. Arulappan V.F of Attur distributed the certificates to the Students. Rev. Fr. L. David Director of Salem Social Service Society encouraged the students for the next level of education in Computer knowledge.



## Case Story

Mrs. Mageshwari, a member of the **Muthumariyamman Kolping Group** from **Therkumanakadu** village, transformed her life through timely training and support. Her journey began with a **training on Dairy farming** conducted by **Salem Social Service Society (SSSS)**, where she learned key skills in business planning and leadership. An **exposure visit to Sivagangai** further inspired her, showing the success of rural dairy enterprises. With this motivation and **support from BCI Project**, she established a **milk society** in her village, setting up a collection center with essential equipment. Today, her milk society provides **fair pricing and regular income** to several women in the community. Mageshwari's initiative has created not only economic opportunities but also a sense of empowerment among rural women. Her story stands as a powerful example of how training and community support can turn a rural woman into a successful **entrepreneur and change maker**.



## FSC FOUNDATION

On **10th July 2024**, as part of its commitment to improving educational infrastructure, the **FSC Foundation** donated **computers and Smart TVs** to **Pillukuruchi** and **Idappadi Primary Schools**. The official handover ceremony was held in the presence of **Rev. Fr. Innasi**, the Correspondent of the schools.

This initiative was implemented to enhance the learning experience of students through the integration of technology in the classroom. By providing access to digital tools and audiovisual learning resources, the project aims to promote **computer literacy** and foster **interactive and easy learning environments**. The support is expected to significantly improve educational outcomes, especially for children in rural settings who have limited exposure to digital education.



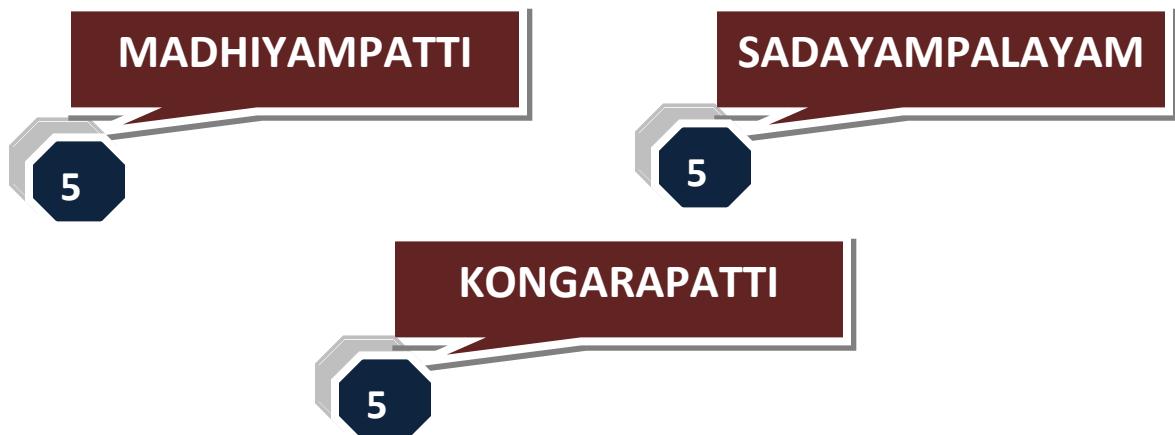
## ICHEC HOUSING PROJECT - JOSETTES SMILE FOUNDATION

### Purpose Of The Visit:

On February 2025, a delegation of students and staff from ICHEC Corporation International asbl, Brussels, Belgium, visited Salem, Tamil Nadu, India, to voluntarily participate in low-cost housing initiatives implemented by the Salem Social Service Society in the districts of Salem and Namakkal.

The primary objective of the visit was to engage in an intercultural exchange by gaining insights into rural Indian life, fostering meaningful interactions with local communities, and actively contributing to development efforts aimed at providing affordable housing for underprivileged families.

## Implemented Areas and Total Houses Constructed



## Grand Opening of Constructed Houses

On 21st February 2025, the grand inauguration of the ICHEC Housing Project was held at Mathiyampatti Parish. The event was graced by Msgr. D. Michaelraj Selvam, Vicar General of the Salem Diocese, who served as the Chief Guest and solemnly blessed **five houses under construction** in Athanoor Village. Key dignitaries present at the event included Rev. Fr. Jacob, Procurator of the Salem Diocese, and Rev. Fr. L. David, Director of the Salem Social Service Society. Students and staff from ICHEC, along with local parishioners, actively participated in the ceremony. The event was effectively coordinated by Rev. Fr. Clement Raj, Parish Priest of Mathiyampatti.



On the following day, 22nd February 2025, another grand opening ceremony was organized in Sadayampalayam and Kongarapatti Parishes. Msgr. D. Michaelraj Selvam once again served as the Chief Guest and inaugurated **ten newly constructed houses** in Sadayampalayam and Kongarapatti Villages.

The event saw the presence of Rev. Fr. Jacob, Rev. Fr. L. David, as well as the enthusiastic



involvement of students, staff from ICHEC, and members of the local community. The proceedings were facilitated by **Rev. Fr. David Stanly Kumar** (Parish Priest, Sadayampalayam), **Rev. Fr. Nelson** (Assistant Parish Priest, Sadayampalayam), and **Rev. Fr. Ranjith** (Parish Priest, Kongarapatti)



## ARCHDIOCESE OF FREIBURG

### Project Title

Any time Quality Water for Reducing the Pressure Created by Water Scarcity and Contamination.

### Borewell Installation:

To address the issue of water scarcity and ensure continuous access to clean water, Salem Social Service Society (SSSS), with the financial support of the Archdiocese of Freiburg, has undertaken a drinking water project in Sesanchavadi Village, located within the Valapady Parish.

As part of this initiative, a borewell motor was installed within the church premises to provide a reliable source of drinking water to the parishioners and surrounding community. To promote sustainability and minimize operational costs, the motor is powered by a solar panel system, enabling automatic and uninterrupted water supply throughout the day.



This project not only aims to solve the long-standing problem of water shortage in the area but also contributes to environmental sustainability by incorporating renewable energy solutions. The initiative has been welcomed by the local community as a vital improvement in their living conditions.



## MCP

### Dioceses Collaborated in the Execution of the Project

- ✚ Diocese of Oakland
- ✚ Diocese of Fresno
- ✚ Archdiocese of Los Angeles

### Purpose of the project



**Education to the Poor Children**



**Women Empowerment  
Programme**



**Low Cost Housing for the Poor**

## Beneficiaries Reached Through Specific Programmes

| S.NO | Name of the Diocese               | Education to the Children | Women Empowerment | Low Cost Housing |
|------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1    | <b>Diocese of Oakland</b>         | 42                        | 8                 | 3                |
| 2    | <b>Diocese of Fresno</b>          | 28                        | 16                | 6                |
| 3    | <b>Archdiocese of Los Angeles</b> | 4                         | 1                 | -                |

## Community Development Building

### Sadayampalayam

Mrs. Celine Hazel Genevieve from London generously supported the construction of a community hall in Sadayampalayam village, Namakkal District. This hall serves as a vital space for the local community to conduct meetings, training sessions, cultural programs, and various development activities, fostering social unity and empowering the rural population.



### Siluvaigiri

The construction of the community hall in Siluvaigiri village was made possible through the generous support of Fr. Barnabass from the USA. This new facility now serves as a vital space for community meetings, skill development programs, and social activities, benefiting the entire village.



## Infrastructure Development Assistance for Educational Institution

### Jayarakkini Middle School

Mr. Jacques Roosen from the Netherlands generously extended his support for the development of Shevapet, Jayarakkini Middle School, contributing towards the improvement of its infrastructure and overall learning environment for the benefit of the students and staff.



### St. Paul's Higher Secondary School

The organization *Association Ensemble Pour Les Enfants* extended its valuable support for the construction of toilet facilities at the student hostel of St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, significantly contributing to improved hygiene, sanitation, and overall well-being of the hostel students.



### St.Joseph's Government Aided School, Manjakuttai

The development of school infrastructure in Manjakuttai village was made possible with the generous support of Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe from Liechtenstein. This valuable contribution has greatly enhanced the learning environment, providing improved facilities for students and enabling better access to quality education and holistic development.



## Project Objectives

- ⊕ To procure and furnish desks and chairs for the primary and middle school children to provide a better learning environment.
- ⊕ To install Android televisions and a computer system to enhance the quality of learning through computer-aided education



## EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME - MISSIO MALTA AND USA

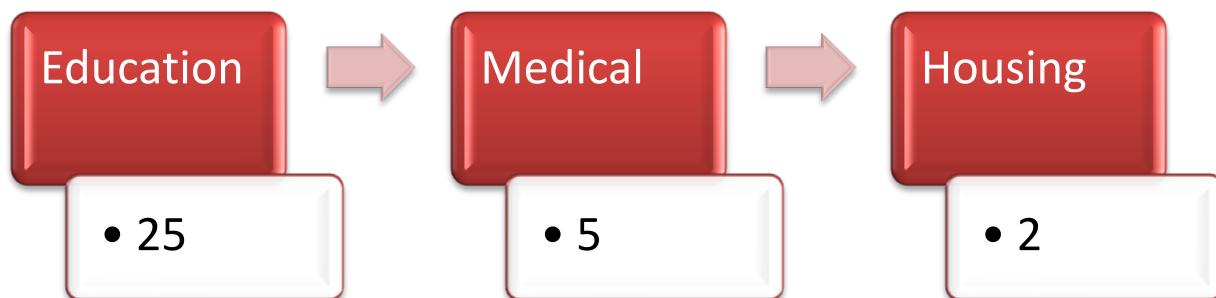
### Aim of the Project

This project aims to decrease the dropouts and improve the knowledge of students. The contribution of Missio, Malta will improve the education status and reduce school dropouts through sustainable alternative education in Namakkal and Salem Districts.

### Educational Assistance Provided for the Current Year

Through the **Missio Malta Project**, educational support was extended to **192 students**, enabling them to continue and enhance their academic pursuits. This initiative aimed to reduce the financial burden on economically disadvantaged families and promote equal access to quality education. The support covered essential needs such as tuition fees, school supplies, and other academic-related expenses, contributing significantly to the students' overall educational development and personal growth.

### United States Contribution to the Project



## Orphanage Charity Programme - Tolentino - Italy

### Purpose of the Project Implementation

Salem Social Service Society (SSSS) extended meaningful support to orphan children and elderly residents in old age homes with the generous contribution received from Tolentino, Italy. This assistance included the provision of nutritious food, school uniforms, stationery, and other essential daily needs. The support aimed to ensure dignity, comfort, and a better quality of life for the elderly, while also helping children pursue their education with confidence.

### Summary of Support Extended to Orphanages and Old Age Homes

| S.No | Name of the orphan        | Place            | No of Beneficiaries |
|------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1    | S. Joseph's Boarding      | Suramangalam     | 12                  |
| 2    | Amala Anbukarangal        | Udyapatti        | 10                  |
| 3    | St. Mary's Home           | Kakkaveri        | 14                  |
| 4    | St. Nichola's Boarding    | R. C. Settipatti | 13                  |
| 5    | St. Paul's Boarding       | Salem            | 14                  |
| 6    | Sacred Heart Girls Hostel | Rasipuram        | 15                  |
| 7    | St. Gabirel Home          | Agraharam        | 10                  |
| 8    | St. Xavier Minor Seminary | Salem            | 9                   |
| 9    | St. Theresa's ITI         | Maravanery       | 10                  |
| 10   | Bishop's House            | Maravanery       | 10                  |
| 11   | Assisi Institute          | Karumandhurai    | 14                  |
| 12   | St. Mary Magadhaline      | Mathiyampatti    | 20                  |



## Wayanadu Relief Fund

The **Salem Social Service Society (SSSS)** responded with compassion and solidarity to the humanitarian crisis caused by the recent natural disaster in **Wayanad, Kerala**. Many families were displaced, and their lives and livelihoods were severely affected due to the heavy rains, floods, and landslides that struck the region.

SSSS took the initiative to mobilize support from within the **Diocese of Salem**. A **Relief Fund Collection** was organized across the diocese.

### Contributions were received from

- Parishes
- Religious institutions and congregations
- Educational institutions
- Individual donors and well-wishers

### Total Contributions Received

| S.No | Fund Received From                       | Amount         |
|------|--|----------------|
| 1    | Parishes                                 | 553922         |
| 2    | Religious Institutions and Congregations | 338000         |
| 3    | Educational Institutions                 | 1197871        |
| 4    | Individual Donors and Well - wishers     | 20600          |
|      | Total                                    | <b>2110393</b> |

### Relief Assistance Distribution Overview

| S.No | Fund Distribution To             | Amount            |
|------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
|      | Tamilnadu Social Service Society | 14,00,000         |
|      | Caritas India                    | 3,00,000          |
|      | Eluru Diocese                    | 2,00,000          |
|      | Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam     | 2,00,000          |
|      | Administration                   | 10,393            |
|      | Total                            | <b>21,110,393</b> |

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Grand Parents Day

On 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 The Health Commission of Salem Diocese celebrated World Grandparents Day at Infant Jesus Cathedral, Arisipalayam, Salem. The Holy Mass was led by Rev. Fr. Joseph Lazar and Rev. Fr. L. David. A short celebration followed at Annai Illam, with a welcome by Rev. Sr. Anne Joyce and a special address by Rev. Fr. L. David on the role of grandparents. Cultural performances were presented by students of St. Mary's School and Nursing College. Around 120 grandparents participated in the event.



### World Heart Day and World International Health day

On 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2024, The Health Care Commission of Salem Diocese observed World Heart Day and International Health Day in Attur Block. The Secretary of the Commission gave an awareness talk on environmental health, and the coordinator spoke on human health care and food culture. The event was attended by 30 Self Help Group members.



### 110th World day of Migrants

On 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2024, The Migrants Commission of Salem Diocese celebrated the 110th World Day of Migrants at Paramathi Parish, Thrichengode Vicariate, with the theme "**God Walks With His People.**" The Holy Mass was led by Msgr. D. Michaelraj Selvam, along with Rev. Fr. L. David and Rev. Fr. A. Charlie. A cultural programme by Sri Lankan refugees followed by prize distribution to migrant children. The event concluded with a fellowship meal shared by all.



## Kolping Day

On 27th October 2024, we celebrated Kolping Day at the Salem Social Service Society Conference Hall. To mark this occasion, an awareness rally on environmental conservation was conducted. The rally was led by Rev. Msgr. D. Michaelraj Selvam, Vice President of SSSS, along with Rev. Fr. L. David, Director of SSSS. Members carried placards with slogans promoting environmental conservation. Following the rally, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Msgr. D. Michaelraj Selvam and Rev. Fr. L. David. After the Mass, Kolping schemes were distributed to 53 beneficiaries from Salem and Namakkal districts under SAP, MAP, VTP, HSP, and IIGP programs, amounting to a total of ₹10,50,000. Nearly 120 Kolping group members from Salem and Namakkal participated in the programme.



## Christmas Celebration

On 20th of December 2024 SSSS celebrated Christmas with the staff members and SHG members. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Irudhaya Selvam, Board member of SSSS, Rev. Fr. L. David and Rev. Fr. Prasanna. After that we organized small games to the staff members, the Christmas message was given by Rev. Fr. L. David and the Christmas gifts were distributed to the staff members.



## World Sick Day

On 14th February 2025, Salem Social Service Society observed World Sick Day at Koneripatti village. Rev. Sr. Sagayamelus spoke on mental and physical health, while Rev. Fr. L. David addressed the impact of drug addiction among youth and students. A total of 45 SHG members from Koneripatti, Thammampatti, and Sendharapatti participated in the programme.

## Women's Day

On 8th of March 2025, SSSS celebrated International Women's Day in Thammampatti, Gangavalli Block, with a rally from Barathi Hr. Sec. School to the Thammampatti Community Hall, flagged off by Mrs. Kavitha, Special Grade Town Panchayat Chairman. SHG women participated, raising slogans on women's rights, violence against women, and drug abuse. The event began with "Tamilthai Valthu." Rev. Fr. L. David, Secretary of SSSS, and federation members honored the guests. Cultural performances were given by Koneripatti Children Parliament and SHG Federation members. Rev. Fr. Jai Bernard Joseph spoke on gender equality and women's political participation, and Dr. Mrs. Harshitha gave an awareness talk on drug addiction and its impact. Rev. Fr. Prasanna, Director of Namakkal Social Service Society, felicitated the women and organizers. Miss Devi delivered the vote of thanks, and the event was coordinated by Rev. Fr. L. David. SHG members exhibited stalls of masala items, pickles, millet products, and cloth leather handbags for marketing. A total of 420 SHG members participated, and the celebration concluded with a meal for all attendees.



## SPECIAL EVENT PHOTOS



## SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY - GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

| S. NO | Name                                   | Designation         | Place          |
|-------|--|---------------------|----------------|
| 1     | Most. Rt. Rev. Dr .Arulselvam Rayappan | President           | Bishop House   |
| 2     | Rev. Msgr. Michaelraj Selvam           | Vice. President     | Bishop House   |
| 3     | Rev. Fr. L. David                      | Secretary/ Director | SSSS           |
| 4     | Rev. Fr. Prasanna                      | Assistant Director  | SSSS           |
| 5     | Rev. Fr. A. Jacob                      | Member              | Bishop House   |
| 6     | Rev. Fr. Irudhaya Selvam               | Member              | Mettur         |
| 7     | Rev. Fr. Gurusadi Sagayaraj            | Member              | Pallipalayam   |
| 8     | Rev. Fr. Gregory Rajan                 | Member              | Mary Palace    |
| 9     | Rev. Fr. A. Arockiasamy                | Member              | Minor Seminary |
| 10    | Mr. Joseph Raja                        | Member              | Alagapuram     |
| 11    | Mrs. Mary Helen                        | Member              | Arisipalayam   |

## SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY - STAFF DETAILS

| S. No | Name                   | Designation | Place        |
|-------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1     | Rev. Fr. L. David      | Director    | SSSS         |
| 2     | Ms. S. Gayathri        | Coordinator | SSSS         |
| 3     | Mrs. A. Punitha        | Coordinator | SSSS         |
| 4     | Mr. S. George Selvaraj | Accountant  | SSSS         |
| 5     | Mrs. C. Mariyatheresa  | Animator    | Thammampatti |
| 6     | Mrs. R. Pauline        | Animator    | Attur        |
| 7     | Mrs. S. Ranisambath    | Animator    | Gangavalli   |
| 8     | Mrs. R. Indra Gandhi   | Animator    | Attur        |
| 9     | Mrs. K. Pappathi       | Animator    | Thalaivasal  |
| 10    | Mrs. P. Amuthavalli    | Animator    | Veeraganur   |
| 11    | Mrs. F. Kanikairaj     | Driver      | SSSS         |
| 12    | Mr. John Albert        | Gardener    | SSSS         |

