PONDICHERRY MULTIPURPOSE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT 2005 - 2006

PMSSS as a Non Governmental Organization continues to work towards promoting love, frarternity, equality, and justice among people of its area of operation of UT regions of Pondicherry, Karaikal, Cuddalore and Villupuram District regions in Tamil Nadu since 1977. With three folded strategies of peoples' development through Non formal education and training. Integrated Development through peoples' organization, self reliant and self sustainable development of the people in social, economic cultural, political fields through peoples participation, responsibility, management, etc it was very helpful to achieve the objectives of PMSSS.

PMSSS continued the Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation work in 20 coastal areas to fishermen, Agricultural, and other communities especially to Women, youth, Children and elderly helped to achieve the set targets within the timeframe.

648 houses in Devenampatinam were built and handed over to beneficiaries; agreement has been signed for 950 houses in Kariakal regions with the Govt, of Pondicherry.

With Continued support from International Funding organizations especially CARITAS and CRS helped PMSSS to continue the activities in self sustained manner to the beneficiaries.

375 female and 156 male SHGs were formed and special trainings were conducted to capacitate them. PMSSS innovative program Village information Centre was set up in all 20 centres to impart Information and Communication Technology to the rural communities.

In this above context the Governing body of PMSSS is happy to present its annual report for the period 2005-2006 of all activities as well as regular activities of Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation on report.

Welfare and Community Development.

Financial Assistance of Rs. 2, 77, 767/- was spent to Community development and welfare activities.

School building and expansion.

Kolping India Coimbatore came forward and granted Rs. 3, 221, 234. 00/for building and expansion of Kolping School, Periyakalapet.

Archidoicese relief fund for Fire and Flood Victims.

Rs 30, 600 worth of Relief materials was given to the fire and flood victims of Pondicherry, Cuddalore regions.

Housing.

With the continued grant from Fr. Richard England 9 houses were constructed in Fathimapalayam, with the first installment of Rs. 10000 along with people work and participation.

Flood Relief.

56 villages of Karaikall, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Pondicherry were affected with heavy pour of rain and opening of Dams. With Support from CARITAS and CRS financial assistance of Rs. 27,14,044 relief materials were distributed to the flood victims of Kottucherry, Thennagudi, Pattinacherry, Karaikal, Cuddalore District of Devnampatinam, Cuddalore OT and extended villages of Panruti, Azhagappasamuthiram, Krishnankuppam, Irrupukurinji, Virudhachalam, Veeraredikuppam, Muthangkuppam, Kovilangkuppam, Kookampakkam, Kalgunam, Vadalur, Melakolakudi, Maruvai, Kurinjipady,

Petthanayakankuppam of Vadalur, Manikollai, Periyapet, Parangipet, Gopalapuram, Thachanpalayam, of Periapet. With the help of South Arcot Multipurpose Social Service Society relief was carried out in Villupuram district. Flood relief to 2138 people and food packets, dress materials, Utensils to 34631 people were given.

Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation.

Livelihood support was given to the tsunami affected villages of Pondicherry, Cuddalore, and Kariakal.,

Pondicherry Region

SI.No.	Village Name
1	Kanagachettykulam
2	Periyakalapet
3	Chinnakalapet
4	Solainagar(North)
5	Solainagar (South)
6	Vaithikuppam
7	Kurusukuppam
8	Vambakeerapalayam
9	Chinnaveerampattinam

Cuddalore Region

SI.No.	Village Name
1	Subauppalavady
2	Thazhanguda
3	Devanampattinam
4	Cuddalore OT.
5	Sonankuppam
6	Singarathoppe
7	Akkaraigory
8	Sothikuppam

Karaikal District (Pondicherry Region)

SI.No.	Village Name
1	Pattinacherry
2	Kottucherrymedu
3	Keezhakasakudimedu

Livelihood Support to Fisherfolk

Just as necessity is the mother of invention, crises can be a source of improvisation. St. Joseph's Industrial Training Institute, Cuddalore, one of the institutions of the Archdiocese of Pondicherry spurred to start a totally new unit

for manufacturing 202 fibre boats to address the immediate needs of the fisher folk.

Fibre Boats

Slno	Villages	Nos.	Beneficiaries
1	Thazhanguda	10	50
2	Devanampattinam	104	388
3	Cuddalore OT	19	95
4	Sonankuppam	27	135
5	Singarathope	15	75
6	Akkaraigori	22	110
7	Sothikuppam	5	25
Total		202	878

Project Cost :Rs. 1,71,70,000/-

Diesel Marine Engines of 10 HP Capacity

Slno	Villages	Nos.	Beneficiaries
1	Thazhanguda	10	50
2	Devanampattinam	135	675
3	Cuddalore OT	15	75
4	Sonankuppam	25	125
5	Singarathope	15	75
6	Akkaraigori	22	110
7	Pattinacherry	10	50
Total		232	1160

Project Cost: Rs. 95,26,152/-

Nets

ECHO has been extremely generous to supply different types on nets to the fisher folk in all the 20 villages.

Slno	Villages	Types	In KGs	Bene ficiaries
1	Kanagachettikulam	Nethili & Kavalai Nets	1870	340
2	Periyakalapet	Mani & Disco Nets	2340	467
3	Chinnakalapet	Mani, Pentha & Pannu Nets	2430	324
4	Solainagar North	Mani, Kolavalai, Disco & Kattu Nets	2315	393
5	Solainagar South	Nakku, Kolavalai & Disco Nets	4585	713
6	Vaithikuppam	Gill, Nakku, Mani & Kavalai Nets	2410	342
7	Kurusukuppam	Mani, Kavalai & Crab Nets	1605	231
8	Vambakeerapalayam	Kavalai, Kattu & Fishing Nets (Vanjara Valai)	4930	726
9	Chinnaveerampattinam	No. 10 Net & Crab Nets	8760	292
10	Kottucherrymedu	Valla, Salanga, Arra & Disco Nets	1280	265
11	Pattinacherry	Valla, Salanga & Disco Nets	2285	458
12	Thazhanguda	Kavalai, Crab, Disco, Mathi, Kanakazhuthai, Crab, No.10 Nets	7595	905
13	Subauppalavady	Crab, Kanakazhuthai, Disco, No. 10 Nets	561	68
14	Devanampattinam	Kavalai, Disco, Double, Parakolagh, Mathi, Kanakazhuthai, Crab, Gill, Kattu & Disco Nets	23560	2352
15	Cuddalore OT	Gill, Nethili, Kavalai, Pentha, Disco, Pannu, Kattu, Double, Parakola, Kanakazhuthai Nets	6380	1069
16	Akkaraigori	Kavalai, Crab, Disco,	3380	606

		Pannu, Double, Parakolah Nets		
17	Singarathope	Kavalai or Prawn Double and Parakolagh Nets	1670	309
18	Sonankuppam	Arra, Kavalai, Disco Pannu, Periya Kanakazhuthai, Double, Parakoloagh, Kanakazhuthai, Crab & Prawn Nets	12959	1842
19	Sothikuppam	Kavalai, Pentha , Disco, Pannu, Kanakazhuthai & Crab Nets	9640	1629
Total			100555	13331

Project Cost: Rs. 5,05,51,879/-

Cattamarans

Slno	Villages	Nos.	Beneficiaries
1	Subauppalavady	17	34
2	Devanampattinam	19	19
3	Cuddalore OT	4	8
4	Sonankuppam	9	18
5	Singarathope	2	4
6	Akkaraigori	9	4
7	Sothikuppam	12	24
8	Chinnaveerampattinam	101	132
Total		166	243

The river water fisher folk whose cattamarans were washed away are given new catamarans, according to their preference.

Project Cost: Rs. 19,09,431/-

Boat Registration and Insurance

On behalf of the fisher folk the boats and gears are being registered and insured by PMSSS for a period of one year.

Slno	Villages	Nos.	Bene ficiaries
1	Thazhanguda	10	
2	Devanampattinam	79	79
3	Cuddalore OT	18	18
4	Sonankuppam	24	24
5	Singarathope	13	13
6	Akkaraigori	22	22
Total		166	156

Project Cost: Rs. 8,82,755/-

Repair of FRP (IB) Boats

Fisher folk whose FRP(IB) boats and engines were partially damaged are repaired at their request.

Slno	Villages	Nos.	Bene ficiaries
1	Devanampattinam	96	96
2	Cuddalore OT	1	1
Total		97	97

Project Cost: Rs. 15,53,300/-

Repair of FRP (IB) Engines

SIno	Villages	Nos.	Bene ficiaries
1	Devanampattinam	96	96

2	Cuddalore OT	1	1
Total		97	97

Project Cost: Rs. 18,79,062/-

IB Materials to the launch owners

[Spare Parts, Batteries, Nylon ropes etc.,]

Slno	Villages	Bene ficiaries
1	Devanampattinam	17
2	Cuddalore OT	12
3	Sonankuppam	37
4	Singarathope	23
5	Akkaraigori	38
6	Sothikuppam	19
Total		146

Project Cost: Rs. 14,17,410/-

Livelihood Support to Agriculturists

Apart from the fisher folk, agriculturists were also badly affected by the tsunami since their cultivable lands were turned saline. PMSSS extended its solicitude to such farmers too, some of whom belong to the Dalit community. Natural and sustainable farming methods were introduced in these villages. Farmers were helped to construct vermi compost pits in their own yard and were supplied earthworms for vermiculture. Besides they were given necessary training in vermiculture. A borewell to the depth of 300 meters was rigged in Devanampattinam and drip irrigation system was introducted to restart agricultural activities, especially the cultivation of the fragrant jasmine for which

the village is know. Mushroom culture was introduced. Sprinklers, motors and agricultural implements were distributed.

Slno	Villages	Items	Bene ficiaries
1	Devanampattinam	Desalination Process	25
		Pilot Bore well + Drip Irrigation	49
		Vermi Compost	128
		Vermi Compost Pit	30
		Earth Worm	30
		Mushroom Shed	1
		Motor 10HP with Pumpset	40
		Jasmine Plant and Onion Seeds	200
		Onion Seeds	200
		Drumstick seeds	3
		Bio Pesticide, Vermi Wash, Kunabajalam, Amudha Karaisal & Panchakavya	80
		Bio Fertilizer - Azolla	2
		Horticulture Promotion Training	84
		Distribution of 5HP motors & 3HP motors	6
		Horticulture Kits (Spades & Sprays)	150
		Coconut Plants	113
2	Subauppalavady	Vermi Compost	70
		Vermi Compost pit with sheds	50
		Earth Worms	50

3 Tha	zhanguda Idalore OT	Horticulture Promotion training Coconut Plant Coconut Plant	76
3 Tha			4
3 Tha		Coconut Plant	
	Idalara OT	Occorde Flam	35
4 Cud	idalore O i	Mushroom Shed	40
		Coconut Plant	3
5 Son	ankuppam	Electrical Motor (1HP Motor)	1
		Coconut Plants	574
6 Sing	garathope	Electrical Motor (1HP Motor)	1
		Coconut Plants	554
7 Akka	araigori	Electrical Motor (1HP Motor)	1
		Coconut Plants	536
8 Soth	nikuppam	Electrical Motor (1HP Motor)	1
		Coconut Plants	544
9	aikal - lukalampet	Vermicompost	65
		Vermi Compost Pits with sheds	40
		Earthworm Paddy seeds ADT 43 (Karaikal)	40
		Horticulture Promotion training	40
		Horticulture Kits (Spades & Spray)	50
		Trenches	70
10 Kott	ucherrymedu	Coconut Plants	300
11 Patt	inacherry	Coconut Plants	400
12 Kee	zhakasakudimedu	Coconut Plants	200
13 Sola	ainagar North	Coconut Plants	300
14 Sola	ainagar South	Coconut Plants	400
15 Vait	hikuppam	Coconut Plants	300

Total			6793
18	Vambakeerapalayam	Coconut Plants	300
17	Chinnaveerampattinam	Coconut Plants	500
16	Kurusukuppam	Coconut Plants	200

Through Tsunami Rehabiliation programs the communities were empowered in Social, Education, Economic, Cultural and political thorugh formation of Groups and Community Coordinations. With this insight male and female SHGs groups were formed to promote social development. The details are below.

Self Help Group Details

SI.		Upto 3	1.3.2005		4.2005 to 3.2006	T	otal	
No	Village	Total Groups	Total Members	Total Groups	Total Members	Total Groups	Total Members	Savings
1	Kanagachettykulam	10	150	00	00	10	150	90,000.00
2	Periyakalapet	29	435	02	35	31	470	272,650.00
3	Chinnakalapet	05	75	06	94	11	169	84,500.00
4	Solainagar (North)	23	346	00	-2	23	344	1,45,250.00
5	Solainagar (South)	24	395	02	41	26	436	11,98,000.00
6	Vaithikuppam	42	780	03	75	45	855	3,36,600.00
7	Kurusukuppam	27	517	32	648	59	1165	3,61,350.00
8	Vambakeerapalayam	27	457	17	330	44	787	4,22,800.00
9	Chinnaveerampattinam	12	251	05	52	17	303	1,13,900.00
10	Subauppalavady	06	114	03	58	09	172	1,10,800.00
11	Thazhanguda	00	000	03	60	03	60	27,000.00
12	Devanampattinam	57	1035	14	321	71	1356	6,25,600.00
13	Cuddalore O.T.	06	90	37	752	43	842	4,62,100.00
14	Sonankuppam	16	320	23	402	39	722	3,62,650.00
15	Singarathoppe	05	100	04	60	09	160	84,500.00
16	Akkaraigory	02	40	14	270	16	310	92,250.00

17	Sothikuppam	01	15	18	345	19	360	85,750.00
18	Pattinacherry	06	11	03	147	09	158	74,020.00
19	Kottucherrymedu	04	91	07	127	11	218	1,25,600.00
20	Keezhakasakudimedu	00	00	03	60	03	60	16,000.00
Total		302	5222	196	3875	498	9097	4,013,120.00

Self Employment Plan:

To regain their lost hope and livelihood revloving fund was distributed to affected families of Tsunami with the support from CARITAS INDIA, CRS, Refugee Trust International, Charities Aid Foundation, Kolping India. The beneficiaries are as follows.

SI.No.	Village	Total	Total	Revolving Fund
		Group	Members	
1	Kanagachettykulam	10	150	4,50,000.00
2	Periyakalapet	13	200	6,00,000.00
3	Chinna Kalapet	11	169	5,07,000.00
4	Solainagar (North)	07	102	3,06,000.00
5	Solainagar (South)	15	226	6,78,000.00
6	Vaithikuppam	44	840	2,52,0000.00
7	Kurusukuppam	56	1115	33,45,000.00
8	Vambakeerapalayam	39	685	2,062,000.00
9	Chinnaveerampattinam	07	94	2,82,000.00
10	Devanampattinam	49	930	2,790,000.00
11	Cuddalore OT	43	816	2,388,000.00
12	Sonankuppam	20	397	1,191,000.00
13	Singarathoppe	10	180	5,40,000.00
14	Akkaraigorry	14	270	8,10,000.00
15	Sothikuppam	19	360	1,080,000.00
16	Pattinacherry	03	64	1,92,000.00
17	Kottucherrymedu	05	103	3,00,000.00
18	Keezhakasakudimedu	04	80	2,40,000.00
	Total	369	6781	20,281,000.00

Petty Trade Assistance

SI.No.	Villages	Beneficiaries	Total
1	Chinnakalapet	30	90,000.00
2	Thazhanguda	60	1,80,000.00
3	Devanampattinam	40	1,20,000.00
4	Sonankuppam	265	7,95,000.00
5	Pattinacherry	15	45,000.00
6	Kottucherry	05	15,000
Total		415	345,009

Financial Assistance to Physically Challenged

SI.No.	Village	Beneficiaries	Total
1	Periyakalapet	16	50,000.00
2	Chinnakalapet	03	11,000.00
3	Solainagar (North)	07	21,000.00
4	Vaithikuppam	13	41,000.00
5	Kurusukuppam	24	76,000.00
6	Vambakeerapalayam	18	54,000.00
7	Subauppalavady	02	11,000.00
8	Thazhanguda	02	10,000.00
9	Devanampattinam	04	45,000.00
10	Cuddalore OT	38	1,32,000.00
11	Sonankuppam	21	63,000.00
12	Singarathoppe	26	82,000.00
13	Akkaraigory	26	84,000.00
14	Sothikuppam	13	41,000.00
15	Pattinacherry	20	71,000.00
16	Kottucherrymedu	41	1,29,000.00
17	Karaikal Town	30	90,000.00
	Total	304	1,011,000.00

Utensils and materials related to Fish Selling

SI.No.	Villages	Beneficiaries	Total
1	Kanagachettykulam	30	25,175.00

2	Periyakalapet	180	1,48,900.00
3	Chinnakalapet	154	1,24,000.00
4	Solainagar (North)	238	1,98,435.00
5	Solainagar (South)	226	1,86,025.00
6	Vaithikuppam	330	4,09,200.00
7	Kurusukuppam	270	2,85,201.00
8	Vambakeerapalayam	185	1,11,650.00
9	Chinnaveerampattinam	172	1,48,800.00
10	Devanampattinam	80	49,600.00
11	Cuddalore OT	660	3,34,785.00
12	Singarathoppe	155	86,805.00
13	Akkaraigory	230	1,48,800.00
14	Sothikuppam	40	24,800.00
15	Pattinacherry	30	37,200.00
	Total	2980	2,319,376.00

Training to SHGs on alternate livelihood:

Training on stitching fancy bag was given to SHGs of Devanampatinam and Vaithikuppam and later on training like Clay modeling, Agarbathi making, Candle making, Lampshade, mushroom cultivation were also given to the members.

Women Day Celebration:

International Women day were celeberated on 11th march. 450 Members from fisher folk federation participated in the celebration.

Distribution of Tailoring Machines:

Tailoring machines were distributed to 600 students of Pondicherry, Cuddalore and kariakal who have completed tailoring course.

Youth Skill Training:

Skill training was given to the potential youth of Cuddalore and Pondicherry Regions. The following table shows the trades and the beneficiaries.

A/C & Refrigeration Mechanism	33
Mobile phone servicing	49
Electrician	25
Welding	28
Wheel Alignment	02
Automobile Mechanism	20
TV Mechanism	02
Total	159

Computer Training:

Computer Centres were established and certificates are distributed to 657 students in 7 villages out of them 29 are placed in different areas.

Tailoring:

Tailoring Centres were established in 19 villages and 489 students got trained and were encouraged to appear for Govt. Exams. 15 students are self employed and several are placed in garment units.

Evening Tution Centres:

Tuition centres were established in 15 villages for 1st to 12th standard students. This year 902 students are studying in these centres.

Driving License were issued to the successful students who underwent Car driving 200 students in Cuddalore, 128 in Pondicherry, and 10 in kariakal were issued.

Psycho Social Support.

The rehabilitation of the morale of a person is as important as the distribution of boats, engines, nets, catamarans and launches. People left alive but suffering from loss of morale, loss of hope in their lives and loss of faith in their future, are to be given psychological strength and hope for a better future. Hence, a team of 20 Primary Level and 6 Secondary Level qualified Psycho Social Support staff was recruited and given training by Sarthak who are known for their expertise in the field. The psycho-social activities of PMSSS have been executed under four broad objectives, i.e. to identify the needs, risks and resources of the individual and the community; to link risks to resources; to strengthen existing groups and lastly, to strengthen and support families through medical and social rehabilitation programs. 5163 persons were given counseling and medically supported. The details are as follows.

Sections	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	
Psychosocial	19	31	18	19	22	26	26	25	26	22	234
Problem											
Sanitation	13	15	22	37	36	13	28	25	20	21	230
Problem											
Social	10	06	51	75	183	14	48	23	40	14	464
Economic											
Problem											
Physical	-	13	07	-	-	22	29	08	09	14	102
Problem											
Old Age	-	-	16	05	-	01	12	02	03	01	40
Problem											
School	-	-	0	06	-	-	-	03	06	03	18
Dropout											
Total	42	65	114	142	241	76	143	86	104	75	1088

Community Based disaster Preparedness:

A team of 6 members from Sarista Foundation Mumbai visited PMSSS and conducted a training on Disaster preparedness for staff and community members for a period of 1 week. 112 staff and 1545 community members were

trained on various types of disaster preparedness. In addition these trainings were also taken to 36 SHGs members in Chinnaveerampatinam and 55 in Periyakalapet.

Bhavishya Transition Program:

Apart from the above major projects, PMSSS has also launched an assortment of other measures which address different segments of the populace and different aspects of their lives. These rogrammes are aimed at the children, youth, women and the village public.

Water and Sanitation:

"Toilet" is something with which coastal communities were not familiar. Women, children and men alike are accustomed to defecate along the sea shore. The tsunami rehabilitation process has paved the path for the introduction of toilets in the fishermen villages. Initially many were not amenable to this novel practice. They considered this as a discomfort and an unnecessary item of expenditure. Constant sanitary and hygiene awareness campaigns were conducted which brought about a sea change especially among women and adolescent girls. This was followed by construction of toilets with electricity and running water facilities.

Slno	Villages	Permanent	Semi Permanent	Temporary	Bath Rooms
1	Kanagachettikulam	12	-	12	-
2	Periyakalapet	40	10	12	-
3	Chinnakalapet	20	6	6	-
4	Chinnaveerampattinam	10	10	-	-
5	Singarathope	13	20	-	-

6	Akkaraigori	12	20	-	-
7	Sothikuppam	25	-	-	10
8	Devanampattinam	-	70	-	-
9	Kilinjalmedu	-	12	-	-
10	Thanthirankuppam	-	40	-	-
	Total	132	188	30	10

Project Cost: Rs. 59,02,221/-

Solid Waste Management

Awareness campaigns on hygiene through street theatre, film show, puppet show and sensitization workshops were conducted in all the villages. As the coastal villages were away from the town, disposal of solid waste was posing a real problem. The only solution the fisher folk could think of was to burn or dump them in some place which caused health hazards. On an experimental basis, Periyakalapet in Puducherry was selected for a solid waste management project. The SHGs in that village came forward to take up this project.

After a thorough training on solid waste management, they started the process of garbage collections, segregation and composting. A minidor was provided to them for transport and the salary of the driver is taken care of by the SHGs. The project has turned out to be a success. Solid waste management is being taken up in collaboration with EXNORA in a large scale in the new construction site with 648 houses at Devanampattinam.

Water Purification Plants

In most of the coastal areas water turned saline due to tsunami. Hand pumps used for drinking water purposes lost their purpose. Hence, Water Purification Plants are installed in two villages ie., Periyakalapet and Solainagar North.

Drainage systems in Cuddalore OT Harbour

Everyday is a day of frenzied activity in Cuddalore OT harbour which serves as the hub for fish sales for the entire Cuddalore District and the other states like Kerala. The harbour has been in a very bad shape causing health hazards. At the request of the fisher folk, fish vendors, merchants and the general public, renovation work was done providing drainage for waste water. The work is to be fully completed in the coming days.

Information and Communication Technology:

PMSSS is perhaps the first NGO which has initiated steps to bring Information Technology to the tsunami affected villages. With the help of the Village Information Centres [VICs], people can be warned in advance of any imminent disaster. VICs have been established in all 20 target villages of Pondicherry, Karaikal and Cuddalore regions.

The VIC makes announcements through Public Address System thrice a day on the weather, wave heights, wind speed, potential fish findings and the daily market price. These informations are displayed on the display boards in each village, which act as a front line delivery system to the villagers.

In the long run, E-governance will be introduced to tie up the 20 villages with the Collectorate and the other Government Departments for speedy communication and collection of required information for the rural community. It is our future plan to introduce E- medicine which is envisaged to provide quality and cost effective health care to the rural people; E- education which will enrich the education of children and youth and E-agriculture which will speed up the exchange of information on prices of vegetables, fertilizers, seeds, etc., through

internet and email. It is also planned to setup a local web site for the SHGs to help them sell their products at a good price through E-market.

"Information for Rural " - Program through All India Radio, Puducherry

Radio is one of the effective communication media where the information can be disseminated to the rural community easily. Today pocket radios are available in the markets for Rs.100. Every House owns a radio in a rural village. The people can listen to the radio and do other works simultaneously.

The All India Radio, Puducherry broadcast reaches more than 200 kilometers and it has more than 50 lakhs listeners. It has the coverage areas of Vilupuram, Cuddalore, Puducherry and Karaikal districts.

PMSSS with the support of Catholic Relief Services [CRS] has partnership with All India Radio- Puducherry and broadcasts "Pudhu yugam Padaipom" program using this effective communication media. This concept was developed when the fishermen requested for the information on weather warning and wave conditions when they are in the sea. PMSSS has 20 ICT-Village Information Centres with PA Systems in the tsunami affected coastal villages. The announcement on weather and wave heights and other early warnings is heard only around 1 kilometer in the villages. Keeping this in mind PMSSS is broadcasting the program "Information for Rural" in collaboration with the All India Radio-Puducherry.

The first CD on "Information for Rural" was released by the Chief Secretary of Puducherry, Mr.B.V.Selvaraj, I.A.S., and handed over it to Shri. K. P. Srinivasan, The Station Director, AIR, Pudcherry in the presence of Ms. Rama, Ms. Francina, CRS and Fr. R. Ratchagar, Executive Director, PMSSS on 31st August 2006.

The program is aired three times a day at 6.25 am, 12.05 pm and 7.25 pm at 1215khz, Medium Wave. The information on weather forecast, wave heights of

the sea, Community Based Disaster Preparedness, Right to Information Act 2005, Child Rights, Women Empowerment, Child Trafficking and other community based valuable information are broadcasted three times a day. PMSSS has a well equipped studio for recording the information.

The weather forecast and wave heights information are collected from Indian Meteorological Department, Chennai and Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services [INCOIS], Hyderabad respectively. The other information is collected from the resource persons from the reputed institutions.

PMSSS encourages the rural community participation in this program. Women from Self Help Groups and youths from the tsunami affected coastal villages participate in this program eagerly with lot of resources. Women and youths are invited from the villages, they are trained to read the program, their voices recorded and broadcast through AIR, Puducherry. PMSSS gets lot of feed back from the listeners through letters and phone calls.

Training on Remote Sensing:

A one day workshop on Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System [GSI] was held on 26th August 2006 for the staff of PMSSS at the conference hall of PMSSS.

Thiru. G. Devaneedhi Dhas, District Collector Cum Additional Secretary (Revenue), Govt. Of Pondicherry, inaugurated the workshop. Dr.C.J.Kumanan, Senior Lecturer, Dept. Of Remote Sensing and GIS, Bharathidhasan University, Trichy was the resource person.

Promotion of Rural Based Fraternal Life Communities(Credit Unions)

Since 1977 PMSSS maintained its thrust for Non formal Leadership Education and Training and inturn prmote rural based credit union in villages of its area of operation.

During this year 2005-2006, 23 new Credit unions were formed and in total 14218 members exist under the organisation of PMSSS.

The total savings of the 14218 mmebers reached to the tune of Rs. 3,27, 54,434.

The Village level credit unions extends loasns to its members for their education, health, family expenses and Income generation programme to enchane their socio-economic llife. 8 Medical camps were conducted out of 992 beneficiaries 151 got medical assistance. Rs. 3245 was donated to Tsunami Relief from 12 fraternal life sabha.

Donation of Rs. 11, 139.50 was also given to 39 Sago Dharma Sabha members which was distributed to elderly and needed.

340 credi tunion members took LIC policy under jana Shree Blma Yojana to benefir in time of accident and natural death, bny paying Rs.100/- premium amount by each member each year of which 3 union members got benefited from accidental and Death coverage reached to the tune of Rs. 65,000.

Rs. 1, 14, 600 was given as an Educational assistance to 31 groups of which 97 students of 97members benfited.

PMSSS extended support to 411 members of FLCs to undertake self employment activities assisted with financial support to the tune of Rs. 15,93,000/-as loan out of which 346 belong to shedulded caste and 65 belong to backward classes.

PMSSS also provided Rs. 7,55,000 to 151 members to undetake income generation activities of which 111 belong to Schduled caste and 40 belong to Backward clases.

Land for landless & Home for Homeless.

Under land for landless and home for homeless programmes agricultural coolie people were given orientation on value of land, sustainable agriculture, social forestry, water and social conservation, oprganic farming, low cost Housing technology, etc.,

Loan amount Rs. 1, 22, 12, 550 was distributed to 334 members out of it 92 members repayed and 24 members from 10 groups purchased land. Since the inception of the programme.

Loans were also distributed to a tune of Rs. 7, 05, 000 for 149 persons towards agirucltural activities.

Loans for Home for Homeless where given to the tune of Rs. 55,99,000 to 284 members of which 81 members have fully repaid the dues since the inception of the programme.

Social Assistance Programme:

The objective of helping the neglected, destitute and sickly aged, handicapped persons with monthly cash assistance of Rs. 100/- per person per month become a well recognized programme.

The programme extend help to 207 aged, 36 destitute, 87 chronically ill, 19 physically challenged, 16 widow and widowers. In total 365 persons were supported during this year with Rs. 4,33,600 as pension. 300 agricultural labourers were given financial assistance as loan to the tune of Rs. 10, 35, 000. Donations received from members stood to Rs. 5, 91,225/-

New Thrust programme(Women Development)

Under the New Thrust programme 342 issue based women self help groups with 6642 members and 82 agricultural SHGs with 1440 members were formed. 17 union levels, 3 district level federations were formed for women groups and 7 union and 1 district level federations were formed for agricultural groups.

369 Women SHGs with 6681members and 96 groups of 1795 have saving to the tune of its members Rs.1, 51, 60,884/-. Several trainings were conducted for their members as well for the staff during this year which leads to the way of empowering women in social and political aspects. 40 women's group were able to keep a total amount of Rs. 40,15,000/- from State Bank of India as loan to their members.

Agricultural Development Programme:

In order to improve the standard of living and to support the agriculturalists in all possible ways this programme was started. As an outcome of this programme agriculturists avoided getting loans at a higher rate and sold their produce for a higher rate. 1245 farmers were given Rs. 62,22,000/- as a loan for delayed sale of Agricultural produces. A profit of Rs 1, 114, 625 was baged by 1245 farmers.

Kolping Programme:

The kolping programme was initiated with an objective of brining back the smiles of the families in Pondicherry and Cuddalore diocese and also to attain Political, Economical, Spiritual and Social sectors. 427 members joined as members in the Kolping programme. 19 Children received scholarship amount to the tune of Rs. 11,400/- under Janashree Bhima Yojana Scheme of LIC.

15 Kolping families were benefited from the loans distributed by State Bank India. Students and employed persons from Kolping families stayed in Kolping hostel. 80 persons benefited from paying High rents to other hostel.

Kolping Matriculation School:

Kolping Matriculation school was started by PMSSS in 2004. Since, its inception many developments have been taken place. The school was first started with 325 students and in IInd year the strength rose to 625 students. The school is at present offering education from Pre- KG to IXth standard with 18 sections handled by well qualified trained staff.

Care for Srilankan Tamil Refugee :

With the support from JRS and OFFER. PMSSS continues to provide its services to the Srilankan Refugees who were accommodated in camps and extended services like Children education, Medical rehabilitation, Water, Sanitation and Electricity facilities.

Fraternal Life Service Home:

Fraternal Life Service Home was started in 1983 in Ousteri to provide Psychosocial support and care to the mental affected people. During this year 83 people got medical support and at present 30 people are staying in the Home.

Health Care Programme:

1026 people from 9 zones of which 661 scheduled caste and 365 backward class people benefited as an outcome of this programme. On an average 97 patients per month has been benefited during this financial year. 97 patients have been admitted and 76 got Medical assistance.

Free General Medical Camps:

PMSSS organized 15 free eye camps with help of Pondicherry Institute of Medical Science (PIMS) and Aravind Eye Hospital. Totally 2105 patients attended these camps. 226 persons got free cataract operations. 23 General Medical camps were conducted with the help of Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and PIMS in which 1567 people from 23 villages benefited and 171 people have been admitted in the Hospital and got free treatment.

Awareness Programmes:

HIV / AIDS awarness was given to 18 members of whom 7 were identified with HIV virus. 2348 members were given awareness on various Disaster preparedness with the help of TamilNadu Voluntary Health Association 2 Medical camps were conducted to 23 groups.

Awareness of Herbal plants cultivation, powder preparation was given to the Women Groups.

Blood Donation camps were conducted in which 50 persons donated blood.

Networking Information of Parenting: was given to 65 pregnant women and parents with children below 5 years.

Community Based Rehabilitation Programme: was started with an aim to benefit physically challenged with support from Caritas India. As an outcome 368 persons were identified from 30 different villages in Pondicherry, Cuddalore and Villupuram districts. Identity cards were distributed, 12 earing machines, Spectacles and other necessary materials issued to 8 persons. 41 persons who

lost their walking abilities due to polio, accidents were provided artificial walking materials.

Financial Assistance from Govt. was given to 8 persons. 147 persons from various districts made to aware about their disability. Rs. 1,00,000 was given as loan to 52 persons for self employment.

Accom Marian Computer Centre : was established to provide computer education to economically backward students. Courses Like

- Tally
- Diploma in Web Designing and Developing
- Hardware & Networking
- Multimedia Technology

was imparted to 120 students of whom 10 persons are placed in various organizations. With effect from 22.6.2006 internet centres were established in addition to the centres.

PMSSS extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to all donors, well wishers, Govt. Depts., Leaders and the members of People's organization for the support, cooperation extended to fulfill its objectives to serve the poor and the needy.

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