

# **PONDICHERRY MULTIPURPOSE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2006 - 2007**

PMSSS as a Non Governmental Organization continues to work towards promoting love, fraternity, 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 people's 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.

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

In this above context the Governing body of PMSSS is happy to present its annual report for the period 2006-2007 of all activities as well as regular activities of Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation on report.

### **Welfare and Community Development.**

Financial Assistance of Rs. 1, 11,680/- was spent to Community development and welfare activities.

### **School building and expansion.**

Kolping India Coimbatore came forward and granted Rs. 55, 75, 238. 00/- for building and expansion of Kolping School, Periyakalpet.

### **Archdiocese Relief fund for Fire and Flood Victims.**

Rs 22, 790.00/- worth of Relief materials was given to the fire and flood victims of Pondicherry, Cuddalore regions. Financial Aid of Rs. 3,00,000.00/- from Caritas India were also given to Davidpet in Puducherry.

### **Relief and Rehabililitation program – Srilankan Refugee**

Water, Sanitation, Electricity, Medical and House Repairing to the Tune of Rs. 3,30,000.00/- from Caritas India, New Delhi provided to Keezhputhupet, Chinnasalem, Virudhachalam, Kattumanarkoil villages. A Relief amount of Rs. 4,63, 458.00/- was spent to Kurinjipadi and kullanchavady villages.

### **Building and other programs:**

An Amount of Rs. 1,01,06,921.00/- from CNEWA- New York was spent for construction of 50 Houses in Pudukuppam and 4 Mushroom Shed in Cuddalore District Villages.

### **Awareness and Training Program:**

With the support from Caritas India and ADD India Bangalore Training programme was organized under Community Based Rehabilitation programme and Mental Health Development program to Cuddalore, villupuram and Pondicherry Villages with financial aid of Rs. 2,26,979.00/-

### **Fraternal Life Development Home:**

Financial Aid of Rs. 52, 749.00/- from Enfants du Monde- Belgium and Thomas Land Publishers – France was provided for the maintenance of Fraternal Life Development Home in Ousteri.

## Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Program

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

### Boat Registration and Insurance:

202 Fibre boats were supplied to 6 villages (i.e. Thalanguda, Devanampatinam, Cuddalore Ot, Sonankuppam, Singarathope, Akkaraigori, and Sothikuppam) out of which 156 were registered and 143 boats were insured and submitted to the boat owners last year and the balance were registered and insured this year.

### Fish Net Mending yard:

Fish Net Mending Yard was constructed in 9 villages in Pondicherry at a cost of Rs. 40, 00,000.00/-

### Pondicherry Region

Sl.No.	Village Name	Quantity
1	Kanagachettykulam	02
2	Periyakalapet	03
3	Chinnakalapet	03
4	Solainagar(North)	01
5	Solainagar (South)	02
6	Vambakeerapalayam	03
7	Chinnaveerampattinam	02
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

### **Restoration of Agricultural Lands:**

Training on organic farming taught to the farmers in tsunami villages. Small and marginal Farmers were taken to Exposure visit to Erode on organic farming techniques was explained to 43 farmers and 19 staff of PMSSS. Farmers in Devanmpattinam, Subbaupplavady and Chinnaveerampatinam practiced organic farming.

### **Details of the training:**

Agricultural machineries to 1710 farmers, training to 303 farmers, tools to 10 farmers, and 540 persons were given coconut saplings to reduce coastal erosion in 7 villages of Cuddalore District. Sustainable Agricultural Training was conducted to 183 farmers in cuddalore district. 2000 coconut saplings were distributed to 50 farmers in 6 villages of Pondicherry. 900 saplings were distributed to 4 villages in karaikal, Agricultural training to 228 farmers, horticultural training was given to 100 farmers. Dredging and silt removing work taken in one village of karaikal region. 70 persons benefited out of it.

### **Community Mobilisation Program:**

Details of SHGs

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Groups</b>	<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	Total Groups	498	559	61 groups newly formed
2	Total Members	9,097	10,227	1130 new members
3	Total Savings	4,013,120	8,684,355	Rs. 4,671,235 increased amount in savings.

### **Fishermen Federation:**

The SHGs were divided into 5 sub groups such as Education group, Women group, Economic groups, Sanitation groups and village group and all SHGs members were made to members in the sub groups. These groups mainly focused issues on their overall development and growth.

### **Self Employment Program:**

Charities Aid foundation, New Delhi donated Rs. 9,60,000.00/- for self employment programs.

Loan Assistance to 31 groups to the tune of Rs. 18,60,000.00/- were provided to the groups.

### **SHG Training:**

Leadership training to 433 SHG members, Accounts and book keeping to 409 members, Income generation training to 60 members and awareness on health and Sanitation to 1378 persons was given. Mal nutrition programs were conducted to 208 pregnant mothers, and SHGs members.

### **Skill training:**

Youth Capacity Building:

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Details of the Training</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>
1	Electrician	52
2	A/c & Refrigeration Mechanism	65
3	Mobile Phone Servicing	134
4	Welding	168
5	Boat Engine Mechanism	42

6	Computer hardware Training	30
7	Diploma Course in Computer	07
8	Driving License	33
	<b>Total</b>	<b>531</b>

After the successful completion of the training 12 placed in abroad, 54 placed in private industries and 12 are self employed.

**Tailoring:**

After Continuous training in 16 villages 853 students completed successfully. 18 students attended govt exams. After the completion of the training and the supply of machines 127 persons were self employed, 40 are placed in private companies, and 68 are weaving their own clothes.

**Evening Tuition Centres:**

In 15 villages 1443 students studied in the tuition centres have successfully passed and moved to higher standards.

**Psycho Social Support.**

20 Primary Level training and 6 Secondary Level training imparted to qualified Psycho Social Support staff . 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. From April 2004 to June 2007 1565 persons were given counseling and medically supported.

**Community Based disaster Preparedness:**

1506 Children were taught disaster preparedness techniques through Activity books in summer camps. First Aid boxes were distributed to field offices. Formed

village response teams and 836 persons are trained on early warning, basic fire fighting, search, rescue and evacuation. Life jacket distributed to the groups. 22 staff members of PMSSS went to Exposure visit to Eluru diocese of Andhra Pradesh to learn Community based disaster preparedness program. Indian Red Cross society trained 266 persons on basic first aid techniques.

**Housing:**

Permanent Shelter: 200 houses in Keezhakasakudimedu and 224 houses in Pattinacherry of Karaikal regions were constructed and handed over to the beneficiaries.

Semipermanent Shelter: 430 houses in the first phase and 300 houses in the second phase was constructed and handedover to 730 beneficiaries of flood victims in Cuddalore Districts.

**Bhavishya Transition Program:** are aimed at the children, youth, women and the Community members of the village. During 15 days Summer Camps 1509 Children (boys and girls) of the 20 project villages were trained on karate, yoga, drawing, Terracotta and handicrafts works, street theatre, and leadership qualities.

Toilet Facilities with DEEWATS systems was constructed in Cuddalore OT, Singarathope, Thanlanguda of Cuddalore District and water purification plant with RO Systems was installed in Kurusukuppam, Vaithikupam and Vambakeerapalayam villages of Pondicherry Region.

**Suraksha Phase I :** was implemented from July 2006 to January 2007 with the main objective to analyze the various status of children, Adolescent girls and women under situation analysis, door to door questionnaire in 32 villages of cuddalore district. 15000 questionnaires collected.

**Suraksha Phase II:** was implemented from Feb 2007 in 8 villages of Cuddalore District, on concept building exercise in women and adolescent girls' right and issues, children rights and issues. CBO formation for women, adolescent girls, and children parliament. Awareness on Sanitation, Health, Nutrition, Disaster

Preparedness, Life skill and Family Life Education, Pre and Post Natal Care and govt, Linkages.

### **Solid Waste Management:**

PMSSS and CRS Jointly started the Solid Waste Management program in Cuddalore OT and in permanent shelters of Devanampatinam village. The Waste being collected from houses are taken to Shed and they are segregated into Degradable and Non degradable waste. The Degradable wastes are treated with EM technology and convert into Compost for agricultural activities. The non degradable waste is sold for recycling. The amount earned from the sale is used for meeting out the salaries of 12 staff.

### **Information and Communication Technology:**

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. This information is displayed on the display boards in each village, which act as a front line delivery system to the villagers.

The Indian Coast Guard trained the village response team on rescue and evacuation from waters.

Awareness program was conducted in villages and in schools on Various types of disaster preparedness.

The project staff were taken an Exposure visit to INCOIS Hyderabad for indepth knowledge on the ocean related information.

Conference held on Integration of Technologies with Communities based Disaster Preparedness Program were in all the stakeholders arrived at a common platform to integrate the need of technology in the disaster programs.

Deployment of Buoy in Chinnaveerampatinam to get information related to weather, wave heights, wind speed, etc. Deployment of Digital Information Board



at Cuddalore OT on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 2007 with in built Siren to provide early warning and livelihood information.

Partnership with BSNL to act as a Franchise for payment of telephone bills, applying new connection, and other customer services at village level.

Training on Right to Information Act 2005, to the community members, Free Legal Consultation camp at village level which helped 100 families to register their marriage.

1529 students trained on basic computer education during summer camps. Hardware training to fishing youths.

All India Radio program to telecast weather related information and awareness program through air was launched in 1st Sept 2006.

Free medical camp, Training to SHGs on Basic Computer Education at village level also conducted.

### **Promotion of Rural Based Fraternal Life Communities (Credit Unions)**

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

During this year 2006-2007, 5 new Credit unions were formed and in total 14,823 members exist under the organisation of PMSSS.

The total savings of the 14823 members reached to the tune of Rs. 3,76, 11,451/-.

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

937 credit union members took LIC policy under Jana Shree Bima Yojana to benefit in time of accident and natural death, by paying Rs.100/- premium amount.

Rs. 1, 18, 200 was given as an Educational assistance to 197 students. PMSSS extended support to 756 members of FLCs to undertake self employment activities assisted with financial support to the tune of Rs. 33, 10,000/- as loan

### **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, organic farming, low cost Housing technology, etc.,

Loan amount Rs. 1, 22, 12, 550 was distributed to 334 members out of it 92 members repaid and 24 members from 10 groups purchased land. Loans were also distributed to a tune of Rs. 1, 22, 12, 550 since its inception.

Loans for Home for Homeless were 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 206 aged, 35 destitute, 86 chronically ill, 18 physically challenged, 15 widow and widowers. In total 361 persons were supported during this year with Rs. 4,42,963.00/- as pension. Rs. 10,89,000.00/- loan was given to the poor and marginal farmers who are members of the Fraternal Life Society, Kolping, Women Development.

### **New Thrust programme(Women Development)**

Under the New Thrust programme 358 issue based women self help groups with 5378 members and 80 agricultural SHGs with 1499 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.

358 Women SHGs with 5378 members and 80 groups of 1499 have saving to the tune of its members Rs.1,22,80,331,-/. 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. 8 SHGs groups got loan from PMSSS to the tune of Rs. 4,50,000.00/-, 59 SHGs got loan from State Bank of India to the tune of Rs. 40,17,000/- . 4 SHGs got loan of Rs. 3,38,000 from other Banks.

### **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. Under the Housing programe 23 persons benefited with the loan amount of Rs. 2,30,000. Under the Income Generation Programe 48 members were provided loan assistance of Rs. 2,40,000.00/- . Under the Milch animal scheme 62 members got loan assistance of Rs. 3,10,00.00/- and 53 Children received scholarship amount to the tune of Rs. 63,600/- under Janashree Bhima Yojana Scheme of LIC.

The savings during the 2007 March ending 85 groups with 1703 members and a total savings of Rs. 53, 55, 056.00/-.

### **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 and presently to 936 students. The school is at present offering education from Pre- KG to IXth standard with 23 sections handled by well qualified trained staff. Hostel facilities also provided to 25 students.

**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. 1250 farmers were given Rs. 62,22,000/- as a loan for delayed sale of Agricultural produces. A profit of Rs 2,50,000.00/- was bagged by 1250 farmers.

**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. Financial Aid of Rs. 55,000 got from Caritas India was spent for building basic facilities and training the communities.

Food packets and House hold utensils were distributed with the support of CRS to 267 families.

**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 90 people got medical support and at present 33 people are staying in the Home.

**Health Care Programme :**

905 people from 9 zones of which 643 scheduled caste and 262 backward class people benefited as an outcome of this programme. On an average 76 patients per month has been benefited during this financial year. 84 patients have been admitted and 41 got Medical assistance.

**Free Health Camps:**

PMSSS organized free eye camps with help of Pondicherry Institute of Medical Science (PIMS) and. Totally 666 patients attended these camps. 47 persons got free cataract operations. 3 General Medical camps were conducted with the help of Vinayaga Missions Medical College and Venkateswara Medical

College and PIMS in which 749 people from 26 villages benefited. 3 Dental Camps were also conducted with the help of Indira Gandhi Dental College to 545 persons. Total of 905 persons have been benefited under this program.

**Awareness Programmes :**

HIV / AIDS awareness was given to 75 leaders and 85 infected persons identified through them were got treatment. Loan assistance to infected 12 persons to the tune of Rs. 25,000/- were provided for self employment.

Awareness on Blood Donation were also conducted in which 20 villages.

**Networking Information of Parenting :**

24 staff members from 8 organisation was trained.

**Community Based Rehabilitation Programme :**

was started with an aim to benefit physically challenged with support from Caritas India. The Members were informed to vaccinate children aged less than 5 during Polio Pulse Immunisation programme. As an outcome all the children vaccinated. Bus pass issued through District REhabilitation Dept to 23 students. 3 persons got Govt. Assistance for renovation of Houses. 8 students got hostel facilities in Oasis an NGO for continuing education. Notebooks and uniform were provided to 38 students. Rs. 2,000 was given as loan to 20 persons for self employment.

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

- Diploma in Computer Application
- Desk Top Publishing
- Tally
- Diploma in Web Designing
- Diploma in Web Technology
- C, C++
- Visual Basic

- Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application
- Diploma in hardware Training was imparted to 150 students.

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