

## **PONDICHERRY MULTIPURPOSE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY [PMSSS]**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2008 – 2009**

PMSSS as a Non Governmental Organization continues to work for the integrated development, Relief, Welfare, Non formal education and training, Income generation, Promotion of people's organization for the people in the Archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore.

In order to protect the vulnerable groups from getting affected by disasters, to relieve the individual, family, and community from environmental pollution and to ensure good health, to earn sustained income and to improve the economic standards through education and livelihood options, to empower people politically, and move towards resilient status PMSSS continues to implement various integrated development programs.

The people's organizations promoted by PMSSS are trained to realize, understand, and to promote love, fraternity, equality, and justice in their normal life.

PMSSS continues to implement activities to safe guard the interest and rights of the people who are living along the coast, and in rural areas and help them to lead a prosperous life. PMSSS is happy to present its annual report for the period 2008-2009 of all activities to the General body members.

#### **Welfare and Community Development:**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Agencies</b>
1	Sri Lankan Refugees Reconstruction program	2,28,000	CRS, Chennai
2	Gram Shree Mela – Buyer Seller Meet program	4,10,178	Caritas India, New Delhi
3	Community development through Integrated bio technology program	2,99,320	MCRC – Chennai
4	Maghalir Thittam	82,423	Maghalir Thittam-Cuddalore
5	Community Based Disaster Risk Management Program	3,48,328	UNDP- Govt. of Puducherry
6	Income generation program for women	50,000	Caritas India, New Delhi
7	Income generation program – Limestone	50,000	Caritas India, New Delhi

**School building and expansion:**

S.No.	Name of the project	Amount	Funding Organization
1	Kolping Matriculation School building	32,38,997	Kolping India, Coimbatore
2	Livelihood Training Centre	58,71,833	Caritas India, New Delhi
3	Livelihood Training Centre- Additional support	3,30,392	Caritas Austria
4	Fraternal Life Service home building and maintenance	40,68,203	Caritas Austria

**Relief for Fire and Flood Victims:**

S.No	Project	Amount	Funding agencies
1	Relief assistance to Nisha Cyclone Victims	200,000	Caritas India, New Delhi
2	Relief assistance to the families of Nisha Cyclone	20,54,215	CRS - Chennai
3	Relief assistance for fire victims of 540 families	1,10,951	Archbishop relief fund

**Awareness and Training Program**

S.No	Project	Amount	Funding agencies
1	Mental health	30,000	ADD India, Trichy
2	Awareness and training on Mental and Physical disabilities	3,06,950	Caritas India- New Delhi

**Fraternal Life Service Home Maintenance Program**

S.No	Project	Amount	Funding agencies
1	Fraternal life Service Home Maintenance program	94,244	Enfants due Monde- Belgium

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## **Tsunami Reconstruction – Development Program:**

### **Integrated community Mobilization through Community Based Disaster Preparedness program and reforestation of coastal area protection**

The target areas of PMSSS areas are prone to multiple natural hazards like wind, cyclone, drought, and newly tsunami and man induced disasters like fire, etc., the worst sufferers are the agricultural and fishing community people, the poor and the marginalized living in poor and exploited living conditions. Some disasters are recurring in nature and the intensity is enormous to withstand by the community members especially the vulnerable groups. Even though the victims are given timely help it found to be insufficient and inadequate in the long run. The lessons learned during the relief and rehabilitation phase lead to shift its approach from relief centric to preparedness centric.

This proactive response is very well understood by PMSSS and paved the way towards implementing community based disaster preparedness program in the 20 coastal villages.

It is envisaged that the Neighbourhood communities at various levels will be a viable tool and proper forum to critically assess and prioritize their present needs and prepare short and long term action plans for their self reliant and sustainable development.

At the end of the second year of the project the concept is very well received by the community members especially the NC, Task forces at base and village level which resulted in focusing the needs of the vulnerable sections. However these structures have to be further strengthened and networked at area and district level for better understanding of all stakeholders and work out strategies for mobilizing human, material and financial resources and implement measures which will transform the affected communities from disaster victims to resilient. To move towards this objective PMSSS promoted 149 women NCs, 70 Men NCs, 56 youth NCs, 90 children parliament. In total 365 Ncs are formed, various awarness, training, strengthening activities, Interface with PRIs, Preparation of village development plans are carried out to make them a powerful group during this financial year. The staff facilitated these NCs, to identify and focus at village level for solves their problems by themselves.

S.No.	Name of the Training	Beneficiaries
1	Revisiting situational analysis	1284
2	Training the members and leaders of the children parliament	52
3	Gender Training	198
4	EDP Training	192
5	Training on judicious fishing	80
6	Awareness on coastal ecology	2125

### Community Based Disaster Preparedness Training:

S.No.	Name of the training	Beneficiaries
1	CBDP training for children	690
2	Revisiting disaster preparedness plan	800
3	Task force training	840
4	Exposure visits	87
5	Mock drills	87
6	Children based disaster risk reduction through street plays	750

### Interface with PRIs

S.No.	Name of the training	Beneficiaries
1	Interface with PRIs	402
2	Block level interface programs	312
3	District interface programs	1500

### 5. Trainings and Exposure visits.

Sl.No.	Activities	DSSS/NGOs	Beneficiaries
1	CBDP Exposure visits	SMSSS/Arthik Samanta mandal	139
2	Training on Monitoring tools	CARITAS India	32
3	Exposure on CBDP program implementation and NCs	CEEMA, Erode/KSSS	48
4	Training on Gender Policy	CARITAS India	2
5	People's Election Manifesto	NGOs of cuddalore and Puducherry	15

**The Impacts:**

- The community members of the target villages prepared a common village and submitted in the Gram Panchayat through situational analysis training conducted at village level.
- District level Children Parliament formed with 23 members and trained to identify and solve problems affecting them.
- NCs members are aware of the need of Gender equity through gender equity training.
- The women who attended EDP training are willing to start micro enterprise.
- 80 fisherwomen are trained in tuna fish processing and presently taking measures for further process.
- 690 children are trained in disaster management and learnt in protecting them from disasters.
- 800 NC members authenticated the disaster management plan of their villages.
- 840 VTF members are trained in life saving skills.
- 402 NCs members are trained on the PRIs structure, duties and responsibilities, identifying the needs and addressing the problems.
- 312 NCs and 1500 NC members focused their problems and demand to the govt. officers and PRI members in the block level and district level through interface programs.

**Important achievement and events:**

During Nisha cyclone 2008, VTF members rendered emergency services and provided food materials supplied by the Govt. and private organizations.

The NC members of 20 villages handled 11 issues and succeeded. The issues like street dog menace, educational assistance and boarding, construction of over bridges, electricity and drainage facilities, domestic violence, demolishing old buildings, ration cards, rain water drainage, laying of tar and cement roads, removal of garbage, diesel subsidy are effectively addressed by the NCs members.

The women NC members of Kurusukuppam village donated Rs. 2800 for mentally ill home.

## **Reforestation and Costal Area Protection (ReCAP):**

### **Goal:**

To enhance and reconstruct the livelihood options in communities of Chinnaveerampattinam, Subaupplavady and Devanaampattinam of Puducherry and Cuddalore villages which are most affected by the Tsunami.

### **Objectives:**

The Specific objectives for the ReCAP project in this framework are formulated as:

- ❖ To prepare coastal communities and build their capacities to promote/sustain coastal ecology as a means of disaster preparedness
- ❖ To develop a methodology for the implementation and monitoring of socio-ecological measures that mitigates negative effects of disasters that can be applied in other coastal areas.
- ❖ To establish a CCCP (Competence Centre for Coastal Protection) with data base to support the expansion and replication of Project ReCAP into other areas

### **Project Activities:**

- Awareness about the Recap Project is given to 1500 members of Chinnaveerampattinam, Subuppalavadi and Devanampattinam villages.
- Skill oriented training was given to 220 taskforce members of ReCAP.
- Training about the Socio- situation analysis was given to the 3 Target villages.
- General meeting was organized with Forest department officials of Puducherry and Cuddalore along with the Panchayat leaders, VNC presidents, and Taskforce members to integrate the coastal resources with livelihood enhancement of the village communities.
- Training on Solid waste management, Sanitation and Global warming was given to the ReCAP Animators.
- Landscape assessment was done in the target villages in regular intervals to assess the changes in the quality and quantity of soil, water and vegetation in the coastal areas.
- Workshop on Nursery management was conducted to the 190 participants of the 3 target villages.

- Training on Medical plant management was given to the selected task force peoples of the ReCAP villages.
- To enhance the Taskforce interest in the project and to implement those applicable strategies in their villages. They are taken to the exposure visit to the respective places such as Pitchavaram, Kodyarkarai, Sivagangai and Madagadipet.

### **Plantation:**

In the 3 villages, 14 species of 5000 saplings which are of timber wood value were planted to enhance the livelihood options of the village communities.

### **Important Events:**

ReCAP Regional conference was held on 23 March 2009 at PMSSS hall, Puducherry. In this 72 different stake holders belonging to NGO's, CMT, Care Earth and PRI were participated to discuss about the development and replicate this project to others coastal areas.

Workshop on Sustainable agriculture was held in Krishnagiri in which the selected farmers of the 3 villages were taken and benefited.

### **Project Outcomes:**

- ❖ By this project, the village Environment is protected.
- ❖ Land and water marks were guarded by this programme.
- ❖ By plantation, good air , health and hygiene was incorporated , Rainfall, reduction in soil erosion , ground water charging and fuel wood for cooking purposes will be gained.
- ❖ Many kinds of coastal endangered species were protected by the Project.
- ❖ Increase in the Reproduction rate of Crustaceans, fishes and Turtles in the Coastal areas.
- ❖ ReCAP makes an employment generation for the village community.
- ❖ Making webpage and publishing booklets about ReCAP Research and its Events.
- ❖ To Establish Coastal Village Competence Centre for Information.
- ❖ To make this project as a barrier model to protect the inland areas.

### **People's Participation:**

By awareness and reconstructing the coastal resources, people came in front with their full interest. A task force group was created with a numbers 20 peoples per group at the village level. They are given training and awareness about the ReCAP events and its aims.

1. They are used to select the plantation areas for the implementation of the project in their areas.
2. They are used to make nurseries for the plantation in the project.
3. They fenced the planted site and guard them.
4. By themselves they meet the forest officials and got permission for the implementation of the plantation in the project.
5. Monthly meetings were arranged within the taskforce group to regulate the activities in the ReCAP and also the Governmental organizations, NGO's, Village Panchayat committee, Volunteers and with them the PMSSS, Care Earth and Caritas joined their hands for giving all the assistance to this Project. This pioneer project was also monitored by the Caritas India once in every 4 months.

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### **Women and Child Care Protection Program (SURAKSHA)**

The program works on the areas like the school dropouts, child labourers, Domestic Violence, Sexual abuse, Child trafficking, and problems due to migration. The project is implemented in 9 villages of puducherry, 16 villages of cuddalore and 3 villages of karaikal to protect women and children against the harassments.

To reconstruct and develop the life of the peoples affecting various social problems, labourers, people living in low lying and hazardous locations.

In order to promote a resilient community NCs are promoted in the target villages. The communities are also given various awareness, EDP trainings. They have also linked with District Industries Centre; various trades were identified and assisted for marketing of products

#### **Program Activities:**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Project / Programme</b>	<b>Total Beneficiaries</b>
1	Leadership Training	108
2	Career guidance training	605
3	Medical camp	647
4	Celebration of Teacher's day	795
5	Exposure visits	65
6	Celebration of Children's day	1560
7	Family life education	63
8	Celebration of Independence day	1565
9	Lactating mothers awareness week	325
10	Women's day celebration	650



**Important activities:**

1. Establishment of Village Resource Centre to impart computer education for the youth in enikarathottam village.
2. Youth club opened in Beemarao nagar and linked to Nehru Yuva Kendra.
3. The members of the NCs attended the Grama Sabha meeting and lobbied for facilities like water tank, road, and bridges. The difference in wages during the implementation of NREGP was also dealt.

**Schemes and beneficiaries:**

S. No	Scheme	Beneficiaries	Total amount
1	Monthly pension for the aged	262	15,45,600
2	Loan from bank	137	75,55,000
3	Educational Loan	3	3,60,000
4	Tailoring machines	11	38,500
5	Individual loan	43	1,17,750
6	Health Insurance	46	13,80,000
7	Tsunami educational assistance	181	6,51,600
8	Tsunami permanent shelter	3	8,40,000
9	NREGP	220	6,08,000

**Outcomes:**

The awareness and training helped the NC members and the communities are able to raise their voice for their demands to the govt. and other department through effective advocacy and lobbying.

**Future Plans:**

- ❖ To form community vigilance group
- ❖ To provide skill trainings to women and link them through DIC, financial institutions for permanent income.
- ❖ To identify the employment opportunities and provide career guidance and skill training for youth.
- ❖ To train community to implement govt schemes by themselves.

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## **Information and Communication Technology- Village information Centers:**

ICT Village information centers proved to be a best investment for the development of the village and the community members with 24 VIC and gives information about land and sea to coastal and rural villages.

### **The main objective:**

- ❖ To give information about govt. schemes
- ❖ To provide computer education
- ❖ To provide career guidance to students
- ❖ To provide services to rural areas in par with urban.
- ❖ To network with govt and other line departments.

In addition awareness on legal rights of women and child are also given.

### **Costal fisher folk protection program:**

PMSSS with the support of coastguard organized Coastal fisherfolk protection program in chinnaveerampatinam and trained on the usage of Life Jacket, Life buoy, Walkie takie, Distress Alert Transmitter. Awareness on Malaria prevention was conducted in Kurusukuppam and Vambakeerapalayam.

### **Community Based Web Pages:**

With the support of UNDP, PMSSS trained staff members on creating community based information through web pages. At the end of the training 300 pages of information on different themes was prepared and submitted.

### **E- learning:**

“To provide education through internet connectivity for the school dropouts, and other backward students of rural villages”, with this objective BSNL, puducherry, PMSSS and CRS started E- learning program for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard students to teach subjects like maths, science, english.

This program is telecasted in the evening from 4.30 to 5.30 in PMSSS village information centre through broadband connectivity.

In addition to this, career guidance program is also conducted to persue higher studies. This program is also telecasted in local cable TV to benefit rural students apart from coastal students.

**E- Medicine:**

E- Medicine program is launched to provide medical care with the help of the voluntary medical specialist on general medicine, surgery, orthopedic, and pediatrics. The people who could not afford to get medical care and rural people benefit out of this program. This program is conducted in Friday of every week. So far 600 people have been provided with medical care.

**Deployment of Way Rider Buoy:**

INCOIS, Hyderabad and NIO, Goa along with PMSSS deployed Wave Rider Buoy in PUdicherry to get information like wave heights, direction, wind speed, and direction.

**PMSSS-ISRO-Village Resource Centre:**

PMSSS with the support of Indian Space Research Organization [ISRO], Bangalore established 7 Village Resource Centers and planned to provide services like Tele- education, Tele-medicine, Tele-fishery, Tele- agriculture, Natural resource database management, Weather information and Interactive advisory. VRC provides computer education, tailoring, and typewriting. Certificates are also distributed to the course completed students.

PMSSS in association with NASSCOM foundation and Microsoft Corporation conduct Microsoft Unlimited Potential Program.

**PMSSS-NASSCOM Foundation-Village Knowledge Centre:**

NASSCOM foundation, Mumbai came forward to provide 150 computers with accessories to provide computer education in the remote villages of the diocese.

**Free Medical camp:**

PMSSS with Welcome foundation and PIMS conducted general camp in villages to provide medical care on general medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, eye checkup, ENT and skin diseases. 1500 members benefited and 70 persons admitted in PIMS.

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### **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 unions in villages of its area of operation.

1	Total groups	347
2	Total members	14,932
3	Total savings	Rs. 4,38,50,718

### **Self Employment/ Income generation:**

Sl. No	Programme	2008-2009	
		Total beneficiaries	Loan Amount (Rs.)
1	SEP	243	10,45,000
2	IGP	418	20,90,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>31,35,000</b>

From 1997 till 31-3-2009 ending 7687 person with the loan amount of Rs. 2,43,85,300 from Self employment programs and 2207 persons with loan amount of Rs. 1,08,70,000 from Income generation programs so far benefited. During this financial year Rs. 10,00,000 has been donated as revolving assistance from Stitching Gills Foundation, Belgium. 1449 credit union members took LIC policy under Jana Shree Bima Yojana to benefit in time of accident and natural death, buy paying Rs.100/- premium amount. Insurance amount of Rs. 1,80,000 were distributed to the six members. Rs. 1, 83, 600 was given as an Educational assistance to 119 students.

The Executive Director, Assistant Director made arrangements to collect the pending loan amount and to visit the members of the non functioning groups.

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### **Land for landless & Home for Homeless.**

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

Loan amount Rs. 80, 00,000 was distributed to 210 members out of it 132 members repaid the loan amount.

Loans assistance to the tune of Rs. 42,60,000 was distributed under agricultural produce scheme.

Under Home for Homeless program loan amount of Rs. 55,99, 000 were distributed among the members. Up to March 2009 ending Rs. 32,42,536 was recovered and Rs. 23,56,464 is still pending.

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### **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 extends help to aged, destitute, chronically ill, physically challenged, widow and widowers. In total 327 persons were supported during this year with Rs. 4,18,700/- as pension. Arrangements were made for 20 persons to receive govt. pensions. 16 persons were included in the beneficiaries list during this financial year.

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### **Fraternal Life Service Home:**

Fraternal Life Service Home was started in 1983 in Ousteri to provide psychosocial support and care to the mentally affected people. Below is the list of persons benefited vicariates wise.

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Vicariates</b>	<b>Treated patients (till 31.3.2008)</b>
1	Kallakuruchi	36
2	Viriyur	36
3	Thirukovilur	27
4	Villupuram	68
5	Tindivanam	31
6	Gingee	5
7	Cuddalore	99
8	Neyveli	39
9	Karaikal	36
10	Puducherry	318
11	Other vicariates	117
12	Orphans	119
	<b>Total</b>	<b>931</b>

The FLSH celebrated its silver jubilee function. The home has rehabilitated 119 mentally ill persons, 928 persons have been stayed and given medical care, 650 out patients have been referred for medical assistance.

## **Health Care Program:**

The health project was started with the initiative of Fr. Mahe. The project aims at helping the poor and the sick in the archdiocese of Pondicherry and the benefit also extends to other diocese people who are in need.

### ***Persons benefited:***

<b>No.</b>	<b>Vicariate</b>	<b>Benefited parishes</b>	<b>Total Beneficiary</b>
1	Pondy	6	136
2	Cuddalore	17	257
3	Neyveli	7	113
4	Villupuram	14	59
5	Tindivanam	10	26
6	Gingee	5	40
7	Thirokovilur	3	32
8	Kallakuruchi	15	183
9	Viriyur	10	65
	<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>911</b>

### ***Beneficiaries from other diocese:***

77 patients from other diocese benefited during this year.

### **Impacts:**

- 988 patients from 87 villages of 9 Vicariate were benefited and fully recovered.
- 77 patients received medical care and cured.

### ***Disease wise beneficiary list:***

1. General Medical care - 145
2. Surgery - 152
3. Heart Ailments - 38
4. Maternity - 89
5. Kidney diseases - 57
6. Urology - 6
7. Neurology - 48
8. Physiotherapy - 134
9. Child Care - 31
10. Pediatric surgery - 26
11. Plastic surgery - 7
12. Neuro surgery - 7

13. Cancer treatment	- 42
14. Eye care	- 36
15. ENT treatment	- 39
16. Dental care	- 20
17. TB treatment	- 10
18. Skin treatment	- 18
19. Psychiatric treatment	- 06

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**Total**            **911**  
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**Free Health Camps:**

***General Medical camp and Eye camp:***

In 13 villages general camp was conducted and 5069 persons benefited. Eye camps were conducted in 17 villages in which 266 persons benefited.

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**Health project by Tamil Nadu Voluntary Health Association (TNVHA)**

PMSSS and Tamil Nadu Voluntary Health Association (TNVHA) jointly conducted many health care and development programs for more than 20 years. Socially excluded persons have been identified and they are classified into 30 different types and grouped into 5 major aspects. PMSSS and TNVHA continues to work for their livelihood development.

The percentage of exclusion was assessed and forwarded to the Social Welfare Minister and appeal was made for their livelihood development. Training on socially exclusion was conducted at various level. As a result the approach of treating these people has been considerably changed.

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**Rehabilitation and Development of the physically challenged persons:**

This project is implemented with the financial support of Caritas India and coordinated by CBR forum Bangalore. This project helps the disabled to gain their rights with a comprehensive development in socio – economic status. The objective of the project is to identify physically and mentally challenged, who are deserted by the society and to impart awareness education, skill through groups and federation to attain self sustainability and to gain rights at all levels.

### ***Special Achievements:***

#### ***Education:***

8 school dropouts are readmitted in near by schools.

#### ***Health:***

Awareness to pregnant mothers, Adolescent girls and boys, was given by doctors and nurses. 187 people from Cuddalore, Villupuram District and Puducherry learned the preventive measures of disability.

#### ***Livelihood:***

- 23 persons from villupuram, 18 from cuddalore, and 12 from puducherry were given.
- Upgraded skill training on their related trade. 7 groups from cuddalore, 6 groups from villupuram, 1 group from puducherry received loan through linkages established.
- 12 members are oriented towards registration with District Industries Centre. The owners of private shops are given orientation on providing opportunities for the differently abled. As a result 22 persons were given employment opportunities in various private firms.
- 58 members are facilitated to get BPL card and presently they are receiving 15 Kg of rice per month.

#### ***Advocacy and lobbying:***

- 93 persons have been trained through panchayat office to avail schemes under 3% reservations.
- 250 members are facilitated to work under NREGP.
- 497 persons have been given awareness on preventive measures of disability through cultural programs.
- Training on Group dynamism was conducted for the members of the groups and federation.
- The promoted groups are emerging as powerful peoples organization.

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### **NEW THRUST PROGRAMME (NTP):**

In the context of bridging gaps in gender inequality, increasing attention is being paid to enable women to become active partners in decision making, implementation and evaluation of all interventions initiated for energizing, organizing and sustaining their livelihood.

New Thrust Programme initiated through Tamil Nadu Social Service Society (TASOSS), the Regional Forum of DSSS in Tamil Nadu and



Pondicherry insists on the empowerment of women and agriculture people through Union, Taluk, District and State level federation.

Empowerment has to be understood in enabling people especially the women and agricultural people to acquire and possess power resources, in order to make decisions on their own or reject decisions that are made by others which affect them.

Socio, economic, cultural and political issues that affected women and agriculture communities paved the paths for organizing them into people's federation.

**The Objectives of women development program includes:**

- ☞ Creating awareness among women
- ☞ Training and skills development
- ☞ Technical support
- ☞ Entrepreneurship development
- ☞ Financial assistance / facilitating
- ☞ Arranging loans
- ☞ Consultancy for individuals and groups
- ☞ Co-ordinating/integrating women development programmes.

**Impacts:**

- ☞ Regular monthly meetings are conducted and members participation is 80 to 95%.
- ☞ Women show willingness to discuss the issues like status of women, health awareness, hygiene and other problems.
- ☞ They are fighting against social evils such as dowry system, alcoholism, illicit liquor, child labour atrocities, illiteracy, sexual abuse, low wages, health and sanitation tec.
- ☞ They are going to bank and operating bank transactions of Madhar Sangams.
- ☞ They are attending Training outside the villages.
- ☞ Women are attending meetings and trainings and are showing co-operation and taking initiative in social development activities.
- ☞ Women are showing interest in functional literacy.
- ☞ Women are becoming active entrepreneurs and operating both at individual and group levels.
- ☞ Women are realizing the need for information and approaching the Government office, bank and other departments for procuring information.
- ☞ Women are now aware of role of Grama savak, Panchayat leaders, etc. They are also getting aware of their rights as citizens.

☞ Women are organizing Cultural Programmes, Health Camps, environmental programmes and are participating in it.

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The Income Generation Programme support helped 369 women in 24 groups to the tune of Rs. 10.35 lakhs. This enabled the poor women members to take up petty trades and earn an income to support their family expenses.

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### **VAZHNDHU KAATUVOM THITTAM:**

Government of Tamilnadu had implemented Vazhndu Kaatuvom project for the development of poor, disabled and vulnerable. PMSSS was selected as a Block Disability Facilitating Agency. From February 2007, the project is being implemented in Nallur Block of Cuddalore district. Totally 2771 disabled and 1975 families of BPL have been identified and facilitated for project benefit and also other Government schemes.

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### **Kolping Programme:**

Kolping program continues to promote spiritual, social, economic, political, cultural values, among youths in diocese.

At present there are 1735 members with savings of Rs. 68,25,844. Under Self employment program there are 74 persons benefited through financial assistance of Rs. 4,40,000. 40 persons are benefited with the financial assistance of Rs. 4,00,000 under the Kolping house construction program. Under Janasri Beema Yojana Scheme 434 persons enrolled. Death claim of Rs. 30,000 was paid to a family member. 44 persons are benefited from educational assistance to the tune of Rs. 52,800.

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### **Kolping Higher Secondary School:**

Kolping Matriculation School was started by PMSSS in 2004. Since, its inception many developments have been taken place. The school is at present offering education from LKG to 12<sup>th</sup> standard handled by well qualified trained staff.

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### **Agricultural Development Program:**

In order to improve the standard of living and to support the agriculturalists in all possible ways this programme was started. This program is implemented through FLS. As an outcome of this programme agriculturists

avoided getting loans at a higher rate and sold their produce for a higher rate. Rs. 62,00,000/- is given as revolving assistance for delayed sale of Agricultural produces. Rs. 2,00,000 were also given to the members as loan.

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### **Kalvaryan Tribal Development Programs:**

PMSSS is serving the tribal community in Thoradipet and Pottiyam panchayats of villupuram district of Tamil Nadu. In Mayampadi village of Pottiyam panchayat, PMSSS has built school in which 58 tribal students are studying. PMSSS continues to implement community development programs through awareness, training and getting schemes from govt. etc for the economic development of the tribal community.

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### **Rehabilitation and development programmes for the Srilankan Tamil Refugees:**

With the support from CRS, PMSSS continues to provide its services to the Srilankan Refugees who were accommodated in four camps and provides skill training, leadership, personality development, life skill education for the socio-economic development of the refugees.

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### **New program: I**

#### **New Project I – Secours Catholique Caritas France Project**

Community Development Programme through Children Education, Skill Development for Youth, Entrepreneurship Promotion for Women project was started in coastal villages of Pattinacherry and Keezhakasakudimedu in Karaikal with the support of Secours Catholique Caritas France.

#### **Goal:**

The purpose of the project is to streamline the formal education standards of the children, comprehensively and to capacitate and enable the youth and women of the target village community towards finding sustainable livelihood options for their self and community development in a self reliant manner.

## **Objectives:**

- ⇒ To facilitate the children of target villages for improving their learning capacity and to shape their in born skills through extra curricular activities.
- ⇒ To widen the economic, educational base of the coastal youth through alternate employment skill training and computer education programme.
- ⇒ To enable the women to utilize the alternate livelihood options in tailoring to widen their socio economic status.

## **Programme Activities**

### **1) Activity Based Learning Centre :**

- ↻ The purpose of ABL is to facilitate a good support centre in lieu to the existing formal school programme or education, the inbound skill and interest is harvested to us creating a perfect human being.
- ↻ The individual mental frame which is mostly depended on socio, economic and cultural conditions of their family act has a stumbling block for their personal growth. ABL Centres is such centre which brings about their personal growth irrespective of their family conditions. It also substantiate and enrich the education base of the children also streamlined and strengthened the present education systems in the schools
- ↻ ABL centres are functioning at evening 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Pattinacherry and in Keezhakasakudimedu 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- ↻ Out of 81 short listed students 43 & 38 students are enrolled in Pattinacherry & Keezhakasakudimedu respectively.
- ↻ The children from 6 to 14 years of age group are enrolled in these centres.
- ↻ Exhibiting soft skills like (story telling, easy recitation) – to know the reading, understanding and delivery capacity, Observation skill – looking into the objects, memorizing and recollecting the looked objects after some time and Writing – hand writing, spacing, punctuation, grammatics skills etc were observed are taught.
- ↻ The teachers of ABL centers have undergone 1<sup>st</sup> round of training of 15 days (3 slots) residential training at Auroville, Puducherry. The trainings include Phonetics & ABL concepts (flash cards, model making, listening, sound usage (voice) etc).
- ↻ Initially the parents looked at these centres as yet another tuition centre. Of late when they were oriented about the ABL concept and the difference they noted from the ABL centre going children. They could understand the importance of its existence.
- ↻ Parents have vouched for their wards academic excellence and requested us to keep the ABL centre open for another one hour daily.

## **2) Week end Co-curricular Activities :**

The inherent talent has to be honored to the best. It is obvious that the children of the Children Group (CG), later transformed to children parliament (CP) formed in both Keezhakasakudimedu and Pattinacherry villages have to be engaged in some co curricular activity which they lack either in their govt. Schools as well as in their villages. The children should be fully engaged in their week ends and holidays to learn new skills through co curricular activities which will pay way for their formation and personality development.

### **Activity proposed:**

- Group 1: for age group 7 to 13 years (boys and girls).  
Activity: Karate, Yoga, Clay Modeling and Drawing.
  - Group 2: for adolescent girls of 14 to 18 years.  
Activity: Karate, Yoga, Fabric Painting and Handicrafts.  
Accordingly studying the personal interest of the individual students they were identified through the existing children groups (Children Parliament) in the 2 project villages.
- The concept of week end co-curricular activities was discussed in the existing Children Parliament groups and the task of identification of like minded children was entrusted to them.
  - Like wise the task of identifying competent and interested adolescent girls for adolescent weekend activities was given to adolescent girls group.
  - 122 students (both boys and girls) in Pattinacherry and 135 students in Keezhakasakudimedu were enrolled.

## **3) Computer Education :**

- One Computer Lab and a class room were set up with the specified infrastructure provisions with Air Conditioner facility.
- Initially 14 students are studying in the centre.
- Mostly the students like to join in DCA, DTP, DHN and PGDCA courses for the present.
- School students who are above 12 years joined in DCA (Diploma in Computer in Application) course. College students are joining for PGDCA course. After their college hours they attend the computer classes in the evening.
- Most of the youth of the village are going for fishing. Youth who venture into the sea for fishing, show keen interest to join the Diploma in Computer Hardware Course. Their timings are between 7pm to 8pm. So the classes are adjusted for their convenience.
- Totally 160 students are studying in computer education.

- Students are learnt not only computer education, they taught different type of trainings.

#### 4) Youth Skill Training :

In the present situation, the educational needs of the underprivileged poor youth are not addressed fully. There is a requirement for vocational skill training and increasing demand for skilled laborers in the market. To address the educational needs especially for school dropouts and underprivileged youth the alternate skill training is proposed.

#### Criteria for selection of Beneficiaries:

Age	: 18 yrs to 35 yrs
Educational Qualification	: Minimum 8 <sup>th</sup> (Pass or fail)
Sex	: Male or Female

#### Courses offered:

- 1) AC & Refrigeration
- 2) Maintenance & Repairing of Domestic appliances (House wiring, mixer repairing etc., )
- 3) Welding
- 4) Auto mobile engineering
- 5) Front office management (Receptionist and book keeping)

#### 1) AC & Refrigeration Course:

- ↻ Totally 20 students are selected and training undergone in Coastal Manpower Vocational Training centre
- ↻ Each student given Rs. 750 stipend for them.
- ↻ All the 20 students passed the examination in first grade.
- ↻ Out of 20 students only 4 could register in employment exchange, and others are in process of registration.

#### 5) Garment Production Unit :

- ↻ First, identified the garment unit place and two garment productions units were started from the beginning of March 09 in both villages.
- ↻ 20 women in Pattinacherry and 14 women in Keezhakasakudimedu are selected in garment unit. The production is in progress.

## **New Project II:**

### **Building Healthy and hygienic Coastal Community through Enhanced Sanitation practice, Water Purification Plant and Implementation of Solid Waste Management Programme.**

#### **Purpose:**

To improve the living conditions of the 2 Tsunami Permanent Shelter villages of Pattinacherry and Keezhakasakudimedu in Karaikal Districts.

#### **Specific Objectives:**

To build a hygiene and healthy environment among the 2 Tsunami Permanent Shelter villages of Pattinacherry and Keezhakasakudimedu in Karaikal Districts.

#### **Program Activities:**

##### **a) Awareness on improved sanitation systems**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Awareness Programme</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
1	Do's & Don'ts of Sanitary Practices	165	Mr. Rajkumar, Sanitary Inspector, Karaikal Municipality
2	Open defecations	168	“
3	Health Hazards	112	Mr. Elangovan, Total Sanitation Coordinator, DRDA, Collectorate, Nagapattinam
4	Best sanitary practices	150	“

##### **b) Training on Self Hygiene and Health care:**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Resource person</b>
1	Best Self Hygiene practices	211	Dr.Balaji, Vinayaga Missions Medical College & Hospital, Karaikal – Pediatrician
2	Effective Health care systems.	205	Dr.Uma Maheswari, Government Hospital, T.R.Pattinam

### **c) Training on Solid Waste management systems**

- ✦ Mr. Victor Solomon Raj, Total Sanitation Coordinator, Solid Waste Management Project, Cuddalore was resource person for the program “Why solid waste Management at source”. Concept and origins of solid Waste management systems, Types of Solid wastes, Separation of degradable and non degradable wastes, Pollution, Health and Environmental hazards, Reducing environmental pollution, Improvement of soil properties like texture and structure, Waste recycling and employment opportunities and Livelihood options are explained
- ✦ In Pattinacherry 86 persons, Keezhakasakudimedu 81 persons were attended the training and learnt importance of solid waste management.

### **d) Street Play :**

- ✗ The street play team performed plays, Songs, Dance, Drama on various concepts pertaining to the sanitary systems, using quality drinking water and Solid Waste Management. Totally 15 street play was conducted.
- ✗ Totally 1558 Men, Women, Children and youth are participated and enjoyed the street play's.

### **e) School Sanitation and Health education:**

- ✗ 6 School Sanitation programs were conducted 3 programs in each village having two in Anganwadies and 1 in the local schools.
- ✗ Awareness regarding Sanitation and Hygiene and Health awareness was created among the School children and Anganwadi children, by using flash card technique, quiz competition, Extempore and drawing competition. These awareness programmes enlighten the school and Anganwadi children on Self Hygiene, Cleanliness, School Sanitation, Environmental Cleanliness, Taking Nutritional foods and so on.

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### **New Program: II**

#### **Magahlir thittam:**

PMSSS had been affiliated with Tamil Nadu Corporation for the Development of Women to implement MahalirThittam in Cuddalore district since June 2008. The main objective of the project is empowering the women in their social & economic status. Through this program the SHG members benefited by SHG members training, Animators & Representatives trainings and



also skill trainings. This project helped the SHG members to avail revolving fund, economic assistance and also direct loan from banks with subsidy.

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**New Program: III**

**Non Mathi Skill training for Women SHGs:**

PMSSS with the support of Tamil Women Development Corporation, cuddalore conducted skill training for Women SHGs. 40 beneficiaries are selected from 8 villages and given skill training on Mushroom cultivation and Poultry farming for a period of 60 days.

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**New Program: IV**

**CAPART Gram Shree Mela- Buyer Seller Meet**

PMSSS with the support of CAPART Hyderabad conducted 10 days exhibition and sale of handmade products of women SHGs of rural villages. Around 60 stalls are put and products exhibited for buyers. The Mela fetched a sale of Rs. 3,09,165.

**Buyer- Seller Meet:**

Program on Buyer- Seller Meet was conducted wherein CAPART Youth representatives trained on production and marketing of products to 37 NGOs in puducherry.

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**New Program: V**

**Community Based Disaster Risk Management Program:**

UNDP and Govt. of Puducherry assigned PMSSS to implement CBDRM in the Puducherry district. The target areas are 71 villages, 78 urban wards and 1 district level. PMSSS completed the program and handed over 149 disaster management plans to the Govt, of puducherry.

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## **New Program: VI**

### **International Fund for Agricultural Development assisted Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood program:**

Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood program is implemented with the support of IFAD. This project was implemented in 91 villages of Parangipettai and Kumaratchi taluk of Cuddalore district through district rural development agency and Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation. PMSSS in guidance with Resource NGOs is facilitating this program.

#### **Objective:**

To improve the living conditions of the coastal communities with the support of the CBOs and like minded organizations through appropriate trades and better management of resources.

#### **Program activities:**

Data collection of infrastructure facilities of schools, teachers in target villages, women SHGs, population, on Infrastructure facilities, banks, NGOs, Panchayat level federations, village skilled labourers, home tax payers, Village mapping, conducting meetings etc,

#### **Program beneficiaries:**

- Coastal communities affected directly or indirectly by tsunami.
- Small and medium agricultural labourers.
- Scheduled castes and tribes.

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#### **New Program:**

### **Rehabilitation of the Differently Abled in the Archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore:**

To create awareness, collect information of differently abled, provide rehabilitation services to the differently abled persons in the archdiocese, and to provide separate rooms for male and female inmates of the FLSH at Ousteri, PMSSS approached Caritas Austria and constructed first floor.

PMSSS conducted many awareness programs on the prevention of disabilities and collected data of the differently abled persons in the archdiocese.

**Schemes and benefits mobilized through Governmental and Non Governmental resource organizations for the development of the People's organization (2008 – 2009)**

S.No	Project Name	Amount (Rs.)
1	Suraksha (women and child care protection)	1,49,99,450
2	ICT – Village Information Centre	59,00,000
3	FLCs	3,63,600
4	New Thrust Programme	1,29,54,300
5	Vazhndhu kaattuvom	99,29,000
6	Kolping – Youth	82,800
7	Mahalir Thittam	1,22,77,000
8	Capacity building training for women SHGs (Mahalir Thittam)	1,80,000
9	CAPART	4,50,000
10	<i>Community Based Disaster Risk Management Program (UNDP)</i>	3,74,250
11	IFAD	9,36,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,34,46,400</b>

**Future Plans:**

- ❖ To work out plans to shift activities from Disaster Preparedness to Disaster Management.
- ❖ To reconstruct and implement development plans through networking with government departments for the differently abled.
- ❖ E- Governance for rural masses.
- ❖ To provide employment generation training to Srilankan refugees.
- ❖ To create women entrepreneurs and provide revolving assistance through Maghalir and Vanzthukattuvom thittam.
- ❖ To work sustainable plans to implement awareness and training on organic farming.
- ❖ To strengthen people's bank activities among women and kolping federations.

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