

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



Konkan Development Society



Education



Skill Development



Caring for the abandoned



Care for the Environment



Women's Empowerment

Message from the Executive Director

For us at KDS, 2021 was a year of multiple challenges, highs and lows, significant learnings, opportunities for service and many blessings!

While we began the year on a cautiously optimistic note, with hopes and plans to revive some of our Projects and perhaps to open our Schools, our relief and our plans were shattered by the horrific 'second wave,' which plunged our country and our state into anxiety, grief and turmoil!

Like in 2020, our Team, in conjunction with other community service organizations and generous donors, set out to provide much-needed succour to as many affected people as possible. We distributed Covid-related aid as well as dry rations and networked with members of civil society to reach out to those in need of help.

In the latter part of the year, when the situation began to improve, we revived some of our Projects and picked up the threads of our programmes as best we could under the circumstances! We have focused on interventions to bridge the digital divide and measures to help the needy to access rights and benefits offered through Government schemes. Our CHILDLINE Collab. Team has been proactive in addressing the issues faced by children and creating awareness in society about the importance of contacting the 24-hour Helpline 1098, to help children who are in any sort of distress. This year we have been able to focus on contributing to environmental initiatives through the 'Energy Forever' project.

This Annual Report shares the salient features of our journey through 2021, which was made possible through the intercession of our Patron Don Bosco, the unflagging efforts and enthusiasm of our Staff, the generosity of our donors and the prayers and blessings of our well-wishers.

Please continue to work with us in our mission to transform lives for a better tomorrow!

God bless you all.



Our Team



Flobert Monteiro, Dominic Kostka, Marcus Vaz, Jose Crasto
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Digital Integrated Student Aid Centre - 'The Smart Class Programme'....

With the spread of Covid-19 across the whole country, all schools remained shut and switched over to online classes. This mode of education brought into focus the digital divide in our country. A large number of students had little or no access to digital tools to attend these classes, besides also facing connectivity issues.

To contribute towards addressing this issue, Konkan Development Society decided to run a 4 month programme called 'The Smart Class Programme' at our first Digital Integrated Student Aid Centre(DISAC) at Odxel.



The 'Smart Class Programme' aims to provide underprivileged children with the opportunity to access digital tools and the guidance they would need to effectively use these tools to self-learn.



DISAC - 'The Smart Class Programme'....

We ran the pilot project from January to April 2021 with 2 batches of students attending the classes on alternate days of the week. The classroom was set up outdoors.



28 students from class IV to class IX successfully completed the programme and were awarded certificates and prizes. The 2 facilitators, Vishal Rawley and Jose Crasto were ably helped by our

volunteers Audrey D'Mello and Melissa Dias Sapeco.



The students were taken on an excursion to the Central Library at Patto where they got the opportunity to explore the vast bank of knowledge and the various sections of the Library. They were taught how to look for a particular book, using the computer software for searching and were then told to each pick a book of their choice.

The students were enrolled at the library for future access to its resources, particularly the computer lab, which they could use for their studies and project work.



DISAC - 'The Smart Class Programme'....

On account of the second wave of Covid-19, we had to discontinue the programme for 5 months. Once the situation improved, we restarted in October, with 2 Centres, one in Odxel and the other in St. Dominic Savio High School, Calangute.



At the Odxel centre the facilitators, Jose and Vishal are assisted by volunteers Sheldon Lobo and Melissa Dias Sapeco. In Calangute the facilitators, Pratisha Lotlikar & Reshma Volvoikar are assisted by volunteers Sophia and Vijay Chandiramani.

A total of 66 children are benefitting from this programme at the 2 Centres.

DISAC - 'The Smart Class Programme'

DISAC has empowered the students with digital tools to self-learn and explore and effectively utilise their time and energies, making them responsible, digitally empowered citizens of the future. Since almost all the children who have completed the course do not have computers/internet connectivity at their homes, KDS has given them the option to come twice a week to our Centre and practice what they have learnt and also to use the internet for their school work.



We are grateful to *Change on Ground Foundation* and so many other individual donors who have made it possible for us to conduct these classes through their generous contributions.

We also acknowledge with gratitude, the generosity and sacrifice of 16 year old Maya Soares. This young lady is battling cancer and with her pocket money, saved up through the years, has donated a laptop which is being used by the students at our Odxel Centre.



Maya Soares

A Home for Peter & Rita - Work in Progress



Peter & Rita

In June 2021, Konkani Development Society had made an appeal to well-wishers to help build a home for Peter & Rita Menezes, who were rendered homeless when their house in Colvale-North Goa was acquired for road widening.

Through the generosity of our benefactors who have come forward to help, we have initiated the construction of a small new home for the brother and sister. Steady progress is being made and we hope to complete the project within the next few months. We are grateful for the contributions towards this initiative.



Our Schools....

Konkan Development Society runs 2 Schools that cater largely to the underprivileged sections of society. **Don Bosco Primary School, Alto Dabolim** has 204 students, from the Nursery to Std. IV and **St. Dominic Savio High School Calangute** has 233 Students, from Std. I to Std. X.

For the most part of 2021 the schools have been conducting virtual classes for all the students. It has been a difficult time for both, Teachers and children, who have faced multiple challenges in the delivery of and access to the study material!



St. Dominic Savio High School Calangute

Thankfully, classes 7 to 10 were able to start in-School classes from November, much to the relief of all stakeholders!



Don Bosco Primary School, Alto Dabolim



Although the students were at home, the Teachers used various modes of conducting classes, assessments, assignments and co-curricular activities. Digital inequity has been a major area of concern. There is anxiety among Students, Teachers and Parents about the academic, social and cultural deprivation suffered by the Students on account of their absence from School for such a prolonged period!

Our Schools

A happy landmark of this year was the inauguration of the Computer Lab. at St. Dominic Savio High School, in July! 17 brand new Computers were donated by Kineco Kaman Composite Structure, as part of their CSR initiative. The students are encouraged to make good use of this resource, both for their studies and to access information for Project work and other related purposes.



Everyone is looking forward to the time that Schools in Goa will welcome all their children back and face to face education, which is so important, will resume!

CHILDLINE 1098....

Our CHILDLINE team in South Goa has been active all through 2021, despite the challenges posed by the fallout of COVID 19.



The Team

South Goa CHILDLINE has handled 213 cases from January 2021 till date. The cases pertain to Physical Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Child Sexual Abuse, Shelter requests, Medical assistance, Missing Children, Nutrition Aid, Child Marriage, Child Labour and Emotional Support and Guidance.



CHILDLINE 1098....

We have also provided Covid Relief to 216 families. Besides this, the team conducts Home study and Social investigation reports on the request of the Goa Child Welfare Committee .



Covid Relief Aid

Sexual Abuse, POCSO Act, Goa Children's Act and the various schemes available to children. Sessions on good touch and bad touch have also been conducted in these schools for the younger age group.

CHILDLINE strives to create a child friendly environment, therefore awareness is created during Outreach initiatives. In the last year CHILDLINE has extended its services in Ponda, Curchorem and Mormugao talukas by visiting schools, government offices, hospitals, village panchayats, municipal councils and Police stations and creating awareness about CHILDLINE and its services.



CHILDLINE (South) has conducted 31 Awareness programmes in schools and tuition centers, in areas like Utorda, Benaulim, Chinchinim, Maina, Cuncolim, Raia, Vasco, Sada and Carmona. During these sessions the team has spoken about Child Rights and Responsibilities, Child Trafficking, Child



CHILDLINE 1098

As part of 'CHILDLINE se Dosti' we conducted a Children's Day programme and Sports Day for the children, we inaugurated our new office and invited the other stake holders to be a part of this function, we conducted an online session on Child Sexual Abuse and Child Safety for the Child-care institutes in Goa and an awareness session about CHILDLINE and its services for the Police officers of South Goa.



Energy Forever



For many years now, the Salesian Congregation has been conscious of the problems afflicting the environment. The Institutions and Provinces adopted concrete practices that reduce pollution, promote recycling and encourage the use of Solar energy. In November 2020, the Economer General's Office and the Sector for the Missions promoted the “Energy Forever” conference on green, clean and renewable energy.

Launched on World Environment Day 2020, this campaign calls on everyone to rethink our priorities, reconnect with nature and renew our future by making significant lifestyle and institutional changes.

In keeping with this goal, Konkan Development Society decided to take the initiative to install Solar Energy panels in our Don Bosco institutions, in a phased manner.

In the first phase, solar PV panels have been installed at three of our institutions: Don Bosco - Tuem, Margaret Bosco Bal Sadan - Paliem, and Don Bosco Sutgatti - Hubli. Don Bosco Primary School - Alto Dabolim is a work in progress.

We are committed to carrying this Project forward and gradually making all our institutions environment friendly on the energy front.



KDS's Covid-19 Outreach....

The past year has been one of the most challenging for people across the world. Thousands were left homeless, hungry and had no idea what the future would hold for them! Still recovering from the first wave, we were hit with a huge second wave of the pandemic, which left many people reeling from the double whammy!

Konkan Development Society, in an effort to mitigate the suffering of the underprivileged and marginalized families, revived its Covid-19 outreach. KDS provided these families with essential kits which included rice, turmeric, wheat flour, cooking oil, sugar, salt and also medical essentials like sanitizers, soaps, masks, pulse oximeters and thermometers.

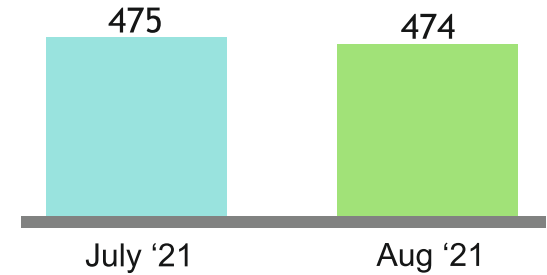


KDS's Covid-19 Outreach

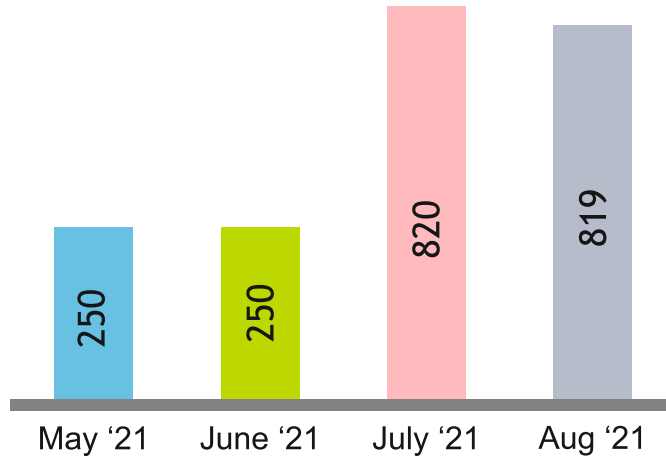


With the financial support of our generous donors, benefactors and corporate partners we were able to help 2,500 plus families, thereby impacting over 10,000 lives.

Families who have received Medical Kits:



Families who have received Ration Kits:



Migrant Desk....



After assessing the impact of the pandemic on the migrant population, it was evident that these vulnerable families and workers were living and working in very adverse circumstances. Konkani Development Society, with the guidance of the Migrant Desk National Team and Don Bosco YAR (Young at Risk) Forum, launched the Bosco SAHARA Migrant Desk at Vasco, Goa to assist the Migrant Workers in the State of Goa.

The Migrant Desk offers a variety of services to the Migrant Workers, like medical checkups, help with documentation, emergency services, Health & Hygiene and Awareness on Labour Laws & Rights.



Migrant Desk

The Desk has also set up a Helpline: Numbers 8669821009 and 0832-2451020, which can be used for assistance as well as in emergencies.



The Migrant Desk has helped vulnerable migrants' families affected during the second wave of the pandemic, with Ration Kits and Medical Kits. The Desk is also conducting a survey of the migrant population in the state to build a database which can assess and cater to the needs of the migrant community.

The Migrant Desk plans to reach out to all the vulnerable Migrant

Workers of the State within 3 to 5 years. Our goal is to secure for them humane and dignified treatment and access to their Rights as citizens of our country.

B.E.S.T. (Bosco Educational and Training) CENTRE - SHIRAHATTI

Women's Empowerment and Education for all are two important ways to equip the most vulnerable sections to become socially aware citizens of our country.

Don Bosco's Konkani Development Society has a Centre in the heart of Shirahatti, in the Gadag District of Karnataka, which caters to Skill Training for young women. The Centre provides training in Computers as well as in Tailoring and Design.

In the three-month tailoring course, the women are taught basic stitching and design and in the computer course they are taught basic computer functions and Tally. Upon completion of this course the women are able to aspire to livelihood opportunities in various spheres.



This year a total of 201 women attended and completed the courses offered by the BEST Centre.

Computer Basics	:	71 nos.
Tally	:	24 nos.
Basic Tailoring	:	81 nos.
Advanced Tailoring	:	25 nos.

The Centre also conducts after-School Remedial classes for underprivileged students in Government Schools. This initiative has been paused on account of the COVID 19 Pandemic. We will be resuming these classes when the situation permits.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)....

2021 has been yet another year of fulfilling service, reaching out to poor and needy families who were badly affected during the second wave of Covid, right across the Konkani Province! From Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, to Shirahatti in the Gadag district of Karnataka, as well as across Goa, dry rations and Covid related kits were distributed to the needy. Those whose near and dear ones had contracted the virus too were supplied with rations, to help them tide over this difficult period in their lives.

The preventive kits contained Vitamin C tablets, face masks, hand sanitizer, bath soap and washing soap.

Many families had lost their bread winner and we thought it imperative to support them with 2 to 3 months of the last drawn salary.

This has all been possible through the generous help of our dedicated benefactors, who have been a great support to us over the years.

M/s. Schiffer & Menezes India Pvt. Ltd. have contributed in a big way to many of our projects over the past few years. This year once again they came forward to support our new initiative “Energy Forever,” an International Green Salesian movement. They funded the set-up of solar PV panels at four of our institutions: Don Bosco - Tuem, Margaret Bosco Bal Sadan - Paliem, Don Bosco Primary School - Alto Dabolim and Don Bosco Sutgatti - Hubli.



M/s. Betts India Pvt. Ltd., another of our corporate partners who has been very supportive of our work, helped us upgrade the Catering & Restaurant Management facilities at Don Bosco - Loutolim, where we conduct short term courses.

M/s. Kinecko Kaman Composite Structure, our new corporate partner, has been kind enough to set up a Computer Lab at St. Dominic Savio High School, Calangute by donating 17 brand new computers!

We acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of so many others, who have supported our Projects!



Volunteers Speak

Volunteer Interns from Don Bosco College of Social work:



I'm Sheldon Lobo, a sailor by profession.

I have always felt the need to reach out and lend a helping hand in social causes.

The KDS DISAC Smart Class initiative came as an answer to my desire and I

immediately volunteered to help the kids learn the skills of computers.

I realised, as I taught them, that not only did I learn a lot myself, but that I really had a knack for teaching.

The programme revealed to me that in reaching out I gained more than I gave. I also got to know the KDS staff better and found a new avenue to channelize my interests other than sailing.

For our internship we worked with the KDS South Goa CHILDLINE Project, which provides assistance to vulnerable children in distress and the Migrant Desk Project, which works for the vulnerable migrant people in the State of Goa, with the main focus on the migrants in and around Vasco City.

Working with these two vulnerable groups we realised the struggles and difficulties they face and the wonderful work that KDS does to address their struggles and ease some of their pain.

We want to thank the CHILDLINE South Goa Team led by Blanco Dias and the Migrant Desk Coordinator, Flobert Monteiro and his colleague Leela Kamble, for their patient assistance during our field-work training. Through their guidance, we were able to develop our skills as social workers and learn about the structure of an NGO and how it works.



Anisha Lobo



*Hrushikesh
Prabhakar Totekar*

Goa Institute of Management (GIM)



DISAC (Digital Integrated Student Aid Centre) is an empowering teaching assistance programme. It was started by the Konkani Development Society to help underprivileged children to use modern digital tools and technologies in order to bridge the divide between the haves and have nots. This divide was starkly exposed during the COVID 19 pandemic, when Schools were forced to shift to online education.

We, a group of 6 students from the Goa Institute of Management, have had the privilege of contributing to this particular project in our own way. Our work included making of educational power point presentations on a variety of relevant topics, which were used by the DISAC facilitators to teach these children, as a part of the DISAC programme. It brings us immense joy and pleasure to have done our part and contributed to this noble cause.

Budget for the F.Y. 2020-21

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Opening Balance	70,55,565	-
Education	-	10,47,586
Energy Forever	20,00,000	14,00,000
Capacity Building	-	15,28,075
Don Bosco Dabolim School	41,95,726	41,72,357
Childline	11,00,238	16,45,619
Construction	15,00,000	48,89,430
General	1,11,33,156	29,44,380
Administration Cost	-	49,33,208
Closing Balance	-	44,24,030
TOTAL	2,69,84,685	2,69,84,685

Thank you, Dear Donors!

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