



Konkan Development Society

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Message from the Executive Director

In the first three months of 2020, while we were enthusiastically gearing up for a smooth continuation of our Projects and exploring new possibilities, a crisis was brewing in some parts of the world! This crisis was soon to overtake the entire global population and wreak havoc on the physical, emotional, social and economic health of billions of people – COVID 19 had arrived!!

Our Projects took a hit and had to be either suspended or discontinued. Our funding partners too were gripped by uncertainty for the future and were constrained to halt Project funding. With God's help, we had to reinvent ourselves, to meet the new requirements of a panic-stricken society!

The immediate fall-out of the lockdown was unemployment, food scarcity, unavailability of essential commodities, the exodus of migrant workers who had no jobs and no food and strict SOPs for social interaction. We at KDS realized that we had to come to the rescue of those who were in dire need of our assistance! So we began an initiative to supply dry rations, food and sanitary items to thousands of needy people, with support from many generous donors and in conjunction with other NGOs.

Thus began a whole new way of thinking and action, which we have shared in this Annual Report. New Projects have been launched in the last few months and we have networked with other NGOs to focus on sustainable development for revival of livelihoods.

I am truly grateful that God has shown us the silver lining behind the dark clouds and we have been able to forge ahead, with the help and support of our Staff, our benefactors, our donors and our well wishers! God bless you and your loved ones on the road ahead!

Fr. Laurence Monteiro, sdb.



Our Team



Standing : Suraya Borges, Vishal Rawlley, Jose Crasto, Blanco Dias

Standing : Berta Gomes, Dominic Kostka, Sonal Modagi, Walter Lobo, Yasin Kalagar

Sitting : Nirmala Rebello, Yvonne Mascarenhas, Fr. Laurence Monteiro & Marcus Vaz

“Team Work makes the Dream Work”



Virendra
Periera



Sujata Koli



Vijay
Chandiramani

Ex-KDS Staff



Clancy Barreto



Terence Desilva

Remedial School Project (RSP).....and beyond

Don Bosco's Konkani Development Society (KDS) has been running the Remedial School Project (RSP) since 2011, to aid disadvantaged and marginalized children. The objectives are to augment the need for remedial education across Schools, by assisting rural Government as well as Aided schools and to ensure minimum drop-outs, especially in classes 8, 9 and 10.

Since 2018, thanks to our donors Colorcon Asia Pvt. Ltd., we were able to help 1200 children in 29 schools across Goa, primarily in the field of education.



Besides assisting the students with the main subjects of Math, Science and English, the daily activities included captivating the students' attention by tools such as games, quizzes, art & craft, audio visual aids, quarterly incentive awards and token prizes.

All of this has been achieved by our Teachers, most of whom are B.Ed trained, who create an interest in learning through simple, effective and value based study plans and co-curricular activities.



Our Funding Partner

Remedial School Project (RSP).....and beyond



We are grateful to the 11 enthusiastic students from the Goa Institute of Management Studies , who worked with us on this project as part of their 'Give Goa Health' initiative.



The response to this Project has been enthusiastic and hence we plan to continue it with strategic changes that have been carefully thought out, to further enhance

the outcome and outreach. This modified Project is called the Digital Integrated Student Aid Centres (DISAC) Project. However, due to the unprecedented situation caused by the COVID 19 Pandemic, we have not been able to launch the new Project yet. We hope to do so when the situation permits.

Non Residential Special Training Centres (NRSTCs)

Having a firm base in learning provides a good launching pad to children to cope with the demands of a fast changing world! KDS recognizes this and our NRSTC Project, which began in 2006, provides study support to less privileged children, mostly from shanty areas, to help them cope with the formal learning process.



Our NRSTCs are located in Baina, Zuarinagar, Chimbel, Colvale and Bicholim. 200 children and their families have benefitted from the initiative this year.

A total of 7 NRSTCs are run in collaboration with our funding Partners:

- Colorcon Asia Pvt. Ltd. (4 centres)
- Children Across Borders
- Charlotte Newnes and other generous donors



Non Residential Special Training Centres (NRSTCs)

Children are provided with basic literacy skills, value education, medical awareness through camps for children and their parents, a nutritious snack as well as all-round personality development activities.



With the outbreak of COVID-19, the Project had to be discontinued. Almost overnight, the situation changed drastically! With no work and meagre resources, these families became helpless. KDS rendered timely assistance, with dry rations and sanitary items for the families of the children at the Centres as well as other needy families in the neighbourhood.

Don Bosco Primary School - Alto Dabolim

The Don Bosco Pre-Primary and Primary School Dabolim articulates and demonstrates the dynamic nature of our educational transactions! We believe that "Learning fosters creativity; creativity leads to thinking; thinking provides knowledge and such knowledge can make you great." We try to cater to the holistic development of students, blending academic inputs with social and moral values. We believe that each child is a gift from God. Each one is unique, special and blessed in different ways. Everyone is welcomed, loved, respected and nurtured according to their individual capacity.



As we are in our new School premises, we had planned various activities for the academic year starting in June 2020, but due to the Covid – 19 pandemic we have had to resort to distance

education of various kinds, to enable our children to have access to study material and mentoring by the Teachers.



Don Bosco Primary School - Alto Dabolim

This is of particular significance to our children, many of who come from economically and socially marginalized families.



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We hope and pray that Schools will be able to reopen in the near future and our children will be able to resume the normal, face to face learning, which has no substitute!

We thank our Architect *Soares & Associates* and Contractor *S.M. Realtors* for their support.

St. Dominic Savio High School - Calangute

Learning is a joyful process in St. Dominic Savio High School, which caters to the learning needs of 220 students from the economically weaker sections of society, from Stds. I to X.



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When the School was handed over to the Salesians in May 2019, it was functioning in two buildings which were 100 metres apart. While the Primary and Senior classes were held in the main building, the one housing the Middle School, which had been leased for the purpose of having classes, was badly in need of repairs and renovation! After KDS took over the School, priority was given to constructing a new building on the existing premises so that all the students and Staff could be on the same campus.

We are grateful to *Saiprasad Naik & Associates* for helping with the construction of the new School building.

St. Dominic Savio High School - Calangute



With the help and support of our benefactors and donors, the new School building, with its cheerful façade and well ventilated classrooms, was ready in record time! On account of the Covid 19 Pandemic physical classes have begun only for Std. 10, but we are hoping to welcome all the students back as early as possible in the New Year.

Despite having to conduct classes online, with its many challenges, our dedicated and proactive Staff has reached out to the students in various ways and held several co-curricular activities, talks and competitions online and through Whatsapp, which have evoked enthusiastic participation by the students!



KDS's Covid-19 Reach Out

Joyful Service to the needy in the time of COVID-19

The onslaught of the Covid-19 pandemic in March last year caused a great deal of fear and anxiety! Thousands were rendered homeless and hungry on account of the stringent measures put in place by the Government to contain the spread of the dreaded virus.



Konkan Development Society was quick to respond to the needs of those who were unable to fend for themselves. As part of the social outreach to the poor, the needy, the migrants and others, KDS through its Childline South Goa Collab. Office, undertook to provide these vulnerable members of society with essentials like rice, wheat flour, cooking oil, lentils, sugar, soya chunks, soaps, onions and potatoes, masks, sanitizers and sanitary pads.

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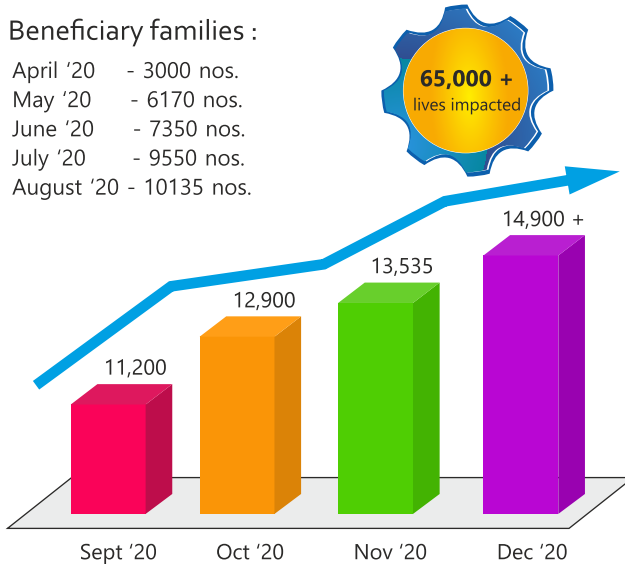


As the situation became grimmer, most of the workers who had lost their jobs were compelled to leave the state and required food, provisions and other support to travel back to their home towns. Here too KDS, in conjunction with other NGOs was able to reach out to these workers with the necessary help to enable them to make their journey home.

Through the donations received from our benefactors, well-wishers and corporate partners we have till date been able to give much needed support to **14900 plus** families and have impacted over **65,000** lives.

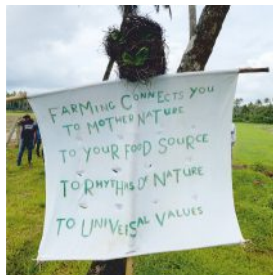
Beneficiary families :

April '20 - 3000 nos.
May '20 - 6170 nos.
June '20 - 7350 nos.
July '20 - 9550 nos.
August '20 - 10135 nos.



Farmers For Future

KDS has always been keen to involve youth in environmental causes for a greener future. Farming is a key area where youth involvement can reconnect future generations to their land, their food source and to the rhythms of nature. It is also an area which needs new ideas and innovation, along with traditional wisdom, to ensure food security, livelihood opportunities and sustainable development.



With this in mind, Fr. Laurence Monteiro, Executive Director of KDS, envisaged a programme to involve young people in farming practices. We call this programme 'Farmers for Future'.



Farmers For Future

So far, the 'Farmers for Future' project has engaged youth volunteers in helping in rice transplanting activities in three fields across Goa, with an overwhelming response. We have also conducted two highly successful workshop sessions in reviving the dying art of 'Toddy Tapping'.



The upcoming projects include training sessions in mushroom cultivation and bee keeping. We are also working towards large scale mechanized farming to revive fallow tracts of cultivable lands, in association with farmer's clubs across villages.

CHILDLINE 1098

1098 is a phone number that spells hope for millions of children across India. It is a 24-hour a day, 365 days a year free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance. We not only respond to the emergency needs of children but also link them to relevant services for their long-term care and rehabilitation. This facility has, till date, connected with three million children across the nation, offering them care and protection.



Our South Goa CHILDLINE Collab. Office has handled 397 cases from January 2020 till date. The cases range from child abuse, begging, child labour, shelter requests, missing children, nutrition, child marriage and counselling. Our office was open right through the

COVID induced lock down and besides our normal services, we gave food aid to a large number of families who were in dire straits due to loss of livelihoods.

CHILDLINE 1098

Before the lockdown, South Goa CHILDLINE conducted Awareness programmes in 9 different Schools and recently we have resumed our Awareness programmes, with the mandated safety precautions. During the Awareness talks the team speaks to children about their rights, child abuse and who to contact when in trouble.



The Team



Our Team is highly motivated and we have been able to help many children to access timely services when in need.

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)

The CSO project was launched in September 2019, to contribute towards achieving some of the UNDP's Sustainable Development Goals. The project envisages networking with NGOs and likeminded associates who will be trained in 5 Modules of the project, which include: Participatory Approach, Advocacy Skills, Lobbying, Negotiation Strategies & Skills and Right to Government Welfare Schemes. Once trained, each CSO representative will in turn train their own Staff and other members of civil society, who will then be able to access schemes and benefits which will contribute towards poverty alleviation, good health, gender equality, economic growth and zero hunger.



After completing the first 3 modules, the training had to be temporarily suspended on account of the outbreak of COVID-19. However, the benefits of the networking were successfully tested, as NGOs collaborated with KDS to reach out to thousands of families who needed help during the lockdown and beyond.

The Training was resumed in November 2020. The 4th Module has been completed and the last one has been scheduled for Jan.2021, after which all those who have been trained will be equipped to reach out to thousands of marginalized and vulnerable citizens to improve their lives and livelihoods.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

The onset of the Pandemic came just before the beginning of the financial year 2019-20, but this was not going to be a hindrance to our work with the underprivileged. We have been truly blessed, for through our dedicated benefactors we were, in many ways, able to carry on our work with the less fortunate. We managed to complete the construction work on the new wing at St. Dominic Savio High School, Calangute with the support of M/s. Schiffer & Menezes India Pvt. Ltd., who were also very supportive at the onset of our outreach to the poor and needy families who were struggling to access their daily needs.



M/s. Guala Closures (India) Private Limited too contributed substantially towards our outreach to the poor, needy families in our Konkan Province.

M/s. CommScope India Private Limited and Nicholas Daly have supported us in the completion of the pending work at Don Bosco Primary School, Alto Dabolim.

M/s. Colorcon Asia Pvt. Ltd. have been our partners over the years in our NRSTC programme in shanty locations spread across Goa. Besides, in the last two years, they have been of tremendous help in supporting our RSP programme in a big way in 30 schools in remote areas of Goa.

The Shirahatti Story

Konkan Development Society is empowering young minds with education and adult ladies with skilling, at the Bosco Education and Skill Training (BEST) Centre at Shirahatti, in the Gadag District of Karnataka.



1268 children have benefitted over a period of 10 years. This year 210 students are part of the free study support classes held through the generosity of "Manos Unidas". The students are provided with coaching classes after their regular school hours, as well as essential stationery items. The project has served as a great motivator and has also minimized dropouts from school.



The Shirahatti Story

The BEST Center also provides training to Women in Computer Basics & Tally as well as Tailoring and Design. This initiative has enabled them to acquire livelihood options. Some have secured jobs in Government and private firms, while many are self-employed.



COVID-19 has halted the Projects, but through the BEST Centre and the generosity of our benefactors, many families were assisted with dry ration kits and sanitary items during the lockdown period.

GIPARD - KDS

Model Village Integrated Development Project

The Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (GIPARD) and KDS have completed their one year partnership to study and plan the initiatives required to make Barcem Village of South Goa a Model Village, as visualized by the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) of the Govt. of India.



KDS carried out a survey to ascertain the number of households in the village with electricity, water, toilets, gas connections, Panchayat initiatives for Children, Senior Citizens, the Disabled, Insurance schemes, Farming and Livelihood schemes and various other welfare activities that are required to make the 'Model Village' tag a reality!

Konkan Development Society has conducted training sessions in making jackfruit chips, bee keeping, vermi composting and chilly powder making, as a support for people to earn their livelihood. Training in functioning through Agricultural Clusters was also given. During the Covid 19 pandemic KDS conducted awareness drives to help combat the disease, in collaboration with the Village Panchayat authorities.



Budget

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Opening Balance	88,96,923	-
Education	1,71,07,144	1,05,39,393
Women's Empowerment	-	3,31,439
Capacity Building for SHG Leaders	-	33,98,227
Action Research on Integrated Development	-	2,12,305
Don Bosco Dabolim School	53,70,279	55,59,853
Childline	18,37,570	11,95,765
Construction	99,85,000	1,65,15,000
General	84,12,854	45,91,447
Administration Cost	-	22,10,776
Closing Balance	-	70,55,565
TOTAL	5,16,09,770	5,16,09,770

Upcoming Projects

- ➡ Digital Integrated Student Aid Centres (January 2021)
- ➡ Green Revolution : Clean Energy – Solar; more Farming Initiatives
- ➡ Reviving the Migrant Desk Project

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