



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Konkan Development Society
Transforming Lives - Fulfilling Dreams



Message from the Director

Accompanying the young on their journey towards a brighter future has been our main focus over the years. Our Patron, Don Bosco always took up Projects for God's glory and the salvation of souls.

This year saw a passing of the baton from Fr. Laurence Monteiro, who went to Mangalore on transfer at the end of May, after an eventful tenure of 5 years, to me, to carry forward the post-pandemic Projects of the Development Office.

In 2022, K.D.S has empowered our youngsters through Schools run for marginalized children at Dabolim and Calangute, as well as through after-School initiatives that give the students the dedicated help they need for their holistic development.

Informal education is also given to young women across the borders of Goa, in certain regions of Karnataka and Maharashtra. Most of these women have managed to secure decent jobs to support themselves and their families.

This Annual Report is an opportunity to share our 2022 Projects with our donors, well-wishers and all those who support our initiatives, as well as those who would like to be our partners in the future.

God bless you all!

Fr. Francis Silveira, sdb.



Konkan Development Society - About Us

OUR VISION & MISSION

Konkan Development Society visualizes a community striving for justice and equality; a society where there is respect towards human rights and human values; a society where poor and marginalized communities become self-reliant, self-sustaining and empowered to take care of their own future. KDS seeks to achieve these goals through the integrated development of communities, by building up the capacities of less privileged families and enabling them to realize their hidden potential in social transformation.

FIVE PILLARS OF KDS PROJECTS



Education



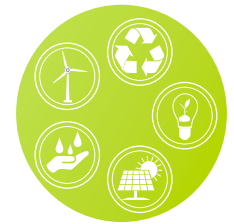
Skill Development



Caring for the
Abandoned



Women's
Empowerment



Care for the
Environment

Our Team



Nirmala Rebello, Dominic Kostka, Sujata Koli, Fr. Francis Silveira(Director),
Sonal Modagi, Flobert Monteiro, Jose Crasto & Berta Gomes



Fr. Laurence Monteiro
(Executive Director)



Blanco Dias



Marcus Vaz

Digital Integrated Student Aid Centre (DISAC)

'The Smart Class Programme'.....

The DISAC Smart Class Programme was initiated in 2021 during the Pandemic, to help reach out to the underprivileged children who not only did not have access to digital tools but also lacked the guidance they needed to be able to effectively use these tools to self-learn.

This year, with an end to the Pandemic and all students back in School, it was a great opportunity for us to increase our outreach to further bridge the 'Digital Divide'.

This was made possible through the generous support received from our Project Partner Colorcon Asia Pvt. Ltd. Together, we are running the programme at 5 Centres across Goa: 2 in the North i.e. Caranzalem & Calangute and 3 in the South i.e. Dabolim, Zuarinagar & Baina. Each Centre has 2 facilitators to conduct the classes.



The first batch of students who started in the month of July completed the course in November 2022. A total of 155 students benefitted from the programme and were given certificates. The next batch will complete the course in April 2023.



Digital Integrated Student Aid Centre (DISAC) 'The Smart Class Programme'

Medical and Dental Camps were held for the children from the five Centres. The camps were conducted by the Voluntary Health Association of Goa (VHAG). 135 children were beneficiaries of each Camp. The team of the VHAG also spoke to the children on the importance of Physical and Oral hygiene.


Through DISAC the students are not only equipped with the knowledge of digital tools but are also given the opportunity to explore their creativity by making posters, drawings, animations, short presentations and even their own offline games. At the end of the course each child is given a completion certificate. Many of the students who have completed the course were first time laptop/desktop users. There was a feeling of joy and confidence among these students at the end of the course.



Non Residential Special Training Centres (NRSTC)....

After a gap of 2 years we have restarted the NRSTCs. Educating underprivileged youth has always been the mission of KDS. The NRSTCs were started with a vision to provide underprivileged children with help in their studies and thus prevent children from dropping out of School. We currently have 7 Centres spread across Goa, 4 in North Goa: Odxel, Chimbel, Colvale and Bicholim; and 3 in South Goa: Dabolim, Zuarinagar and Baina.



 **Colorcon** & Charlotte Newnes

Non Residential Special Training Centres (NRSTC)

The main aim of the NRSTCs is to provide dedicated study assistance to the children and to foster their holistic development. The beneficiaries of the project are underprivileged and migrant children, helping them cope with the formal learning process. 210 children are benefiting from the project this year. The NRSTCs also impart value education, Health & Hygiene and cater to the overall personality development of the child. Children with special needs are identified and measures are taken to help them cope with the learning process. A nutritious snack is provided to the children at the Centre, daily. Medical and other awareness programmes are held for both the children and their parents.



The NRSTCs are run in collaboration with our funding partners:

1. Colorcon Asia Pvt. Ltd. – 7 Centres
2. Charlotte Newnes and other generous donors.
(Zuarinagar morning Centre)



Day Care Centre

The Chimbhel Day Care Centre is located in the middle of the large Chimbhel shanty area, on the outskirts of Panaji City. The Centre looks after 25 tiny-tots in the age group of 3 to 6 years. There are two Teachers actively engaged in the cognitive and social development of the children. These little ones attend the class at the Centre while their parents are at work. A nutritious snack is also provided. The programme is funded by Children Across Borders and Betts India Pvt. Ltd..



CHILDLINE 1098, South Goa District

Our District CHILDLINE has handled 265 cases from January to December 2022. The cases comprise instances of physical abuse, emotional abuse, child sexual abuse, shelter requests, medical assistance, missing children, nutrition aid, child marriage, child labour and emotional support and guidance, runaways, rescue, social investigation report, home study report and child neglect. We have also provided monthly nutrition to 15 families throughout the Year.



The team has conducted 52 Awareness programmes in schools and tuition centers, in Cuncolim, Margao, Murmugao, Canacona, Chinchinim, Curtorim, Gogol, Cotigao, Maina, Velim, Assolna, Quellosim, Aquem, Dabolim, Shiroda, Nuvem and Verna. During these sessions the team speaks about child rights and their responsibilities, child trafficking, child sexual abuse, drug abuse, POCSO Act, Goa Children's Act and the various schemes available to children. Sessions on good touch and bad touch are also conducted in Schools, for the younger age group.



Childline 1098, South Goa District

Childline strives to create a child-friendly environment and to this end Childline, along with the Goa State Commission for Child Rights, has worked in various parts of South Goa like Margao Old Market Circle, Ponda Market, Vasco Market, Railways Stations and Cuncolim Industrial Development Corporation, to curtail begging and child labour.



Childline South, as part of 'Childline se Dosti' conducted 5 programmes in November : Children's Day celebration at the Pediatric ward of the District Hospital South Goa; an interactive session with the Vasco Railway Police and Railway Protection Force; a Street play at South Goa District Administrative Complex in the presence of District Collector and Magistrate and Sub-Divisional Magistrate for Salcete, a Street play in Margao Market and on the 20th November, to commemorate the International Day for Child Rights, the Team organized a Cycle Rally in which 145 riders participated.



Childline 1098, South Goa District



Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the CHILDLINE Team, we have been able to make a positive impact on the lives of the most vulnerable segment of our society: Our Children!



(L to R) : Noah Rodrigues, Nikita Kachara, Sapiya Sayed Bi, Mimsa Fernandes, Blanco Dias, Joyna Fernandes, Bethilda L. Andrade, Afsana Kuitawala & Alwyn Dcosta

The Shirahatti Project

Skilling classes are conducted for women in our Community Center, to uplift and improve the livelihood of the women from marginalized communities. Such Training programmes have proved crucial in equipping women to secure a viable job and support their families, as also to help them get admission in colleges. The trainings are conducted in our BEST (Bosco Education and Skill Training) Centre in Shirahatti, which is situated in the Gadag District of Karnataka.

Tailoring Classes:

In our tailoring classes, the women are taught the essentials of tailoring, from cutting to stitching of blouses, different types of churidar sets, gowns and other garments. The classes are conducted in batches. A total of 136 women(85 Basic tailoring & 51 Advanced Tailoring) have completed the Tailoring courses this year.



The Team



The Shirahatti Project

Computer classes:

These are mostly for college students and adult women who do not have access to technology. These women benefit from the computer course by learning the basics of operating the computer, MS Word, Excel and Power Point. In the year 2022, 126 women benefitted from the Computer classes. Out of the 126, 102 completed the Basic Computers course while 24 completed the Tally programme.



Each course is of 3 months duration. On completing the course, the livelihood prospects of the women are brighter. Some have got admission in colleges, for further education and some have secured jobs in the government and in private firms.



Don Bosco Pre-Primary and Primary School, Alto Dabolim

This academic year began with great expectations of restoring normalcy, after 2 years of Pandemic induced erratic learning, which caused much hardship to the children and the Teachers. The children enjoyed getting back to classroom learning and School activities in the company of their Teachers and friends! Fr. Laurence Monteiro, the Manager of the School was transferred to Mangalore and handed over charge to Fr. Francis Silveira, who took over as the Manager from 1st June.



Mrs. Brenda DCosta, the Headmistress retired after 12 years of service and handed the baton to Mrs. Tracy Fernandes, on 1st September 2022.

Don Bosco Pre-Primary and Primary School, Alto Dabolim

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the School now has a paved play area, new benches and desks for some of the Primary Section classes, attractive furniture for the Nursery class and a promise of further help with future requirements of the School.

We have applied to the Department of Education for permission to start Std. 5 in June 2023 and are hopeful of getting the sanction sometime soon!

The School is a happy place, buzzing with the sights and sounds of children involved in study, play and various forms of daily activity which are so essential to the growth of a healthy mind in a healthy body. We hope to be able to continue giving these children the facilities they need, with help and support from our donors and well - wishers!



St. Dominic Savio High School, Calangute

At St. Dominic Savio High School Calangute we focus on the overall development of the child. With this in mind, we balance curricular and co-curricular activities, to give our students the opportunity to develop their talents and skills.

2022 has been a good year for our students.

Students appearing at the Board Exams are guided and motivated by the Teachers and the School Counsellor regarding their career choices.

Co-curricular activities:

Fancy Dress Competition, Rakhi making, card making, best out of waste, poster making, chart making as well as dance competitions, nutritious food thali and other such activities were held. The school students participated in Inter School Quiz competitions and debates. To foster national integration various national, religious and cultural festivals and occasions were celebrated with much enthusiasm.

Good health of the students is a primary concern of the School. Routine health check-ups are organized and Yoga is regularly practiced by students and staff.

Sport plays a pivotal role in instilling the values of discipline, team spirit and sportsmanship. Inter-house competitions in Football, Volley - ball, Chess and Kabaddi were held on the School premises.



St. Dominic Savio High School, Calangute

Our students, under the efficient and enthusiastic guidance and training of the PE Master, Mr. Govind Gawas, participated and won laurels in the Inter-School events organized by the State Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs.

Some achievements worth highlighting are:

1. Our school bagged the First position in Bardez Taluka in Volley ball Under 14 Boys and Second Place in Volley ball, Under 17 Boys.
2. Bardez Taluka Champions in Kabaddi Under17 Boys, North District Champion in Kabaddi Under 17 Boys and third place in Kabaddi, Under 14 Boys
3. First Place at Taluka level in Skipping Under 12 Girls, Second place in Skipping Under 12 Boys, Third Place in Skipping, Under 12 Girls, First Place in Skipping, Under 17 Boys, Second Place in Skipping, Under 17 Boys.
4. Third Place at Inter-School Mixed Relay, at Anjuna -Bardez .

The Science project of our student Master Tushal was one among those selected under the Inspire Award Manak Scheme. From among 700 projects from the different Schools in Goa, the Department of Science and Technology New Delhi selected the 80 best projects, which were then displayed at the State level Exhibition on 30th November 2022 at the Goa Science Centre, Miramar. This achievement was under the guidance of Mr .Deep Govekar.

As part of an enrichment programme, our teachers and students attended various workshops & seminars throughout the year.



Tree Planting Project

BOSCONET, in partnership with Beam Suntory, collaborated with Don Bosco's Konkan Development Society for the Tree Planting Project, covering Dabolim and surrounding areas of South Goa. The project was to plant a total of 2000 fruit and flowering saplings, which was completed within the stipulated time. The saplings were protected with meshing and looked after during the period of June to December 2022. Regular monitoring of all locations was done under the supervision of our Project Coordinator.



Individuals, Village Panchayats, and Colleges were a part of the project, for the benefit of a clean and green environment.



‘I completed my B.Sc. in Agriculture from Don Bosco Agriculture College, Sulcorna in May 2022 and in June 2022 there was an opening for the post of Project Coordinator at Don Bosco's Konkan Development Society, for the Tree planting project, for which I was selected. Working with KDS in this project was a wonderful experience for me.’



Beam **SUNTORY**

Dhanikka Dias Pereira

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

This year the Konknan Development Society team was excited to get back to our pre- Pandemic days, to reach out to the little children, youth and young women in need of our attention, to help them start anew.

Our Benefactors too were anxious to meet and discuss ways to restart our Projects.

Colorcon Asia Pvt. Ltd., which has been very supportive of our work over the years , came forward to help us open 7 Non Residential Special Training Centres (NRSTCs) and our new initiative, Digital Integrated Student Aid Centre (DISAC) at 5 locations spread over Goa.

Betts India Pvt. Ltd., which has been our funding partner since several years, has sponsored our Day Care Centre.

A Corporate has been generous in reaching out to our children at Don Bosco Pre-Primary and Primary School, Alto Dabolim by donating benches for two classrooms, while for our older students at St. Dominic Savio High School, Calangute they gave 30 cycles so the students can comfortably commute to School.

We also received 10 refurbished high-end laptops for the DISAC students at our Baina Centre.



Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

A few of our generous benefactors made it possible for us to enhance the open spaces around the School building and the outside play area for the little children at Don Bosco Primary School, Alto Dabolim. We have also received help for equipment for our Day Care Centre at Chimbel.



Budget for the F.Y. 2021-22

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Opening Balance	44,24,030	-
Education	-	6,59,288
Energy Forever	-	4,13,913
Capacity Building for SHG Leaders	-	33,161
Tree Plantation Project	-	1,75,450
Don Bosco Dabolim School	48,85,601	49,21,925
Childline	12,95,073	13,17,697
Construction	-	7,21,586
General	1,01,81,115	50,84,912
Administration Cost	-	47,45,287
Closing Balance	-	27,12,601
Total	2,07,85,819	2,07,85,819

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Cheques should be drawn on "Konkani Development Society"

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