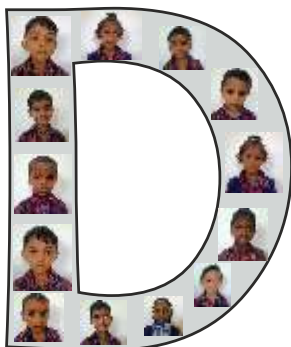


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**ANNUAL REPORT  
2017-18**

# Message from the Executive Director

Dear Benefactors, Friends and Well Wishers,

'Kindness' is more than deeds. It is an attitude, an expression, a look, a smile, a touch. It is anything that raises a person up. In fact, there is no better exercise for the heart than to bend down and lift someone up; and that is what we try to do in KDS!

From 2005 onwards, the Province Development Office (INP) has been involved in a variety of Projects and Programmes that seek to enable, empower and transform the lives of those who live on the margins of our society. We reach out to these members of our family through the thrust areas of Education, Skill Training, Women's Empowerment and Advocacy programmes.

Transforming lives requires dedicated Team effort and in this we have been blessed with a great Team of collaborators, who have contributed generously with their prayers, time, energy, finances, talents, skills and other resources.

Like every year, this Annual Report is an opportunity to share the year's efforts and achievements and to thank all the wonderful people who have contributed to our vision to 'Transform Lives for a Better Tomorrow.'

*"Kindness is more than deeds. It is an attitude, an expression, a look, a smile, a touch."*

A warm and sincere Thank you to our Partners and Benefactors for their generous support, our Staff for their sustained and sincere hard work, our Volunteers for giving cheerfully of their time and talent, our Friends and Well Wishers for their prayers and encouragement and our Beneficiaries, for giving us the warm glow of pleasure that we derive from being given the opportunity to make a significant difference in their lives.

As we thank the Good Lord for giving us the strength, the enthusiasm and the resources to carry on with His work, we recall the words of our Patron, Don Bosco who famously said: *"If one is to do good, he must have a little courage, be ready for sacrifice, deal affably with all and never slight anybody. By following this method I have always had significant success, in fact, marvellous success!"*

With Grace from God, inspiration from Don Bosco and help and encouragement from our Collaborators we look forward to the road ahead, with a prayer on our lips and hope in our hearts!!

*Fr. Laurence Monteiro, sdb.*

*Executive Director*



# Our Team

Back Row (L to R) :  
Pradnesh Gauthankar  
Marcus Vaz  
Virendra Pereira  
Walter Lobo  
Dominic Kostka



**Fr Laurence Monteiro, SDB.**  
*Executive Director*

Front Row (L to R) :  
Jose Crasto  
Clancy Barreto  
Yvonne Mascarenhas  
Trupthi Gauns  
Nirmala Rebello  
Jorge Mesquita  
Vijay Borase



**Fr Jose Sequeira, SDB.**  
*Director*



## Caring for the abandoned

“It is not enough to love, people have to feel that they are loved.” – Don Bosco



## Women's Empowerment

“The empowered woman is powerful beyond measure and beautiful beyond description.” – Steve Maraboli



## Skill Development

“The more we give importance to skill development, the more competent will be our youth.” – Narendra Modi, PM



## Education

“Do you want to do a good deed? Teach the young. Do you want to do a holy thing? Teach the young. Truly, now and for the future, among holy things, this is the holiest.” – Don Bosco

# Remedial School Project (RSP)

**JUNE 2011-JANUARY 2018**

EDUCATION



The Remedial School Project has been very successful since its inception in 2011, with 28 schools in Maharashtra, North Goa and South Goa. We are grateful to our funding partners **Sociedade de Fomento Industrial Pvt. Ltd.**, who collaborated with KDS to provide study support to students from underprivileged families. We joined hands and launched this project in June 2011. Till April 2018, every year around 1200 children have benefitted from this endeavour.

28 Schools



About 1200  
Children per year

FUNDING PARTNER

**Sociedade de Fomento  
Industrial Pvt. Ltd.**

# Remedial School Project(RSP)

*APRIL 2018 ONWARDS.....*



From April 2018 the Remedial School Project has been funded by new partners, **Colorcon Asia Pvt. Ltd.**, for 30 schools in North and South Goa. The response from the School authorities has been overwhelming, with KDS providing each school with a Remedial Teacher for 20 children who need support in their studies. The children are motivated to study using innovative methods like art and craft, games and daily activities, thus helping to minimise or eliminate drop-outs in Schools where this project is being implemented.

30 Schools



FUNDING PARTNER

**Colorcon Asia Pvt. Ltd.**

# Non Residential Special Training Centres (NRSTCs)

The NRSTC has journeyed from a Mobile School Bus in 2006 to well-established Study Centres in the neediest locations, from 2011. The main thrust of the NRSTC project is imparting basic literacy skills and building an interest in activities that foster personality development. The beneficiaries of this project are children of migrant families who need study support, as well as non school-going children from less privileged social and economic backgrounds. These children are later mainstreamed into formal education. Children identified with special needs are helped to avail of psychological testing to enable them to move forward in School without hurdles.

180 children are benefitting from the Project this year. The Students as well as their Parents avail of the numerous benefits in the programme. A nutritious snack is provided to the children at the Centres, daily. Dental, Medical and Awareness camps are also essential components of the programme.

180 Children



# Non Residential Special Training Centres (NRSTCs)

The NRSTCs in Goa are run in collaboration with various funding partners.

The total number of Centres in Goa is 7, of which 4 are in partnership with **Colorcon Asia Pvt. Ltd.** The implementing agency is **KDS**, along with **Conexus Social Responsibility Services**.

2 Centers are supported by **Children across Borders** and 1 is supported by **Charlotte Newnes and Una Angelo**.



# Day Care Centre

Fostering a healthy mind in a healthy body at the right time is the best recipe for human development. The Chimbel Day Care Centre looks after 30 tiny tots in the age group of 2 to 5 years. There are two Teachers, actively engaged in giving them the best foundation in cognitive development and social skills, besides looking after them while their Parents are at work. A nutritious mid day meal is provided to the children while their parents are out earning a livelihood. The programme is funded by Children Across Borders and implemented by KDS.



# Don Bosco School - Alto Dabolim

**D**on Bosco Pre-Primary and Primary School, Alto Dabolim, functioning under the Salesian initiative since 2011, has been instrumental in providing quality learning to the children of the surrounding areas, with special emphasis on the underprivileged and the marginalized. Permission to function as a Government aided Primary School was given by the Directorate of Education in 2012 and at present the School has classes up to Std. 4. The total number of children studying in the School currently is **297**.

With trained Teachers, adequately equipped classrooms, emphasis on interactive methods of learning, audio visual aids, sports, computer awareness and provision of transport facilities to those who need it, the School is recognized as a significant instrument to enable the young ones within its portals to aspire to greater heights in their quest for a good education.

In keeping with the motto to Transform Lives, KDS has plans to enhance and expand the scope of the facilities provided at the Dabolim School, so that more children can benefit from this educational initiative.

For the last couple of years we have been trying to raise the required funds to put up a new building to cater to the growing needs of the children.





# Don Bosco School - Alto Dabolim

In response to our appeals for help to undertake this much needed task, three generous benefactors came to our aid, with substantial amounts, to enable us to get the work under way.

Our deep gratitude goes out to Mr. Nick Daly from England, Mr. Cedric Menezes, MD of Schiffer and Menezes and Mr. Bosco Ravi Rebello of Commscope, for their generosity.

On 10th September 2018 we had the joy of blessing the Foundation Stone of the new building, at the hands of our Provincial, Fr. Felix Fernandes, in the presence of Mr. Cedric Menezes, Fr. Avil Rodrigues, Fr. Jose Sequeira, Fr. Laurence Monteiro, some members of staff of Konkan Development Society and the Headmistress, Teachers and children of the School.

God willing, the School building will be completed by April 2019, in time to welcome all our children back for the next academic year.



# Don Bosco School - Odxel



The idea of opening a Don Bosco Primary School in Odxel came about after observing the success of the Mobile School Project initiated by Fr. George Quadros, the then Director of the Province Development Office (Konkan Development Society).

To begin with, classes were held next to the Odxel Chapel and in Don Bosco Villa, as there was no School building.

On April 18, 2011 the NOC was received from the Department of Education to begin the Primary School at Odxel. Classes continued to be held next to the Odxel Chapel and Don Bosco Villa, as the school premises were not ready.

The new School building was formally inaugurated on 25th October 2013 at the hands of Fr. Ian Figueiredo in the presence of Mr. Peter Vaz, with Nursery, Lower K.G., Upper K.G, Std. 1 and Std. 2. Five teachers were employed under the able leadership of Fr. Joaquim Lobo.



# Don Bosco School - Odxel

Fr. Arvind Severes and Fr. Avil Rodrigues were the subsequent Managers, who were instrumental in mobilizing admissions to the Pre Primary and Primary classes.

Presently, under the leadership of Fr. Jose Sequeira, the school is growing from strength to strength, with a dedicated teaching and non teaching staff of 10 and 220 students, from Nursery to Std. IV.

220 students, from  
Nursery to Std. IV



## Objectives

- To give quality education to our students who come from the migrant community, construction sites, the shanties of Chimbel and from the neighbouring villages.
- To provide an ambience for learning: well equipped classrooms, playground, audio visual facilities and toilets.

# The Shirahatti Story

EDUCATION

The Bosco Education and Skill Training Centre (BEST) was established in Shirahatti, in the Gadag District of Karnataka in 2011. Its goal was twofold: To give study support to children from rural Schools who found it difficult to cope with their scholastic work; and to give women in the economically and socially vulnerable group training in capacity building, through Tailoring and Computer Awareness and Life Skills.

## Study Classes

Focusing on the importance of education and considering the dropout rate in Schools, BEST Centre began free Study Support Classes in 2011, catering to children in four different villages. In 2015 these classes were extended to seven villages, for children studying in Stds. 1-9. The classes are held in their respective Schools. Till date, 1018 children have benefitted from this Project. Our original funding partner was 'Children Across Borders'. From June 2018 the Project is funded by 'Manos Unidas!'.



1018 children have benefitted...

# The Shirahatti Story

Till date 1101 beneficiaries have successfully completed their Computer and Tailoring courses, of which many are working in Private and Government concerns, while some are utilizing their skills in self employment.

Skill Training



1101 beneficiaries



# 'Colorcon' Life Skills

**K**onkan Development Society, in collaboration with Colorcon Asia Private Limited, launched a Life Skills Training Programme for the workers of Colorcon, on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at Fr. Agnel's Polytechnic, Verna. 20 workers were enrolled for the programme which was conducted twice a month by trainers from KDS, Oscar and Yvonne Mascarenhas. The programme concluded on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.



The main objective was to equip the participants with self confidence, decision making skills and leadership qualities, while bringing out their latent talents. The entire programme focused on topics related to daily life such as honesty, alcohol and drug abuse, time and money management; and also encouraged and trained the participants to deal with various real life issues like self-esteem, empowerment, critical thinking, civic responsibility, leadership, communication, team building and other such important matters.



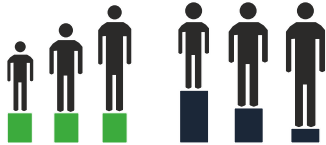
# Gender Equity and Equality for Schools

Children learn culture, behaviour, language and humanity primarily at home and in school. Schools have the responsibility to create and nurture an environment that promotes Gender Equity and Equality. As a part of this endeavour, Don Bosco Action India, through the Province Development Offices, organized interactive sessions with Secondary and Higher Secondary students.

Many Salesian Schools in Goa took part in the awareness programme and organized seminars in their institutions as well as in other institutions. Among them were the Holy Spirit High School, Margao; the Don Bosco High School, Sulcorna; the St. Xavier's High School, Velim; the St. Mary's Junior College, Chinchinim and Our Lady of Succor High School, Nagoa.

Through Power Point presentations, songs, discussions, Q & A and talks, a variety of topics were explored, such as Gender Inequality at Home and at Work, Gender Inequality in Politics and Religion, Domestic violence, Gender Equality at School, Sex and Gender and other allied subjects.

The students were eager and enthusiastic participants in the sessions. At the end of the sessions, specially compiled booklets were given to each participant, as take-aways.



Our Lady of Succor High School , Nagoa



Don Bosco High School , Sulcorna



St. Mary's Junior College , Chinchinim



St. Xavier's High School , Velim

# Adult Literacy Programme (ALP)

The month of July 2018 saw a new collaborative community development Project by Konkan Development Society, in partnership with Tata Consultancy Services.

1526 candidates  
benefiting....



The Adult Literacy Project, envisioned by TCS as a Computer Based Functional Literacy programme, seeks to enable basic literacy skills in non literate adults. This programme is being executed by KDS in various parts of Goa, Maharashtra and Karnataka in three different languages: Hindi, Marathi and Kannada.





# Adult Literacy Programme (ALP)

The Project, which spans 3 years, aims to reach out to 4160 adults in the first year, with the help of volunteer Trainers, who are being trained by TCS to deliver the programme to the beneficiaries.



The Project has been launched in all the three States and a total of 1526 candidates are already benefitting from the programme.



# Women's Empowerment

**Project Goal:** "Sustained Income for Rural Women"

**Project by:** "Don Bosco Action India Network"



1419 women have been provided with livelihood training in capacity building, food processing, agriculture, vegetable farming, vermi composting, making incense sticks, paper plates, phenyl liquid, hard brooms, doormats and other trades.

The training equips them with technical as well as finance and marketing skills, which enable them to contribute to the household income. As part of this project, social justice awareness programmes like gender equality, property rights, domestic violence, physical harassment, child marriage rights and exploitation and child labour laws, were conducted.

More than 65% of women have improved their skills and capabilities as a consequence of this Project.



No. of Groups monitored by Don Bosco's Konkan Development Society

Sr. No.	State	No. of Groups	No. of Women
1	Goa	44	465
2	Goa	25	260
3	Maharashtra	55	571
4	Maharashtra	55	575
5	Karnataka	8	80
6	Karnataka	32	336
Total		219	2287

# Women's Empowerment



# Childline 1098

**D**on Bosco's Konkani Development Society (KDS) has been appointed as the Collaborative Partner for the implementation of the Childline 1098 Project in South Goa, by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India. Childline India Foundation (CIF) is the Mother NGO, responsible for the running of Childline services across India. The Childline network is currently spread over 462 locations across the country. KDS is working with CIF to implement the Childline Project in South Goa.

Childline is a 24 hour emergency free phone outreach service, linking children in distress and in exploitative situations to organizations run by Govt. departments as well as those run by civil society agencies. Any child or a concerned adult can dial the number **1098** to connect to Childline services in their city.



Several training sessions have been held for the Staff by the Nodal organization over a period of 2 months, on subjects and protocols relevant to the handling of this crucial Project.

# Childline 1098



The South Goa Crisis Intervention Centre (CIC) for children in need of care and protection, staffed by the KDS Childline Team of caring and committed women and men, has opened its doors to welcome its most vulnerable members of society – Children.



The Team has held Awareness and Outreach programmes in both urban and rural areas in South Goa and has already handled several sensitive cases.



# Upcoming Projects

**Don Bosco Primary School Alto Dabolim** - Reconstruction of the School building.

**Pinguli Technical Institute** - Upgrading of existing infrastructure and courses.

**Sulcorna College of Agriculture** - Building of Administrative Block and Hostel.

**Shirahatti** - Purchase of land, construction of Hall and Office space

**Calangute People's High School** - Renovation of existing structure

**Organic farming** - Introducing and training Women's Self Help Groups in organic farming.



## Volunteers speak....

### Give Goa – The Goa Institute of Management Way

“KDS has become an integral part of us by touching our lives in a special way. This opportunity came about through the Give Goa initiative of the GIM, in which we give time, once a week, to work with NGOs for community development. The partnership has been both enriching and fulfilling. It has helped us in contributing towards a social cause which has given us immense satisfaction.

Having a caring work environment along with support from teachers & KDS staff made our learning more versatile. The opportunity of working with kids in the Non Residential Special Training Centres and in the Odxel and Dabolim Primary Schools, interacting & having school-time fun took us down memory lane.

This opportunity nurtured our emotional responsibility and enabled us to contribute constructively towards the possible enhancement of the Project.

Kudos to the work done by KDS for the underprivileged children, which needs to be appreciated, continued and supported by all for the ultimate betterment of society.”



#### The GIM Team

Omkar Singh, Tanima Bhattacharjee, Namrata Das, Sanskruti Gawde, Shrestha Agarwal, Anushka Saxena



## F.Y. 2017-18

	Income	Expenditure
Opening Balance	90,90,019	-
Education	81,53,461	73,88,266
Women's Empowerment	42,34,358	51,66,722
Don Bosco Dabolim School	40,97,025	49,57,915
Construction	32,00,000	-
General	39,30,345	47,43,200
Administration Cost	-	17,93,467
Closing Balance	-	86,55,638
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,27,05,208</b>	<b>3,27,05,208</b>

## Thank You to all our Donors!

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 Una Angelo  
 Martin / Sarojini Varela  
 Robert Correia  
 Jose Manuel Do Rosario Noronha  
 and so many others!

“An Englishman, I have spent large parts of my life in New Zealand and Canada, where apart from playing, I gained qualifications and experience in coaching football. Coaching for me is less about the game, more the effect it can have on those taking part, the growing ability, confidence, and self belief that goes from the sport into life. Despite the time, effort, and expense it takes for me to help children in Goa, I have the feeling I am receiving so much more than I give; their smiles, gratitude, love of the game being overwhelming!”

Barry Cooper  
 Volunteer





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