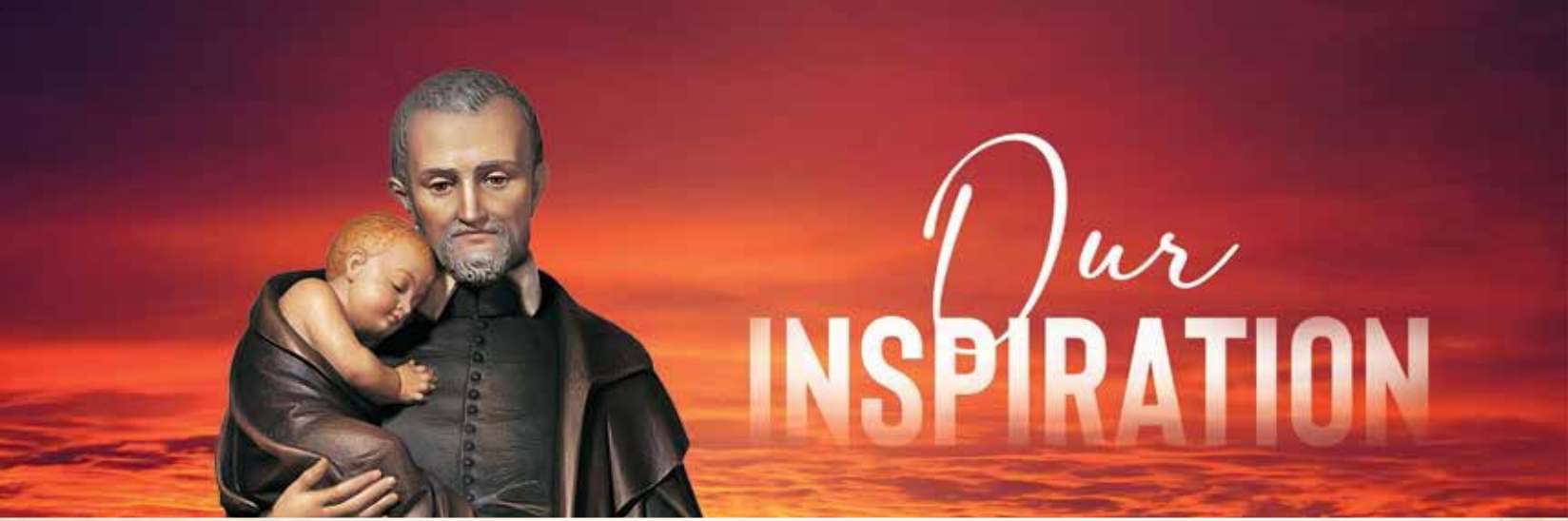


Annual PERFORMANCE REPORT

2020 - 2021

Vincentian Service Society
Centre for Rural Development
(Reg. No.: ER 213/78)



Introduction

Vincentian Service Society Centre for Rural Development is an NGO registered by Marymatha Province of Vincentian Congregation under the 12th Travancore–Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955 (Reg. No. ER 213/78). Our motto is "**Reaching to the Unreached"**. We support the poor, marginalized, needy, the sick and differently abled people in the community without any discrimination of caste and creed. In addition, VSS helps the people with disabilities to gain equal rights in the society and enables them to participate in the community by removing the barriers for accessing various services provided by the Government Departments and Civil Society Organizations. Our Vision is "**Establishment of Just and Peaceful Society with Social Integration**". Our Mission is to create an integral society through sustained effort by promoting wide range of economic growth for the people who are underprivileged, reducing inequalities, raising basic standards of living, fostering equitable social development and promoting sustainable management of natural resources. Organizational objectives are to promote, foster and regulate the charitable, social, literary and educational activities, to help the poor, needy, sick and differently abled members of the community without discrimination based on caste and creed, to promote healthy environment and healthy living, to initiate, implement and promote public health activities that enhance quality of life and standard of living.

VINCENTIAN SERVICE SOCIETY
CENTRE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Annual Report 2020-21

We are happy to present a summary report of the activities carried out and the processes undergone during 2020–21. The period marked as unprecedented in the history of the human kind due to the COVID pandemic. We too had our bad times and hard experiences challenging our internal and external strengths and resources. However, by the grace of the Almighty, we tried to extend ourselves to the suffering human kind, over and above all our own safety and comfort zones. During the financial year 2020–21, as you will find in this report, the major projects and programs were revolved around addressing the experiences and impacts of the pandemic. The report includes the project-wise lay out of the activities and interventions.



MAJOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES DURING 2020-21

1. COVID–19 Resistance Programme
2. Community–Based Rehabilitation Project
3. De Paul Awareness Programme
4. De Paul Educational Project
5. Geriatric Care
6. De Paul Shelter Project for the Homeless
7. De Paul Assistance Programme
8. Capacity Building Programme
9. Infrastructural Development
10. Means of Communication
11. Internship and Training Programme

President SPEAKS



I am very happy to know that the Annual Report of Vincentian Service Society (VSS) is getting ready to be published. It is a matter of joy to learn that many charitable and social activities have been organized by VSS during this reporting period. VSS has the inspiration from St. Vincent de Paul who is the heavenly patron of all charitable activities. St. Vincent de Paul is recognized principally for his charity and compassion for the poor. His perspective on the poor was different. He used to tell his followers: "Go to the poor: you will find God." From this saying, it is very clear how he was looking at the poor. In the same tone, St. Vincent would say: "Poor are our masters." This is a radical approach in the action for the poor. If the poor are our masters, we are obliged to serve them with respect and love. Our charitable works should not be a routine process of giving alms to the poor around us. Serving the poor must be considered as an obligation rather than a generous act. In this context, the words of St. Vincent become more relevant: "Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity." VSS follows the same spirit and charism of St. Vincent de Paul. It considers the work of charity as its most eminent purpose and important rule.

Charitable works are assessed qualitatively as well as quantitatively. VSS gives emphasis to both quality and quantity. It has given assistance to poor people in large numbers with an aim to improve the quality of their lives. Improvement in the quality of life only will help to eradicate poverty. It will also help people to live with self–esteem and dignity. VSS has visualized many programs to improve the quality of life of the people. The Annual Report will give a brief explanation of the works done by VSS with an aim to improve the quality of life.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all who are behind this noble task to make changes in the life of people through charitable and social activities. In a special way, I congratulate the office bearers and staff of VSS for undertaking this committed task for the uplift of the poor. Such kind of activities may not get immediate appreciation from the people. But before God, it is highly appreciated and rewarding. Jesus said: "And if anyone gives even a cup of water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward" (Matt. 10:48).

Wishing you every success and sincere prayers in your works of mercy and compassion,

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Paul Puthuva VC
Provincial Superior and President, VSSCRD

Councillor for Social & Charitable Works SPEAKS



Service to Humanity is Service to God

I am very happy to learn that the Annual Report of the Vincentian Service Society will be published soon. Through the Vincentian Service Society (VSS), Marymatha Province, Angamaly is reaching out to many poor and marginalized people in different places of India and giving them hope in their lives through its many programmes of educational scholarships, health and hygiene, women's empowerment and other charitable activities. Through decent housing programs many poor people received good housing facilities. Various social and development programmes were implemented for the marginalized people especially the disabled children and their families during this Covid affected society. VSS reached out to health workers with sanitary items and medical support. VSS also helped COVID victims who lost their jobs and daily earnings during the pandemic. Through a series of awareness programs VSS tried to create awareness among the less privileged people about their rights and duties in order to bring them to the main stream of the society.

I take this opportunity to thank you, Fr. Varghese Perincherry, Director of Social Work, and our dedicated staff members actively and passionately involved in the different activities of the VSS for the benefit of humanity. I congratulate all of you and wish you success and God's blessings in the future endeavours of the Society. My sincere thanks to the Provincial Administration, members of the Marymatha Province, Directors of different centres and the benefactors for their valuable support and contribution to the Society and its programs. May God bless them all.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Fr. Joseph Srambical VC
(Councillor for Social & Charitable Works)

GRATEFULLY FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



I feel honoured and privileged as Executive Secretary of Vincentian Service Society Centre for Rural Development **(VSSCRD)** and am pleased to share the summary of achievements in 2020–2021 along the long journey of 43 years.

The Second Wave of COVID –19 pandemic has created an unprecedented crisis for all of us. We are all living amidst extreme uncertainty which affects the marginalised and vulnerable populations the most. It is indeed heartening to see how NGOs and organisations like VSSCRD have risen to the occasion in helping suffering communities during these trying times. The year 2020–2021 has been a rather eventful year for us. We had many achievements and made progress on several fronts. VSSCRD has a mission to promote an intellectual society that is based on values of humanity and social justice, exchanges and acceptances of ideas and fight against prejudice and rumours.

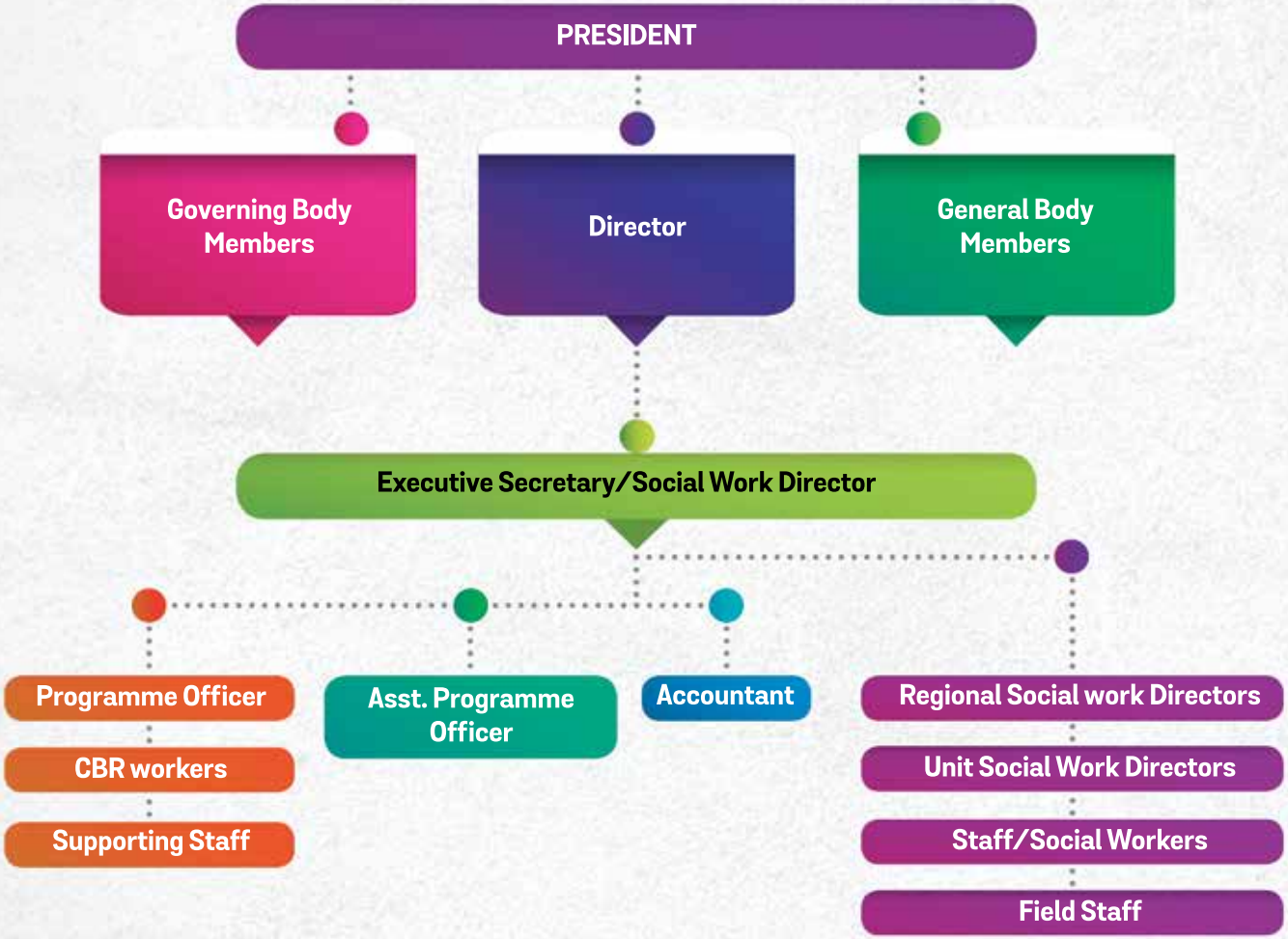
I feel heartened and grateful to all the members of Governing Board, Advisors, Donors, Partners, Volunteers and Well wishers for travelling with us in this journey to collectively work for the advancement of our vision of establishing of just and peaceful society with social integration.

At this juncture I along with VSS team express our heartfelt thanks to the outgoing President Rev. Fr. Dr. James Kallumkal VC and Rev. Fr. Francis Naduviledath VC, former Social Work Councillor and director of VSS, for their love, friendship, support and professional guidance in the field of social work for the past several years. It is a pleasure for us to welcome Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul Puthuva VC as the President of VSSCRD and Rev. Fr. Joseph Srambical VC new Social Work Councillor.

Finally, I quote from the statement of Pope Francis "in the *face* of *each* brother, *especially* of the *smallest*, the *most fragile*, the *defenseless* and *needy*, there is *God's* own *image*"

Fr. Dibin (Varghese) Perinchery VC
Executive Secretary & Treasurer, VSSCRD

ORGANOGRAM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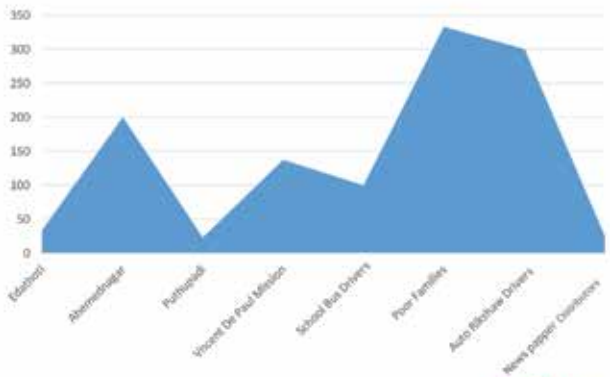
Covid-19 Resistance
PROGRAMME

In the backdrop of the spread of Covid–19, VSS was extremely concerned about the situation of people at the communities around us. Our teams worked hard to provide the affected people with basic essentials to the most vulnerable people, families with specially–abled children, health care workers and the general public irrespective of caste and creed. We focused on promoting preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID–19 and supported health systems through the series of programs during the reporting period. Covid–19 Resistance Program was a combination of several activity components, implemented in collaboration with Marymatha Province of Vincentian Congregation, integrating several activities related to the needs of the affected people in the communities.



1.1. *KANIV* COVID –19 Support Programme

The COVID–19 pandemic doubled the number of people suffering from acute hunger and starvation. In order to address this issue VSSCRD initiated *KANIV* COVID–19 Support programme to meet the immediate food needs of more vulnerable people in the community (*Kaniv* is a Malayalam word for "empathy to the other"). Distribution of the food kits to the most deserving families was the key activity. During the period, 1331 food kits were distributed to 9 categories of people.



1.2. Distribution of Bedpan & Threefold Screen at Angamaly Taluk Hospital

The provision of a bedpan is a critical part of caring patients. Stripping soiled bedding brings with it its own risk of infection leading to harmful effects. Microbes can get into the air and cause an infection outbreak. VSS distributed 5 bedpans and 3 threefold screens to Angamaly Taluk Hospital as part of the Covid resistance programme. Under this programme Fr. Francis Naduviledathu VC, Social Work Councilor of Marymatha Province, along with Fr. Varghese Perinchery VC, Social Work Director of Marymatha Province, handed over these items to Dr. Nazeema, Superintendent of Taluk Hospital Angamaly on 28.04.2020.



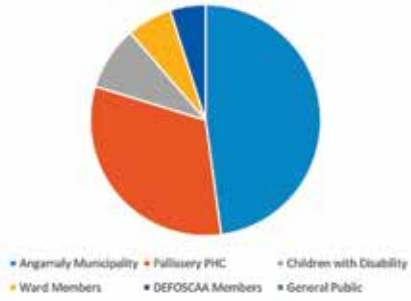
1.3. Medical Aid to Elderly People

Health of the Elderly people were at higher risk due to COVID–19. VSS provided essential medicines to sustain and improve the health status of 650 elderly people. The medical kits reached to the poorest and neediest patients in different locations of Angamaly Block Panchayat such as Karunalayam Old Age Home, Trikkakkara and Deivadan Centre, Malayattoor.



1.4. Distribution of Face Masks

Face masks are part of the infection control strategy to eliminate cross–contamination. VSS distributed 5673 face masks to the people in various localities and communities such as Angamaly Municipality, Pallissery PHC, specially–abled children, several ward members, and De Paul Fellowship of Senior Citizens at Angamaly (DEFOSCAA). It helped to prevent the spread of COVID–19 and to safeguard the health status of the people.





1.5. Distribution of Sanitizer Kits to Auto Drivers

VSS rendered its services to the Auto drivers of Bank Jn. Stand, Angamaly, through the delivery of Sanitizer bottles. Mr. Thomas Kottakal, INTUC Unit President of Bank Junction and Mr. Baby, Auto Stand President received the sanitizer kits on behalf of the Auto Drivers. 23 auto drivers were the beneficiaries of this programme. The purpose of this programme was to reduce the harmful germs that affect auto drivers during their work and to safeguard their health and hygiene in the context of COVID–19.



1.6. Provided PPE Kit to Fire Force Officers & Health Workers

The whole world has been going through a major crisis with the spread of the Corona virus. There were certain sections of people who worked 24 hours to protect others from infection, while we were safe at home. They included Fire Force officers and Health workers. They were the people who were away from their homes and families to safeguard the communities. In order to ensure their safety Vincentian Service Society distributed 50 Personal Preventive Equipment kits to Mr. K. S. Dipin, Fire Station Officer, Angamaly, as part of the COVID Resistance Programme. Besides, Fr. Francis Naduviledathu VC, Social Work Councillor and Fr. Varghese Perinchery VC handed over 100 Personal Preventive Equipment kits to Dr. Nazeema, Superintendent, Taluk Hospital, Angamaly.





1.7. Digital Reach Programme & Tele Counselling

VSS designed Digital Reach Programme for strengthening the health status of specially-abled children. Through this programme we provided various therapies to 20 specially-abled children. Meanwhile, tele-counselling was made available to 20 families of specially-abled children in different locations of Angamaly and Kadakkarappally. Tele-counselling consisted of providing professional counselling to persons with various psychological problems or to people who needed mental strength during the times of COVID.



1.8. Communication Tools & Door to Door Awareness

VSS developed a communication tool in the local Malayalam language to build up awareness among the people on COVID related issues. Staff members of VSS circulated the communication tools to 86 specially-abled children located in Alappuzha, Angamaly and in the local villages, Panchayats, PHCs and Banks. Furthermore, door-to-door awareness sessions were conducted using these communication tools. These tools helped them to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



1.9. LED TV to a poor Child

VSS provided a LED TV to a poor X standard student to continue her studies during this COVID –19 situation.





1.10. Christmas Snehasammanam

COVID continued to place its mortal hands even in the midst of Christmas 2020. Christmas is a time of celebrations and feasting all over the world. The pandemic has poured gloom over the celebrations. The situation of supporting staffs working in the educational institutions of all the units of Marymatha Province was considerably dreadful due to the outbreak of the pandemic COVID–19. The situation of hundreds of families was so miserable that many of them have been unable to buy even essential items for their Christmas celebrations.

As part of Christmas Celebrations, Vincentian Service Society in collaboration with Marymatha Province initiated a programme called *Christmas Snehasammanam (Gift of Love).* This programme was inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr. James Kallumkal VC, Provincial Superior of Marymatha Province, Angamaly. 279 staff members of different Educational Institutions of Marymatha Province, located in various parts of the country, benefitted from the program. Food Kits were distributed to them, which consisted of 16 items each such as rice, wheat flour, dal, green piece, Gram, oil, sugar, horse gram, etc.

1.11. CHAI–LF Covid–19 Emergency Response Programme

The circumstances of poor families with specially–abled children were challenging even before the pandemic. The pandemic has made it horrible. Lack of regular work and income for the parents and adults had clipped the situations of the families to a more trivial range that many had been at the



edge of abject poverty. It was not possible for them even to purchase their essential food materials. In this context, VSS in collaboration with CHAI–LF began a programme called *CHAI–LF Covid–19 Emergency Response Programme.* Through this project, VSS supplied food kits with nutritional items to 50 carefully selected differently–abled children and their families living in different localities of Ernakulum district of Kerala. Food Kits included rice, wheat flour, dal, green piece, gram, oil, sugar, horse gram, etc.



1.12. Distribution of Infection Control Kits to the Specially–abled Families

In order to build up enhanced social response to the pandemic, VSS distributed preventive measure kits (infection control kits) to 50 specially–abled families which included Face Masks, Liquid Hand wash and Sanitizer. Besides, VSS team members gave door–to–door training on the use of infection control kits. These kits helped them to prevent the spread of Covid–19 to a certain extent.



1.13. Advanced Awareness Creation Using Communication Tools in Vernacular Language

VSS developed an awareness communication card in vernacular Malayalam language. The cards were circulated to 50 specially–abled children, and in the local villages, Panchayats, PHCs, Banks, etc. Additionally, the project team conducted door–to–door awareness drive with the help of these communication cards. The card provided information on preventive and control measures, misconceptions, social distancing, effective use of COVID–19 protection measures like hand washing, correct use of facemasks and use of sanitizers and managing stigma and discrimination.



1.14. Advocacy



VSS organized a couple of advocacy meetings under this project. The first meeting in this regard was held at Taluk Hospital Angamaly focusing on the need for free medication, health care and paramedical assistance to specially abled children. As a result, 26 poor families of specially-abled children received medical support from Government and other sources. Moreover, Asha Workers and other field staff from Angamaly PHC started door to door care for the specially abled children.

Second advocacy meeting was conducted at Primary Health Centre, Pallissery inviting the attention of the authorities to the need for adequate socio-economic and psychological support and to obtain home-based therapies for the children and to provide Counselling services to the parents.

1.15. Tele-Counselling to the Specially abled Families

Tele Counselling services were provided with the support of trained and experienced counsellors for several parents located in Kadakkarappally area to reduce anxiety and mental health issues related to the continuous lockdown and spread of Covid in their locations.

1.16. Covid-19 Awareness Notices / Visuals Circulated to the Parents of Specially abled Children and DPG Members

As the world continued its battle to contain the spread of COVID-19, more attention to online health promotion and digital platforms were felt necessary. Awareness notices were circulated to the parents of specially abled children. Almost all the 86 parents and members of 36 DPGs received notices. The aim of this method was to provide a simple comprehensive public health advice and invoke possible changes in public attitudes and behaviours (such as social-distancing, mental health, hand washing and disinfection), as well as to disseminate reliable information about the disease and its symptoms, preventive measures, availability of alternative treatments and rebutting widely-spread false information and remorse.









Community-Based
REHABILITATION PROJECT

Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Project was one of the important projects of VSSCRD during the reporting period. Included in the project, 86 children from two districts of Kerala received support to overcome the negative impacts of their disability. As part of the organization's objective, VSS started to support the specially-abled children for their holistic development, attending to children's physical, mental and social development. They were provided medical support, educational support, social support and livelihood support through different assistance programmes.

2.1. Good Health Status through Awareness Generation Programme

Parents of specially–abled children faced big challenges in the area of health status of their children. The project team built up a strategy to educate and counsel the parents and enabled them to provide good health care to their children and equipped them with skills to manage their mental stress and to reduce the sicknesses. Dr. Vinayaraj, Assistant Professor of DiST college, was the resource person for the training programme. Due to the Covid –19 protocol, the sessions were organized in three different occasions. Altogether 80 parents participated in the programme.





2.2. Promoting the Rights of Specially–abled Children

An awareness programme on promoting the rights of children with disabilities for the parents of specially–abled children was conducted at VSS Seminar Hall on 18.06.2021. The activity focused on providing information on the most important laws and legal rights that a specially–abled child was entitled to get from the Government. The programme focused on educating the parents and strengthened their knowledge about various laws related to child rights. 80 parents participated in the programme.



2.3. Disaster Management programme for Specially–abled Children

VSS as part of the disaster management programme attempted to improve the nutrition and health outcomes of vulnerable segments of the specially–abled and to improve their hygiene practices in families and communities. Meanwhile, VSS provided preventive measures like masks and sanitizers to the specially–abled people and parents. Furthermore, an awareness training programme was conducted in view of reducing the stress and traumas of people. Besides that, VSS developed a communication tool and distributed them to the parents. These tools helped them to prevent the spread of COVID–19 to a great extent. Through this programme VSS rendered its services to 100 families situated in Ernakulum and Alappuzha districts.

2.4. Differently–Abled People's Groups (DPGs) Meetings

Differently Abled People's Groups (DPGs) are functioning in different locations involving differently–abled persons. Monthly meetings and monitoring exercises were conducted by the Groups in their respective areas, facilitated by VSS staff members. Besides, VSS arranged a number of training programmes in order to strengthen the leadership skills and capacities of their members. They have learned about documentation, stakeholder analysis, problem solving method, banking system, etc. Thrift and credit operations were promoted. They used the money for micro–finance. A few of the DPG members started income generation activities like Tailoring centre, Poultry farm and other small–scale home–based businesses.



2.5. Awareness on Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights (SRH)

The sexual and reproductive health of young people is regarded as key to the development of future generations. Vincentian Service Society organized an awareness programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights for the parents of specially–abled children at VSS Seminar Hall, Angamaly on 05.10.2020. Dr. Vinayaraj, Asst. Professor, DiST was the chief trainer for this programme, which discussed right knowledge about protecting their sexual health for a healthy reproductive life and to avoid risky behaviour. Moreover, it provided them to reach out and equip them with accurate and right information on SRH. 59 parents participated in the programme organized at two occasions.





2.6. Enabling Environment on Stress Management

Training program on Stress Management by VSS helped parents of specially–abled children to identify personal difficulties during Covid–19, reflect on their stress management and relaxation strategies and become more effective in handling everyday pressures in a sustainable way. It motivated the parents to understand their current life issues and its remedies to overcome their psychological issues related to Covid–19. The training programme was arranged in two occasions. The first day of training had 28 parents whereas 15 parents participated in second day of training.



2.7. Livelihood Training on Face Mask Making

VSS understood that the use of face masks was not only ensuring protection of people from COVID–19 but also opened up an opportunity for the livelihood of parents of the specially–abled. In order to widen the livelihood options of parents who have lost their daily wages from work due to repeated and continued lock–downs, VSS provided training on how to make face masks. This enabled them to produce the face masks and sell them in their neighbourhoods. Mrs. Jessy James trained the parents of specially–abled children in making facemasks. In addition, VSS gave facemask resource kits to each of the 20 participants who successfully completed the training, so that they can practice at home.

2.8. Food Kit Distribution for the Specially abled Persons at Kadakkarappally

The highest number of parents of the specially abled children at Kadakkarappally which is one of our project areas were fishermen and daily wage labourers who did not have a regular monthly income. It caused a lot of difficulties in their families. In order to strengthen the health and nutritious condition of specially abled children at Kadakkarappally, VSS distributed 25 food kits to the specially abled children's families. Each kit contained 23 items such as flour, rice, sugar, salt, oil, masala, onion, etc.



2.9. Formation of New DPG at Thyckal

As a new venture VSS facilitated the formation of one more DPG at Thyckal in Alappuzha District. As a starting point, VSS began a base line survey and provided information on DPGs to the new members. The role of this Group consisted in enhancing their voices wherever necessary, identifying their needs, expressing their views on a priority basis, evaluating services and advocating change and creating public awareness.





2.10. Gardening Skill Programme for Specially abled Children

VSS initiated a new programme called “Gardening Skill for the Specially abled” during the COVID–19 pandemic. The main aim of this programme was to boost health and wellness in specially abled children and their parents by promoting vegetable gardens at their homes. As a token of this programme, VSS distributed Vietnam Early–jackfruits saplings to selected 15 families of specially abled children. This initiative was a pilot one to assess its impact on the mental relaxation on specially abled children and parents during the pandemic situation. We have later found that this programme had created positive results by way of developing team spirit, and reducing stress and anxiety among the participants.



2.11. Raising the Voice of the Children with Disabilities through "Grassroots Comics"

Grassroots Comics was developed as an influential weapon which fights against the social problems in the society. Vincentian Service Society organized first phase of Grassroots Comics Training Programme and named it "*Chirikkuvin Chinthikkuvin*" means "laugh and think". The programme was aimed at inviting the attention of Government authorities and the society to the needs and problems of specially-abled people in their daily lives. There were DPG members, specially-abled children and youth for the programme.

2.12. Digitalised Training on Legal Rights for the Parents of the Specially abled

Vincentian Service Society aimed at building up awareness on the most important laws and available legal supports to which a specially abled person is entitled to. VSS organized online training programmes in Zoom platform involving the parents of the specially able children. Mr. Chackochan Ambattu, Voluntary Organization for Social Action and Rural Development (VOSSARD), was the resource person for this training program. The video training program was more interactive. Parents also got an opportunity to clarify their doubts about various laws and schemes related to disability. There were 60 parents as participants for the training programme in two sessions.



2.13. Workshop on Creative Livelihood for the Parents of Specially–abled Children

Leading the parents and families of specially–abled children to sustainable livelihood was an important goal of Vincentian Service Society. To promote sustainable livelihood, VSS conducted a Two–Day Workshop on the importance and opportunities of livelihood options. This Workshop helped the parents to choose from different livelihood activities and improve their economic stability. In total, 30 parents of specially–abled children participated in the livelihood training programme.





2.14. Livelihood Training on Umbrella Making

A training programme in umbrella making was conducted for the parents of specially–abled children in view of helping them to start and run self–employment ventures in umbrella making. Mrs. Radhikha was the resource person. There were 13 beneficiaries from different places, who actively participated in the training. Training materials for the course were given to the participants free of cost and the participants were encouraged to start small scale umbrella business in their localities.

2.15. Role of Parents in their Children's Education during Covid–19

The COVID–19 period presented an opportunity for parents to be more engaged in the lives of their specially–abled children like never before. With schools closed, parents had to take up the role of both parents and teachers. In order to strengthen the role of the parents in their education, VSS organized an awareness programme for the parents of specially–able children. Sr. Celin Joseph CMC, Principal, Snehasadhan Special School, Puthiyakkara, was the resource person for first programme, while Mrs. Reethu



Don, Special Educator, facilitated the second programme. The training programme discussed about various skills and techniques useful to the parents of specially abled children and thus promoted education during the situation of COVID–19 pandemic. 43 parents participated in the programme.

2.16. Door–to– Door Training on Self Esteem to the Specially abled



Self–esteem is something which lies behind all successful people. Keeping this in view, VSS organized a door to door training to enhance self–esteem among the specially abled children and their parents. Mr. Aby Joseph was the resource person for this programme. Social gatherings and organizing meetings were banned due to the spread of Covid–19. As a result, he conducted this training programme by door to door visit to the houses of the specially abled children. He conducted the sessions in a more interactive manner. It motivated the parents to strengthen their self–esteem and to react on the present challenging situation in a positive manner. He also gave small exercises to develop positive self–esteem. There were 20 parents and children from different locations, who benefited out of it.

2.17. Self–Care Training



Door to door training on Self Care was conducted for the parents of the specially abled. Due to the current situations of COVID–19, many of the children could not receive self–care activities. As VSS found it difficult to convene the parents at a particular place for the training, a strategy of door to door training to the specially abled children and their parents was adopted. Mr. Aby Joseph was the master trainer for this programme. He could provide self–care training to 20 specially abled children.

2.18. Talent Fest – 2020

A Talent Fest was conducted in the context of International Disability Day. The purpose of the celebration was to understand the unique abilities of specially abled children. On this day the organization invited all the beneficiaries to a common place along with their parents, the caretakers and the public. It provided them a platform to showcase their talents. The specially abled children exhibited their talents by performing on the stage with excessive enthusiasm and vigour. VSS honoured and distributed prizes to each specially abled child who participated in the program. It was a vibrant event with the participation of 120 people from different locations of Alappuzha and Angamaly.





2.19. Training Programmes on WASH

Achievement of proper water, sanitation, health and hygiene are very important goals and key foundations for achieving sustainable development goals, with gender equity being emphasised all along. VSS in collaboration with CHAI–LF Project provided training on WASH to the parents of specially abled children. The activity attempted to provide awareness to improve the health and socio–economic wellbeing of children through provision of safe drinking water, sanitation awareness and hygiene practices at home. Taking into consideration the situation of COVID–19, VSS arranged the training programmes in four different occasions. There were 65 parent participants in these training programmes.

DEPAUL AWARENESS PROGRAMME

WORLD CANCER DAY OBSERVANCE - 2021

Vincentian Service Socety in collaboration with DiST School of Social Work observed World Cancer Day to create awareness about Cancer among MSW professionals and to gather everyone in the fight against Cancer. On this occasion an Awareness Seminar was conducted to address the misconceptions about cancer and to help people in getting the right information about it. Dr. Soorya S., Pathologist of Taluk Hospital, Angamaly facilitated the input session. Cancer day signature collection campaign was coordinated along with the sessions and it was inaugurated by Mr. Roji M. John MLA, Angamay. The aim of the campaign was to work together to reduce the risk of cancer and improve cancer control activities.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OBSERVANCE-2021

Vincentian Service Society organized International Women's Day (IWD) on the theme "*Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world.*" On this occasion a class was facilitated on "Choose to Challenge gender bias and inequality in the World" by Adv. Mrs. Gigy Mathew, Former District Prosecutor and Pleader. As part of this programme VSS honoured Dr. Naseema Najeeb, Superintendent of Taluk Hospital, Angamaly, for her outstanding healthcare services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Jessy James, DPG Member from Kadakkarappally was honoured for succeeding in self-employment activities during Covid-19 pandemic. There were 50 women from different categories, gathered for the programme.



DE PAUL EDUCATIONAL PROJECT



De Paul Educational project opened up various opportunities for the young for achieving better prospects in life and promoted career growth. Education promotion programs included various initiatives.

4.1. De Paul Continuing Education Project (DCEP)

1. De Paul Continuing Education Project (DCEP) is one of the educational projects of Vincentian Service Society. It played a great role in students' lives by developing their personality, improving knowledge and skill and providing feeling of well–being. The project helped the students to identify their career goals and achieve them in life. During the last academic year, we assisted 23 students in different parts of Kerala to foster their educational goals.

Table No.3

Details of Education Support to Students

SL.No	Education	No.Boys	No. Girls	Total
1	Plus Two	1	2	3
2	Polytechnic	1	0	1
3	B.A Multimedia	1	0	1
4	BASLP	0	1	1
5	B.COM & CMA	0	1	1
6	B.Voc– Journalism	0	1	1
7	B.Com& C.A	0	1	1
8	CWM	1	0	1
9	BSc Nursing	0	9	9
10	MA Political Science	1	0	1
11	MSc– Electronic	1	0	1
12	MBA	1	0	1
13	MBBS	0	1	1
Grand Total		**7**	**16**	**23**

4.2. Rev. Fr. Varkey Kattarath Memorial Scholarship

The Scholarship programme aimed at facilitating better education to the meritorious and bright students who are not able to continue their education due to poor financial background. Through this project VSS assisted 13 students to continue their education and ensure their better future (Table No.4).

Table No. 4

Course details of Varkey Kattarath Memorial Scholarship

SL.No	Education	No. Boys	No. Girls	Total
1	M.Sc. Chemistry		1	1
2	MCA	1	0	1
3	B.Sc. Biotechnology	0	1	1
4	B.Sc. Nursing	0	4	4
5	B.Com.	1	1	2
6	B.A. Politics	0	1	1
7	GNM	0	3	3
Grand Total		**2**	**11**	**13**

Memorial Scholarship Programme

The Meritorious Scholarship Programme is arranged in the fond memory of Vincentian fathers, namely Rev. Frs. Francis Pulickal VC, George Vazhaplankudy VC, James Edavazhithara VC & Kurian Elavumkal VC. It is a merit based scholarship programme to the students of De Paul Colleges who showed excellence in their studies and hail from a poor economic background. Through this Programme helped 5 financially poor students to continue their higher studies and professional courses during the reporting period.





GERIATRIC CARE

Ageing does not just affect the elderly; it affects everyone in the society in one way or the other. Everyone has a part to play for the wellbeing of the elderly. VSS has formed a special group for the senior citizens and named it as *De Paul Fellowship of Senior Citizens at Angamaly* (DEFOSCAA)**.** It is a group of 140 senior citizens in and around Angamaly. This club helped senior citizens to socialize with their peers with programs varying from discussions on health issues to entertainments like music, dance, festivals, various celebrations and picnics. Due to the COVID–19 pandemic social gatherings and other activities were cancelled but VSS team maintained the contacts with the members through tele–calling and digital mode. On the occasion of Christmas, VSS team visited the families of elderly and distributed gifts to the club members.

DE PAUL
Shelter Project
FOR THE HOMELESS

The De Paul Shelter Project is often inadequate to meet the real needs of the poor for reasons of desirability or quality. For low-income families, a house is much more than a roof over one's head. The main aim of this project is to provide financial assistance to build new houses with minimal standards and improve their quality of life.

6.1. Shelter Provision to the Poor Differently abled Family

Vincentian Service Society partnering with the De Paul Shelter Project built a home for a family of specially-abled couple in order to improve their quality of life. Meanwhile VSS in collaboration with Government Scheme-Life Mission- and Welfare Society Ernakulum, provided a house to a poor family of a special child in Champanoor. The beauty of this assistance was that a low-income family with disabilities will live happily and independently.

6.2. Inauguration of Rev. Fr. Varkey Kattarath Memorial Housing Project (VKMH)

VSS continued the third phase of Varkey Kattarath Memorial Housing Project at Cheenikkapara Parish of Palakkad Diocese for the poor families affected by landslides and floods. Through this project we have handed over 7 more houses to the poor families.











DE PAUL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

VSS under the De Paul Assistance Programme provided numerous assistances to the poor and marginalized people in the communities according to their needs from time to time. Following are the major assistance provided under this program.

Marriage Assistance provided financial support to 9 poor girls from different localities to get married and fulfil their dream of a family life.

Housing Assistance provided by way of decent, safe and sanitary houses with moderate facilities to 20 low–income families.

Medical Assistance provided in terms of financial aid to 79 patients, living below poverty line and suffering from major life–threatening diseases, to enable medical treatment.

Self–Employment Assistance programme encouraged 20 unemployed people and enabled them to generate their own income through creating livelihood opportunities according to their requirements and interests.

KANIV programme motivated to provide delivery of food & provision kits to 84 families from different villages who are in need of daily bread.

CAPACITY BUILDING
PROGRAMME

Numerous capacity building programs conducted by VSS helped the team members to obtain, strengthen and maintain the capabilities to set and achieve Organizational Development objectives and goals. Besides, through several online programmes, VSS team members gained vast and unique knowledge in managing and coordinating various projects and activities with an interdisciplinary approach.





INFRASTRUCTURAL *Development*

Vincentian Service Society in collaboration with Marymatha Province, Angamaly, launched Solar system in the VSS office. The central aim is designed to generate affordable energy in an eco-friendly manner from solar radiation which is available in abundance. Rev. Fr. James Chelapurath VC, Marymatha Province Assistant Provincial Superior, blessed and inaugurated the new Solar system.





Means Of Communication

VSS was supported by MiVA with means of communication through CHAI. This support positively impacted on the activities of VSS in numerous ways. In addition, the support improved the staffs' knowledge, creativity and positive work environment.

Internship and Training Programme

VSS provided various training on Participatory Rural Appraisal, Project proposal writing, Evaluation study, etc. to the Social work students. Besides that, we provided Internship, Block placement and Concurrent field work to the social work students from various colleges in Kerala and outside Kerala. There were more than 30 students from various Social Work backgrounds benefited from VSS during last year.

AUDITOR'S REPORT



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VINCENTIAN SERVICE SOCIETY CENTRE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SR 213/78) - ANGAMALY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

INCOME	₹
By Donation for Social Activities Rural Development and Charity through Palliative	69,90,218.00
- Donation for Welfare of Physically and Mentally Challenged (CHALF Project)	8,30,103.00
- Interest Received	6,27,649.23
- Donation for Housing Project	5,46,533.00
- Donation Received - Local	4,54,681.00
- Donation Received - Foreign	1,24,508.40
- Palliative Care Unit Income	1,22,345.00
- Donation for Self Employment	65,500.00
- Donation for Lonely Hood Environment Programme	93,100.00
- Donation for Ongoing Project	89,936.00
- Donation Received for Child Welfare Through Province	83,329.00
- Donation for Marriage	89,060.00
- Donation for IPLE Housing	84,100.00
- Donation for DEPOSCAN	64,740.00
- TDS Refunded from IT Department	40,260.00
- Donation for Education	33,300.00
- Donation for IPLE Solutions	17,000.00
- Other Income	14,550.00
- Donation for PLS Medical	500.00
- Excess of Expenditure over Income	39,37,195.12
Total	1,14,78,680.79



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(SR 213/78) - ANGAMALY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

EXPENDITURE	₹
To Fixed Rural Housing Project Expenses	69,30,242.00
- Welfare of Physically and Mentally Challenged	8,84,948.00
- Covid - 19 Rural Work Expenses	6,81,126.00
- On Going Project Expenses	4,81,958.00
- Contribution to Thalassery Unit	4,01,000.00
- Salary and Allowances	3,81,994.00
- Income Generation Programme	3,73,985.00
- Medical Assistance Given	3,03,480.00
- Marriage Aid	2,49,633.00
- Palliative Care Unit Expenses	1,34,363.00
- Education Project	1,10,000.00
- V. Kattookaran Memorial Scholarship	1,00,252.00
- Housing Project	1,00,000.00
- Contribution to Sacrobasium Thrissekkon	91,820.00
- Charity and Donation	87,240.00
- Repairs and Maintenance - Electrical	83,810.00
- Educational Aid	68,100.00
- Vehicle Maintenance	57,453.00
- Housing Aid	46,500.00
- Contribution to Mary Matter Mounds	45,000.00
- Printing and Stationery	44,559.00
- Travelling Expenses	41,594.00
- DEPOSCAN Idh Nge Club Expenses	39,201.00
- Legal and Audit Fee	31,080.00
- Awareness Programme Expenses	27,907.00
- Vehicle Insurance Charge	25,510.00
- Contribution - Staff Welfare Fund	20,000.00
- Jagratha Mission Expenses	18,000.00
- Refreshment Expenses	15,000.00



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- Postage and Phone Charge	9,124.00
- Kasaa Canser Project	5,000.00
- Allowance Paid	3,000.00
- Bank Charge	2,324.80
- Subscription to Periodicals	4,000.00
- Light and Water	3,677.00
- Computer Stationary Expenses	3,500.00
- Staff Training	2,074.00
- Miscellaneous Expenses	1,980.00
Total	1,14,78,680.79



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VINCENTIAN SERVICE SOCIETY CENTRE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SR 213/78) - ANGAMALY
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2021

At the beginning of the year	LIABILITIES	Additions/ Deductions	₹
1,63,23,731.79	Capital Account		
	Less - Excess of Expenditure over Income	39,37,195.12	1,23,63,545.67
	CURRENT LIABILITIES :		
10,000.00	Loan from Dr.Paul Belliad Thara		10,000.00
8,000.00	Loan from Dasana		8,000.00
15,000.00	Loan from Manjeshma		15,000.00
10,000.00	Loans and Advances from Diana Sadan Admin		10,000.00
3,000.00	Advance from Provision		3,000.00
39,802.00	Loans and Advances - Individuals		34,802.00
1,64,37,534.79	Total		1,24,80,348.67

At the beginning of the year	ASSETS	Additions/ Deductions	₹
	FIXED ASSETS :		
5,00,000.00	Building		5,00,000.00
85,000.00	Furniture and Fixtures		85,000.00
59,340.00	Machinery and Equipments	2,51,680.00	3,20,680.00
2,80,000.00	Computer and Accessories		2,80,000.00
3,000.00	Electrical Fittings		3,000.00
8,51,480.00	Vehicle		8,51,480.00
	CURRENT ASSETS :		
1,00,000.00	Interest Free Loan for Education	33,000.00	1,33,000.00
6,45,000.00	Interest Free Loan for Housing	1,58,000.00	8,03,000.00
	Loan from Vincentian Service Society		
28,375.00	Interest Free Loan for Staff Welfare		28,375.00
1,29,400.00	Interest Free Loan for Medical	-95,300.00	34,100.00
10,000.00	Interest Free Loan for Marriage	-10,000.00	



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1,19,63,147.00	CASH AND BANK BALANCES :	
44,00,201.19	Fixed Deposit at Bank	82,25,447.00
71,991.60	Bank SB Accounts	31,07,856.91
870.00	Cash in Hand	32,829.60
1,64,37,534.79	Cash with other Living	
	Total	1,24,65,345.67

AUDITORS REPORT

Verified with the books of accounts produced before us and found correct according to the explanations given to us

For P.V.CHACKO & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

T.A.MATHEW F.C.A.
Partner

Ernakulam
28.09.2021

We would like to extend our warmest welcome and good wishes to dear Rev. Fathers.



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(President, VSSCRD)



REV. FR. JOSEPH SRAMBICAL VC
(Social Work Councillor, Marymatha Province)

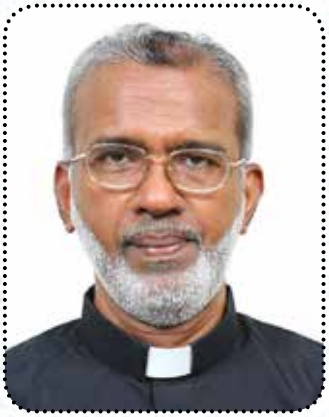


REV. FR. PAUL THARAKAN VC
(Director, VSSCRD)

Thank you for your efforts in leading VSSCRD constantly. Wishing you all the best in the future



REV. FR. JAMES KALLUMKAL VC
(President, VSSCRD)



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Digital Reach Programme	Door to Door Awareness	Housing Assistance	Hygiene Kit	Palliative Care



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