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**FISHERMEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
THEERADESA MAHILA SOCIETY**

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## ***“Empowering the fisher folk since 1979”***

Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) was founded in the year 1979, under the guidance and leadership of the Salesians of Don Bosco. The beginnings of FCDP go back to the various social and developmental activities undertaken by the Salesians of Don Bosco after their arrival at Thope, Kollam in 1975. In 1979 these programmes were given the formal name "Fishermen Community Development Programme".

The various programmes of FCDP are geared to benefit every section of the fishing community (men, women, youth and children) living in the coastal belt by helping them to improve their education, health, culture, economic status, employment opportunities, social awareness and social action. On 14 November 1984 FCDP was registered under the Travancore . Cochin literary, scientific, charitable societies' registration Act 1955.

In 1983 Theeradesha Mahila Sanghatana (Coastal women's organization) was initiated to ensure the empowerment and integral development of the women of the fishing community. As the activities and membership grew, TMS was registered as a separate society. Since its registration as an independent society in November 21, 1995 the management and administration of TMS is carried out by women themselves.

FCDP and TMS continue to work under the leadership of Salesians of Don Bosco and in collaboration with BREADS Bangalore, the developmental organization of the Salesian Province of Bangalore.



# Message



**Smt. Prasanna Earnest**  
Mayor, Kollam

ഒരു വ്യക്തി എന്ന നിലയിലും ഒരു ജനപ്രതിനിധി എന്ന നിലയിലും ഫിഷർമെൻ്റ് കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി ഡെവലപ്മെന്റ് പ്രോഗ്രാമിന്റേയും, തീരദേശ മഹിളാ സൊസൈറ്റിയുടെയും പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ പ്രതീക്ഷയോടെ ഉറ്റുനോക്കുന്ന ഒരാളാണ് ഞാൻ. തീരദേശത്തെ ജനങ്ങളുടെ, പ്രത്യേകിച്ച് സ്ത്രീകളുടെയും യുവജനങ്ങളുടെയും ഉന്നമനത്തിനായി ശക്തമായ സാമൂഹിക ഇടപെടലുകൾ നടത്തുവാൻ **FCDP** ക്ക് കഴിയുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇത് ശ്ലാഹനീയമാണ്.

കഴിഞ്ഞ രണ്ടു വർഷങ്ങളിലും കോവിഡ് രൂക്ഷമായിരുന്ന സാഹചര്യങ്ങളിലും **FCDP** നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ പ്രശംസാർഹമാണ്. തുടർന്നും എല്ലാ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കും പൂർണ്ണ പിന്തുണയും ആശംസകളും നേരുന്നു.



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# Message



**Fr. Jose Koyickal**  
Provincial, Bangalore

Fishermen community development programme (FCDP) and Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS) are two institutions that have been serving as catalysts in transforming the face of the fisherfolk community in the coastal region of Kollam. The various initiatives that these two organizations have undertaken since 1979 have borne fruit in the upliftment of the poor and in bringing remarkable development to the community. I am well aware of this as I have been part of FCDP and TMS from 1995 to 2002 as its Director.

I am very happy that the FCDP (Fishermen Community Development Program) is in the forefront once again with various activities like Skill Development Programs, WE Autos, Women Empowerment Programs, Health Activities, Daily Mid-day Meals for the Poor, Educational and Medical aid to the needy, etc. Don Bosco Youth Forum for the development of youth and children and the production units for promoting numerous income generating activities need special mention. I wish the Board, Executive Director Fr. Joby Sebastian and Staff of FCDP and TMS all the best in their ventures. My sincere Congratulations and appreciations to Fr. Joby for his visionary leadership and innovative initiatives that have made FCDP's services stronger and self-sustainable to a great extent.

May God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jose Koyickal', written in a cursive style.

**Provincial, Bangalore**

# Message



**Dr. Sindha Mendez**  
Chairperson, FCDP

I am pleased to affirm that the various activities of FCDP-TMS such as Vishappinu Vida, Santhwanam, Pratheeksha, Skill training programmes, WE-Auto and Don Bosco Youth Forum have benefitted every section of the fishermen community (men, women, youth and children) to boost their educational, cultural and economic status. This is made possible due to the visionary leadership, strategic thinking, motivational guidance and unconditional support of our Director Fr. Joby Sebastian coupled with the loyalty and commitment of staff and board members. Women Empowerment programmes did encourage them to achieve something that they want. The formation of Don Bosco Youth Forum signals an opening to reveal the innate talents of our younger generation. It is my ardent wish and prayer that the organizations acquire further capacity to accomplish greater tasks by the grace of God.

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**Chairperson, FCDP**

# Message



**Smt. Agnes John**  
President, TMS

FCDP -TMS സംഘടനകളുടെ ഈ വർഷത്തെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ടത് കോവിഡ് കാലത്ത് തീരദേശത്ത് നടത്തിയ സാമൂഹ്യ - ആരോഗ്യ ഇടപെടലുകളാണ്. മാസ്ക്, സാനിറ്റൈസർ എന്നിവയുടെ നിർമ്മാണം-വിതരണം, സുമണ്ണുകളുടെ സഹായത്തോടെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് പഠനവശ്യത്തിനുള്ള സ്കാർട്ട് ഫോൺ, ടെലിവിഷൻ വിതരണം, ബോധവൽക്കരണ ക്ലാസുകൾ, അർഹരായവർക്ക് ദുരിതാശ്വാസ കിറ്റ് എന്നിങ്ങനെ കോവിഡ് പ്രതിസന്ധിയിൽ തീരദേശവാസികൾക്കൊപ്പം നിൽക്കാൻ എഇജെ ക്ക് കഴിഞ്ഞു. ഒരു സംഘടന എന്ന നിലയിൽ,ജനങ്ങൾക്കിടയിൽ ഇറങ്ങി ചെന്ന് പ്രവർത്തിക്കാൻ ലഭിച്ച അവസരമായാണ് ഈ കോവിഡ് കാലത്തെ എഇജെ നോക്കി കണ്ടത്. ഈ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ ഒക്കെ ഭാഗമാകാൻ സാധിച്ചതിൽ വളരെ സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്.

ഇനിയും ഒരുപാട് ദുരം പോകുവാനുണ്ട്. അതിന് സർവ്വേശ്വരൻ അനുഗ്രഹിക്കട്ടെ എന്ന് ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

**President, TMS**



# Message



**Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian**  
Director - FCDP & TMS

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I Am happy to present the annual report of FCDP & TMS for the financial year 2020-2021. This year has been a really tough one for everyone around. As far as FCDP is concerned we feel grateful to be able to be of service to the Community at a time when the world came to standstill. Most of the activities of the financial year 2020-2021 were directed towards covid relief activities. We received active participation of Don bosco youth forum and generous support of Community members in fighting the battle against covid. Various skill training programs, capacity building programs and health related programs were conducted despite the problems caused by the pandemic and the subsequent lockdown. A new project women empowerment through livelihood & entrepreneurship was also introduced under which women were supported to begin enterprises and start organic farming. We have seen a visible growth in the production unit under FCDP, providing more employment opportunities for the people of Kollam coast. FCDP & TMS will strive to work for the betterment of the fishermen community. May God bless us all.

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**Director - FCDP & TMS**



# **ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES**

Microfinance helps the poor to increase income, build viable businesses, and reduce their vulnerability to external shocks. It is a powerful instrument for self-empowerment by enabling the poor, especially women, to become economic agents of change. The microfinance activities of FCDP and TMS aim to facilitate the financial inclusion of the fisher folk community of Kollam, thereby addressing the lack of financial services for poor women and men of the community. It supports the members to engage in productive activities and grow micro-enterprises and thereby increase participation in economic activities and decision making.

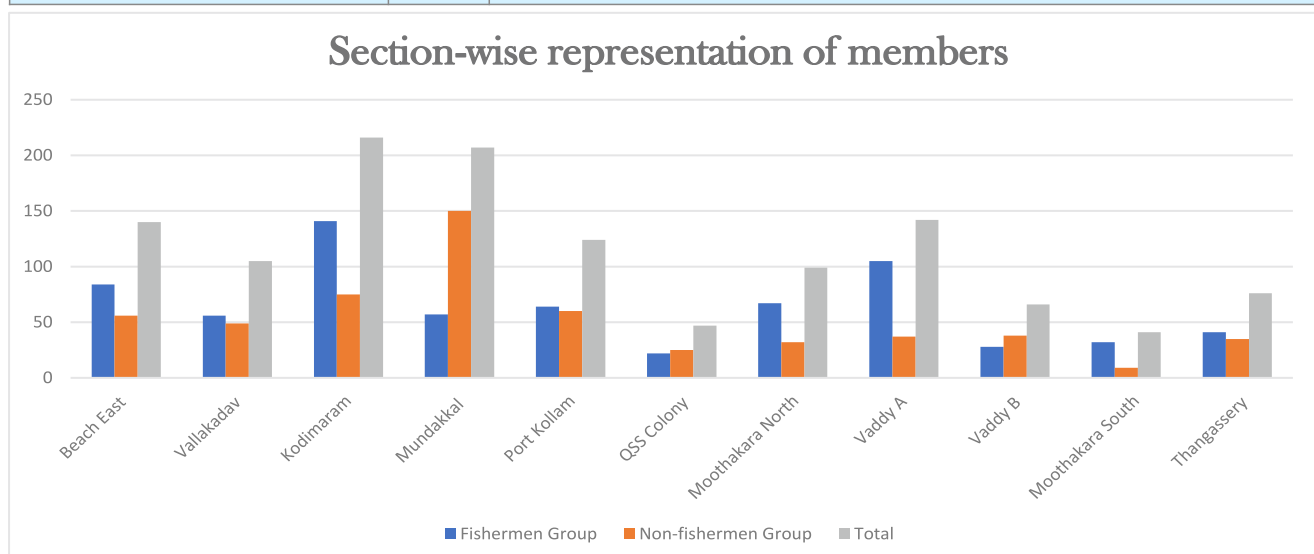
The microfinance schemes of FCDP and TMS are carried out through the self-help groups (SHGs) which form part of FCDP and TMS Federations. While membership of FCDP is for mainly for men, the membership of TMS is exclusively for women from the fisher folk community.

## MICROFINANCE PROGRAMMES UNDER FISHERMEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

### I. Membership

In 2020-21, there were 1263 active members in the microfinance programme who belonged to fishermen and non-fishermen groups. There were 104 groups in 11 sections and under six community organizers. One of the highlight of the year was the beginning of the new section of Thangassery with 76 new members. The tables below represent the composition of membership according to sections and groups.

Major Groups	2	Fishermen Group and Non-fishermen Group
Sections	11	Vaddy (3), Moothakara, Port Kollam, QSS Colony, Vallakadav, Beach East, Kodimaram, Mundakkal, Thangassery
Total Number of SHGs	104	
Total Number of Members	1263	





## II. Credit Schemes

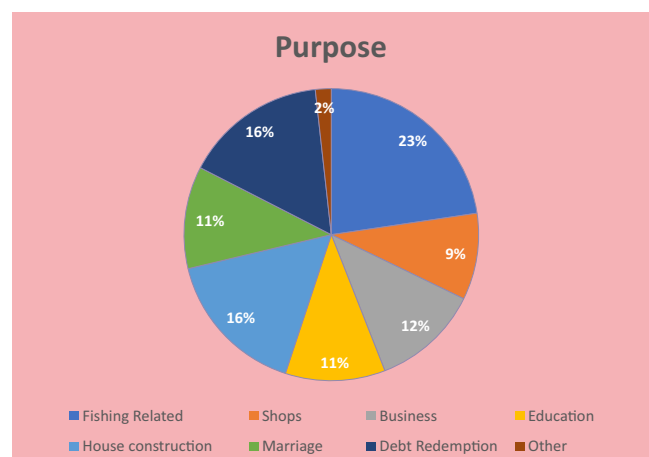
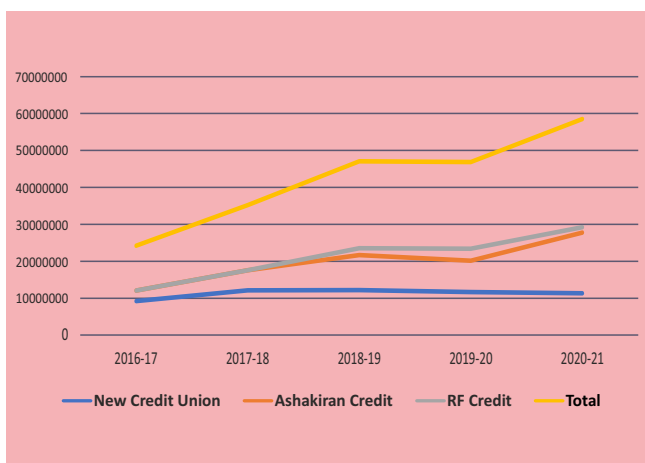
The credit schemes of FCDP are designed to provide credit to the members especially for self-employment activities. Credit is made available to the members under the following schemes: New Credit Union, Ashakiran credit, and RF credit. The credit requests of the groups are processed and finally sanctioned by the Loan Committee which consists of Governing Body members representing the various sections.

Name of Scheme	Total Amount Released for the Financial Year (Rs)	Repayment Received (Rs)	No. of beneficiaries
New Credit Union	11319301	13814434	318
Ashakiran Credit	16457719	10397872	181
RF Credit	1485200	2739435	75
Credit Union (Old)	0	4821	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>29262220</b>	<b>26956562</b>	<b>574</b>

During the financial year a total of Rs. 29262220/- (two crores ninety two lakhs sixty two thousand two hundred and twenty only) was given as loan for 574 members. The graph below presents a comparative study of the credit over the past five years. It may be noted that over the years the share of ashakiran credit has increased over that of credit union while there has been consistent increase in the amount of loan issued through the various groups.

### CREDIT ISSUED OVER THE YEARS

Credit has been issued for various purposes such as business related to fishing like purchase and repairs of boats, nets and engines, for the setting up of and maintenance of shops (Petty shops, stationery, Tea Stall, Juice Stall etc.) and for running micro-enterprises like printing, studios, welding workshops, tailoring, automobile workshops, hairdressing saloons etc. A number of persons have made use of the fund for education, construction of houses, for marriage and other functions. Quite a number have taken the credit to pay off debts taken from other sources and to depend entirely on the credit available through the federation and through banks. The figure presents the number of members as per the purpose for which the loan was taken.



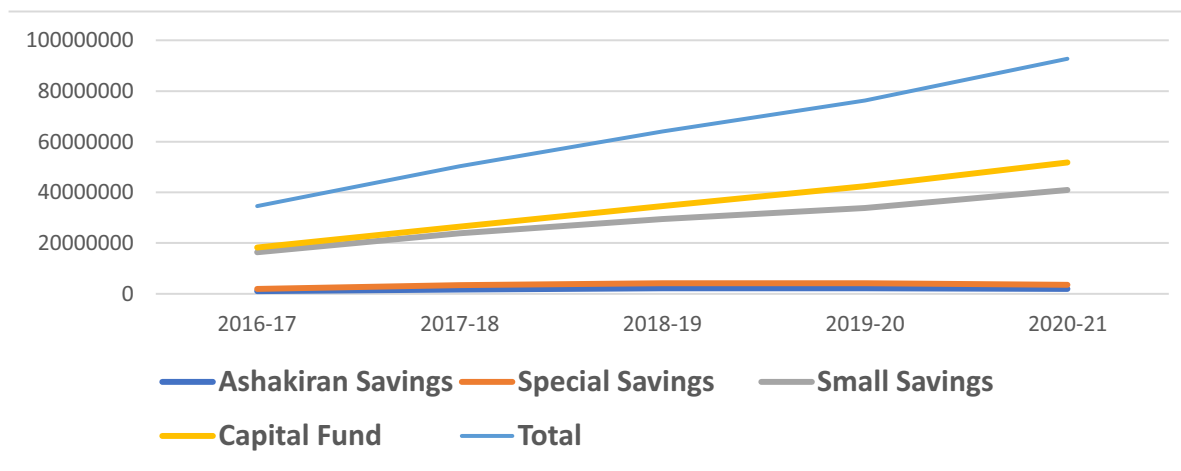
### III. Saving Schemes

The Savings schemes of FCDP have greatly enhanced the saving mentality of the fishermen community. Various saving schemes for the members include Ashakiran Savings, Special Savings and Small Savings.

During the year 2020-2021, a total of Rs. 40934569.00 (four crores nine lakh thirty four thousand five hundred and sixty nine only). The table below shows that the amounts saved under different schemes and the number of beneficiaries. The major chunk is formed by small savings.

Name of Scheme	Total Amount Received (Rs)	Total Amount Withdrawn (Rs)	No. of beneficiaries
Ashakiran Savings	1879955	2551125	596
Special Savings	1596181	1110526	299
Small Savings	37458433	36356352	952
<b>Total</b>	<b>40934569</b>	<b>40034753</b>	<b>1847</b>

The chart below shows that there has been consistent growth in the amount saved by the members under various types of savings from 2016-17 to 2020-21. The chart shows that during the last three years there is a consistent decrease in the amount of ashakiran savings. One of the reasons may be traced to the financial distress that has been caused by the Covid pandemic especially starting from March 2020. However, total savings especially small savings show marked and consistent increase during the last five years.



### IV. Death Relief Fund

During 2020-2021, ten members passed away. Rs. 558265.00 (Rupees five lakhs only) was saved by the members as death relief fund and Rs. 500000.00 (Rupees five lakhs only) was given to the kins of those deceased as death relief fund. We bow our heads in gratitude and respect to the deceased members and convey our sincere condolences to the bereaved families. Their contribution to the society through the organization will never be forgotten.



## MICROFINANCE PROGRAMMES UNDER THEERADESA MAHILA SOCIETY

Microfinance programmes of Theeradesa Mahila Society which is exclusively for the women members of the fisherfolk community aim to empower women and build their confidence so as to help them emerge as agents of change. Research has revealed that individuals around the poverty line are vulnerable to shocks such as illness of the wage earner, weather, theft, or other such events. These shocks produce a huge claim on the limited financial resources of the family. Effective financial services can go a long way to help reduce the impact of such shocks, which otherwise can drive a family so much deeper into poverty that it can take years to recover. The micro finance activities of TMS facilitate the members of various self-help groups to effectively secure micro-loans and create micro-savings besides life insurance in the form of death fund.

### I. Membership

In the year 2020-2021, TMS had 1679 active members and total 172 groups under nine sections from Thangassery to Eravipuram. The table and the chart below show the membership details.

Total Number of Groups	172
Number of Sections	9
Total Number of Active Members	1679
Sections (9)	Eravipuram, Kakkathope, Mundakkal, Pallithottam, Port Kollam, Moothakkara, Vaddy and Thangasseri



Given below is the section wise number of the members including groups under each section, number of deceased members and new registrations. While 42 new members joined, 19 members passed away during the year.



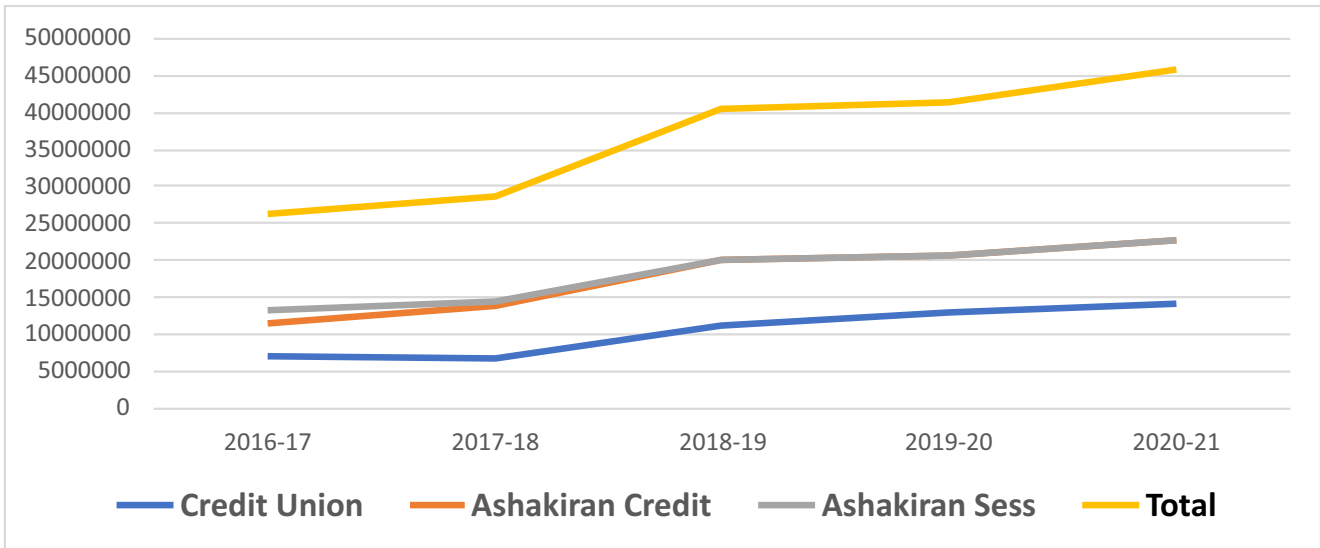
## II. Credit Schemes

Under the various credit schemes, loans were made available to the members especially for self-employment activities. Credit was made available to the members under the Credit Union Scheme and Ashakiran credit Scheme which are meant precisely to empower women economically. The credit requests of the groups were processed and finally sanctioned by the Loan Committee which consisting of Governing Body members representing the various sections.

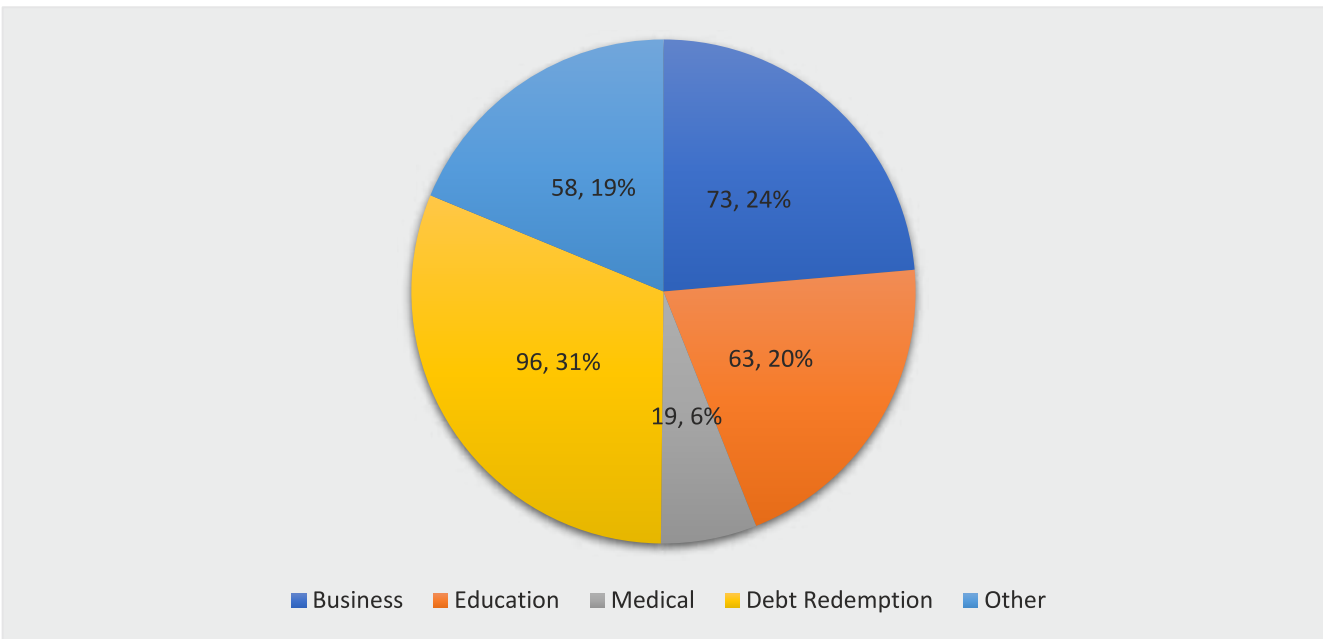
The table represents the amount issued under various schemes, repayment received and the number of beneficiaries during the year.

Name of Scheme	Total Amount Released for the Financial Year (Rs)	Repayment Received (Rs)	No. of Beneficiaries
Credit Union	14052819	8807081	141
Ashakiran Credit	8807081	8432599	168
<b>Total</b>	<b>22859900</b>	<b>21982013</b>	<b>309</b>

The figure below shows that there has been consistent increase in credit issued to members. Total loan issued was Rs. 13158875/- (Rupees one crore thrity one laksh fifty eight thousand eight hundred and seventy five only) in 2016-17 became Rs. 22859900/- (Rupees two crores eighty fie lakhs nine thousand nine hundred only)



The members have taken credit for various purposes as shown in the table given below. Small business include vending of fish (both fresh and dry), flour making units, sale of cloth, making of candles, snacks, beauty parlor, hair salons, tailoring, workshops etc. Money has also been used for boats, nets, and engines. Credit has been used also to run shops (stationery, grocery, fish, kerosene, petty shops etc), educational, medical purposes and construction of permanent houses. It may be noted that quite a number of members have used the loan to pay off debts from various sources.

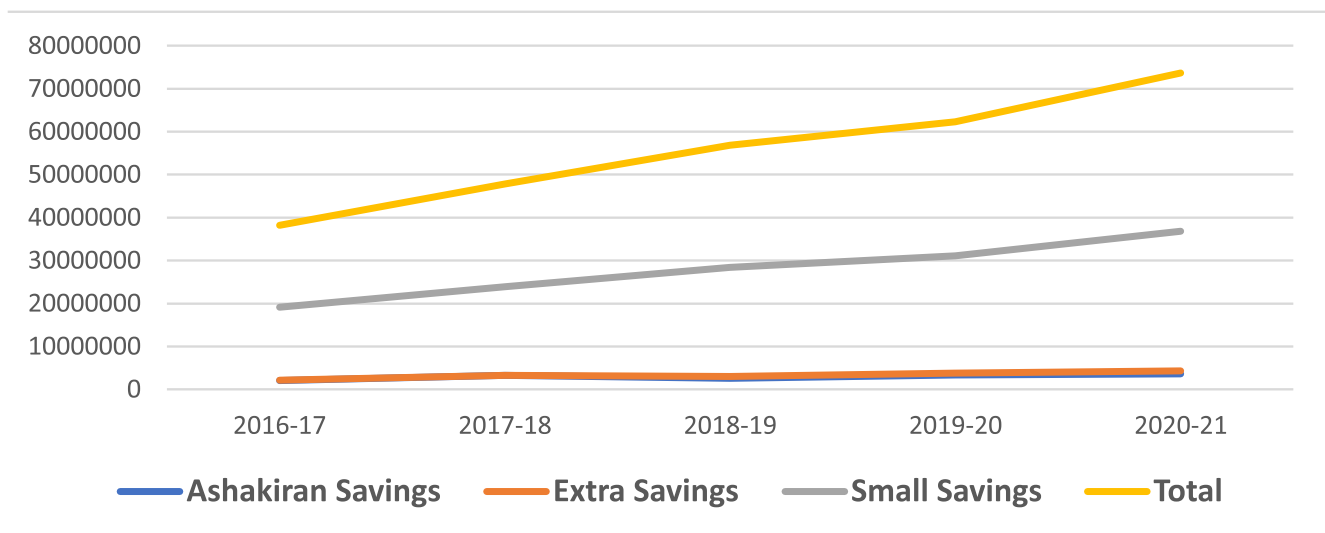


### III. Savings Scheme

Savings schemes for the members under TMS include Ashakiran Savings, Extra Savings and Small Savings. During the year 2020-2021, a total of Rs. 36880315.00 (Rupees three crores sixty eight lakh eighty thousand three hundred and fifteen only) was saved by the members under the various schemes. The table below shows the amounts saved under different schemes and the number of beneficiaries. The major chunk is formed by small savings. While 624 members are part of the Ashakiran savings, 166 members are part of the extra savings scheme while all the members form part of small savings.

Name of Scheme	Total Amount Received (Rs)	Total Amount Withdrawn (Rs)	No. of beneficiaries
Ashakiran Savings	3637050	4074850	624
Extra Savings	727470	264325	166
Small Savings	32515795	32470134	1679
<b>Total</b>	<b>36880315</b>	<b>36809309</b>	

The figure below shows consistent growth in the amount saved by the members under various savings schemes.



### IV. Death Relief Fund

During 2019-2020, a total of 19 members passed away. Rs. 1334883.00 (Rupees thirteen lakh thirty four thousand eight hundred and eighty three only) was contributed by the members and Rs. 951100.00 (Rupees nine lakh fifty one thousand and one hundred only) was given to the kin of those deceased as death relief fund. We bow our heads in gratitude and respect to the deceased members and convey our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.



# IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE DECEASED ( FCDP & TMS )



JAMEELA



NESAMMA ALBERT



BRIJIT JOSEPH



THRESIA DONY



EMILY S



BESILINE



SUPREETHA JOSPH



CICILY



GEORGINA



CELINE JOSEPH



ROSILY PETER



RADHA



TREESA



DORA JOSEPH



FRANCINA



TREESA P



VIJI R



LOURDE ZECHARIAH



PAULINE BRIGAD



WATSON



VITUS



VITUS JAMES



SOLOMON VINCENT



SAJAN NORBERT



RAJU THANKAPPAN



MICHAEL STEPHEN



MATHEW JOSEPH



J STELLAS



GRAHARI ZECHARIAH

# CAPACITY BUILDING FOR STRENGTHENING THE MICRO CREDIT PROGRAMME

Various programmes were organised to strengthen the existing groups and to pave a way for more women engagement and creating more economic stability among the group and members. These included orientation and awareness classes for SHGs, Leadership training programs for selected Self Help Group leaders, Entrepreneurship Development Training Programmes.

## 1. Orientation and awareness class to self-help group

Orientation and awareness classes were organised for the various Self Help Groups within the FCDP and TMS Federations. 159 meetings were held in various areas. These orientation and awareness classes include training in Education, Health, Leadership, Accounts, Documentation, Livelihoods activities, SHGs, conflict resolution, problem-solving, building mutual trust and planning, etc. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, meetings were held in very small groups except during the lockdown period when no meetings were organised.

## 2. Training for the leaders of self-help groups

SHG leadership training and capacity building programs were also organized during the year. Four leaders training programmes were held during the year with focus on organisation management and leadership, financial management, entrepreneurial development and support, sustainability of self-help groups, digital marketing etc.

## 3. Entrepreneurship Development Training Programmes

Entrepreneurship Development training programmes were conducted for students who attended the skill trainings. During the year FOUR (4) different batches had EDP programmes. These training programmes intended to promote the entrepreneurship skills and qualities of the trainees so they can be successful entrepreneurs in turn creating employment opportunities for themselves and others. The EDP training sessions covered themes like Self-employment, Entrepreneurship development, production and marketing and sustainable entrepreneurship.







# SOCIAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

A number of activities have been under taken by the organization during the financial year by FCDP and TMS in order to reach out to the neediest and deserving people especially of the coastal area of Kollam. The various charity activities were conducted under the heads of Visappinu Vida, Santhwanam, Pratheeksha, Counselling, Free legal Aid and Covid Prevention and Relief activities. During the year 2020-2021, a total amount of Rs. 3286771.00 (Rupees thirty two lakh eighty six thousand seven hundred and seventy one only) was spent for social outreach programmes. The same is shown in the table and the pie chart given below.

Sl. No	Particulars	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1.	Visappinu Vida	2342534	1898736	2291753
2.	Educational Aid	190501	947274	198605
3.	Medical Aid	190501	517909	152582
4.	Corona Relief Activities	-	102174	643831
5.	Flood Relief	1651524	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4593334</b>	<b>3466093</b>	<b>3286771</b>

## VISHAPINU VIDA (FOOD FOR POOR)

“Vishappinu Vida” (Let's us bid Bye to Hunger) is a programme begun on 1st April 2017 with the aim eradicate hunger among the aged in the coastal areas of Kollam. Since then, more than 100 nourishing meals are dispensed every day and nursing care is provided under this programme. Nutritious food including fish, meat or egg was served every day. Special food was served on important occasions. Clothes, medicines and basic support were also given to the needy.



During the year 2020-21 about Rs. 41,400/- (forty one thousand four hundred only) food packets were distributed to the needy and aged deserving people in their homes. Excluding this food was also given to those affected by Covid. An average 115 meals were distributed daily. The total expense for the programme during the year was Rs. 2291753.00 (Rupees twenty two lakh ninety one thousand seven hundred and fifty three only). Food is prepared at Vishappinu Vida kitchen at



Thiruvathira Nagar, Mundakkal and has a supervisor, two cooks, a helper and a driver. The food is taken to the beneficiaries using the electric auto and by a lady driver who is a Staff of FCDP. The volunteers who help reach the food in the homes. Weekly meetings are held every week to assess the quality of food and proper functioning of the programme. A 13-member “Visappinu Vida Executive committee” and the FCDP Board oversee the programme. Regular field visits are conducted to ensure that food is given to the most deserving persons. While we thank God for the smooth execution of this programme for the past four years, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our benefactors who support this programme with great love and sacrifice.

## PRATHEEKSHA (EDUCATIONAL AID)

“Pratheeksha” is an educational support programme for the school and college going students especially of the coastal area of Kollam. Besides ensuring educational assistance, this programme also provides career guidance, organizes motivational programmes, fellowships and scholarships for students of the fisher folk community. In the year 2020-21, Rs. 198605/- (one lakh ninety eight thousand six hundred and five only) was spent as part of the programme. The same was given to 12 students during the year. Due to Covid and online classes, the number of persons benefitting from this programme during the year was limited. Support for education was also given under Covid relief activities. Our sincere thanks to the generous benefactors for their support.



## SANTHWANAM (EMPATHY & CARE)

“Santhwanam” supports the financially struggling sick people especially among the fisher folk who cannot afford medical treatment due to poor financial situation. The programme trusts well-wishers and benefactors to pool in their might to assist those needing financial help for medical treatment. In the fiscal year 2020-21 a total number of 26 persons were provided medical assistance. A total of Rs. 152582/- (Rupees one lakh fifty two thousand five hundred and eighty two only) were spent towards Santhwanam programmes in the financial year. We also acknowledge the support received through Women and Youth Empowerment project, as medical aid. Other than this assistance was given to two persons as support for construction of house.

## COVID PREVENTION AND RELIEF ACTIVITIES

Thanks to BREADS and a number of other benefactors, volunteers and staff, FCDP and TMS were able to intervene remarkably in Covid relief and Prevention activities. The primary interventions included awareness programmes, providing masks and sanitizers, distributing grocery kits and cooked meals to the needy, support to the needy NRI families, assistance for quarantine and support to poor students for online education.

Sl. No.	Programme	Details
1.	Awareness Programmes	A number of awareness programmes were organized in collaboration with the District Health Department, Kollam. Public announcements were made with the support of Police Station, Pallithottam. The meetings sensitised the people on the precautions to be taken against corona virus and highlighted the need for promoting positive health behaviours.
2.	Mask-Making & Distribution	First organization to make masks in Kollam in response to Covid pandemic. Masks were distributed to fishermen, hospitals and community health centres, Police, Excise and Traffic departments, railways, banks, TRACK, FWS, TSS, N.S.S, various residence associations, and other organisations. 60,000 masks were produced and distributed. 15000 masks were distributed freely.
3.	Hand Hygiene Products	Liquid hand wash, soap and sanitizers were supplied by the home care production centre.
4.	Grocery Kit Distribution	460 grocery kits were distributed to the most deserving families of the fishermen community. Kits were also distributed for traffic wardens of Kollam and families at Altharamood Kuzhiyil.
5.	Cooked Food For the Needy	2250 meal packets to poor people affected by lockdown and Covid, giving 25 mid-day meals to the needy.
6.	Support to Students	16 television sets were distributed to students 12 mobile phones were given to students
7.	Support For Inter-State Migrants through KISMAT	800 migrants in various camps around Kollam were supported with grocery kits in collaboration with the labour department and other government departments. The needy migrant students were also given with TV and mobile phones.
8.	Support For NRI Families	Special grocery kits were given to over 20 NRI families as an immediate support. Assistance was given to expatriates as fees for quarantine facilities.
9.	Covid Volunteers	Don Bosco COVID cluster as formed on 16th August 2020. The meeting as inaugurated by Smt. Vinitha Vincent, Pallithottam Councillor. The team helped people in containment zones by supplying essential provisions and medicines, maintaining hygiene in the areas, conducting awareness programmes and announcements, supporting police and other personnel in matters related to Covid prevention.
10.	Covid Helpdesk	Covid Help Desk provided emergency services like medicines, groceries, tele-counselling, quarantine services, etc. The helpdesk was inaugurated by Shri. Devarajan, Circle Inspector, Pallithottam Police station, Kollam.

## COVID RELIEF ACTIVITIES

FCDP distributed masks among 450 inmates of S.S Samithi Abhaya Kendram. Under the guidance of TRACK (Trauma care road accident aid centre Kollam) Secretary George. F. Xavier, FCDP coordinators Ms. Gretta Raju and Ms. Rinisha Joseph handed over the masks to the managing trustee of the organisation Mr. Francis Xavier.

As part of the continuous efforts of FCDP towards supporting financially weak students to access digital education and assist expatriates and their families affected by Covid 19, televisions and mobile phones were distributed. On 23rd June, a television was delivered to a family with three students.

At a simple function held at FCDP on 24th June 2020, Mr. Pradeep (Sub-Inspector, Traffic Police Station, Ashram) distributed television kits to a family of two students and food kits to three families of unemployed expatriates. On the same day, another function was held where Honourable Kollam Mayor Smt. Honey Benjamin, Pallithottam Councillor Adv. Vinitha Vincent and Thope parish priest Fr. Sunny Uppan led the distribution of Televisions and smart phones to the most deserving students in the coastal areas of Kollam and grocery kits to the families of unemployed expatriates.

On 26th June 2020, at another function held at FCDP, Mr. Rajeev (RTO, Kollam) distributed televisions, smart phones and grocery kits televisions, smart phones and grocery kits to the beneficiaries. On 1st July 2020, Mr. Devarajan (Circle Inspector of Police, Pallithottam) distributed another televisions and mobile phones and games over assistance to needy expatriates. On same occasion Ms. Haritha Harrison who secured full A+ in SSLC Examination and Mr. Akhil who completed Tally course from Don Bosco Computer Centre were honoured. On 30th July 2020, Mr J.P. Andrews, Circle Inspector, Excise handed over television and smart phone to needy students. Thanks to Don Bosco (BREADS), Bangalore and our generous beneficiaries for their support to help solve the digital divide and help deserving students.





# COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION

During the financial year 2020-21, the community health centre at Pallithottam was closed due to Covid-19 pandemic. But FCDP and TMS organised a number of health awareness programmes for the benefit of the community.

Sl.No.	Programme
1	Awareness class on the severity of corona virupandemics
2	Awareness class for migrants regarding quarantine and Covid vaccine
3	Awareness programme on mental health
4	Vehicle announcement on corona and its preventions
5	Training session to Covid volunteers on how to deal the pandemic
6	Awareness programme for youth on life skills and Mental Health
7	Awareness programme for youth on epidemic diseases
8	Awareness programme for youth on Suicide prevention
9	Awareness programme for youth on the consequences of drugs and alcohol





## SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMMES

During the year five skill training programmes were conducted namely, Tailoring and Fashion Designing, IT & Computer skills, Home based nursing and palliative care, Auto-rickshaw driving, and Fish & Food processing. In spite of the covid pandemic we were able to successfully conducting the skill training programmes following covid protocols. However home based nursing and palliative care for women could not be completed as it could not be organised under the Covid situation.

Sl. No.	Skill Domain	No. of batches
1.	Auto-rickshaw driving training for women	6
2.	Home based nursing & Palliative care for women	3
3.	Tailoring & Embroidery	3
4.	Fish & Food Processing	6
5.	Computer Skill Training	3

## STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND ODP

During the year five capacity building programmes were held for the staff. These made a huge impact on enhancing their knowledge and skills. The trainings focused on professional development, conflict management and resolution, Time management tips, Performance Management and using creativity to solve problems. These training programs benefited employee's growth and future performances.

The OD process first and foremost brought an integrated organizational development in terms of financial management and monitoring systems. The introduction of customised Tally Prime as the new software was a major venture that was taken up during the year. Though the software did not become fully operational during the financial year, we are confident that it will be finalized in the New Year. Office renovation work was also undertaken with a new conference hall and other works being completed. The website was also redone ad a new dynamic website was introduced covering all the activities of the organisation. The monthly E-newsletter outlining the organizational activities was also begun during the year.

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH LIVELIHOOD AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (WELivE)

Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (WELivE) was a new project begun in June 2020 in collaboration with BREADS, Bangalore. The project aims at the economic upliftment of women and to make them contributors of their household income. This is envisaged through EDP & Production Training, Training on Organic Farming and Kitchen Gardening, Facilitation of IGPs/MEs/Kitchen Gardens and Marketing & Finance Linkage Support.

As part of the project women members from different SHGs were identified and trained for starting micro enterprises. For this, a total of 5 workshops were conducted in all, with the aim of beginning income generating programmes. Interest free credit of Rs. 10000.00 (ten thousand only) was also given to these women as seed capital towards beginning new enterprises. Training sessions were also held for those who were interested in beginning organic farming and kitchen gardening. Seeds and saplings of vegetables were also given to them.

INCOME GENERATING PROGRAMMES / MICRO ENTERPRISES		
Workshop 1	Group Management	6
Workshop 2	Finance Management	6
Workshop 3	Credit Linkage and Finance access	6
Workshop 4	Production Management – I	6
Workshop 5	Production Management – II	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

ORGANIC FARMING AND KITCHEN GARDENING		
Workshop 1	Organic Farming – Basics	2
Workshop 2	How to start Kitchen Garden in organic way- Seed Selection, Land preparation, etc.	2
Workshop 3	Basics of Vegetable cultivation- Cultivation, weed culture, organic pesticides, organic manure production, etc.	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>





# KISMAT - KERALA INTERSTATE MIGRANTS ALLIANCE FOR TRANSFORMATION

*'Being human is given,  
but keeping our humanity is a choice'.*

The activities of the Migrants Help Desk during the financial year concentrated mainly on pandemic prevention and assisting maximum number of guest workers in getting vaccinated. The desk reached out to the guest workers in order to identify and solve the problems faced by them in their respective areas. The Desk collaborated with the help of Labour Department, health department and local self-government and other NGO's in providing timely assistance to the guest workers.

During the year, KISMAT witnessed many ups and downs in fulfilling the project objectives. The pandemic outbreak of covid 19 was obviously an opportune time to get involved in different kind of social supportive activities for migrant workers. Proud that thousands of migrants have benefited from this project.

IMPACT	TOTAL No.
Wage theft case	5
Vaccination support	2500
E-Shrem Registration	600
Job placement support	10
Awareness class	22
Medical camp	20
KISMAT village	4







# PRODUCTION UNIT

In the financial year 2020-21, the various production units begun under the leadership of FCDP registered commendable increase both in volume of production and reach to the customers. New staff has been inducted and area of operation has been widened. A new initiative was also begun by FCDP to begin a society precisely with the objective of creating a marketing platform for the products of various micro enterprises started by women belonging to the SHGs.

## HEALTHY MASALA AND FOOD PRODUCTS

Healthy Masala and Food Products unit offers unadulterated edibles. It includes over 20 products namely sambar powder, rasam powder, garam masala, chicken masala, meat products masala, fish fry masala, pepper powder, pepper, cardamom, fenugreek powder, fennel powder, chilly powder, etc.

## HOME CARE UNIT

Healthy Masala and Food Products unit offers unadulterated edibles. It includes over 20 products namely sambar powder, rasam powder, garam masala, chicken masala, meat products masala, fish fry masala, pepper powder, pepper, cardamom, fenugreek powder, fennel powder, chilly powder, etc.

## HANDICRAFT UNIT

Handicraft unit for the production of decorative flowers and show items using sea shells is a unique venture. Currently the handicraft unit sells a variety of shell flowers like malli stick, bent flower, white lace, white lily, violet flower, corn stick, small buds etc. Other shell products like pen stand, butterflies and paper weight etc. are also made as part of the programme. The programme is both economically beneficial and helpful in personality development as the making of the items leads to character formation as well as earnings at the sale of the products.

## CLOTH AND PAPER BAG UNITS

Cloth bags and paper bags have emerged as good alternatives for plastic bags and is a source of income for women. The cloth and paper bag making unit of FCDP produces and delivers bags that are customizable. The units aim to help homemakers earn an extra income. Paper bag unit was begun following the training held as part of the EDP training programme during the year. Bags are made available in different forms and different rates. This year, 6 power tailoring machines and more women members were added to the tailoring unit.

## SHG OUTLET

The SHG outlet was created as a platform for marketing the products prepared by the various production units of FCDP. This includes Healthy Masalas, Home care Items like dish wash, detergent liquid, floor cleaner, Sanitizer etc., garments, masks, cloth and paper bags, other provisions like pickles, honey, rice, cooking oil, milk, candles and handicraft items. The store is open from 10:00am – 06:00pm on all working days. The products available in the store are also delivered as per request from the customers. The net profit of the SHG outlet for the year.

## WE-SCHEME

The SHG outlet also provides people items on a credit scheme; meaning people can purchase the required products and make the payment in 60 days' time. The credit scheme has proved very beneficial for the local customers whose primary income sources come from unorganized sectors.



# MAJOR EVENTS

## CELEBRATING WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



On Friday, 5th June, on the occasion of World Environment Day, the staffs and members of Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) marked the day by planting a tree at Vishappinu Vida Centre, Mundakkal. The sapling of a mango tree was planted by Mr. Douglas Victor, member, Visappinu Vida, Executive Committee. The Director of FCDP & TMS,

Fr. Joby Sebastian, TMS Asst. Director, Sr. Cecily Paul, Coordinators of FCDP & TMS, Vishappinu Vida team members etc were present.

At FCDP, the staff members planted decorative plants in the precincts. This was very much in keeping with the theme for World Environment Day 2020 viz, 'Time for Nature, with a focus on its role in providing the essential infrastructure that supports life on Earth and human development. The new project for sustainable livelihood will also promote 100 kitchen gardens in the coastal area this year. The new project was inaugurated by Sr. Cecily Paul, FMA.

## FORMATION OF COVID CLUSTER

In order to meet the challenges of Covid-19 pandemic, Don Bosco COVID cluster as formed on 16th August 2020. The meeting was inaugurated by Smt. Vinitha Vincent, Pallithottam Councillor. The team intervened to help out people living in containment zones supplying essential provisions and medicines, maintaining hygiene in the areas, conducting awareness



programmes and announcements, supporting police and other personnel in matters related to Covid prevention.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR STUDENTS WHO EXCELLED IN SSLC EXAMS



At a simple event organized at FCDP office on 9th October 2020, E. A Joseph Earayil and Agnes Joseph Earayil Memorial scholarships were awarded to students who excelled in SSLC exams 2020. The Chief Guest at the function, Mr. C P Venukuttan Pilla (Assistant Commissioner of Excise and Manager of Vimukthi, Kollam) handed over the mementoes to Ms. Haritha Harrison

from Vaddy and Ms. Aneesha Bosco from Mundakkal. The scholarships were established by Mr Edwin Joseph in memory of his parents, Late E.A. Joseph and Agnes Joseph Earayil. Present at the function was also Mr. Amjath Khan (Coordinator, Vimukthi, Kollam). The chief guest Mr. Venukuttan Pilla reminded the awardees of their responsibility of being leaders who can inspire others to be good. On the occasion, study materials were also distributed to deserving students.

## VISIT BY THE PROVINCIAL, Fr. JOYCE THONIKKUZHIYIL SDB



Fr. Joyce Thonikkuzhiyil SDB, head (Provincial) of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Bangalore, visited FCDP on 09th November 2020. He was accorded a warm welcome by the board and staff. Dr. Sindha Mendez (Chairperson, FCDP) gave the welcome address and briefed the work carried out under FCDP and TMS. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP & TMS) presented the

report of the fiscal year 2019-2020. During the function, Fr. Provincial handed over the the Don Bosco scholarship 2020 and the Chirayath Majila Anthony Memorial Scholarship to Divya Dominic and Jincy James respectively for excelling in their SSLC and Higher Secondary Examinations. Fr. Provincial lauded the growth of FCDP in the past few years and appreciated the hard work and commitment of the board and staff members. At the end of the function, he was presented with the exclusive products of FCDP.



## INAUGURATION OF COVID HELP DESK



As the community spread of COVID-19 is increasing rapidly, Fishermen Community Development programme (FCDP) and Theeradesa Mahila Society have officially begun a Covid helpdesk to assist people who are acutely in need.

As part of the covid helpdesk, the neediest people will be supported for COVID-19 test, treatment and medicine, mid-day meals for quarantined patients requiring support, volunteers for delivering urgently required

materials besides tele-counselling services, study materials for students, etc.

The helpdesk was inaugurated today in a simple ceremony by Shri. Devarajan (Circle Inspector, Pallithottam) by releasing the help desk brochure on 12th October 2020. Shri Devarajan highlighted especially the efficacy of homeo-medicine as a likely way of withstanding the disease. Fr Joby Sebastian (director), Sr. Mary Karuvelil (Assistant Director - TMS), Mrs. Mini Mary (Coordinator - TMS), and staff of FCDP were present at the ceremony.

## E-AUTO RICKSHAW DRIVING TRAINING FOR WOMEN BY FCDP

E-auto rickshaw driving training for women was flagged off on 16th November 2020 by the Kollam Regional Transport Officer – Mr. Rajeev at a small function hosted by Fishermen Community Development Programme. As part of the FCDP's project - Women and Youth Empowerment Programme, auto rickshaw driving training that was temporarily suspended due to the pandemic, was resumed for more women to get e-auto license. Fr. Joby (Director), in his



keynote address, appreciated the women who broke the gender role stereotypes and were ready to start their training. Mr. Rajeev (RTO, Kollam) addressed the meeting with a message that e-auto was not only eco-friendly but also the most common means of transport a common person can think of. He congratulated the women for having cleared their learners' tests and for showing the courage to not just learn a new skill but make use of it. Present at the function were also Dr. Sindha Mendez (Chairperson, FCDP), Mr. Vinod (Owner of Sreekala Driving School), Sr. Mary K (Asst. Director, TMS), and Mr. Anoopraj (Project Coordinator, Women and Youth Empowerment Programme), apart from the e-auto learning women aspirants. The e-auto driving training was started soon after the programme.

## CONDOLENCE MEETING TO REMEMBER LATE MRS. JANE LAWRENCE



“If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” (Romans 14:8)

With deep sadness in our hearts, we remember our beloved Jane Teacher. She left for her heavenly abode on 23rd November 2020. She was a lady with a golden heart who lived for the Lord and for the welfare of HIS people. A memorial Eucharist

was held at St Stephen's Church, Thope on 28th November 2020, followed by a condolence meeting at FCDP Hall, Pallithottam to recall her fond memories and to offer condolences to the family members. In the meeting, the representatives of the FCDP and TMS Board and staff offered their condolences. Dr Sindha Hyacinth presented the newly established Mrs Jane Lawrence Memorial Scholarship for higher studies to Mr. Stalin Sebastian, student of Bachelor of Physical Education.

## WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY OBSERVED

World Human Rights Day was observed on 10th December 2020 as an initiative of the Human Rights Federation (HRF) Kollam District Committee and Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP). Dr. Anuroop (RMO, Kollam) inaugurated the program. HRF Kollam District President Adv. G Vijayakumar presided over the function. Dr Anuroop said in the



inaugural address that Human Rights Protection Act should be amended and strengthened from time to time. Advocate Boris Paul gave an audio message on human rights. FCDP Director Fr Joby Sebastian, Kollam Traffic Sub-Inspector Shri. P Pradeep, Shri. Mohanakumar, Shri. S Arshaj and Shri. Ajith David spoke on the occasion. Dr. Anuroop received the award presented to the AA Rahim Memorial Kollam District Hospital for effectively coping with Covid 19. Traffic Sub-Inspector Shri. P Pradeep and human rights activist Shri. Babu were honoured at the meeting for their commendable service. Wheelchair and educational award were distributed on the occasion.

## CAKE FEST



A cake fest was held at FCDP hall on 03rd December 2020 as part of the food processing training. After the successful completion of two consecutive batches of cake making training, varieties of scrumptious cakes were brought together by the students after their training. The training programme was led by Mrs

Roshna Jackson. The chief guests for the Cake fest were Fr. Xavier Lazar (Parish Priest, Port Kollam), Fr. Milton S (Parish Priest, Kovilthottam) and Fr. Sunny Uppan (Rector and Parish Priest, Thope). Present were also the board and staff, friends and well-wishers.

## DON BOSCO TAILORING CENTRE GETS EXTRA POWER

Thanks to the generosity of our donor, the Don Bosco Tailoring Centre, under FCDP received four more power machines. The high-speed Jack brand power machines means much to the women engaged in stitching here. The new machines have made stitching faster and more efficient which in turn will bring more income per day. The women who have mostly been using umbrella machines, the obtaining of new machines is a dream come true. There are currently six staff engaged in stitching mostly cloth bags, aprons for various shops and super markets.

The new power machines were blessed by Rev. Fr. Joe Fernandez, (Director Boys Home, Mundakkal), in a simple function on 12th February 2021, in the presence of staff and students of FCDP. Dr. Sindha H. Mendez (Chairperson, FCDP) offered felicitations and sweets were distributed to all. Our sincere thanks to our benefactor and Rev. Fr. Joe Fernandez who was instrumental in making this possible.







## WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The 'International Women's Day was celebrated on Monday, March 8, 2021, at Rotary Hall, Kollam under the auspices of the Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS) and Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) Kollam. Mrs Prasanna Ernest, Mayor of Kollam inaugurated the Women's Day celebration.

Mrs Agnes John, President, TMS, presided over the function. Rev. Fr. Jose Koyikkal honoured the COVID warriors of different departments as an appreciation of their meritorious work during COVID - 19 pandemic. Shri. R Rajeev, RTO, Kollam distributed licenses to those who have completed auto-rickshaw training. Former Mayor Honey Benjamin released a brochure on COVID activities led by FCDP & TMS. Meditech Laboratory Director Shri. K Chandrakumar inaugurated the 'Santhanam health cards', which will be beneficial for cancer and kidney patients in terms of discounts in medical tests.

Fr. Sunny Uppan, Rector, Vicar of St. Stephen's Church, honoured the Councilors, health workers, Asha workers, Anganwadi workers and Covid volunteers from the coastal areas of Pallithottam, Vadi, Port-Kollam, Eravipuram and Mundakkal, who worked in Covid prevention activities with mementos.

Fr. Joby Sebastian Director, F.C.D.P, Kollam, Dr Sindha Mendez, Chairperson, FCDP, Deputy D. M. O. Dr R Sandhya, former Kollam Deputy D.P. M. O. Dr C. R. Jayashankar, Kollam Collectorate Superintendent Shri. Ajith Joy, Kollam Special Branch Sub Inspector Shri. Pradeep P, Track Secretary Shri. George F. Xavier, Indian Red Cross Society, Kollam Secretary Shri. Ajay Kumar, Mr N Tomy, Councilor, Pallithottam, Sr. Mary Karuvelil, T. M. S., Assistant Director and Mrs Veronica Anthony were also present.



## TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MIGRANTS

Migrant Help Desk Kollam has organised a training program for migrants at Don Bosco college Kottiyam on 24th January 2021. Chadyamangalam ALO Mr Anil, Mr Sreekumar (JHI), Sister Asha, Director, Prathyasha Fr. Tony Director, KISMAT and Fr Joby Sebastian, Director FCDP & TMS were the Chief guests. ALO Mr Anil spoke about the Rights and benefits offered by the government to the migrants. Mr Sreekumar explained about the importance of maintaining health and cleanliness during this pandemic. Sister Asha shared migrant related experiences. Fr. Tony Director, KISMAT addressed the migrants about the activities of KISMAT. The training session was taken by Ms Anisha (Project Coordinator, FCDP), Mr Alan and Mr Jerome, Coordinators KISMAT. Ms Anisha took a session on work-life balance and Mr Alan had taken the session on Stress management and Mr Jerome delivered a session on Problem-solving. Mr Prince, flowers TV fame entertained the migrants. Overall 33 migrants participated in the event to make it successful.





## FINANCIAL INCLUSION AWARENESS PROGRAM



Awareness for financial inclusion for the fishermen community was organized at FCDP by the Reserve Bank of India on 16th March 2021. Smt. Reena Susan Chacko, Lead District Manager, Kollam, welcomed the gathering. Lead District Officer, Shri. A K Karthik from Reserve Bank of India explained about the Kissan Credit Card and its advantages. KCC loans are issued at an

interest of 7 % and an additional discount of 3% from the government, making the interest rate to mere 4%. He also spoke about the need for good civil score to obtain loans. The people were given awareness about digital banking by Shri. Rakesh, Asst. Manager, Reserve Bank of India. Shri. Ramakrishnan, FLC, Kollam, explained the various social security schemes that are available. Sanction forms for KCC were distributed to the selected people from the fishermen community. Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian, Director FCDP-TMS, Shri. Atul Mohan, Branch manager, Canara Bank, Thamarakulam and Smt. Bindukumary, Branch manager, State Bank of India, Thangassery offered their felicitations. Shri. Suresh Babu, Senior Manager, Indian Bank, Kollam offered the vote of thanks. As part of the financial inclusion programme, the students of Don Bosco Boys Home were given pens and 50 selected fresh fish vendors from the community were provided aluminium vessels for selling fish. Notices were distributed to all the participants to create awareness regarding banking, cashless transactions and fraudulent activities.

## JANSHIKSHAN SANSTHAN COMPUTER CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION

After months of training and examination, Certificates of merit were awarded to the students trained in computer courses on 15th January 2021. Mr. Sasi Nadakkal, Director at Janshikshan Sansthan was the chief guest for the program. Mr. B Chandra Mohan, ex-General manager at Union Bank, Dr. Sindha Mendez, Fr. Joby Sebastian, and Smt. Agnes John were present at the function.





## TIMELINE OF EVENTS

9 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Mask Distribution to S.S. Samithi Abhaya Kendram
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Grocery Kits distribution to over 300 migrants
20 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	1000 Mask distribution to TRACK volunteers
5 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	Celebrated World Environment Day
8 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	Support to migrants under KISMAT project
19 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	Support for online education by Mr. Devarajan, CI of Police, Pallithottam
24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	Support for online education
25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	Support for online education
26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	Support to students for online education
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020	Support to NRIs and online education
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	50th Birthday Celebration of Fr. Joby Sebastianc
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020	COVID Awareness drive
30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Honouring CI of Excise Mr. J.P Andrews & supporting financially weak students for online education
16 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Formation of COVID cluster
2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020	Mahabali's surprise visit at Vishappinu Vida
16 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	WELivE workshop for Kitchen Gardening
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Distribution of Study Materials to financially weak students
7 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Inauguration of Educational Sponsorship Programme
9 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Scholarship Award for students who excelled in SSLC exams
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Inauguration of COVID Help Desk

03 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	Don Bosco Youth Forum meeting
09 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Visit by the Provincial, Fr. Joyce Thonikkuzhiyil SDB
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	E-auto rickshaw driving training for women by FCDP
23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	Cake Making training
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Condolence meeting to remember late Mrs. Jane Lawrence
01 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	WELivE Workshop for budding entrepreneurs
03 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020	Cake Fest
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	World Human Rights Day Observedn
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Award to Mr. Alan Samuel Placid for assistance to District Disaster Management team
23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020	Christmas Celebration
30 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	WELivE Workshop – 2 for Kitchen Gardening
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Health awareness program
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Computer certificate distribution by Director, Janshikshan Sansthan - Mr. Sasi Nadakkal
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	SHG Leadership training program
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Training program for migrants
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	SHG Leadership training program
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Workshop on group management
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Leadership training program for youth
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Don Bosco Tailoring Centre gets Extra Power
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2021	Training session for Youth Forum
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Training for DBYF members
08 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Women's Day celebration
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Financial inclusion awareness program
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	We-Live workshop
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Entrepreneurship development Program

# CONCLUSION

The year 2020-21 was a difficult year for the world in general and especially for the people of the state. The novel corona virus that broke out by the end of 2019 came into full force in 20-21 and impacted the economy of the community unfavourably. Obviously, it had its adverse effect on the regular activities of FCDP and TMS like the various training programmes, community health centre, groups and movements like children's forum etc. However, we are happy that even at this time of Covid Pandemic FCDP was able to work 24x7 to reach out to both people in and outside the community. The entire system and resources at FCDP and TMS were put at the disposal of covid relief activities. We reached out by stitching masks and distributing them, providing grocery kits, educational support, medical aid, quarantine aid, cooked food etc., besides organizing health awareness programmes to sensitize on hazards associated with Covid-19. We are also glad to have been able to honour the covid warriors and frontline workers during the International Women's Day held at Rotary Hall on 8th March 2021. The various activities of FCDP and TMS also helped in providing financial security through activities like tailoring from home, upgradation of the tailoring unit with power machines, timely assistance through the microfinance activities of self-help groups etc. We were also able to engage the youth through on line activities and skill training programmes like tailoring and computer under strict covid protocols.

We thank God for His mighty interventions during the year 2020-21. God's protecting hand and his grace was evident in all our activities through the year. We place on record our gratitude to our generous benefactors and well-wishers. Special mention must be made of the support of Don Bosco BREADS Bangalore under its then director Rev. Fr. Joy Nedumparambil sdb. Our sincere thanks go to Dr. Sindha H. Mendez (President, FCDP) Mrs. Agnes P.P. (President TMS) and all the board members of FCDP and TMS for their timely guidance and support that made the various activities of FCDP and TMS possible. I thank the committed team of Staff at FCDP, TMS, Visappinu Vida, Production Units etc who have taken lot of pains to keep things going during this difficult year. The last, but not the least, I thank all the members of FCDP and TMS, members of Don Bosco Youth Forum and such associations, members of the extended family FCDP and TMS like the past pupils of various training programmes etc. We look forward to the new year 2021-22 with hope and pray for God's blessings on the new year.



# SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

## In the World

FCDP and TMS form the developmental wing of the Salesians of Don Bosco at Kollam, making them a part of the international network of Don Bosco organizations working in over 132 countries across the globe. Through a global network of educational and social service organizations which include 15 universities, 58 institutions of higher education and thousands of schools and social development centers, Salesian Society cares for the less privileged and marginalized sections of society. Salesians have been recognized by Government of India as the single largest provider of technical education in India, second to the Government. More than 100 Salesian technical schools and 25 colleges have been established in India. Scores of non-formal training centers, agricultural training centers, relief and rehabilitation centers, literacy centers and shelters for street children in India are managed by the Salesians of Don Bosco. Salesian Society also enjoys special consultancy status at the United Nations.

## At Kollam

**St. Stephen's Church, Thope Kollam:** Salesians of Don Bosco are actively engaged in the pastoral service of St. Stephen's Parish, Thope, entrusted to them in 1975 by the Diocese of Quilon. Don Bosco Boys' Home, Mundakal, Kollam: Don Bosco Boys Home is a shelter for poor children from challenging backgrounds where they are provided a healthy environment and given opportunities to pursue their studies and develop their personality.

**FCDP-TMS, Pallithottam:** Fishermen Community Development Programme and Theeradesa Mahila Society are the social action wings of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Kollam.

**DB Tech, College Junction Kollam:** DB Tech Kollam is part of a network of 156 Don Bosco skill training centers spread across 25 states in the country. DB Tech aims at mainstreaming and ensuring economic security for youth who could be victimized by poverty, by helping them to acquire the required livelihood and soft skills in an environment of learning and mentoring that is responsive to the individual's emotional and developmental needs.

**Childline, Kollam:** Don Bosco is a partner of the Childline Kollam, a 24 hrs nation wide free phone outreach emergency helpline for children in need of care and protection.





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