



# WAVES

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## Director's Message

I'm happy to share "Waves" our e-newsletter for October 2023 with you. We have been engaged in a number of activities in the month of October. However one of the important event was the World Food Day, an International day founded by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. It's hard to imagine that people still go hungry, even in a place as developed as Kerala. Getting rid of hunger is a challenge that we need to tackle as a community, working together to make it happen. In this context, the thoughtful efforts of the members of the Don Bosco Children's Forum and Youth Forum are to be lauded. The children & youth observed the day by sharing home-made meals with the helpless and needy including Visappinu Vida beneficiaries. More than 350 food packets were distributed raising awareness on hunger and its eradication. The children and youth also took time to sit with the aged & needy, singing songs and listening to their stories. We feel proud and inspired watching their enthusiasm & energy. No Poverty and Zero Hunger are also part of the United Nations Millennium Development goals. And it needs to begin with us! May God bless our efforts in this regard.

-Fr. Joby Sebastian  
(Director, FCDP-TMS)

## DBCF & DBYF CELEBRATE WORLD FOOD DAY

On 21 October 2023 Don Bosco Children's Forum and Don Bosco Youth Forum members celebrated World Food Day. As part of the program, members distributed over 350 home-made food packets to the helpless and needy, including the beneficiaries of Visappinu Vida. Food packets were also distributed at Andamukkam, Chinnakada Bus Stand, Reservation Camp, Railway Station, Ashramam, Beach, and District Hospital. The program started with a prayer song. Miss Bijina Biju (Golden Eagles), welcomed the dignitaries. Mr. Tomy Napoleon (Councillor, Pallithottam) inaugurated the program. Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director) introduced the programme and Miss Alka Melvin proposed the vote of thanks. Rev. Fr. Jithin M.S. (Asst. Director), Mrs. Bindhu Harison (co-ordinator, DBCF), Mrs. Mary John (co-ordinator, DBYF), and animators led the program.



## 6TH PHASE OF WE AUTO DISTRIBUTION

Under the leadership of the Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP), the 6th phase of We- Auto distribution was held on 26 October 2023. Mr. Jayesh Kumar (RTO Kollam) inaugurated the function and flagged off the new e-autos. The e-autos were received by Mrs. Jijimol Santhosh and Mrs. Joyce Sajan. With the Sixth phase, 22 women drivers have become part of the We-auto project, most of them having already made the e-autos their own. The We autos (women empowerment Autos) have been successful in empowering women economically, helping them to break away from traditional career stereotypes, and be part of the mainstream workforce. Mr. Stephen S. (Vice President, FCDP), Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS) Sr. Mary K (Asst. Director, TMS)

and Mr. Ashiq S. (Kollam Branch Manager, Piaggio Ape, Electric) spoke on the occasion. Rev. Fr. Jithin M.S. (Asst. Director, FCDP), board and staff and well wishers attended the event.



## LEGAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN HELD

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and Taluk Legal Services Authority (TLSA), Kollam in collaboration with Fishermen Community Development Programme and Theeradesa Mahila Society, launched a campaign on legal awareness on October 27 at FCDP Hall. Adv. Dileep (TLS panel member) led the awareness class. The session concientized the participants of their entitlements and apprised them about the availability of free legal services. The main purpose of the program was to empower the poor and disadvantaged sections of society to seek and demand legal services. FCDP has a desk for Free Legal Aid under DLSA & TLSA, Kollam.



## LEADERS MEETING HELD AT FCDP

Leaders meeting was organized for Don Bosco Children's Forum and Youth Forum on October 14 at FCDP Hall. The meeting formally started with welcome address given by Master Starvin Stanley (DBC Rockstar). The meeting chalked out the plans to celebrate the upcoming World Food Day occurring on 16 October. The meeting was attended by Rev. Fr. Jithin S (Asst Director, FCDP) and the animators of DBCF & DBYF. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Miss Aleena Abel (DBC Legends).



## VARIOUS WORKSHOPS HELD TOWARDS WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

During the month 6 workshops were organized as part of Women Empowerment towards Livelihood Project

### Workshop on financial management - I

A workshop for the third batch of WE-LivE project on financial management was held at FCDP Hall on October 4, 2023. Mr. Joe Louis (Accountant, FCDP) was the resource person for the programme. 50 women participated in the workshop. Financial management is a critical aspect of entrepreneurship, and it is especially important for women entrepreneurs looking to start and grow their businesses. Effective financial management can make a difference between the success and failure of a venture.



### Workshop on Credit Linkage and Finance - 1

On October 9, 2023 a workshop on credit linkage and finance access was conducted. Mr. Jai Sankar (Assistant District Industries Officer, Kollam) was the resource person for the programme, in which 50 women participated. Credit linkage refers to the process of connecting individuals or businesses with financial institutions to access credit or loans. Credit linkage plays a pivotal role in expanding financial access, reducing poverty, and promoting economic development, particularly among marginalised populations. It bridges the gap between financial institutions and those in need of credit, fostering inclusive growth.



### Workshop on Finance Management - II

As part of WE-LivE project another workshop on financial management was organized for first batch of women entrepreneurs at FCDP hall on October 10 2023. Mr. Febin Robert (Corporate Trainer and Area Manager, Learning and Development at SBI Life Insurance) was the resource person for the programme. Financial management is the backbone of a successful entrepreneurial ventures, helping to navigate the challenges and opportunities that arise in the business world. Effective financial management is crucial for both businesses and individuals to make informed decisions, allocate resources wisely, and secure their financial future.



### Workshop on Credit Linkage and Finance Access - II

Another workshop on credit linkage and finance access was organised for women entrepreneurs at FCDP Hall on October 16, 2023. Mr. Padmakumar (Financial Literacy Council, Indian Bank) was the resource person for the programme. Credit linkage plays a vital role in supporting entrepreneurs by providing access to financial resources. Entrepreneurs often require capital to start or expand their businesses, and credit linkage acts as a facilitator for entrepreneurs, empowering them to pursue their business aspirations, achieve growth, and contribute to economic development.



### Workshop on Finance Management -III

A third workshop on financial management was organised for women entrepreneurs at FCDP Hall on October 17, 2023 where in 50 women participated. Mr. Tinu Ruben (Project Coordinator, Don Bosco Tech) was the resource person for the programme. The purpose of the workshop was to highlight the importance of financial management in one's life and to make one aware of how financial management is a critical aspect of entrepreneurship. The sessions discussed about effective management of finance, identifying and mitigating financial risks including market and credit risks.



## FAREWELL! DEAR ANISHA B CHACKO

FCDP-TMS bade a tearful farewell to Miss Anisha B. Chacko on October 26, 2023. Miss Anisha B. Chacko has been the project head at FCDP for the past 3 years. Her term was marked by consistent progress in all the areas associated with the various projects and she was part and parcel of every activity of FCDP. The staff of various departments who spoke on the occasion were all praise for her skills, efficiency, commitment, approachability and affection. The FCDP family thanks her for the yeoman service she has done to FCDP and to the fishermen community of Kollam. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!



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