



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-'19

Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP)

Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS)

Pallithottam, Canal Road, Kollam

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 centres, 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.



Salesians of Don Bosco 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 centres 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.

Message



Mr. Abdul Nasar B. I.A.S.

District Collector
&
District Magistrate, Kollam

Message from District Collector

I am glad to place on record that Fishermen Community Development Programme and Theeradesha Mahila Society have involved themselves in full fledged and purposeful service to the fisherfolk of the coastal area of Kollam. The organisation's rightful interventions in the areas of education, health and livelihood promotion are commendable. We are looking forward to more such initiatives from the organization in the years ahead. I wish you all success for the efforts.

District Collector.


DISTRICT COLLECTOR
KOLLAM

Message



Adv. V. Rajendrababu

Mayor

Municipal Corporation of Kollam

MESSAGE

Fishermen Community Development and Theeradesha Mahila Society have served as powerful catalysts in bringing about greater pace of progress in the coastal areas of Kollam. The grassroot level interventions of the organization in the fisher folk community have had tremendous impact in various areas like education, health, culture, social and economic empowerment. I congratulate FCDP especially for their timely and effective intervention during the flood of 2018. I am happy to have been involved in a number of initiatives of the organization. I wish the organization all success in its endeavour.

Adv.V.Rajendrababu
MAYOR



Message



Dr. Sindha Mendez
(Chairperson, FCDP)

MESSAGE

Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) and Theeradesha Mahila Society (TMS) are always on the forefront in assuring the integral development of men, women, youth and children of the fishermen community in the areas of education, culture, employment opportunities, social awareness and social action. The recent noteworthy programmes of the organization includes Vishappinu Vida (initiative providing nourishing meals to 100 aged and elderly people along with nursing care and medical aid), women and youth empowerment programmes such as training in tailoring and fashion designing, palliative care and home nursing, food processing, auto driving, handicraft, self defence programmes and action against alcohol and drug abuse, a new spirit is seen in our women and youth today as they are self confident, self supportive and action oriented. I am delighted to share the happiness of fulfilling the mission of FCDP and TMS through great efforts of the Salesian community here in Thope, under the leadership of the Director Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian with board and staff members.

May the God almighty lift our organization to higher heights. Let us work together for a better tomorrow.

Message



Smt. Agnes John
(President, TMS)

MESSAGE

First and foremost, all glory to God, for in his grace, under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian SDB, Fishermen Community Development Programme and Theeradesha Mahila Society have reached appreciable heights. It's very evident that the efforts taken by the organization to empower and strengthen the fisher folk, especially women have bore fruit in time. The women who were once confined to the four walls of their houses have come out in passion to earn a livelihood, dignity and economical independency. The women have engaged themselves in the various skill training programs like tailoring, palliative care and home nursing, auto driving, fish and food processing, computer education under the organization. This has opened the door of livelihood opportunities for quite a large number of women in the coastal belt, thus strengthening the financial stability of their families. May God bless the Don Bosco Family which under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Sunny Uppan, is giving wholehearted support to the activities of FCDP and TMS.

Director's Note



Fr. Joby Sebastian SDB
(Executive Director, FCDP & TMS)

I am happy to present the annual report of 2018-19. The year 2019 has been a period of commendable development as far as FCDP and TMS are concerned. While Kerala witnessed the greatest flood in history, FCDP along with the fishermen actively participated in rescue and rehabilitation. On the social front nearly fifty lakhs were spent for, "visappinu vida", "prattheeksha" and santhwanam. It's a matter of pride that this year marked the beginning of five skill training programs besides starting, women empowerment program towards gender equality, the Migrant Desk (Kismat) for the social integration of the migrant workers and handicraft production unit. The organisation underwent quality infrastructural development in terms of renovation of office building and human resource management. The improved functioning of SHGs and the increased participation in the area of microfinance during financial year highlight the growth that FCDP and TMS have registered during the year. I take this occasion to place on record my gratitude to the Board Members of FCDP and TMS for their guidance and support and the staff members for their hard work and dedication. I also thank Rev Fr Joy, the director of BREADS, Bangalore, various partnering agencies, the salesian community of Thope and the numerous benefactors for their generous support and encouragement. I thank God for all His Blessings to the fisherfolk community of Kollam through FCDP and TMS. God bless you all.



ABOUT US

The Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) was begun in 1979 under the leadership of Salesians of Don Bosco, St, Stephen's Church, Thope. It was founded with the vision of the Integral development and empowerment of men, women, youth and children of the fisher folk in education, health, culture, economic status, employment opportunities, social awareness and social action. It was officially registered under registration of societies act in 1985. FCDP was divided into Theeradesa Mahila Society in order to facilitate greater involvement in the activities for the upliftment of the women of the fishermen community. TMS was registered as a separate organization in 1995. However, FCDP and TMS continue to work hand in hand under a single leadership. While micro credit activities and administration are done independently, all the other activities are carried out jointly.

During the past forty years, commendable service has been done by these two organizations towards the development of the fishermen community of Kollam. The interventions of FCDP in Education, Health, Financial and Social development of the fishermen community is recognized by all.

Presented below is the combined annual report of the Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) and Theeradesa Mahila Society for the financial year 2018-2019.

VISION:

Our vision is to build a fishermen community that is comprehensively developed in all spheres such as education, health, social status and economic growth.

MISSION:

We, at FCDP, commit ourselves:

- To provide financial support to the deprived members of the fishermen community
- To create and enhance alternative employment opportunities for women in coastal areas
- To cater to the health needs of the fisher folk through health care centers and health awareness campaigns
- To improve the level of education and related skills among the youth in coastal areas, through training and tuition centres
- To collaborate and co-ordinate with other agencies, governmental or non-governmental, to enable a better life for the fisher folk.

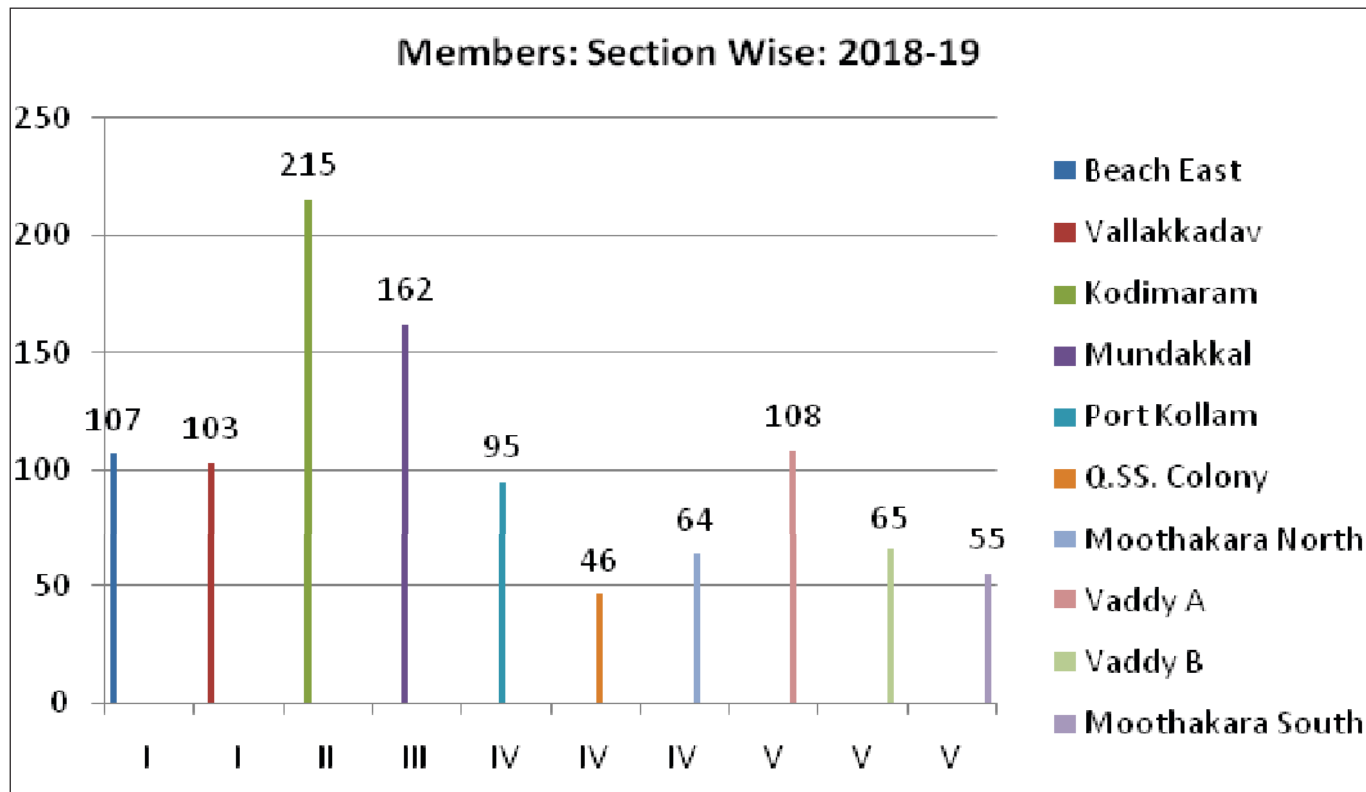


ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES: FISHERMEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

1. MEMBERS AND GROUPS

The micro credit activities of FCDP are divided into Fishermen and Non-fishermen Group. These consist of 1020 members in 51 groups within ten sections in Vaddy, Moothakara, Port Kollam, Q.S.S.S. Colony, Vallakadav, Beach East, Kodimaram and Mundakkal. The figure below gives section wise break of the members. Y axis shows the section wise distribution of Staff.

Given below is the section wise number of Fishermen group and non-fishermen group during the year. In 2018-19, there are 483 members in the fishermen group and 537 members in the non-fishermen group of the fishermen community.

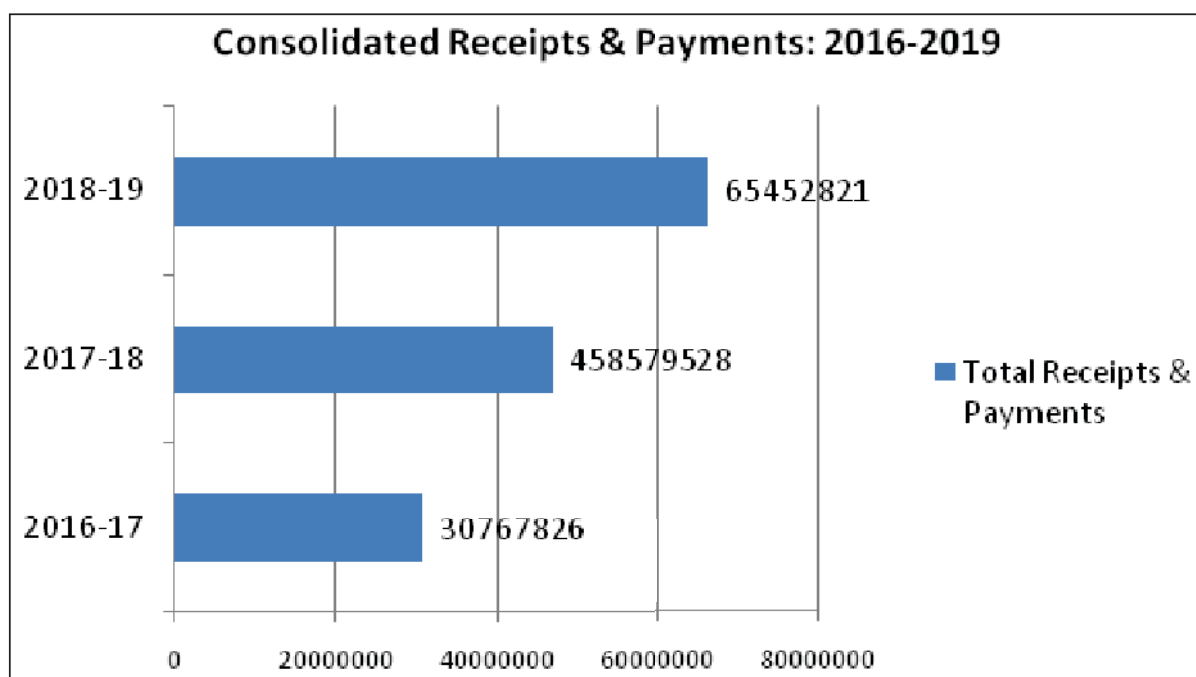


Members of Fishermen and Non-Fishermen Group

Section	Fishermen Group	Non-Fishermen Group	Total
Beach East	48	59	107
Vallakkadav	37	66	103
Kodimaram	109	106	215
Mundakkal	7	155	162
Port Kollam	55	40	95
Q.SS. Colony	6	40	46
Moothakara North	40	24	64
Vaddy A	98	10	108
Vaddy B	35	30	65
Moothakara South	48	7	55
Total	483	537	1020

2. TOTAL RECEIPT AND PAYMENTS

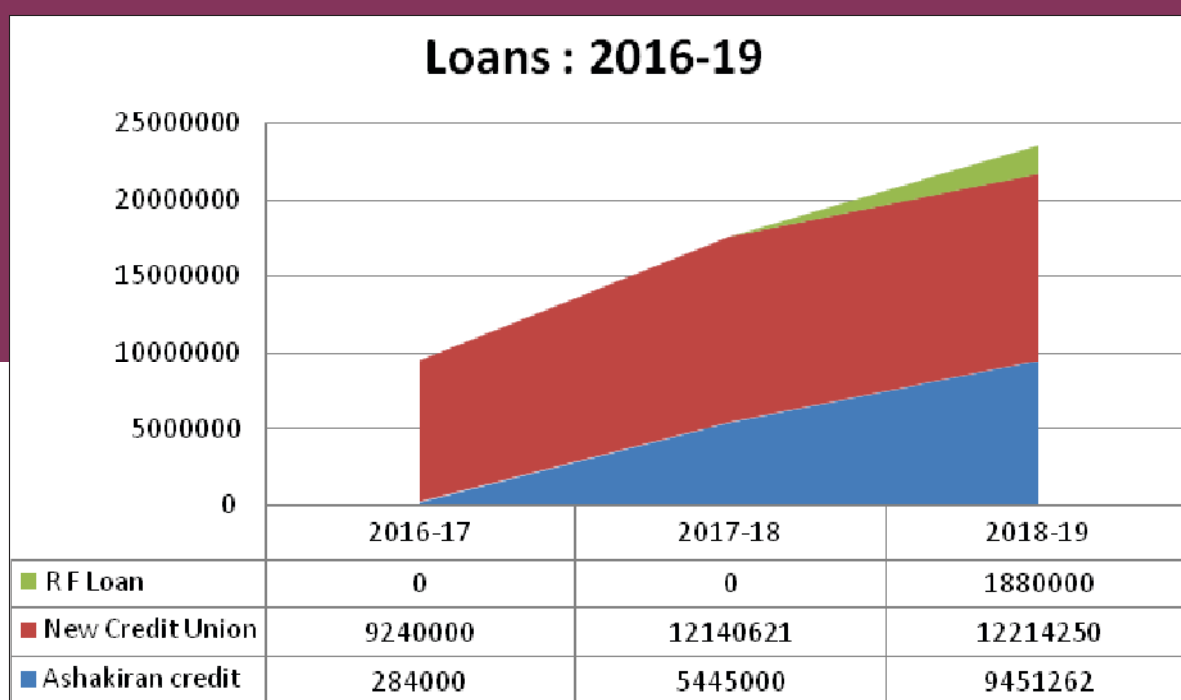
The graph below shows the total transaction carried out during the last three financial years. It can be noticed that from 2016-17 to 2018-19, the total receipts and payments have more than doubled, which is a significant indicator of the growth of the activities of the organisation.



3. MICRO FINANCE ACTIVITIES: F.C.D.P.

A. Credit Schemes

The credit union is a project to avail loans to the members especially for self employment activities. They are made available to the members as Ashakiran credit, New credit and RF Loan. The loan requests of the groups are processed and finally sanctioned by the Loan Committee which consists of Governing Body members representing the various sections. The aim of all credit activities is to ensure better ways of financial inclusion and higher living standards through timely productive economic activities. The graph below shows the credit disbursed during the past three years as part of the micro credit activities.



a. New Credit Scheme

During the financial year 2018-19, Rs. 1,22,14,250.00 (One crore twenty twolakh fourteen thousand two hundred and fifty only) was issued under the New Credit Loan to 324 members. Of these 1,21,51,843.00 (One crore twenty one lakh fifty one thousand eight hundred and forty three only) was refunded during the year inclusive of Rs. 10378.00 received as recovery of old loans.

b. Ashakiran Credit Scheme

During the year Rs. 94,51,262.00 (ninety four lakh fifty one thousand two hundred and sixty two only) was issued to 124 members under the Ashakiran Credit Scheme. Rs. 70,22,360.00 was received as loan repayment during the current year.

c. RF Loan

In January 2019, a new loan scheme was begun as RF loan with the support received through BREADS towards development of microfinance schemes. During the year Rs. 18,80,000.00 (eighteen lakh eighty thousand only) was disbursed under this scheme for 29 members.

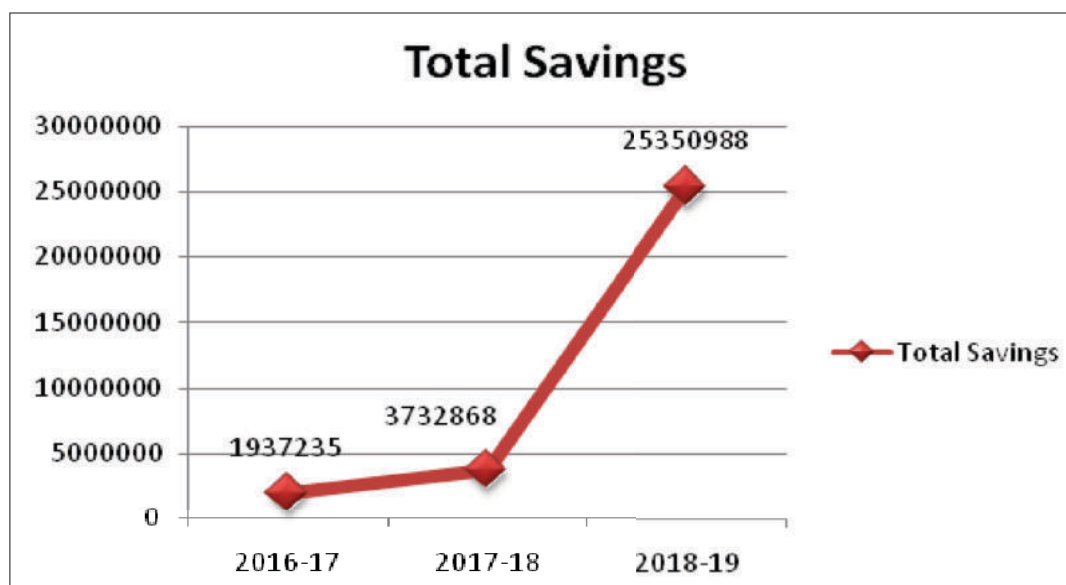
SUMMARY: CREDIT SCHEME – 2018-2019

SCHEMES	LOAN ISSUED	NO.OF MEMBERS	LOAN REPAYMENT	LOAN BALANCE
a. NEW CREDIT SCHEME	12214250	324	12151843	6904208
b. ASHAKIRAN CREDIT SCHEME	9451262	124	7022360	5573056
c. R.F. LOAN	1880000	29	231653	1648147
Total	23545512	477	19405856	14125411

As shown in the table, a total of Rs. 2,35,45,512.00 (Two crore thirty five lakh forty five thousand five hundred and twelve only) was issued in the financial year compared to Rs. 1,75,85,621.00 (One crore seventy five lakh eighty five thousand six hundred and twenty one only) of the previous year. Total loan balance is Rs. 1,41,25,411.00 (Rs. 69,04,208.00 being credit loan balance, 55,73,056.00 being ashakiran credit balance and Rs. 16,48,147.00 being RF loan balance).

B. Saving Schemes

The savings schemes include Ashakiran savings, Special savings and Small savings. The graph below shows the growth in the savings of the members during the period between 2016 and 2019.



a. Ashakiran Savings

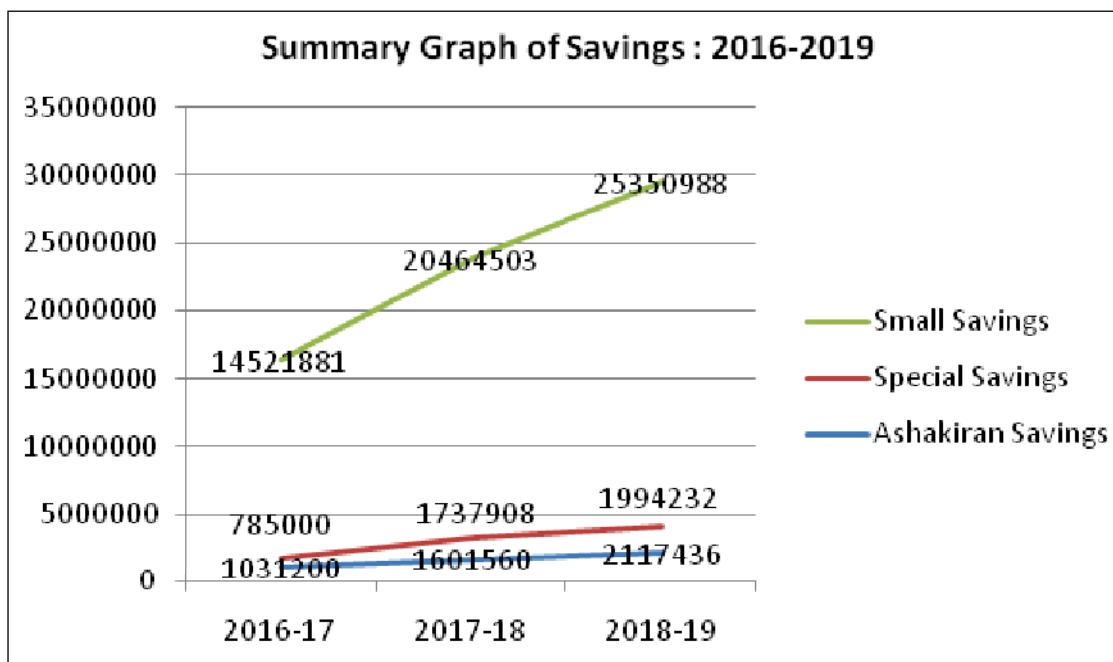
During the year 2018-19, Ashakiran Savings was Rs. 21,17,431.00 (twenty one lakh seventeen thousand four hundred and thirty one only) from 324 members. The same was Rs. 16,01,560 (sixteen lakh one thousand five hundred and sixty only) in the previous financial year. Of this 11,84,125.00 was withdrawn and Rs. 96,293.00 was given as interest.

b. Special Savings

In the financial year 2018-19, Rs. 19,94,232.00 (nineteen lakh ninety four thousand two hundred and thirty two only) was received as special savings. Rs. 18,21,677.00 (eighteen lakh twenty one thousand six hundred and seventy seven only) was withdrawn in the same year. Rs. 1,65,927.00 (One lakh sixty five thousand nine hundred and twenty seven only) was issued as interest for the same.

c. Small Savings

Small savings scheme includes savings for very short duration. They are withdrawn at will as per the requirement of the member. The above graph gives a clear picture of the savings of the members during the financial year. There is clear increase in the savings but lion's share of savings is within the small savings scheme.



d. Death Fund

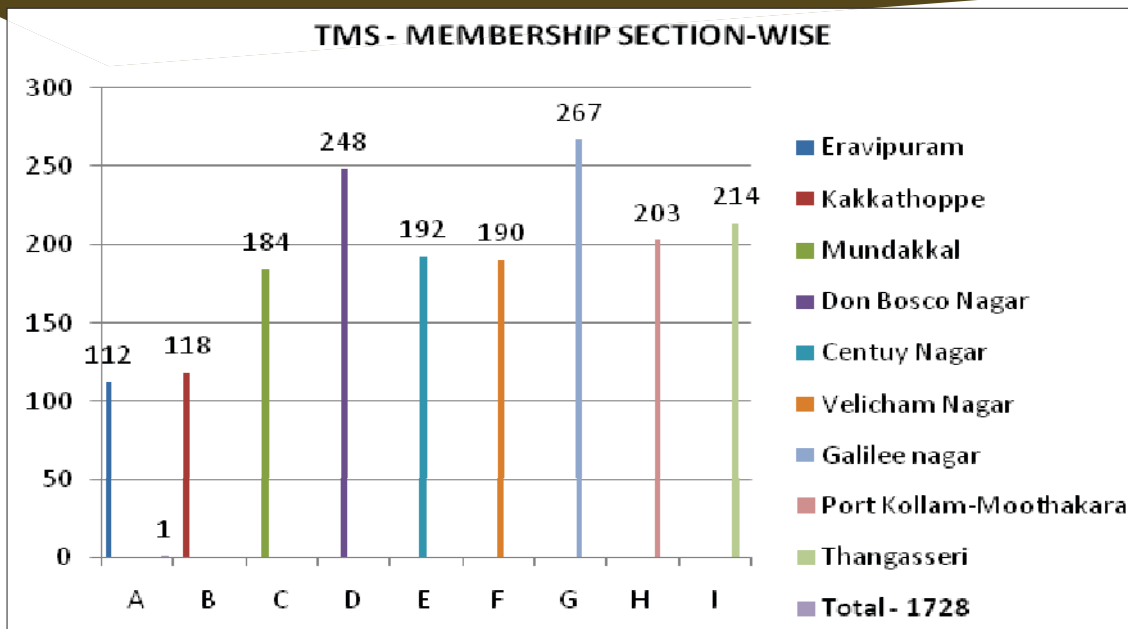
During the year 2018-19, Rs. 250,000.00 was issued as death fund to the nominees of five members namely Cletus Pius Kodimaram, Joseph Peter Vallkadav, Marian S QSSS colony, Raju BedyVaddy and Stephen VittalisMKodimaram). FCDP deeply regrets the passing away of these active member of the organization and remain ever grateful to their commitment and whole-hearted involvement in the various activities of the organization.



ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF THEERADESA MAHILA SOCIETY (TMS)

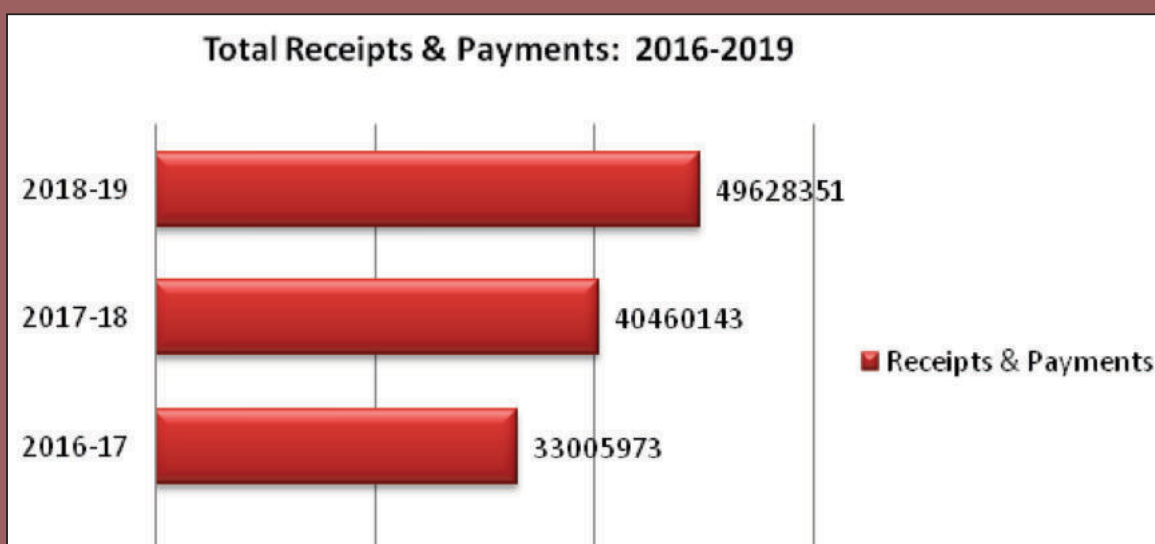
MEMBERSHIP AND GROUPS

In 2018-2019 TMS had 1728 active members in 74 groups organized in nine sections with nine section co-ordinators. The areas of activity include Eravipuram, Kakkathope, Mundakkal, Pallithottam, Port Kollam, Moothakkara, Vadi and Thangasseri.



TOTAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The graph below shows the total receipts and payments of the activities of TMS for the financial year 2016-19. It may be noted that from 2016 to 2018-19 there is 66.5% increase in the receipts and payments of the organization.

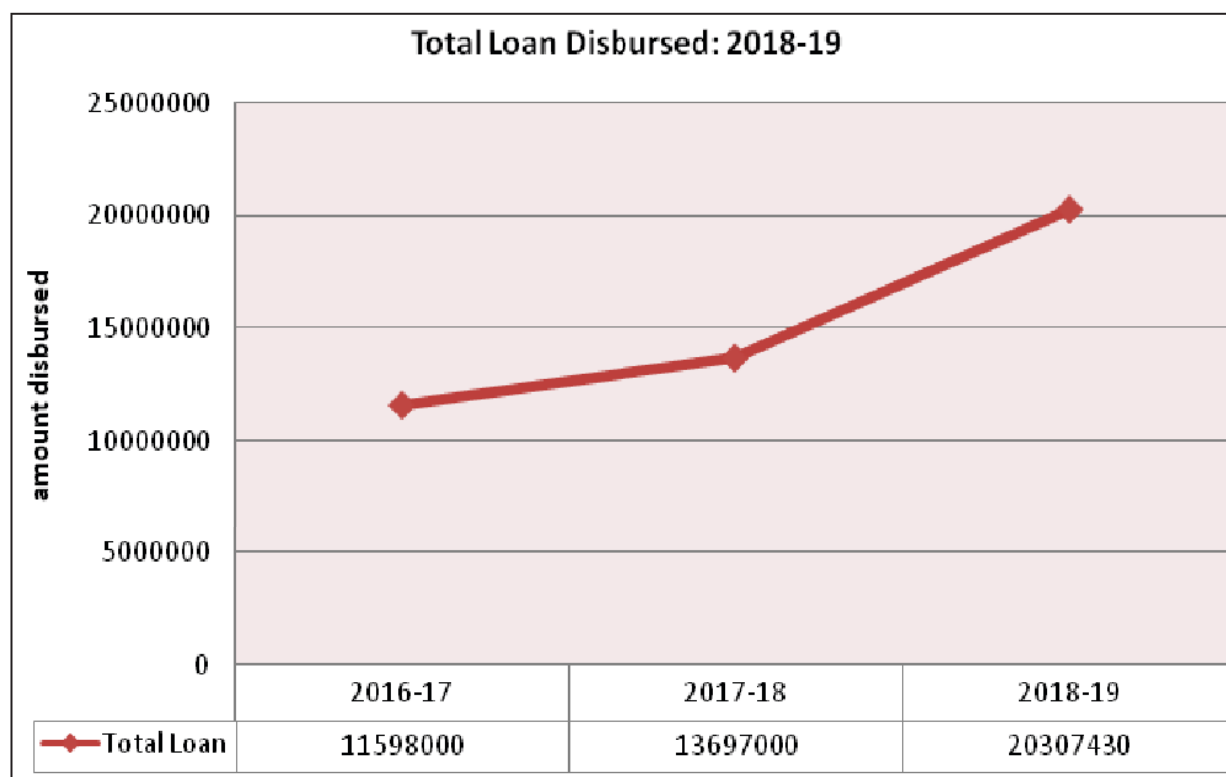


MICRO CREDIT ACTIVITIES: T.M.S.

A. Credit Schemes

The credit union is to enable the members to avail loans to start and continue self employment activities. Various credits available to the members are Credit Union, Ashakiran credit and AshakiranCess.

The above graph shows the credit disbursed through TMS during the last three financial years (2016-2019). It is a positive indicator that many members have benefitted directly out of the credit activities of the organization.



a. Credit Union

During the financial year 2018-19, Rs. 1,12,25,000.00 (One crore twelve lakh twenty five thousand only) was issued under the Credit Union. Loan was given to 257 members. The loan balance is Rs.75,75,905.00 (Seventy five lakh seventy five thousand nine hundred and five only).

b. Ashakiran Credit

During the year, Rs. 89,36,000.00 (eighty nine lakh thirty six thousand only) was issued to 209 members under the Ashakiran Credit Scheme. Rs. 55,08,915.00 (Fifty five lakhs eight thousand nine hundred and fifteen only) is the available loan Balance.

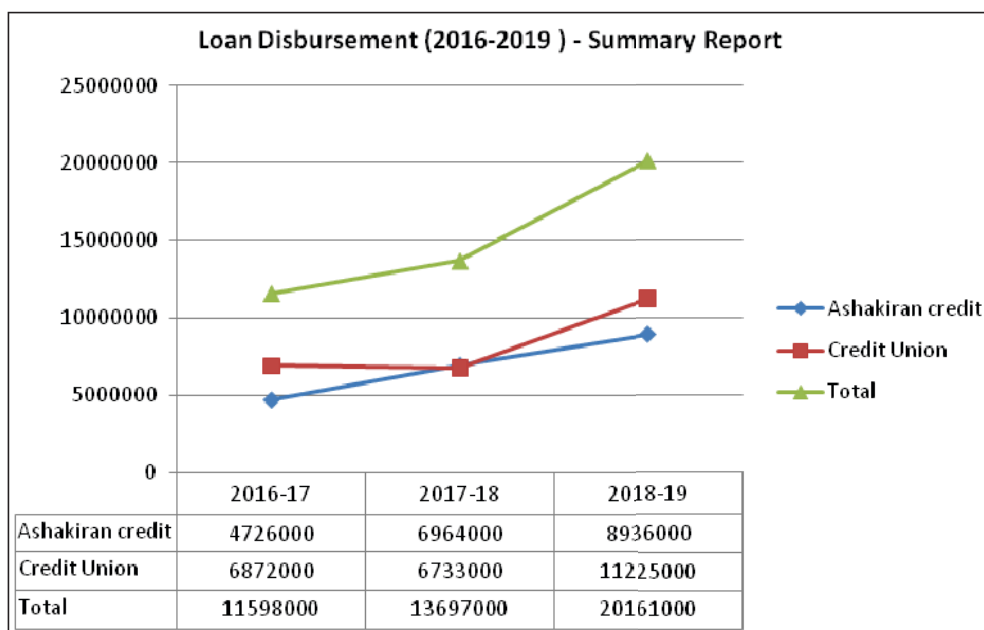
c. Ashakiran Sess

The ashakiransess is special credit given to the women in the fishermen community only for business activities with shorter period for returns. AshakiranSess loans were discontinued during the year since there was noticeable irregularity in the repayment of said loans. The loan balance for AshakiranSess Credit was Rs.8,675.00 (Eight thousand six hundred and seventy five only).

BREAK UP OF LOAN DISBURSEMENT: 2018-19

SCHEMES	LOAN ISSUED (in Rupees)	NO. OF MEMBERS	REPAYMENT (in Rupees)	LOAN BALANCE (in Rupees)
A. CREDIT UNION	11225000.00	257	12151843.00	7575905.00
b. ASHAKIRAN CREDIT	8936000.00	209	7022360.00	5508915.00
c. ASHAKIRAN SESS	Nil	-----	-----	8675.00
TOTAL	20161000.00	466	19174203.00	13093495.00

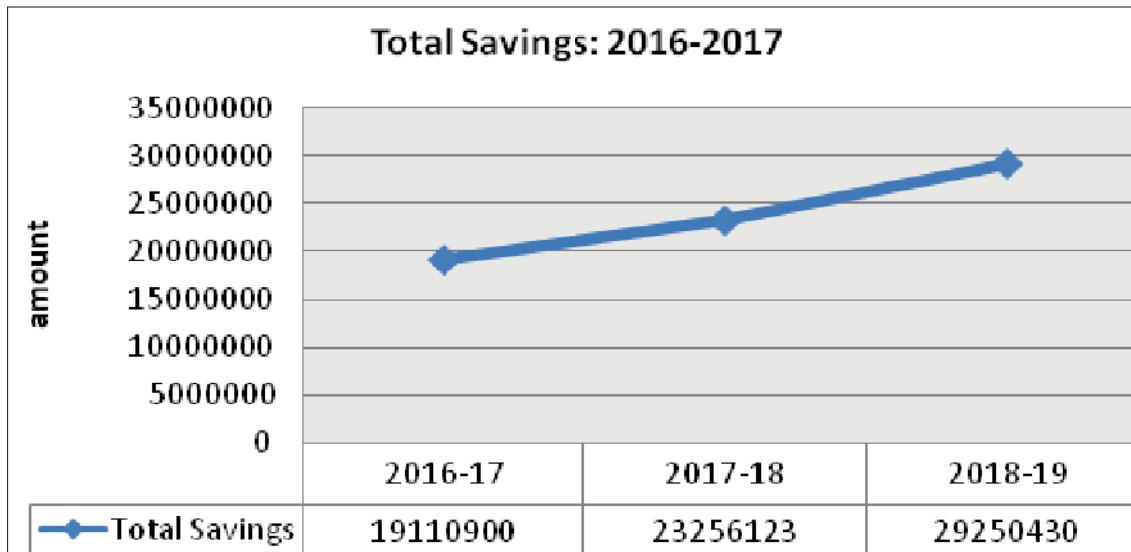
The table above gives a clear picture of the loans issued, repayment and closing balance of the year under consideration. A total of Rs. 2,01,61,000.00 (Two crore one lakh sixty one thousand only) was issued in the financial year compared to Rs. 1,36,97,000.00 (One crore Thirty six lakh ninety seven thousand only) of the previous year. Total loan balance is Rs.1,30,93,495.00 (one crore thirty lakh ninety three thousand four hundred ninety five)



The chart above gives a summary of the loan disbursement over the period between 2016 and 2019. Consistent increase in Ashakiran credit is seen. The credit union loans have registered a sharp increase from the period 2017-18.

B. Saving Schemes

The purpose of saving schemes is to instill in members the habit of saving part of their income. Savings are encouraged under three schemes names Ashakiran Savings, Extra Savings and Small savings. The total saving for this year is Rs. 29250430.00 (Two crore ninety two lakh fifty thousand four hundred thirty only). The graph below shows consistent increase in the savings between 2016 and 2019.



a. Ashakiran Savings

Asha Kiran Savings (Recurring Deposit) for the current financial year increased to Rs. 34,02,200.00 (fifty four lakh twenty one thousand eight hundred fifty only) from Rs. 25,91,300.00 (twenty five lakh ninety one thousand three hundred only) of the previous year.

b. Extra Savings

Extra savings are long term deposits and are for the purpose of availing bigger amount of loans when the members do not have sufficient savings in Ashakiran. In the financial year 2018-19, Rs. 3,89,727.00 (Three lakh eighty nine thousand seven hundred twenty seven only) was received as extra savings.

c. Small Savings

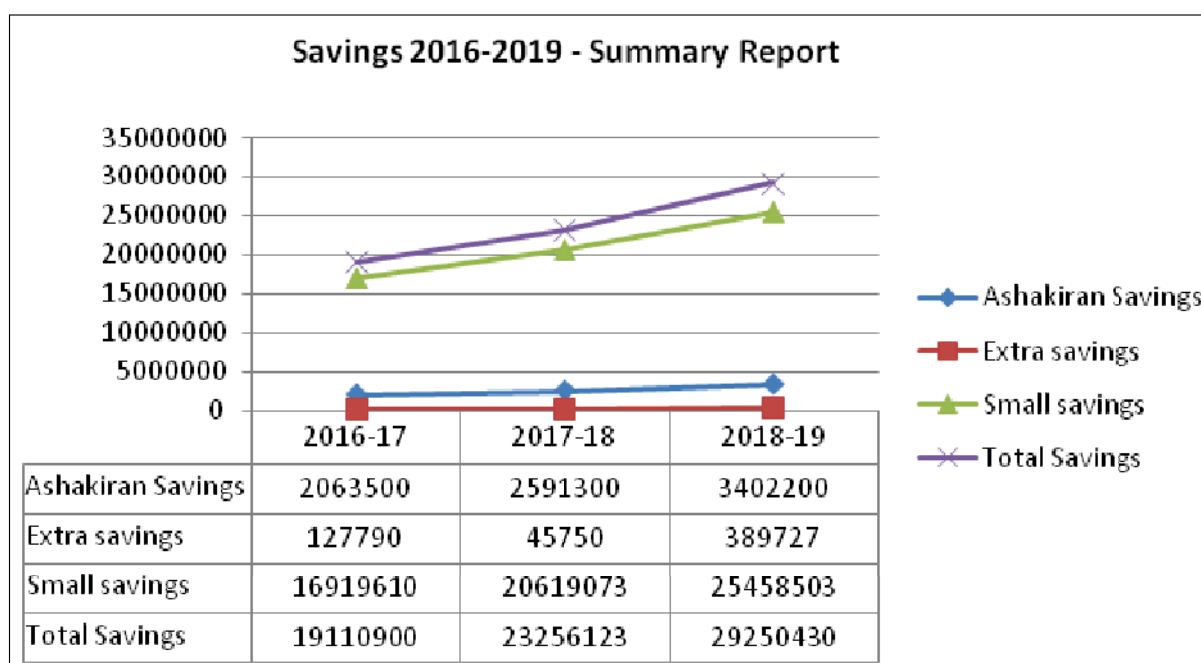
Small savings can be withdrawn by the members at any time to meet their requirements. Small savings help members to save for immediate needs. In the year 2018-19, Rs. 2,54,58,503.00 (two lakh fifty four lakhs fifty eight thousand five hundred and three only) was received under saving scheme.

The table below shows the savings as well as the saving balance under each scheme. While the total savings was Rs. 2,92,50,430.00 (Two crores ninety two lakh fifty thousand four hundred and thirty only), total saving balance is Rs. 67,02,943.00 (Sixty seven lakh two thousand nine hundred and forty three only).

SAVINGS AND SAVING BALANCE OF 2018-19 AT A GLANCE

SAVING SCHEMES	SAVINGS (In Rupees)	SAVINGS BALANCE (In Rupees)
Ashakiran Savings	34,02,200.00	54,21,850.00
Extra savings	3,89,727.00	4,22,212.00
Small savings	2,54,58,503.00	8,58,881.00
Total	2,92,50,430.00	67,02,943.00

Given below is a detailed break-up of the total savings under various schemes during the financial year 2018-19. The chart clearly shows that there is increase in ashakiran savings. Extra savings have been negligible. There is considerable increase in the small savings over the last three financial years.



d. Death Fund

During the year 2018-19, Rs. 6,91,000.00 was issued as death fund to fourteen members. Since June 2018, Rs. 50000.00 (fifty thousand only) was given as immediate relief to the next of kin of the bereaved. Accordingly Rs. 40000.00 (forty thousand only) was given to one member and Rs. 50000.00 each to 13 members. The members who passed away during the financial year 2018-19 are Dolly Sebastian (E), Thresa Thomas (F), Menancy James (D), Emily Raymond (E), Mary Mariyan (I), Celine Joseph (E), Teresa Joseph (H), Treesa Stephen (E), Nambikkamma (H), Stancy S (H), Karleena Stephen (F), Jeseentha Alphonse (I), Ancy Anil (D) and Selestreena Lawrence (H). We acknowledge the commitment and contribution of the deceased to the organization and deeply regret their demise.



JOINT ACTIVITIES OF FCDP AND TMS

HEALTH ACTIVITIES

A. Primary Health Centre, Pallithottam

The primary healthcentre run in collaboration with Bishop Benziger Hospital and Bishop Benziger Nursing College, Kollam caters mainly to the 1454 households of nine nagars of Pallithottam with a population of 7036 members. During the financial year 6933 patients were treated at the health centre and this includes also patients from other areas who come for treatment.

Given below is the chart representing the number of patients over the months and treatments given.

No of patients: 2018-2019											
Month	N e w cases	Respiratory cases	Chicken -pox	Diarrhea	Measles	Conjuncti- vitis	Vir al fever	Dressings	Others	Mumps	Total pa- tients
April	11	106	0	17	0	0	112	94	85	1	415
May	21	192	0	16	0	0	180	101	28	0	517
June	23	120	0	26	0	0	280	121	33	0	580
July	18	224	0	26	0	0	171	269	71	0	761
August	16	182	0	28	0	0	191	129	82	0	612
September	44	143	1	21	0	0	120	140	151	0	576
October	11	210	0	29	0	0	160	180	40	0	619
November	12	207	0	26	0	0	142	196	42	0	613
December	12	131	0	22	0	0	119	188	38	0	498
January	12	182	1	18	0	0	143	162	86	0	592
February	12	129	0	21	0	0	152	189	54	0	545
March	12	221	0	14	2	6	143	189	30	0	605
Total	204	2047	2	264	2	6	1913	1958	740	1	6933

a. Clinics

The Health Centre conducted B.P clinics, Adolescent clinic, Antenatal clinic and Geriatric clinic every month. Since last year the centre also gives TT injections. Given below are the details of the various clinics conducted during the year.



CLINICS : No of Patients

Month	Hypertension [BP Clinic]	Adolescent clinic	Antenatal clinic	Geriatric clinic	Total
April	6	5	0	7	18
May	6	7	0	6	19
June	6	8	1	7	22
July	7	6	1	9	23
August	5	5	0	6	16
September	7	6	1	5	19
October	9	4	0	5	18
November	10	5	6	7	28
December	0	5	1	7	13
January	6	4	1	5	16
February	6	5	0	6	17
March	5	6	1	6	18
Total	73	66	12	76	227

b. Awareness Classes And Camps

A number of Health awareness classes and camps were conducted by the Bishop Benziger College of Nursing. This included classes on prevention of blindness, nutrition and nutrients, liver cirrhosis and its management, malaria and its prevention and management, mosquito control, personal hygiene, asthma and its management, hepatitis and its management, NIPAH and prevention-2, common cold and its management, environmental sanitation, blood donation and importance, chicken pox and its management, family planning (2), ORS and its preparation, breast feeding, eye donation, healthy nutrition, different health aspects, rabies and its prevention, geriatric care, vitamin A and its importance, Iodine deficiency and prevention, pneumonia, immunization and its



importance, newborn care, aids (2), chicken pox, measles vaccine, tuberculosis. World health day, World day against child labour, World breast feeding day, World pollution day, World patients' safety day, World leprosy day and World cancer day were observed.

FCDP is deeply indebted to Bishop Benziger Hospital and Bishop Benziger College of Nursing for yeoman service they have been doing in the health sector for the fishermen community.

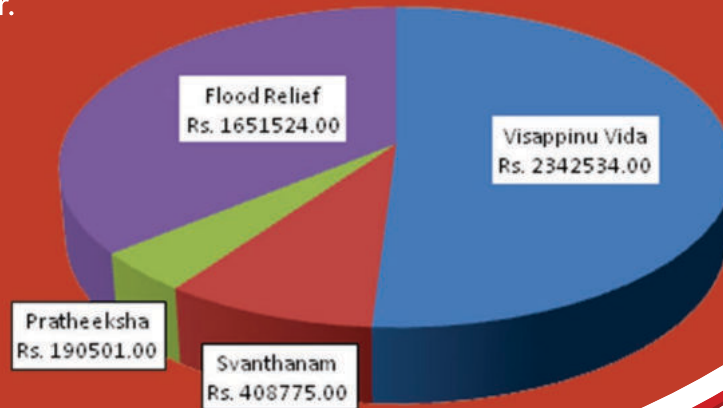
B. Medical Camps

Two medical camps were organized at FCDP Hall – Dental and Pediatric.

Date	Name of the Program	No. of Participants	Place
24/02/19	Free Dental Camp led by Dr. Rency Simon, Government Hospital, Piravom	70	FCDP Hall
25/03/19	Pediatric Camp led by Dr. Bindhu Francis, ESI Hospital, Polayathod	53	FCDP Hall

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

During the year, the social activities were carried out under four heads namely Vishappinu Vida (Daily Food Programme for Poor), Swanthanam (Medical Aid), Pratheeksha (Educational Aid) and relief interventions. A total of Rs. 45,93,334.00 (Forty five lakhs ninety three thousand three hundred and thirty four only) was spent during the financial year for the same. The pie chart below gives a break-up of the total amount spent on charitable activities during the year.



Visappinu Vida

"The war against hunger is truly mankind's war of liberation." - John F. Kennedy

Visappinu Vida – "Let's say no to Hunger", a joint charitable program of FCDP and TMS to root out hunger of the aged and the needy of the coastal areas of Kollam. Officially launched on 1st April 2017, this initiative has brought together the kindness of the community, marking its graceful presence in the coastal belt by reaching out the most deserving poor people of the region. 37,040 (thirty-seven thousand and forty only) food packets were served at their homes in the year 2018-19. Though eradication of hunger was the main focus, the initiative also strove to promote health and wellbeing of its beneficiaries besides creating awareness on the need to take care of the elderly people at home. More than hundred deserving people in the coastal area taste the love and care of Vishappinu Vida daily.



In the financial year of 2018-2019, Rs. 23,42,534.00 (Twenty-three lakh forty-two thousand five hundred and thirty-four only) was spent towards providing meals, medical aid and nursing care to the needy persons. Thanks to the support of the community and the generous benefactors who made this possible. I bow my head in gratitude to God almighty and St. Joseph the heavenly patron of Visappinu Vida.

A scrap challenge was begun towards fund raising for visappinuvida while also contributing reduction and proper recycling of waste. Solid waste materials were collected, sorted and sold, the proceeds of which went to Visappinu Vida.

b. Swanthanam (Medical Aid)

Pioneering spirit should continue, not to conquer the planet or space, but rather to improve the quality of life.” – Bertrand Piccard



Over the year efforts were made to contribute towards medical expenses of the deserving poor. The initiative supported 46 (Forty six only) most deserving patients during the year. A total of Rs. 4,08,775.00 (four lakh eight thousand seven hundred and seventy five only) was spent as medical assistance in the year 2018-19.

c. Pratheeksha (Educational Aid)

“If young people are educated properly, we have moral order; if not, vice and disorder prevail.” – Don Bosco

Salesians of Don Bosco have always believed that education can be instrumental in improving lives of people in the society. The initiative in its literal sense has been spreading hope, by providing educational aid, awareness classes, fellowships and scholarships to poor students of the coastal



area. In 2018-19 Pratheeksha spent Rs. 1,90,501.00 (one lakh ninety thousand five hundred and one only), as given as educational assistance. This included fees for fifteen needy and deserving students over the year, eight merit scholarships (October 27, 2018) and school kits 101 students.

d. Disaster Interventions/ Relief Activities

a. Flood 2018

In solidarity with the fishermen who braved the flood fury, FCDP and TMS also put themselves at the fighting front during the great flood of 2018 that shook the state.

The interventions consisted of Immediate Relief Activities, Participation in Cleaning up Activities, Distribution of House-hold Articles to affected families and Livelihood support for deserving families done in collaboration with BREADS, Bangalore. Rs. 16,51,524.00 (sixteen lakh fifty one thousand five hundred and twenty four only) was spent towards relief work. We place on record the generous support of our well wishers, benefactors and general public. The organization's activities for the financial year 2018-19 can be put as:

i. IMMEDIATE RELIEF ACTIVITIES



The immediate relief activities consisted of reaching out to those who were affected by floods by providing them food and provisions, clothes, stationery and sanitary items. We reached out to the flood affected areas of Edathua (Kuttanad), Ulunthi (Mavelilkara), Vandiperiyar and Eravipuram with the support of the members, youth and general public. We reached out to over 2500 people directly affected by the flood.

ii. 'CLEAN KERALA CAMPAIGN'

'Clean Kerala Campaign' was organized with the purpose of helping people to clean up their houses, so that they can return to their houses, after the water had receded. Cleaning up program was organized at Cheriyanaad (Chengannur), Kunnumkari and Edathua (Kuttanad). About 80 people participated in the cleaning drive. We are happy to have helped in cleaning up ration stores, hospitals, schools and houses. Over forty wells and over 50 houses were cleaned. Our special thanks to Mr. Ansel Raymond who supported this campaign and actively participated and also his team of inter-state laborers who volunteered.



iii. DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS



The most deserving families from Kainakiri (Kuttanad) and Vandiperiyar (Kumali) were identified and household items were distributed for such families on 12th and 13th of September 2018. Materials like mixer grinders, pressure cookers, mattresses, pillows were distributed among 67 families of the community.

iv. LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

Livelihood support was given to ten families at Kainakari, one of the worst affected areas of Alappuzha District. The livelihood project was entirely supported by BREADS, Bangalore. Ten families who lost their livelihood were identified and were given a livelihood support of Rs. 50000



(fifty thousand only) each. The cheques were handed over to the beneficiaries at the function held in FCDP hall on 27th October 2018 by Adv Rajendrababu, worshipful mayor of Kollam.

v. FELICITATIONS TO FISHERMEN FROM FCDP FAMILY WHO PARTICIPATED IN RESCUE OPERATIONS

In order to felicitate the fishermen who were part of the rescue operations, FCDP and TMS conducted a felicitation programme on 2nd of September 2018. 150 fishermen were honoured at the function. Adv. Rajendra Babu, worshipful Mayor of Kollam, inaugurated the programme and presented the gifts to the fishermen. The public meeting was attended by Adv. Vineetha Vincent (Counsellor, Pallithottam), Rev. Fr Sunny Uppan (Parish Priest and Rector, St. Stephen's Church, Thope), Dr. Sindha H. Mendez, (Chairperson FCDP), Mrs. Agnes P.P. (TMS, President), Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director), the board and staff of FCDP and TMS, Executive Committee of Visappinu Vida, Well Wishers and fishermen.



b. Distribution of Relief Kit

On 28th July 2018, Relief Kits were distributed to 100 (hundred) deserving families of Kakkathope and Eravipuram. It was necessitated by the turbulent sea wrecking havoc in the area and fishermen families being affected adversely. The kit included 10 kg of rice and groceries to tide over situation.

PRODUCTION UNITS

"Empowerment of women is the empowerment of the nation. No household, no society, no state, no country has ever moved forward without empowering its women."- [Naveen Patnaik](#)



The organization has been educating, empowering men and women of the community, creating tremendous impact in the fisher folk community of Kollam. It's a matter of pride that the organization has women holding the major share of the workforce. The production unit is an umbrella management which holds various entrepreneurial activities of our SHG members.

HEALTHY MASALAS AND FOOD PRODUCTS



Healthy Masalas and Food Products was begun as an initiative to promote healthy and unadulterated masalas and food products while giving women of the fishermen community an opportunity to engage in entrepreneurial activities. The products include Red chilly powder, Kashmiri Chilly powder, Coriander Powder, Meat Masala, Fish masala, Sambar powder, Wheat and Rice Powder, Garam Masala, Turmeric powder, Vinegar, etc. Healthy pickle unit also began production during the year aiming to provide pickles made under hygienic conditions without artificial preservatives. The turnover of the unit was Rs. 5,48,065.00 for the year 2018-19.

HOME CARE UNIT



Healthy Homecare Products which was launched in February 2018 also improved production considerably during the year. Various products like soap, hand-wash, washing powder, toilet cleaner, dish wash, floor cleaner, and detergent liquid, saree wash were introduced in the market. The turnover of the Home care unit was Rs. 1,76,241.00 (one lakh seventy six thousand two hundred and forty one only).

HANDICRAFT UNIT

A handicraft unit for production of flowers and decorative items using sea shells was begun in March 2019. The training for sea shells crafts was given by Master Artisan Abraham Raman from Chennai. The items include decorative and gift items like pen-stands, flowers and paper weights made out of sea shells. Presently there are fourteen members in the team.



SHG OUTLET: A PLATFORM TO SUPPORT SHG WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

A SHG outlet was made to create a platform for marketing the finished products made by its SHG members. It was inaugurated on 5th of September 2018. The “Healthy Food and Home Care products” was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Sunny Uppan, (Vicar and Rector, St. Stephen’s church), Fr. Joby Sebastian (Executive Director of FCDP-TMS), Dr.SindhaMendez(Chairperson, FCDP) Mrs. Agnes P.P(President, TMS), Board members, staff members participated in the inaugural ceremony.

MIGRANT DESK (Kerala Interstate Migrants Alliance For Transformation)

Kerala has been witnessing a large inflow of migrant laborers during the recent years. The massive inflow has created hardship for the migrants in which they have to compete for accommodation and decent wages. This was when the Salesians of Don Bosco has taken up the cause, with a vision to make lives better for them. KISMAT (KERALA INTERSTATE MIGRANTS ALLIANCE FOR TRANSFORMATION) is a project of Don Bosco Veedu Society and supported by BREADS Bangalore. The Migrant Desk for Kollam was opened at FCDP on August 1, 2018. Mr. Jayaprakash P.R. was appointed the district coordinator for Kollam. The project aims at the welfare and inclusion of inter-state migrants. As part of the project, various awareness programmes, interventions to provide subsidized food, education, counseling services, cultural integration programs, Registration for Awas Yojana cards etc., were carried out. Interventions were made to prevent wage thefts and to build a Kismat village at Kollam during the financial year.

SL	ACTIVITIES	1st Quarter (August to October 18)	2nd Quarter (November- January 19)	3rd Quarter (February to April 19)
1	Awareness Classes	5	8	14
2	Medical Camps	3	4	3
3	AAWAZ Enrolment camp	11	5	3
4	Cases Handled	1	3	2
5	Medical Assistance	-	2	1
6	House and site visit	66	72	78
7	Programs Conducted	-	-	2
8	Outreach	250	400	600

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (WEP)



Women Empowerment Programme was begun in June 2018. The project created awareness on gender equality, violence against women and helped rehabilitate and resolve issues connected with the same. The project is headed by Mr. Anoop Raj. The services of the women empowerment programme include counseling, awareness and training programmes, interventions and rehabilitation. During the financial year Rs. 5,96,061.00 (five lakh ninety six thousand and sixty one only) was spent in various activities towards women empowerment in the fishermen community.

A. AWARENESS PROGRAMMES DURING THE YEAR 2018 - 2019

PROGRAM	TARGET	NO.	TOTAL
Training/Workshops for women leaders	250 women x 2 days	3	250
Workshops for Stakeholders	50 leaders x 2 days	1	50
Training for college and school students	150 students x 2 days	2	300
Sensitization Campaign		3	500

B. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	NO OF PROGRAMMES	PARTICIPANTS
Convergence Meetings	20	100
House Visits	150	
Counseling	5	10
Special Meetings	10	30
Referred to 1091	1	10
Legal Advice	5	15

C. CAMPAIGNS 2018 – 2019

DATE	CAMPAIGN	PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED	PARTICIPANTS
07/03/2019	Gender sensitization	Bike rally	100
08/03/2019	Gender sensitization	Awareness rally	200
08/03/2019	Gender sensitization	Public meeting	400





WOMEN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (WYEP)

A new project titled Women and Youth Empowerment was begun in January 2019 in collaboration BREADS Bangalore. The project aims at Empowerment of Women and Youth (WYEP) in Fisher folk Community through Education, Health and Livelihood Promotion in the Coastal district of Kollam in Kerala State. Its activities are focused on sustainable development of the fisher folks of eight coastal villages Kollam Corporation, through financial inclusion, skill and capacity enhancement and health promotion. Ms. Ummushahla was appointed the coordinator of the WYEP activities.

* Enhancing the capacity of poor people and prepare them to access the financial services and its proper utilization.

* Improve the accessibility of micro credit services to more than 3000 poor fisher folk in the project area by strengthening the micro finance systems of FCDP.

* To increase the technical and entrepreneurial skills of 720 women and youth by imparting well designed non formal skill trainings and entrepreneurship development trainings.

* To provide primary health care services to the poor fisher folk through a community health centre, medical camps and health education.

* To improve the market accessibility for the products and services of the groups/ members.

* Strengthen the capacity of members and leaders of SHGs for improved management of financial services, book keeping and organization management.

Under the project various skill training programmes, awareness programmes on micro finance, entrepreneurship development programmes etc were held. The various skill training programs namely, Tailoring and Fashion Designing, Computer Training, Auto Rickshaw training, Fish and food Processing and Home Nursing and Palliative care for women. Rs. 27,47,935.00 (twenty seven lakh forty seven thousand nine hundred and thirty five only) was spent towards the project during the financial year.

Sl. no	Training Program	Month of initiation	No.of Participants	No.of programs	Name of Instructor
1.	Computer Education	January	25	1	Ms. Vandana Venugopal
2.	Tailoring And Fashion De- signing	January	30	1	Mrs. Thrishna Rajendran
3.	Auto rickshaw driving	March	15	1	Mrs. Sushma Sundaran
4.	Home Based Nursing and Palliative	March	15	1	Holy Cross Hospital Kottiyam
5.	Fish and Food Processin	March	15	1	Mr. Ajay Shankar

RENOVATION WORKS

FCDP and TMS office were renovated during the financial year 2018-2019. Renovation works included partition and refurbishing of the offices, new furniture, installation of inverter for office purposes and reworking of the computer network. During the year Rs. 5,10,440.00 (five lakh ten thousand four hundred and forty only) was spent towards the same. The newly renovated offices were inaugurated by Fr Joy Vadakumchery SDB.

MEDIA



In an effort use the media effectively website of the organization was revamped. Facebook and Twitter accounts were opened. A Newsletter christened "Theeraspandanam" (Heart Beats of the Coastal Community) was begun in the year with the intention of imparting information to the members regarding the various activities being undertaken in the organization. The first issue covering the activities from June to September 2018 was brought out at the beginning of August 2018.

TIMELINE OF THE ACTIIVITIES

Date Title of the event	Description
2 June,2018 Inauguration : Pratheeksha	The new educational initiative of FCDP-TMS called 'Pratheeksha' (Hope) was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Anil Jose (Director of Benziger Hospital, Kollam). 101 students were given books, stationery, uniforms etc as educational aid.
28 July, 2018 Distribution of Relief Kits	Rice and groceries were distributed to 100 needy families from Kakkathope and Eravipuram, Kollam.
5th Sep 2018 Inauguration of SHG Outlet	The SHG outlet was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Sunny Uppan, Rector & Parish Priest, St. Stephen's Church, Thope
25th - 26th Sept, 2018 Skill training programme	Skill training programme on Food Processing was organized for 2 days at FCDP Hall led by Mr. Ajay Shankar.
27th Oct, 2018 Felicitation to Students: Pratheeksha	Students from the FCDP Family, who secured outstanding results for HSLC and Plus II exams weree felicitated. Adv. Rajendrababu, worshipful Mayor of Kollam, inaugurated the programme and presented the momentum and scholarship to the students.
4th Nov, 2018 Interaction on the topic 'Future of Fishermen Community'	The team staff and students from the Journalism Department of Don Bosco College, Angadikadavu interacted with the youth of the fishermen community on the topic 'Future of Fishermen Community'. The programme was held at YMCA Hall.
5th Nov, 2018 Awareness Programme on 'Gender Equality in Development, Peace and Security'	Awareness class on 'Gender Equality in Development, Peace and Security' was organized at Auxilium English Medium School, Kottiyam Kollam).
25th Nov, 2018 The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women was organised at FCDP Hall.
25th Nov, 2018 Orientation Program on Marketing	One-day training programme for women on marketing opportunities and self-reliance.
15th Dec Christmas celebration	Christmas Celebration for the members of the Fishermen and non-fishermen group, at FCDP Hall.
20th Dec Christmas celebration	Christmas Celebration for the members of the Theeradesa Mahila Society at FCDP Hall.
22th Dec Christmas celebration	Christmas celebration for the Board and staff of FCDP and TMS
22nd Dec Silver Jubilee Celebration	The silver jubilee of of Ordination of Rev. Fr. Sunny Uppan was celebrated along with the Christmas programme of Board and Staff.
Feb 5 Women empowerment Workshop	A workshop on women empowerment organized. Smt. Tessy Abraham, Women Protection Officer gave the keynote address and Adv. Beena Nizar took class.

Feb 7 Outing for Don Bosco Staff at Kollam	An outing was organized for the staff from FCDP, TMS, DB Tech, Childline, Boys' Home and St. Stephen's Church, Thope.
Feb 13 Brave Hearts Receive Recognition and Gift Coupons	In collaboration with the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) of Kollam district and Child Benefit Society, Gift coupons were given to twenty fishermen in recognition of their contribution during rescue operations the flood of August 2018.
Feb 16 Youth Council to Address Drug Abuse	A brain storming session was held with the youth and the excise department under the chairmanship of the Deputy commissioner of Excise, Kollam, to discuss ways and means to stop drug abuse among youths of coastal areas of Kollam.
Feb 21-24 Workshop on Crafting	A four day workshop on Sea shell crafting was organized for women of the coastal areas. The workshop was led by Master craftsman J. Abraham Raman. The training focused on handcrafts made out of seashells.
March 1 Food Processing Training	One day food processing class was conducted under Mr. Ajay Shankar.
March 5 Inauguration of Renovated Office Building	The newly FCDP&TMS office renovated with better facilities and conveniences was inaugurated by Fr. Joy Vadakumchery, Administrator of Boys' Home Kollam.
March 7 Women's Day Bike Rally	Prior to the women's day celebration, awareness bike rally was organized with women volunteers. The bike rally from Kollam beach to FCDP office through en route Thankassery was flagged off by Adv. Vinitha Vincent, Counsellor, Pallithottam.
March 8 Women's day celebration and public meeting	To mark the international women's day, a rally of 400 women and a seminar on 'Balance for Better' was conducted followed by public meeting inaugurated by hon. Smt. Vijaya Francis, Deputy Mayor of Kollam corporation.
March 12 Felicitations to Dr. Sindha Mendez, Chairperson, FCDP	Felicitation meeting was organized to congratulate Dr. Sindha Mendez, who was awarded Women Excellence Award by Kerala Latin women association for her significant contribution in the socio-cultural fields.
March 19 Feast of the Patron of Visappinu Vida Program	The Feast of St Joseph, the patron saint of 'Vishappinu Vida' was commemorated at Visappinu Vida, Mundakkal. 1000 cups of Payasam was distributed as a sign of happiness.
March 23 Athidhi Milaab	In connection with KISMAT (Kerala Interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation) and Kollam Excise department Athidhi Milaab was organized. It was inaugurated by Mr. Noushad, C.I. Excise, Kollam.

Conclusion

The year 2018-19 was a period of growth and development for FCDP and TMS.

At the microfinance front, both savings and loans increased. On the health front, the Community Health Centre did commendable service in reaching out to the fishermen community by way of medicine and awareness programmes. Special Congrats to Bishop Benziger Nursing College and Hospital.

In the social field, FCDP was able to make great strides: FCDP and Tms intervened in time and effectively during the unprecedented flood of 2018 in the form of relief, cleaning campaign, livelihood support and was successful in bringing together the community

for relief works. We acknowledge the support of BREADS Bangalore and the support we received from our benefactors, well wishers and the general public. We also had the joy of felicitating the brave fishermen from the FCDP family who braved inclement weather and courted danger to life itself as they saved lives during the flood. As part of intervention, relief kits were distributed to 100 families from Eravipuram and Kakkathope who suffered from the onslaught of sea fury.

The year also saw new initiatives like Pratheeksha and Swanthanam were begun to provide medical and educational aid. Visappinu Vida successfully completed another year and was able to feed the neediest of people and



a large number of like minded people from the community and outside supported the programme.

In an effort towards sustainable development a number of income generation programmes like healthy masalas, home care, handicrafts etc were begun.

New projects like KISMAT, Women Empowerment Programme (WEP) and Women and Youth Empowerment Programme (WYEP) infused new vigour to the organization. New skill training programmes like tailoring, autorikshaw training, food processing, palliative care and computer training have been begun. FCDP and TMS offices have been renovated and new staff have been appointed.

In an effort to disseminate information about the organization, newsletter was begun and Facebook, twitter accounts were opened. Website was also upgraded. Meetings of the self help groups were organized both at group and section level. The rapport that the organization has with the different stakeholders also improved during the year. FCDP and TMS have been successful in the need assessment of the community, through focus group discussions and timely interventions regarding different issues in the coastal area.

There are different spheres of the fisherfolk community that needs special focus for the upcoming financial year.

- Rooting in the vision of St. Don Bosco, the organization looks forward to forming Don Bosco Youth Forum and to work to build youth as a collective force to steer them towards their personal and community development.
- Taking into account that drug abuse and related crimes tolls have risen, efforts

must be made to intervene. Balavedi, Mahila Samithi etc are proposed as possible vehicles of intervention.

- It is important to form a legal cell, to address the issues related to violence against women in the coastal region.
- As a part of infrastructural development, improving monitoring, security, evaluation and transparency, installation of CCTV cameras and computers and introduction of billing machines are proposed for the upcoming financial year.
- Standing firm in the objective of enhancing livelihood opportunities for the women and men of fishermen community, the organization has designed more skill training programs and entrepreneurial development trainings. The target is to provide a monthly income of Rs. 10000 (ten thousand only) to 200 families next year, thereby bringing Rs. 20,00,000.00 (twenty lakhs) to community.
- It is hoped that during the coming year, more initiatives will be undertaken to involve the various self help groups to work more effectively for social change especially in terms of economic security, environmental cleanliness, gender equality and harmony.

I place on record my gratitude to God Almighty for various graces and blessings showered on us during the financial year 2018-2019. I gratefully remember the FCDP and TMS boards for the unstinting support and guidance for the development of the organization. I take this occasion to place on record the hard work and commitment of the staff and the co-operation and understanding of the members. I take this opportunity also to thank each and every benefactor and well wisher of FCDP family.



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