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**FISHERMEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Director's Message



Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian
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FCDP, TMS, FCDS & DBYF

Everyone would agree that the various activities of Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) since its beginning in 1978, has significantly altered the lives of the fishermen community. The formation of Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS) gave additional impetus especially to the empowerment of coastal women economically and socially. The starting of two new societies namely Fishermen Community Development Society (FCDS) and Don Bosco Youth Forum (DBYF) recently, I believe, will likewise help bring out successful startups and promote integral development of the youth of the community.

The financial year 2022 to 2023 was especially marked by the infusion of new blood into the organization and the active involvement especially of youth and children in the various activities of the FCDP family. We pledge our continued commitment to the cause of Fishermen Community.

Message



Mrs. Agnes John
Chairperson, FCDP

സാമൂഹികവും സാമ്പത്തികവുമായി പിന്നോക്കം നിൽക്കുന്ന കൊല്ലം തീരദേശത്തെ ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഉന്നമനം മുൻനിർത്തി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന FCDP-TMS സംഘടന നാളിത്രയും കൊണ്ട് കൈവരിച്ച നേട്ടത്തിൽ സംതൃപ്തി രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു. വിശക്കുന്ന വയറിന് ദിവസം അന്നമെത്തിക്കുന്ന ഈ സംഘടനയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനം എടുത്തു പറയേണ്ട ഒന്നാണ്. ഇനിയും മുന്നോട്ടുള്ള പ്രയാണത്തിൽ വിവിധ തരത്തിലുള്ള സംരംഭക സഹായ പദ്ധതികൾ ആവിഷ്കരിച്ച് ഇതിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനത്തെ ഇനിയും മെച്ചപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ ഈ സംഘടനയ്ക്ക് കഴിയുമെന്ന് ആത്മാർഥമായി വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. ഇതിന്റെ പിന്നിൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ജോബി അച്ചനേയും എല്ലാ പ്രവർത്തകരേയും അഭിനന്ദിക്കുന്നു. ഭാവിയിലും ഇതിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ വിവിധ മേഖലയിലേക്ക് വ്യാപിപ്പിച്ചു കൊണ്ട് ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് കൂടുതൽ ക്ഷേമം കൈവരുത്തുവാൻ കഴിയട്ടെയെന്നു പ്രാർഥിക്കുന്നു.

Message



Mrs. Veronica Antony
President, TMS

കഴിഞ്ഞ നാല്പതിൽ ഏറെ വർഷങ്ങളായി തീരദേശത്ത് സ്ത്രീകളുടെ ഉന്നമനത്തിന് വേണ്ടി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു വരുന്ന സംഘടനയാണ് തീരദേശ മഹിള സൊസൈറ്റി. ഡയറക്ടർ ജോബി അച്ചന്റെ മേൽനോട്ടത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടായ പ്രവർത്തന മികവുകൾ ഈ സംഘടനയിൽ വളരെയധികം മാറ്റങ്ങൾ പ്രതിഫലിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. സ്ത്രീകൾക്കും കുട്ടികൾക്കും സമൂഹത്തിനും പ്രചോധനമാകാൻ ഈ സംഘടനയ്ക്ക് സാധിച്ചു എന്നത് വളരെ വലിയ കാര്യമാണ്. അശരണരായ കിഡ്നി, കാൻസർ മുതലായ രോഗിക്കൾക്ക് ഈ പ്രസ്ഥാനം വഴി ധനസഹായം ചെയ്യാൻ ഇന്നും സാധിക്കുന്നത് സന്മനസ്സുള്ള ഉപകാരികൾ ഉള്ളതു കൊണ്ടാണ്. ഈ ഒരു പ്രവർത്തനത്തിന് വേണ്ടി സഹകരിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാവരെയും നന്ദിയോടെ ഓർക്കുന്നു. അതിനോടൊപ്പം തന്നെ ഇതിനെല്ലാം ചുക്കാൻ പിടിച്ച് നമ്മുടെ കൂടെ നിൽക്കുന്ന ജോബി അച്ചനെയും, ജിതിൻ അച്ചനെയും, സിസ്റ്ററിനെയും സ്റ്റാഫ് അംഗങ്ങളെയും നന്ദിയോടെ സ്മരിച്ച് കൊണ്ട് ഞാൻ നിർത്തുന്നു. ദൈവം അനുഗ്രഹിക്കട്ടെ.



FINANCIAL INCLUSION ACTIVITIES

A. FISHERMEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

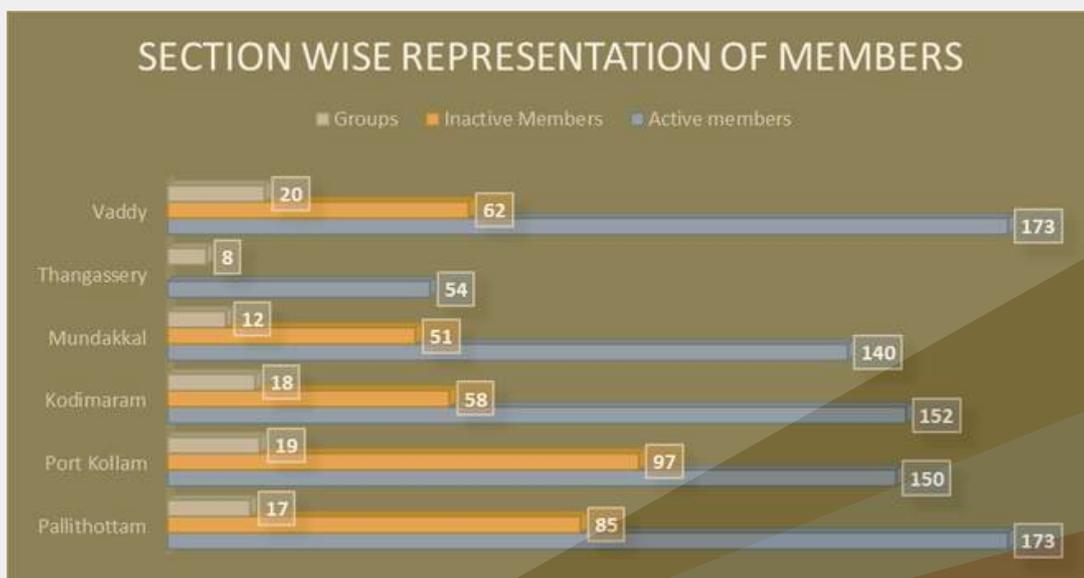


Fishermen Community Development Programme is an Organization that aims to benefit every section of the fishing community living in the coastal belt of Kollam. This institution leaves no stone unturned in helping the fisher folk to improve their education, health, culture, economic status, employment opportunities and social action.

1.1 Self-help groups

The financial inclusion activities of FCDP are carried out through various self-help groups under Fishermen Group and Non-fishermen Groups. There are six sections spreading across from Thangassery to Mundakkal.

The picture below shows the section wise representation of members of FCDP.



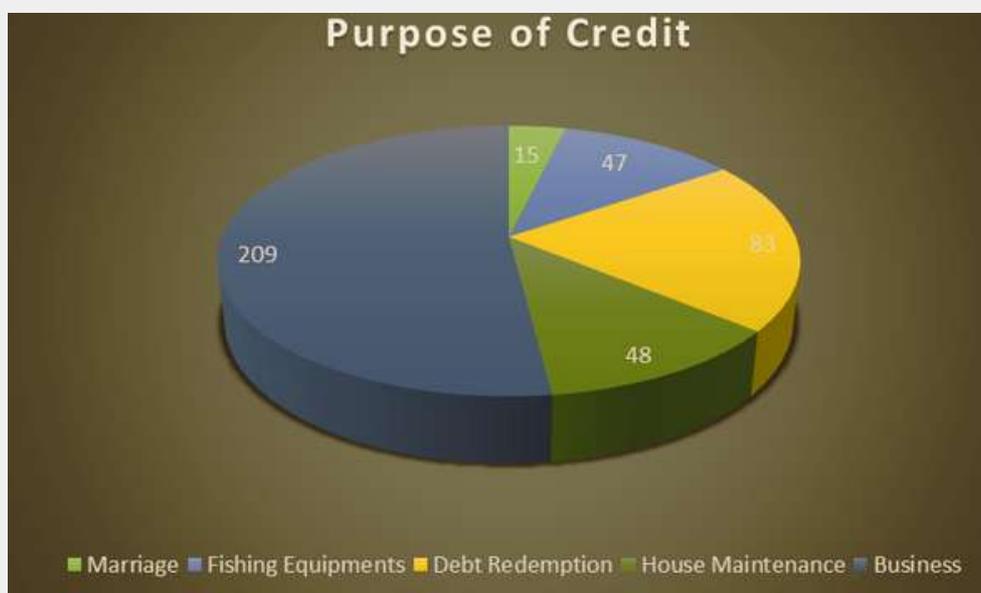
1.2. Credit Schemes

Credit is made available to the members of FCDP as Credit Union, Ashakiran credit, and RF credit. The aim of the micro-credit activities is to avail loans to the members mainly for employment activities. The loan requests are processed and sanctioned by the loan committee which consists of governing body members representing various sections.

The table below represents the credit given and repayment received in the financial year 2022-2023.

Name of Scheme	Amount Released	Repayment Received	No. of Beneficiaries
New Credit Union	13585642	16527662	179
Ashakiran Credit	12729908	7830277	208
RF Credit	1071515	503326	15
Credit Union (old)	-	1000	1
Total	27387065	24862265	402

The diagram below shows the purpose for which credits were issued. They include marriage, purchase of fishing equipments, debt redemption, house maintenance and business. The most number of loans have been taken for business purposes.



1.3. Saving Schemes

The Saving schemes for the members include Ashakiran Savings, Special Savings and Small Savings.

During the year 2022-2023, a total of Rs. 4,01,68,431 (Four crore one lakh sixty-eight thousand four hundred and thirty-one rupees only) was saved under various schemes

Name of Scheme	Total Amount Received	Total Amount Withdrawn	Number of Beneficiaries
Ashakiran Savings	2030400	1878804	427
Special Savings	2277701	1037469	135
Small Savings	35860330	35689293	872

The picture below shows the growth of savings towards FCDP with reference from 2016 to 2023. The dip in the year 2021-2022 shows the after effect of Covid 19 pandemic, and it may be noted that full recovery has not yet reached.



Death Relief Fund

During the financial year 2022-2023, seven members passed away. Rs. 350000 (Rupees three lakh fifty thousand only) was given to the kin of the deceased as death fund. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and remember with gratitude, all the deceased members.



ALPHONSE



GLADAS



JOSEPH



LEBAY JOHNY



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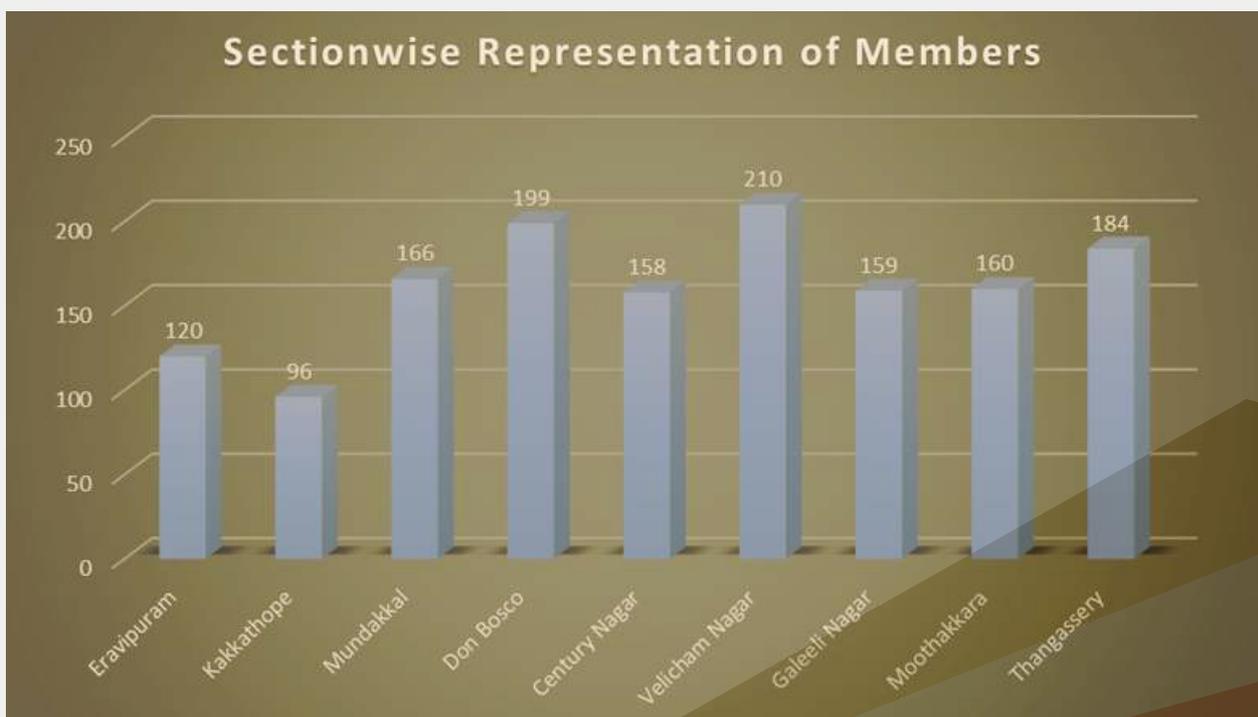
B. THEERADESA MAHILA SOCIETY



The financial inclusion activities of TMS are exclusively for women with the aim of improve their financial status and to promote savings. TMS works through Self Help Groups in nine sections extending from Eravipuram to Thangassery.

2.1 Self Help Groups

Financial inclusion activities of TMS are organized through self-help groups. As on March 2022, there are 1452 members with 179 self-help groups in 9 sections from Eravipuram to Thangassery.



Given above is the number of members in each section in the financial year 2022-2023.

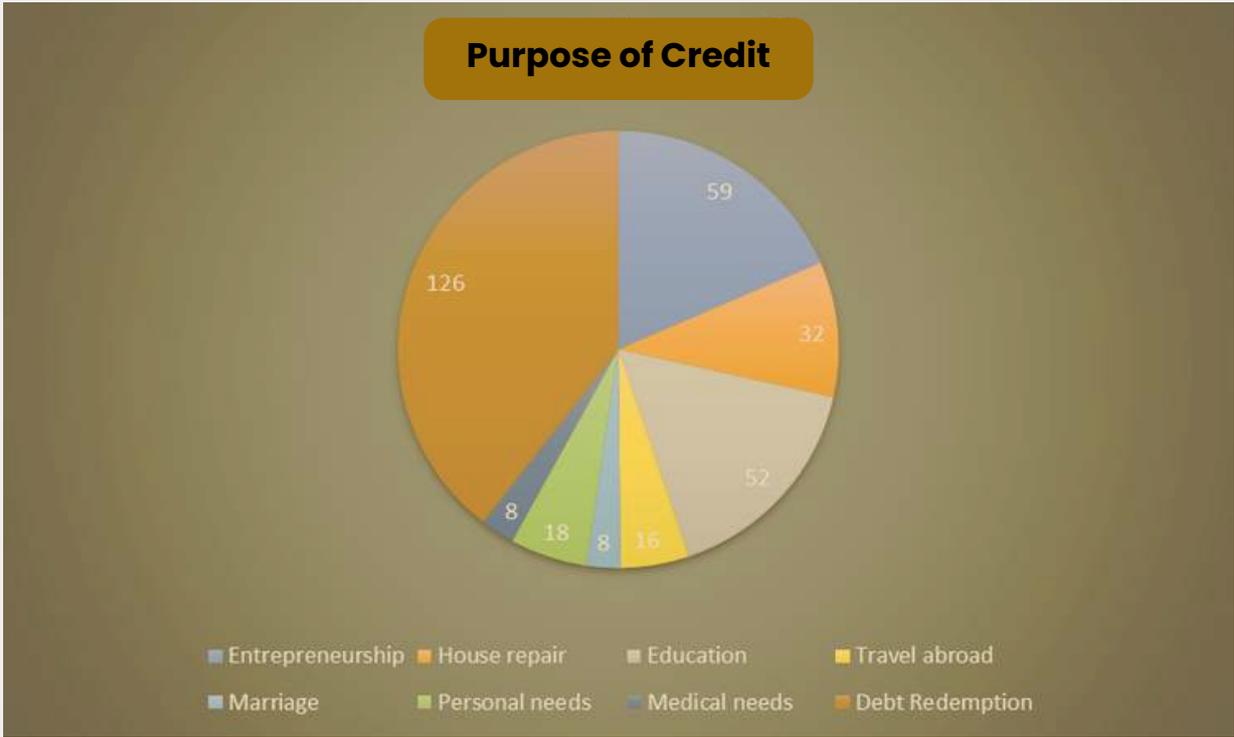
2.2 Credit Schemes

Loans are made available to the members under various schemes with the special aim to encourage self-employment activities. Credit is given to the women under Ashakiran Credit and Credit Union. The credit requests of the members are processed first in the Self Help Groups and then sanctioned by loan committee consisting of board members who represent various sections.

The table below represents the credit given and repayment received in the financial year 2022-2023.

Name of Scheme	Total Amount Released	Repayment received	Number of Member-Beneficiaries
New Credit Union	14915000	13531745	197
Ashakiran Credit	8100000	7004047	113
Total	23015000	20535792	310

The diagram below shows the various reasons for which credits have been issued. They are for businesses which include vending of fish (both fresh and dry), flour making units, sale of cloth, making of candles, snacks, beauty parlor, tailoring, petty shops, tea stalls, maintenance of boats, nets, and engines, for setting up shops (stationery, grocery, fish, kerosene, petty shops etc.), education, medical requirements and for construction of permanent houses. It is important to note that the most number of loans have been taken with the aim of repaying debts and is an eye opener into the financial situation of the community.



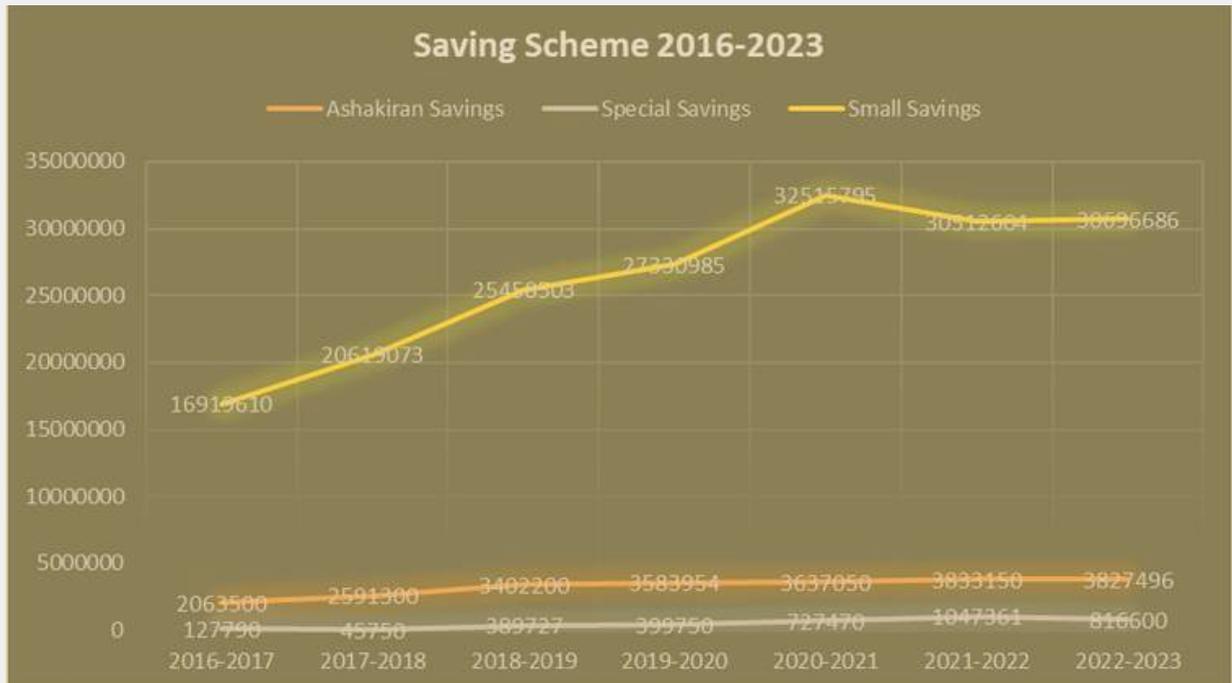
2.3 Saving Schemes

Saving schemes under TMS include Ashakiran savings, special savings and small savings. During the year 2022-2023, total of Rs. 3,53,40,782.00 (Three crore fifty three lakhs forty thousand seven hundred and eighty-two rupees only) was saved under various schemes.

The table below represents the amount saved under various schemes and the number of beneficiaries.

Name of Scheme	Total Amount Received	Total Amount Withdrawn	Number of Beneficiaries
Ashakiran Savings	3827496	3849606	601
Special Savings	816600	276975	101
Small Savings	30696686	30797515	1402
Total	35340782	34924096	2104

The figure represents the comparative study of saving schemes for the past seven years (2016-2023). Here too we find that the after effect of covid-19 has not yet been fully neutralized.



2.4 Death Relief Fund

During the financial year 2022-2023, 17 members passed away. Rs. 850000 (Rupees eight lakhs fifty thousand only) was given to the kin of the deceased as death relief fund. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and remember with gratitude, all those members who labored for the growth of the organization.



Molly Carlos



Mary Stephen



Agnes Gilbert



P Rajamma



Sajitha A



Girly Joseph



Mable Joseph



Lissy Stephen



Amalalbhavam



Jain Michael



Mariyamma



Anna Johny



Fronika



Annie Stephen



Josephine Philip



Philomina Johnson



Prasancia

C. SOCIAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



The various social outreach activities of FCDP, TMS, FCDS (Fishermen Community Development Society), and DBYF (Don Bosco Youth Forum) include Vishappinu vida, Santhwanam, Pratheeksha, Ujjivani, health services, free counseling service and Free legal aid. During the year 2022-2023, Rs. 4248329.00 (Rupees Forty-two lakhs forty eight thousand three hundred and twenty nine only) have been spent on social outreach activities.

SL NO	Outreach Activites	Amount spent in 2022-2023
1	VISHAPPINU VIDA	3273471
2	PRATHEEKSHA	65620
3	SANTHWANAM	155884
4	UJJIANI	358000
5	COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	107442
6	CAN-HELP	287912
7	TOTAL	4248329

3.1 Vishappinu Vida (Let's say no to hunger)



During the year 2022-2023, 45000 food packets were distributed to the needy and the deserving people in their homes. An average of 125 packets were distributed daily.

Rs. 3273471.00 (Rupees thirty-two lakhs seventy-three thousand four hundred and seventy-one only) was spent towards daily meal and nursing care. The project completed its sixth year of feeding the neediest of the poor in Kollam coastal region. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those kind hearted benefactors who support this programme with love and sacrifice.

3.2 Pratheeksha (Educational Aid)

Pratheeksha which aims to provide educational aid to poor and eligible students reaches out to children in need. In the year 2022- 2023 Rs. 65620 (rupees twenty-eight thousand six hundred and thirty only) was spent as part of the programme as scholarship and educational aid.



3.3 Santhwanam (Empathy and Care)



Santhwanam reaches out to the sick and needy by way of medical assistance and nursing care. In the financial year 2022-2023, 38 members were provided medical assistance. Rs. 155884/- (Rupees one lakh fifty-five thousand eight hundred and eighty-four only) was spent towards the same.

3.4 Ujjivani (Free Dialysis)

"Ujjivani" is a new initiative begun during the financial year. It provides free dialysis for kidney patients. Ujjivani was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Mullassery, (Bishop of Kollam) on 24 May 2022. The program supports 100 free dialysis every month. The project begun with the help of local benefactors and is organized in collaboration with Bishop Benziger hospital, Kollam. During the year 716 free dialysis have been given to 58 patients, amounting to a total of Rs. 358000 (Rupees three lakh fifty-eight thousand only).



3.5 Community health Centre Renovation and reopening of Community Health Center

Community Health Centre, run in collaboration with Bishop Benziger Hospital and Bishop Benziger College of Nursing, was renovated and reopened on 3 October 2022. Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Antony Mullassery, Bishop of Quilon Diocese inaugurated the function and blessed newly renovated centre. Rev. Fr. John Britto (Director, Bishop Benziger Hospital) welcomed the guests at the event organized at the Community Health Center at 10 am.



A number of health awareness classes were conducted by Benziger College of Nursing during the year. The classes aimed to raise awareness about different health conditions and promote preventive measures among the adult population. The following is a chronological overview of the awareness classes held during the year.

DATE	TOPIC	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
14/11/2022	Diabetic day	10
01/12/2022	AIDS	15
06/01/2023	Road safety	20
15/01/2023	Anti-leprosy day	20
04/02/2023	World cancer day	20
27/02/2023	Mumps	16
28/02/2023	Non communicable diseases	20
24/03/2023	TB Day	15

3.6 Medical Camps

World Malaria Day

As part of observing the World Malaria Day, a camp was organized for 60 participants at FCDP on 25th April 2022. The programme was inaugurated by Sr. Mary K (Asst. Director, T.M.S) and the session for Malaria awareness was led by Dr. Athira Giri.



Dental Camp



Indian Dental Association (Kollam Branch) in association with ASMIK organized a Dental Camp at FCDP hall on 24th April 2022 as part of the Oral Cancer Awareness Month observation. The project 'Oral Cancer Free Kerala' was also inaugurated during the programme. The dental camp held under the leadership of Dr. Abhilash and Dr. R. Krishnan ended by 2 PM in the afternoon.

Awareness Camp Against Breast Cancer

Bishop Benziger College of Nursing organized a Breast Cancer awareness class at FCDP on 26th October 2022 as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The sessions outline the significance of cancer consciousness in the present scenario and provided detailed information on breast cancer, the early detection methods, and the treatment strategies through the presentation. The team also displayed a model demonstration on the self-detection of breast cancer. Around 100 women from the coastal area attended the session.



Dental Camp



Assisia Medical College of Dental Science & Research, Public Dental Health Department, NSS Unit and Fishermen Community Development Programme jointly organized a free dental check-up camp on March 18 2023 at FCDP hall. About 50 people participated in the camp. Participants received free dental diagnosis and treatment benefits at Assisi Dental College.

3.7 Skill Training

Home Nursing and Palliative Care Training

The classes for the first batch of the Home Nursing and Palliative Care Training for the year 2023 was inaugurated on 1st March 2023. The three months course was organized in collaboration with Holy Cross Hospital, Kottiyam. Sr. Vinny Palakudiyil (Administrator, Holy Cross Hospital, Kottiyam) and Sr. Chantal (Holy Cross College of Nursing, Kottiyam) welcomed the students and clarified the various details regarding the course. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP) thanked Holy Cross Hospital for their co-operation. 25 coastal women were part of the 3-month course.



Computer training

Computer classes with the duration of three months courses in Tally accounting and MS Office are provided at the computer Centre. this has made a remarkable change in the Socio Economic conditions of the fishermen community. Out of 150 students trained in the Centre, 138 students were employed at different firms with salary ranging from Rs. 8500-15000.



Tailoring

Over 25 women from coastal areas received training at the Tailoring Center in the year 2022-2023. Given the apparel industry's explosive expansion and women's enthusiasm in fashion and tailoring, it has emerged as a significant employment alternative for women, particularly among fishermen. The center gives women training in fundamental machine operations, fabric cutting and sewing for children's, women's, and men's clothing, as well as the fundamentals of hand and machine embroidery.



D. DON BOSCO YOUTH FORUM



Don Bosco Youth Forum (DBYF) is a youth organization officially registered under the 12th Travancore–Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955 and affiliated to the Nehru Yuva Kendra and the Kerala State Youth Welfare Board. DBYF under the patronage of Don Bosco, the friend of youth is an effort by FCDP to unite the youth, spanning across the coastal areas of Kollam and to ensure their development and promote their commitment to the society. It consists of young people from the coastal area, ranging in age from 15 to 35. Its major goal is to develop the abilities of young people in the coastal region and to give them the confidence they need to advance personally and socially. The groups meet in the respective areas and each group has an animator. Common meetings or functions are held every month. Leaders meet every month to plan programmes and activities. During the financial year, the society has organized several social, educational and health activities besides awareness campaigns and celebrations. Some of the major programmes include:

GRIT Training

Don Bosco Youth Forum organized GRIT Training for members on 8 October 2022 at 2 PM at FCDP Hall. Project Coordinator Anisha B. Chacko. conducted training class 50 youth participated in it. Through this training we explained how to prepare resume, how to participate in interviews, how to express our opinions in a group discussion.



Free Sambhara distribution

DBYF distributed sambharam to more than 1500 people at Port Kollam Harbour, Chinnakada Bus Stop, Collectorate Precinct, Harbour, Ashram and District Hospital. Adv. G. Vijayakumar (Government Pleader), congratulated the initiative.



International Yoga Day

Don Bosco Youth Forum in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority Organized Yoga Day. Sri. Biju Gopalakrishna Pillai led the yoga training at Kollam beach. Fr. Joby Sebastian (FCDP Director) welcomed the event. Over 50 members of Don Bosco Youth Forum participated in the training which lasted for an hour.



Independence Day, International Youth Day and DBYF Anniversary

Don Bosco Youth Forum celebrated 75th Independence Day along with International Youth Day and DBYF Anniversary Day. The celebrations started on 13/08/2022 at 12 noon at FCDP Hall. The official function was inaugurated by Excise Commissioner Shri V Rajesh.



World Population Day

On the occasion of World Population Day, July 11, a quiz competition was organized for the members of Don Bosco Children's Forum and Don Bosco Youth Forum. Sister Annie Joseph inaugurated the quiz competition for Don Bosco Youth Forum members. In the match which started around 2:30, the groups DBC Squad X, Thunders and Warriors bagged the first, second and third positions respectively.



World No Tobacco Day

Don Bosco Youth Forum along with DREAM (Drug Rehabilitation Education and Mentoring Project), Kollam, observed World No Tobacco Day. The program started with a flashmob at Chinnakkada junction followed by a street play of BSW students from MMNSS college, Konni. This was followed by the participants pledging to abstain for life from the use of drugs. Mr. Ratheesh (C. I East police station, Kollam) flagged off the cycle rally in which 30 of DBYF members participated.



Yuva Utsav

DBYF members participated in Yuva Utsav, a talent hunt organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra in association with National Service Scheme and District Administration, Kollam on Saturday, 15th October 2022. DBYF members participated in Speech and Painting competitions. Ms. Meleena bagged first prize in the Declamation contest.



DBYF and DBCF members bag Prizes

Don Bosco Youth Forum and Children's Forum members participated and won prizes in the Children's Day 2022 celebration organized by the Child Welfare Committee, Kollam. The competitions held on 5th November at TKDM Government High School, Kadappakkada included competitions such as Story Writing, Poetry Writing, Essay Writing and Speech Competitions.



E. DON BOSCO CHILDREN'S FORUM



Don Bosco Children's Forum (DBCF) is the junior wing of Don Bosco Youth Forum organized with the support of FCDP and DBYF for children to enhance their skills and bring out their talents. The forum supports children belonging to the community and conducts various programmes and activities for them. The various groups under childrens forum meet with their animators in their respective places every week and a common meeting is held once a month at FCDP Hall. Leaders meetings are also held every month.

DBCF Celebrates World Food Day

As part of the observation of World Food Day, members of Don Bosco Children's Forum (DBCF) distributed food packets among the hungry on the streets. At 11:30 am children from 7 groups of Don Bosco Children's Forum gathered at FCDP for food packet distribution. 180 food packets were distributed at various areas in Kollam including Railway Station, Bus Stand, Asramam, Port Kollam, and Tuet. The food was brought by the children themselves.



Independence Day Cycle Rally

Don Bosco Children's Forum, the children's wing of FCDP, organized a cycle rally as part of the 75th Independence Day celebrations. National flags were distributed to the children as part of the Prime Minister's call 'Har Ghar Tiranga'. The rally started from Rotary Club Road with a flag-off ceremony by Hon. MP N. K Premachandran. Around 160 children participated in the cycle rally that passed via Canal Road, Vady, Altharamood, Kaval, and Thangassery, and concluded with a public gathering on the beach. Pallithottam Councillor, Mr. N. Tommy, felicitated the participants.



Don Bosco Children's Fest 2022

Don Bosco Children's Forum, organized "Don Bosco Children's Fest 2022" in association with Rotary Club Quilon and Don Bosco College Kottiyam. The function was held on 26th November 2022. Shri. Nawaz M. (President, Rotary Club of Quilon) Inaugurated the programme which was chaired by Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP). Dr. Shelly Mathias (Vice Principal, Fatima Mata College, Kollam) addressed the children. Mrs. Veronica Anthony (President, TMS) and Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director) felicitated.



"Don Bosco Under-15 Sevens Football Tournament"

"Don Bosco Under 15 Sevens Football Tournament" organized by Don Bosco Children's Forum under the leadership of FCDP, was a wonderful way of honoring Don Bosco, the father & friend of the young. Eight teams - DBC warriors, DBC Legends, DBC Thunders, DBC Rockstar, DBC Golden eagles, DBC Bangton, and DBC Squad X, including the girls' team from Children's Forum, participated in the matches. The tournament was organized at Don Bosco Boys' home ground from 23rd January. The Finals were held on 28th January, Shri. Kuruvila Joseph (Councillor, 42 Mundakkal Ward) inaugurated the event. Rev. Fr. Bino presided over the function.



F. FISHERMEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY



Fishermen Community Development Society (FCDS) is a registered society to provide a platform for marketing the goods and services produced by the micro enterprises begun by the women of the coastal region of Kollam. The products include powder and masala, home care products, handicraft, paper and clothe bags, and garments.

Flour mill

FCDS crossed a milestone with the establishing of new flour mill at Don Bosco welfare centre, Pallithottam. It was inaugurated on September 17 2022 by Rev. Fr. Stephen Mukkattil, Rector and Parish Priest, St. Stephen's Church, Thope. The beginning of the production unit has enabled the supply of chilli, coriander, turmeric, rice and wheat powder produced under healthy and hygienic conditions. The mill is also made available for the public for their powdering requirements.



SHG Outlet

The SHG outlet is the channel for selling the goods that the various production units produce. The store is open on every working day, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.



Masala and Food Products

Masala and Food Products unit offers unadulterated food powder, namely sambar powder, garam masala, chicken masala, meat masala, fish masala, pepper powder, chilly powder (red chilly and kashmiri), coriander powder, turmeric powder, rice powder and wheat powder and spices like pepper, cardamom and honey.



Home Care Unit

The home care unit produces sanitary products which includes bathing soap, hand wash, hi-tech and normal washing powder, toilet cleaner, phenyl, dish wash liquid, floor cleaner, detergent liquid, sanitizer and kits for the same



Handicraft Unit

FCDS started a unique business producing seashell-based crafts. The program is advantageous from an economic standpoint as well as in terms of personality development because it teaches the members how to expand and realize their imaginations and use their free time in inventive ways.



Cloth and Paper Bag Units

With an eye toward a plastic-free and environmentally responsible future, FCDS produces cloth bags and paper bags, which are distributed to store owners in and around Kollam. The paper bag unit was started after the training that was conducted as part of the EDP training programme. Bags are offered in various sizes and at various prices.



G. KISMAT

Kerala Interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation

The Kerala Interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation has been a beacon of hope and empowerment for young Interstate migrants. Over 3000 interstate migrants in the district were able to receive assistance. These programs covered a wide spectrum of activities, including socio-cultural activities like sports and the commemoration of religious and cultural holidays, as well as awareness campaigns addressing pressing issues like substance abuse, poor personal hygiene, health, seasonal diseases, labor rights, social security programs, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

Major Interventions

Sl. no	Number of awareness programmes	The topic of the session	Total Participants
1	7	Drug abuse and prevention	726
2	1	AIDS – Personal Hygiene and Prevention	70
3	1	Awareness Class – Mental Health and Supporting System	42
4	1	Save Migration and Human Trafficking	25
5	1	HIV Symptoms and Prevention	50
6	1	Labour Rights and Laws	26
7	1	Labour Day and Labour Rights	75
8	1	Antichild labour day and drug prevention among Adolescent Migrants	35
9	1	Health, Hygiene, and Seasonal diseases	50

Medical Camps

Sl. no	Number of Camps	Tests were done in the camp	Total Participants
1	1	General check-up	149
2	6	General check-up, Leprosy	523
3	1	General check-up and Leprosy test	176
4	1	General Check Up, HIV Tests	40
5	5	General Check Up, HIV Tests	304



H. WE-AUTO



The 'WE-AUTO' project is an attempt to bring women to the forefront of the society, ensuring a sustainable income and thereby promoting their sense of self-worth and identity. Through this project, women from the Kollam coast who are trained in electric auto rickshaw driving were selected and given electric auto rickshaws. In the year 2022-23, 5 more autos were given to deserving women from the fisherfolk community in addition to the 10 electric autos distributed in the previous financial year, fulfilling the project objective of distribution of 15 electric autos. The fourth phase of the We Auto project was inaugurated on 17th of May, 2022 by Mr. G. D Vijayakumar, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Kollam. Keys were handed over to three new beneficiaries in a function held at FCDP hall, presided over by Dr. Sindha. H. Mendez (Chairperson, FCDP). Mrs. Mehrunnisa, Mrs. Sophiya and Mrs. Nirmala received the keys from Mr. Vijayakumar.

Fifth Phase of WE-Auto distribution

The fourth phase of WE Auto distribution was organized on 26th August 2022 at FCDP. Mrs. Leeba and Mrs. Mary Shobha received their electric auto keys from Mr. Saji V. Mathew (Asst. Vice President, Süd-Chemie India Pvt. Ltd.). So far, 17 electric autos have been distributed to women of the fisher folk as part of the WE-Auto project. The project has enabled and empowered women to improve their living standards through sustained income. Women earning 15000 to 45000 every month are proof of the success of this project.



I. WE- Live

Women Empowerment through Livelihood & Entrepreneurship

The project “Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship” (WE-Live) has been a success in mainstreaming the women of coastal Kollam by helping them to become financially independent. The two year project that ended in December 2022 empowered and encouraged 400 women belonging to Self Help Groups from Thangassery to Thanni to begin their own micro-enterprises or organic kitchen garden. While the first four months of the fiscal year 2022-23, focused on conducting 13 workshops for the completion of the project, the next five months focused on marketing which promoted mainly entrepreneurships. A total of 120 women were provided workshops for skill training, personality and entrepreneurship development. Workshops were organized for 4 batches of entrepreneurs with 30 women in every batch. The women who were interested in organic farming were also selected from these self-help groups. More than 200 women had participated in the initial meetings and were later filtered and narrowed down to 120.



Sl. No.	Workshop	Dates	No. Of workshops	No. Of participants
1.	Credit Linkage & Finance Access	18.04.2022, 19.05.2022	2	60
2.	Production Management - I	17.05.2022, 27.05.2022 29.06.2022, 08.07.2022	4	120
3.	Production Management - II	18.05.2022, 28.05.2022, 30.06.2022, 09.07.2022	4	120
4.	Basics in Organic Farming	08.06.2022	1	25
5.	How to start Kitchen garden	15.06.2022	1	26
6.	Basics of vegetable cultivation	16.07.2022	1	25

Following the workshops, the beneficiaries were provided marketing support. Fishermen Community Development Society (FCDS) has become an official platform to support women entrepreneurs trained through this project.

J. OTHER EVENTS

Don Bosco Summer Camp 2022

Don Bosco Summer Camp 2022 was a two-week camp filled with fun and learning. The camp was inaugurated by Fr. Stephen Mukkattil (Rector and Parish Priest, St. Stephen's Church, Thope) on 18th April 2022. The summer camp provided the students belonging to the age group of 9 to 15 years, training on personality development, life skills, and spoken English. The daily pattern followed included an interactive session with special guests, activity-based learning, games and team work.



"Can-Help" - Cancer Fund Distributed

Don Bosco Youth Forum organized lucky draw contest "CanHelp" to raise funds for cancer patients in the region. The Fund so raised was distributed to 70 patients On 27th March 2023. Dr. K. Santhosh Kumar (Dept. of Virology, District Hospital, Kollam) inaugurated the programme. Mrs. Ira D'Cruz, former headmistress of Infant Jesus School, Thope who is also a cancer survivor shared her experience as a cancer patient and spoke about how to deal with the disease. Rev. Sr. Annie Joseph honored Mrs. Ira D'Cruz for her courageous battle against cancer.



Women's Day Proclamation Rally

Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS), Fishermen Community Development Program and Taluk Legal Service Authority jointly organized International Women's Day Proclamation Vehicle Rally on 7th March 2023. The scooter cum electric auto rally started from Kollam beach at 5.00 pm. Adv. Rupa Babu (Standing Council, Government of India) flagged off the rally. The rally consisted of over 100 scooters and 12 electric autos, all driven by women. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, TMS & FCDP), Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) and Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) addressed the rally.



Launching of new channel "Coastal melodies"

FCDP launched new youtube channel "Coastal melodies" on 23rd December by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Vincent Machado, (Vicar General, Diocese of Kollam). The channel aims to train and nurture talents in the field of music & singing, especially in the coastal areas of Kollam. It is in continuation of FCDP's policy to nurture and develop God-given gifts of the people.

DBYF and DBCF members bag Prizes

Don Bosco Youth Forum and Children's Forum members participated and won prizes in the Children's Day 2022 celebration organized by the Child Welfare Committee, Kollam. The competitions held on 5th November at TKDM Government High School, Kadappakkada included competitions such as Story Writing, Poetry Writing, Essay Writing and Speech Competitions.

International Women's Day

The Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS), along with FCDP Kollam, Rotary Club of Quilon and the DREAM project celebrated International Women's Day on 8 March 2023. Smt. Anju Meera Birla (Sub Judge, Kollam) inaugurated the public meeting held at the Rotary Club Hall, Beach Road, Kollam. Sr. Vinny Palakudiyil (Administrator, Holy Cross Hospital, Kottiyam) rendered the keynote address and Mrs. Veronica Antony, the Presidential address. The Women's Day highlighted the importance of leveraging technology and innovation to promote gender equality and empower women in all areas of life, from education and employment to health and political participation.



CONCLUSION

First and foremost, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Lord Almighty for inspiring, guiding and protecting the various projects and activities of the various organisations under FCDP. Our sincere appreciation to all the board and staff of FCDP, TMS, FCDS and DBYF. Our thanks also to the members, benefactors and well wishers and the Salesian Community of Don Bosco, Kollam. Our activities are geared to helping the fisherfolk to attain financial independence, education, employment opportunities and social upliftment. Our charitable activities like 'Visappinu Vida', 'Ujjivani', 'Pratheeksha' and 'Santhwanam' continue to manifest our solidarity with the poor and the suffering. FCDP with its sister organizations remain dedicated to the integral development and welfare of the Fishermen community.



TIMELINE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENTS
18th April 2022	Don Bosco Summer Camp 2022
24th April 2022	Oral Cancer Free Kerala Project Launch and Awareness Camp
25th April 2022	World Malaria Day Awareness Camp
17th May 2022	Inauguration & Distribution of E-Autos World No-Tobacco Day Observed
24th May 2022	Inauguration of Ujjivani—A free dialysis programme for poor
21st June 2022	International Yoga Day Observed
	DBYF becomes part of Youth Carnival
18th June 2022	Staff Training Programme
2nd July 2022	FCDP & TMS Election
12th August 2022	The Citizens Campaign 2022
14th August 2022	Independence Day Cycle Rally
26th August 2022	Fourth Phase of WE-Auto distribution
3rd October 2022	Community Health Center Reopened
8th October 2022	GRIT Training at FCDP
16th October 2022	World Food Day
26th October 2022	Awareness Camp Against Breast Cancer
11th November 2022	"CanHelp" - Lucky Draw Contest for cancer patients
26th November 2022	Don Bosco Children's Fest 2022
23rd December 2022	FCDP launches new youtube channel "Coastal melodies"
28th January 2023	Don Bosco Under-15 Sevens Football Tournament.
11th February 2023	Don Bosco Quiz Competition
1st March 2023	Home Nursing and Palliative Care Training Inaugurated
3rd March 2023	Training on Youth Leadership and Community Development
7th March 2023	Women's Day Proclamation Rally
18th March 2023	Dental Camp
27th March 2023	"Can-help" Fund distributed



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