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Distribution of equipment for cycle fish vendors by the Hon. Minister C.V. Ganesan
(Ministry of Labour Welfare, TN Govt.)



Distribution of Medical Equipment to the Greater Chennai Corporation in the
presence of Mr. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS, Commissioner,
Greater Chennai Corporation during the Covid Pandemic



L. S. ANTHONYSAMY

CEO and Founder

From the Director's Desk....

I am pleased to present the report of BLESS for 2021-2022. It has been an eventful year for BLESS. COVID-19 pandemic has been still creating havoc among people. However, BLESS has been relentlessly working among the vulnerable and marginalized people to keep them above poverty and deprivation during COVID-19. We also made vital interventions in supporting needy people during COVID-19.

All our projects have been implemented efficiently and professionally, though there had been some delays due to COVID-19. Our major projects implemented during the reporting period were as follows:

- **Children's Home and Children Activity Centre**
- **State Adoption Agency**
- **Improving and Sustaining the Income of Inland Fish Vendors in the Face of Climate Change**
- **Family Focused Village Development Program (FFVDP)**
- **Conservation of Olive Ridley Turtles in Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu**
- **NABFINS**
- **COVID-19 Relief Work**
- **Flood Relief during Rain**
- **AFEA**
- **Royal Enfield CSR – Responsible Travel**

We are grateful to all our donors for their relentless support which kept our activities going strongly. All our committed and sincere staff worked without any hesitation in making our programs and activities a grand success.

The district administration has appointed BLESS to the Child Labour Committee, District Task Force Committee, District Child Protection Committee, and to the state-level Adi-Dravida Welfare and Tribal Welfare Committee. We are hopeful of continuing our journey in mitigating the sufferings of poor and marginalized people in our target areas.

VISION

Greater Social Transformation

MISSION

**Self-reliant villages with a strategic focus on
Inclusive Development of the vulnerable,
culminating in Social Development**

About BLESS

BLESS is a non-profit organization founded in 1989 in Cuddalore District of Tamil Nadu, South India, by Mr. L. S Anthonysamy. He has tremendous experience in village development by working as a volunteer in VRO (Village Reconstruction Organisation) under the guidance of late Fr. Windy SJ, a Belgian Priest, a pioneer in the development sector who established VRO in Andhra Pradesh.

BLESS is registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Act 1975, with registration number 35/89. It's entitled to receive foreign contributions for its programs/activities. BLESS acquired professional experience in disaster management including disaster-risk reductions as Cuddalore, its main area of intervention, is a disaster-prone location. Another core competency of BLESS is WaSH (Water and Sanitation Hygiene).



CHILDREN'S HOME AND CHILDREN ACTIVITY CENTRE



BLESS Children Home, which was started in 2005, has been giving shelter, food, and education to orphan and semi-orphan children. Our Home has been a place for deprived and vulnerable children who are in need of education and special care for the multifaceted development in the District of Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu. It is a joint effort by BLESS and Les Amis des Enfants du Monde (AEM), France. Our target group is school-going boys from 6 to 17-year and the target area is Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu.

Objectives:

1. To take care of the orphan and semi-orphan children by providing food, accommodation, education, and training in music, yoga, drawing, etc.
2. To retain the learning skills, updating, knowledge on child rights and responsibilities, and instilling the importance of leadership and communication skills in five villages under the banner of Children Activity Centre.





Summary of the Activities:

We have promoted activity centers in the following villages Pudhukadai, Melazhinjipattu Karikkan Nagar, Periyakattupalayam, Vadapuram

These centers are used as learning centers for the less-privileged community children in the above-mentioned villages. During the current year, the Tamil Nadu State Government has implemented "Illam Thedi Kalvi"- evening tuition centers in all target villages. Teachers of the evening tuition centers of this program are trained by the Education Department and presently handle the classes for about an hour in the evening in target villages. BLESS does not overlap with the government program. On the other hand, we provide educational materials, stationery, evening snacks, etc. to the children. We propose to shift this program to selected villages in the Union Territory of Puducherry in near future.

Results:

One boy passed 10th grade and two 11th grade. We now support ten students to do higher studies.





SPECIALISED ADOPTION AGENCY



This program is promoted by the union as well as the state governments. We have duly registered with these agencies. Our target group is 0–6-year children. This is supported by State Adoption Resource Authority.



Objectives:

To take care of surrendered, abandoned, and orphan children and legally give children for adoption to needy parents under the guidance of the State Adoption Resource Authority (SARA) and Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA).

Summary of Activities:

During the reporting period, we received 20 babies (10 male and 10 female) from Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Cuddalore, Thiruvarur, Ariyalur, and Perambalur Districts. Among the 20 babies, 15 were surrendered babies, two were abandoned babies and three were from Children in Care of Protection (CNCP).

Results:

Of the 20 babies, 17 babies were in Pre-adoption Foster Care (Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and other districts of Tamil Nadu), two were transferred to another adoption agency and one got restored to the biological parent.



IMPROVING AND SUSTAINING THE INCOME OF INLAND FISH VENDORS IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

This project addresses the challenges of the fishing communities due to climate change. It is supported by The Committee and Service for Charitable Action in Third World Countries of the Italian Episcopal Conference for three years. We are currently doing second-year activities.

Objectives:

1. To capacitate inland fish vendors from socially deprived communities such as Dalit, Tribal, and Most Backward Communities (MBC).
2. To build the capacity of committee members of non-marine fish vendor cooperatives.
3. To form and develop Joint Liability Groups (JLG) among the target communities to promote their livelihood activities.
4. To provide revolving funds to JLGs for livelihood activities.
5. To promote internal lending to JLGs.
6. To provide necessary accessories to fish vendors such as cycles for women, iceboxes, weighing scales, torch lights, raincoats, and solar dryers.

Target Groups and Areas:

The main target group is inland fish vendors from Dalit and most backward communities. The target areas are 31 villages in five blocks (Parangipettai, Keerapalayam, Kurinjipadi, Bhuvanagiri, and Cuddalore) in Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu. Along with these, we also cover 60 small hamlets in coastal areas of the Cuddalore District for the formation of JLGs.



Mr. C. V. Ganesan,
Minister of Labour Welfare &
Skill Development,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu
distributing Ice Box

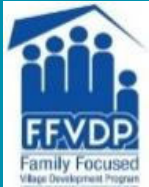


Summary of Activities:

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- Capacity building of staff and volunteers: Three training programs for two-day were conducted in 2021 and 33 staff and volunteers attended. These trainings were conducted at the premises of BLESS at Reddichavady and Center for Advanced Study in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, Parangipetti. Eminent resource persons from the University and the Marine Department had taken the classes. Participants were provided with training materials such as a bag, pad, pen, reading materials, and T-shirt.
- 40 JLGs were formed and conducted capacity-building programs.
- Two-day training on dry fish product packing, labeling, and marketing.
- Capacity building of committee members of non-marine fish vendor cooperatives.
- **Results:**
 - ★ Forty JLGs were formed in villages with 280 fish vendors. Of these 35 were Dalit women, 35 were most backward class (MBC) women. 175 Dalit men and 35 MBC men are members of these JLGs.
 - ★ Each of the 40 JLGs was given Rs.10,000/- as a revolving fund.
 - ★ Started networking with government departments, fisheries welfare board, and fisheries department for availing government schemes for their welfare.
 - ★ Internal loan for repairing their two-wheelers and other activities related to livelihood support.
 - ★ Unity and cooperation among the fish vendors had improved considerably.
 - ★ Acquired enough knowledge in disaster management.
 - ★ Started using Apps related to climate predictions.
 - ★ Joined in life insurance schemes and insured their livelihood materials.
 - ★ Registered with Fisherman Welfare Board and availed benefits from them.
 - ★ Obtained livelihood support such as ice boxes, weighing scales, torch lights, raincoats, solar dryers, and customized cycles for women. All these helped them in improving their livelihood and thus their income and eventually their quality of life.



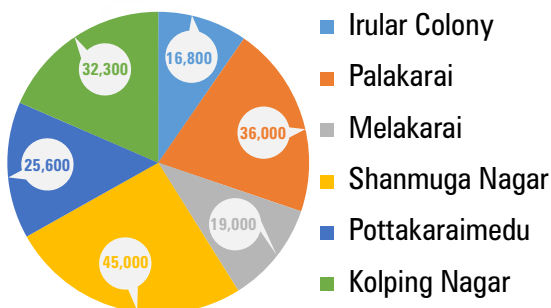


This project aims at the total development of the selected scheduled tribe and scheduled caste families in the target areas. Once the community becomes self-sufficient in the present target areas, we move on to select new areas. This project is supported by Linsi Foundation, Switzerland.

Objective: To create strong families and strong communities.

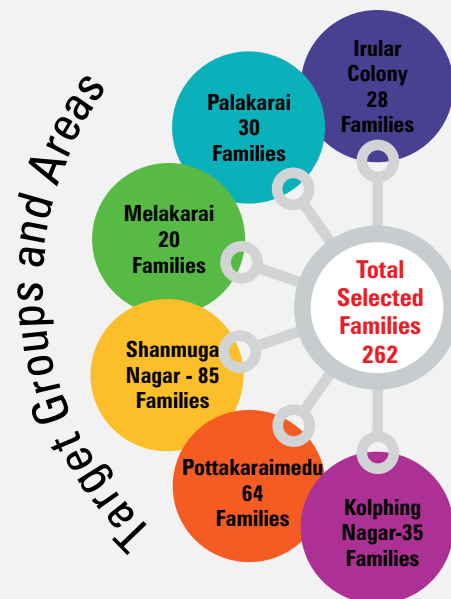
Summary of Activities

The major activities are as follows:



The project focuses on a unique feature of promoting Family Development Groups (FDG) These groups have both husbands and wives and sometimes, elderly children above 18, but not exceeding 20 members. Last year, six VDC leaders had joint meetings at cluster-level. This has increased their confidence and strengthened them in the new perspective of FFVDP. The get-together of all VDC provides space for sharing different learning, challenges, experiences, bottlenecks, etc.,

FAMILY FOCUSED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



A. Leadership

Under the leadership program, we had completed monthly meetings of the village development committee (VDC), cluster-level meetings, orientation to petition writing for grama sabha and to submit applications for government schemes, resolving family issues, classes on values & ethics, formation of groups for adolescent girls, formation of the youth group and formation of children club. Enable the families to obtain the entitlements. Forty leaders from six VDC visited FFVDP villages of GPF (Grama Vikas Peace Foundation), a partner of the Linsi Foundation in Andhra Pradesh.





CASE STUDY

I'm Sithanandham from Melakarai, president of the Village Development Committee. Now we enter into the second-year process of FFVDP. We all are from Irular tribal community. We now got access to the government departments to avail necessary entitlements. And I guide my people and take them to avail the entitlements like Aadhaar card, ration card, voter ID, etc.



B. Education: -

In the education program, we supported the children in our target areas by providing playing materials to balawadi students, conducting education tours for children, supplying educational materials, and nutrition food, conducting awareness on child rights, organizing exhibitions, supply of cycles for school children, newspaper subscription, provided hand pump to school, facilitated college admission, four-wheeler driving class, training in a musical band, supplied sewing machines, career guidance program, adult education program and remedial classes.

Children between 3-5 in Anganwadi

Total no. of babies- 51

23 children got admitted in balwadi



Children between 6-17 in school

Total no. of children- 180

44 students got admitted to schools ranging from 1st std to 11th std
8 children received cycles
Provided TV for Melakarai, Pottakaraimeedu, and Irular tribal colony
Science exhibition was conducted in Shanmuga Nagar, where 156 children participated
Nutritious snacks (chickpeas) were provided to 156 children
Nutritious food (idly) was provided to 86 rular community children



**Youngsters between
18-23 in Professional /
Vocational Training**
Total no. of youths- 78



Admitted 6 students in Under-Graduation and 4 students in Post-Graduation courses.
Trained 15 youths in the musical band and provided musical instruments.
Enrolled a youth of Melakarai in driving school and one person received a license in Kolpin Nagar
Mrs. Iswarya from Melakarai was trained in tailoring
Supported four students with Rs.4000/- each to continue their higher studies
Conducted a career guidance program for 33 students from the age group of 17-20

**All Adults functionally
Literate**
Total no. of adults- 560

114 adults had known to sign and 20 adults passed the adult literacy exam conducted by the government (Education Department).



C. Household Care: -

In the household care program, we supported house repair, applications submitted for government housing grants, organized food mela, house visits for creating awareness on locally available food,

- Motivated 177 families to have their own kitchen garden in their backyard and every garden have an average of 6 varieties of plants and have a yield of 2.5 Kgs per week.
- Provided weighing machine to VDCs to measure vegetables.
- Varanda support to 10 families of Pottakaraimedu.
- Two houses were repaired in Shanmuga Nagar, one in Palakarai and one in Two houses were repaired in Shanmuga Nagar, one in Palakarai and one in Pottakaraimedu.



C. Health Care: -

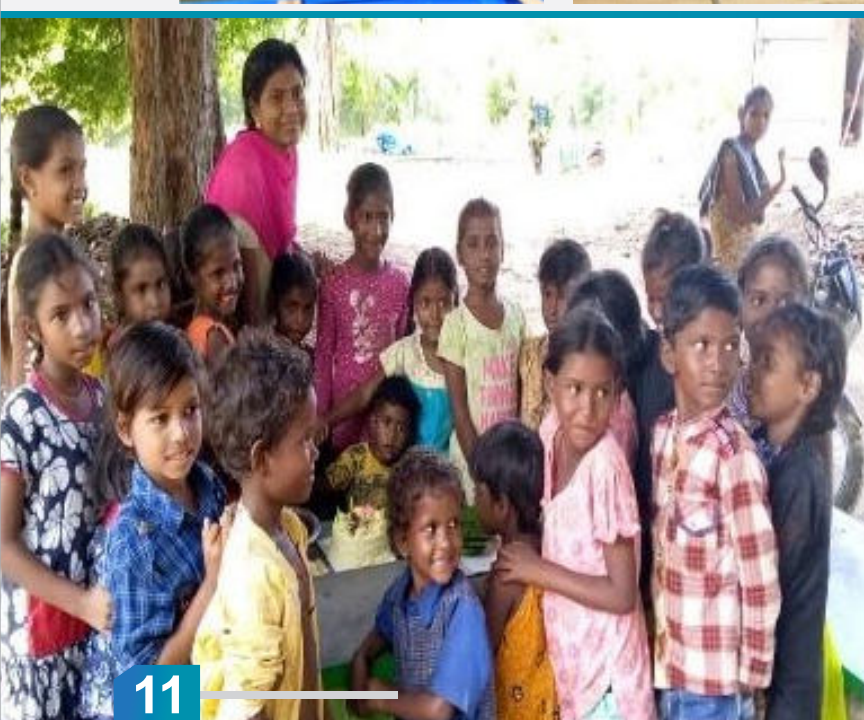
We conducted COVID-19 awareness and awareness on menstrual hygiene. Trained 85 families about the safe handling of water, and educated all the families to use their sewage water for their own kitchen garden and safe disposal of the same.

- Nine toilets have been constructed in Shanmuga Nagar.
- Provided first-aid box



D. Earnings & Finance: -

In the earnings & finance program, we could support the families in our target areas with internal loans, SHG members were encouraged to increase their savings and six boats were distributed to Shanmuga Nagar beneficiaries, livelihood support like goats and cows were given to 29 families and 64 families were given microloans.



E. Values & Ethics: -

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Results :

- VDC leaders became capable of organizing programs without external support. The members learned to write reports and maintain documents. They can now approach government line departments such as Rural Development Department and Revenue Department on their own and present community needs and issues before them.
- Special medical camps had been arranged for COVID-19 vaccination.
- Cluster-level meetings were conducted for SC & ST communities due to their cultural differences. We could improve their confidence level to share freely their ideas and issues.
- All 262 families together had accumulated a total fund of Rs.1,29,700/- as VDC fund.
- Formation of the youth group in three villages with 36 youth.
- Formation of children's clubs in six villages with a membership of 83. These children started savings through the piggy bank program.

Covid-19 Relief Support:

- UWLs Foundation has supported FFVDP villages- Irular tribal colony, Velapadi, Shanmug aNagar, Melakarai, Palakarai, Kolping Nagar, and Pottakaraimedu from June 2021 to August 2021 by providing gift bags containing dates, badam, egg, chickpeas, green gram, garlic, roasted Bengal gram, oil, pepper, cumin, cloves, biscuits, mocha peanuts, Rava, sugar, and toot dal and also oximeter, thermometer, and sanitizers to 1162 people. Special items such as Mothers Horlicks and health mix were also provided to the anti-natal care and post- natal care women.



Flood Relief Support:

North-East heavy downpours had triggered severe flooding in several districts throughout Tamil Nadu and particularly in our FFVDP villages in Cuddalore District. This was the heaviest rainfall in Tamil Nadu since 2015. UWLs Foundation has supported seven FFVDP villages by providing dry ration kits, tarpaulin sheets, and groundsheets to 330 families.



CONSERVATION OF OLIVE RIDLEY TURTLES IN VILLUPURAM DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU

This project was started in December 2021 for eight months with the support of the Tamil Nadu Forest Department and fisherfolks in order to promote the breeding of 15,000 Olive Ridley Turtles in Villupuram District.

Objectives:

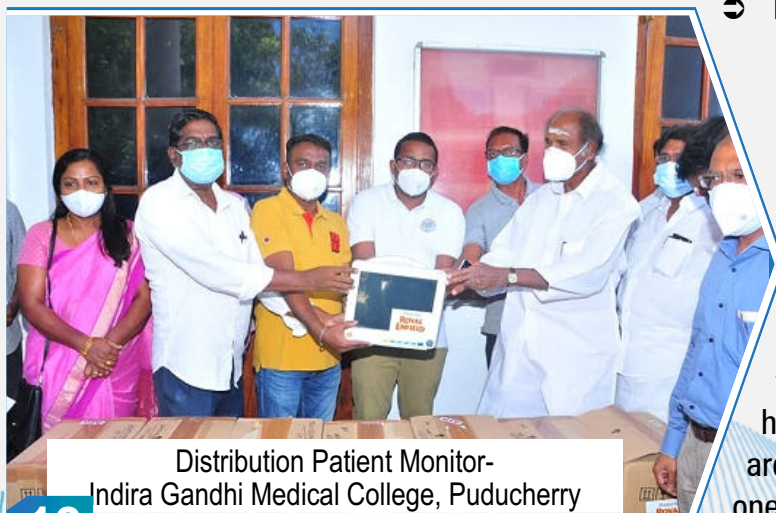
- Select fisher youth for 'Friends of Sea Turtles'(FST)
- Organize sea turtle stakeholder meetings for trained FST research students, inline department experts with the Forest Department, and other stakeholders.
- Organize peer-to-peer training/workshop for FST (Volunteers) with the Forest Department for turtle measurement, GPS handling, and egg data collection methods.
- Create sea turtle awareness in 10 schools to reach 1000 school students
- Set up three turtle hatchery units at selected locations (Ekkikuppam, Alangankuppam, and Koonimedu)
- Establish five sea turtle egg collections, and walk tracks along the coast of the proposed project area with FST and the Forest Department.
- Organize bikers of Royal Enfield intervention in the sea turtle conservation work.

Target Areas

The target area of this project is the coastal areas of Villupuram District.

Summary of the Activities

- Selected and trained volunteers "Friends of Sea Turtles"(FST).
- Organized technical workshops on turtle egg collection, GPS operation, transport hatchery setup, maintenance, turtle hatchling (baby turtles) releasing procedures.
- Created awareness among school children in coastal village schools and distributed printed materials on sea turtle awareness.
- One Olive Ridley hatchery unit was set up with skilled volunteers and frontline staff and they collected 14,608 eggs from the natural sea turtle nests.



Distribution Patient Monitor-
Indira Gandhi Medical College, Puducherry

- Established five sea turtle egg collection tracks and facilitated the bikers to join with the 'Friends of Sea Turtles' in collecting eggs.

Results

Out of the 14,608 eggs collected, about 13,066 young ones have been released to sea by creating a safe passageway for them to the sea. About 1,542 (10.5%) eggs were not hatched. On average their survival rate was around 89.4% and there were no dead young ones (100%) surviving.



Responsible Travel

The Royal Enfield under their corporate social Responsibility (CSR) has conceived a new concept namely "Responsible Travel" i.e leaving a place better for the next. They have entrusted BLESS to do an assessment to establish (GPS) Green Peace Stops for travelers and for riders. BLESS had conceived a development perspective and held discussions with different stakeholders, done a rapid survey over the East Coast Road from Chennai to Pondicherry, and enlisted a list of places that were invisible to bring them into the limelight. We held a discussion with the Honourable Minister of Tourism for Union Territory of Puducherry Mr. Laxmi Narayanan and with Mr. Sandeep Nanduri, IAS (managing director of Tamil Nadu State Tourism) on how to support tourism in a meaningful way. We thank the CSR in-charge Mr. Alex and Mr. Vigyat Singh (New Delhi) for their creative ideas and for popularising their new area to conserve the environment for all in the universe.



Support from Royal Enfield

The Hon. Minister Shri. Laxmi Narayanan had requested BLESS to contact corporates to get patient monitors to support for COVID-19 patients at the Indira Gandhi Medical College Hospital in Puducherry. BLESS approached the Royal Enfield, and they had supplied 20 monitors each cost Rs. 40,000/- The patient monitor was handed over to the hospital authorities in the presence of the Hon. Chief Minister Shri. Rangasamy.



NABFINS – MICRO FINANCE PROGRAM

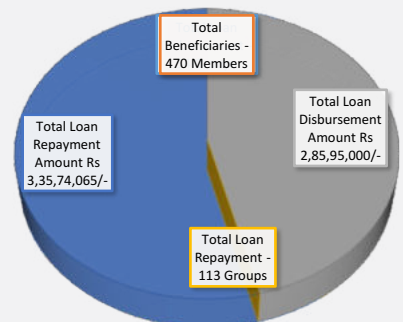
BLESS is partnering with NABFINS, a subsidiary unit of NABARD (National Agriculture Bank for Rural Development) to support micro-credit for the women's self-help groups promoted by BLESS in Cuddalore District.

Objective:

The main objective of this project is to channel soft loans from NABFINS to self-help groups to enable them to start livelihood activities and also to repay the loans they had borrowed from money lenders with exorbitant interest.

Activities:

During the reporting year, BLESS has facilitated a loan of Rs.2,85,95,000/- for 54 women self-help groups spreading in 23 villages comprising 470 women. During the same period, an amount of Rs.3,35,74,065/- has been re-paid from 113 women SHGs. Most of the loans helped the women members to repay the loans available from the money lenders with higher interest rates and to start new micro-enterprises to generate income.



Results:

The women were relieved from the clutches of moneylenders and they also had started income-generation activities that helped them to improve their livelihood.



CASE STUDY:

Mrs. Selvarani lives with her husband Mr. Subramaniyan at Sakthivilagam Village, Sathamangalam Panchayat. She hails from a poor economic background. She found it difficult to manage her family affairs with the meager income both of them earned through small jobs. She joined the Kalaimagal SHG promoted by BLESS. She has been an active member of the group. BLESS staff talked about getting a loan from NABFINS for the promotion of the livelihood of economically weaker families. Members of the SHG expressed their willingness to take a soft loan from NABFINS. The field staff of BLESS reviewed the activities of the group and recommended them to NABFINS. NABFINS officials, after having verified the credentials, agreed to sanction the loan to the group.

Mrs. Selvarani received Rs.70,000/- loan and she used this amount to purchase two milch cows. She took care of these cows and started earning Rs.6,000/- per month by selling milk. She repays Rs.3,500/- every month to NABFINS as EMI. And uses Rs.2,500/- for her family expenses.



FLASH FLOODS IN CUDDALORE DISTRICT

Introduction:

The Northeast monsoon brought heavy rainfall during the middle of October 2021 in Tamil Nadu, affecting the normal life of people in 14 districts. The first depression formed in the Bay of Bengal and led to heavy rainfall. The educational institutions were closed for two weeks. The people remained in their homes, and most of the markets were closed. The daily wage earners lost their livelihood. The agriculture fields were marooned. The rain stopped by mid-November. By the time life became normal, the second depression formed which caused heavy rainfall it crossed land in between Cuddalore and Chennai (Tamil Nadu, India) and caused heavy rainfall in 12 northern districts. The dams and reservoirs were full, the government discharged water into rivers, and all the rivers were flooded. Most of the rainwater entered the sea through seven rivers which flow through Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu) and Puducherry (Union Territory of Puducherry). More than 30,000 houses were inundated on river banks, and about 57,000 hectares of crops such as paddy, flowers, and bananas were marooned. Six people who lived in the low-lying areas were dead and a greater number of cattle were washed by the flood water. There were further depressions that brought heavy rains.

BLESS Centre:

The water from Veedur Dam and Sathanur Dam was discharged to Pennaiyar and Malattaru. BLESS campus is on the banks of Malattaru and became completely inundated. Immediately we shifted the staff and the children from the center to a safer place. The chickens



BLESS office and campus under floodwater

were washed away by the flood water and the cattle were shifted to the nearest safer place. Many philanthropists responded and helped us to reach safer places and they offered us cooked meals. The compound walls on our campus's west and east sides fell due to flood water. Our electric motors were drowned in rainwater. We are extremely grateful to the funding agencies AFEA and Community Foundation, Ireland who had given us financial support to rebuild the compound wall at BLESS campus.

Floods Captured....



AFEA - SUPPORT FOR COVID-19 RELIEF AND REBUILDING THE COMPOUND WALL



During the Covid-19 crisis, AFEA has supported Puducherry slum dwellers, folk artists, Manikollai and Kaarayur parish people, and nearby Puducherry villages by providing dry ration kits to about 500 families.

AFEA has supported BLESS to rebuild the compound wall which was destroyed by the flood.



OESHA (Elderly Care)

BLESS had started a daycare centre at Keerapalayam Village, Cuddalore District. 54 women and men who are in need of food, medical, and personal care are supported. This project is being supported by 'Friends of Cuddalore Tsunami 2008', in memory of their beloved mother Ratana, an Indian origin living in the Netherlands. The agency has come forward to build a common center for old age people. The running cost of the centre is borne by local philanthropists and our micro-credit program. BLESS also helps the inmates to get old age pension from the local government. Next year BLESS plans to start a day care center at Ennanagaram Village at our own land. Mr. Mohanambal from Keerapalayam Village volunteered to support the program



TIE-UP PROGRAM WITH OXFAM DURING COVID-19

BLESS along with Oxfam, during COVID-19 crisis supported the hospitals in Chennai, Cuddalore, and Puducherry by providing mattresses, oxygen cylinders, pulse oxi-meters, oxygen concentrators, nebulizers, BP operators, and digital thermometers.



Hon. Chief Ministry N. Rangasamy received mattresses during Covid at Puducherry



Supported Cuddalore Government Hospital with medical equipment



Mr. Gagandeep Singh Bedi IAS-
Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation

We are extremely grateful to OXFAM who supported us with various medical equipment and other life-saving support during COVID-19. We had distributed the same to various hospitals.

1. Government Hospital, Cuddalore, Manjakuppam: Flowmeter with Regulator and Humidifier- 70 nos Oxygen Cylinder-40 ltr Capacity- 50 nos Oxygen Concentrator-0.5-5LPM Capacity-15 nos
2. 200 mattresses were distributed to the Government of Pondicherry Hospitals on 22nd July 2021. The Honourable Chief Minister of Pondicherry Shri. Rangaswamy, Honourable PWD Minister Shri. Laxminarayanan, and Health Secretary Shri. Arun, IAS officially received the mattresses and acknowledged. We supplied Kurlon Mattresses 1829x1219x102 MM and Kurlon Mattresses -72X48X4.
3. Supplied surgical face masks to Indira Gandhi Govt. General Hospital, Puducherry.

4. Supplied PPE kits and other medical equipment to UCHC Manjambakkam & Madhavaram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 6th July 2021.

Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Total Number
PPE Kit			
Full Body Cover (Apron) – SITRA approved with taping	80	PC	80 Set
Disposable Goggles	80	PC	80 Set
Head Cover	80	PC	80 Set
Pair of Disposable Gloves	80	PC	80 Set
Pair of Disposable Shoe	80	PC	80 Set
Face Mask 80 Pc	80	PC	80 Set
Face Shield 80 Pc	80	PC	80 Set
Disposable Bag	80	PC	80 Set
Medical Equipment			
Oxygen Flow Meter Regulator with Humidifier	10	Nos	10
Oxygen Nasal Mask	100	Nos	100
Pulse Oximeter	20	Nos	20
Nebulizer Machine	20	Nos	20
BP Apparatus - Manual / LED	02	Nos	02
Digital Thermometer	40	Nos	40
Semi-Fowler Hospital Bed	05	Nos	-
6 Cubic Meter Oxygen Cylinder with water capacity 40 ltr. having test pressure 250 bar and working pressure 150 bar – PESO approved height – 1320 mm and Dia – 219 mm Oxygen Cylinder 40 ltr. capacity (Empty)	10	Nos	-

SURVEY ON FLOOD SITUATION IN CUDDALORE DISTRICT

Heavy rain and flood affected Cuddalore District in November 2021. People were affected very badly and heavy loss of property and livestock were reported. BLESS had conducted an impact assessment of the flood in 13 villages with the support of MSW students of St. Joseph's college, Cuddalore. The survey confirmed heavy financial loss for the people due to flood.

During the survey the students were not able to enter the area. All the roads were damaged. People were sad and angry that they lost their property and livestock and caused heavy damage to their houses. They were no sure of how to survive the situation.

The survey was conducted in 13 villages in Keerapalayam and Bhuvanagiri Blocks in Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu. The survey was conducted with 223 respondents in all these villages. The following villages were covered: 1. Theerthangiri, 2. Anugampattu, 3. Kothavancherry, 4. Kundiyamallur, 5. Siarupalaiyar, 6. Agaram, 7. Poovanaikuppam, 8. Adhi narayanapuram, 9. Erambur, 10. Chinnanargunam, 11. Periyannargunam, 12. Periyanellikolai, 13. Thurinjikollai.



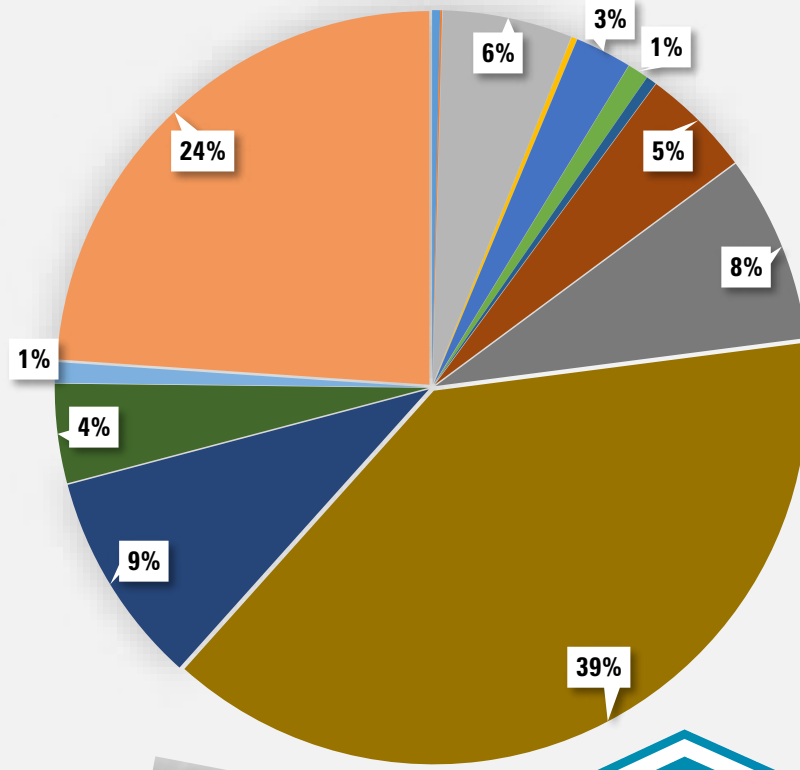
Conclusion:

BLESS continues its development process for more than three decades among its target communities. It's a time to stay a while and rethink its journey. Are we on the right track to achieve our Greater Social Transformation vision And equip our staff to fulfill our vision and mission. We need to conduct a study on sustainable interventions with our target communities. At the same time, we thank all our accompanied stakeholders, donors, government officials and fellow-travellers for their great efforts in completing this year successfully.

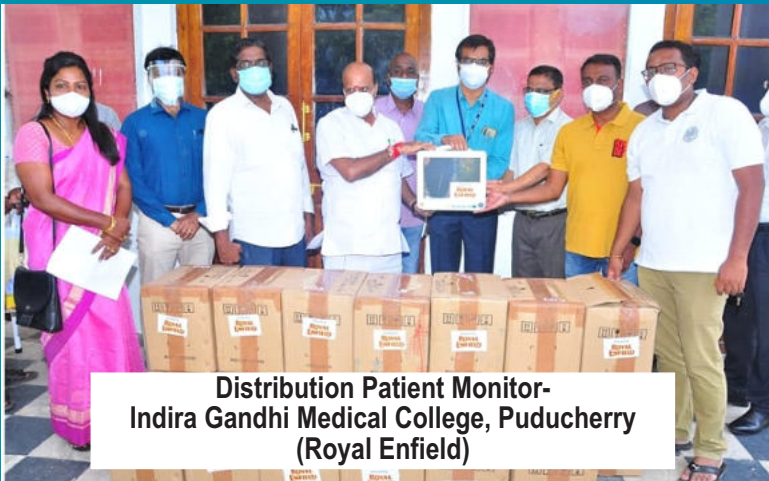
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Details of the executor	Mr. L. S. Anthony Samy Executive Secretary
Legal status with registration number	35/89 under Tamil Nadu Societies Act, 1975
Income Tax exception details	Registered under 12A (AAATB8747RE2021901), 80G (AAATB8747RF2021701)
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Registration number with Niti Ayog of the Government of India	Unique ID of VO/NGO: TN/2017/0172004 Reg.date:17-01-2018
Registration number (CSR)	CSR00029132
Name & address of the bank with phone number	State Bank of India Branch: New Delhi Main Branch
FC bank account number	Account Number:40125299432
Names(s) of the account holder	Name: BLESS
IFSC code	SBIN0000691

Bless Financial Overview (2021-2022)

Rs. 1,59,95,357/-



- Bank Interest Local - Rs 55,174/-
- Bank Interest FCRA - Rs 13,234/-
- Adoption Partners - Rs 8,97,502/-
- Alukkas Gold Retail P Ltd - Rs 38,750/-
- Eicher Group of Foundation (Royal Enfield) - Rs 3,93,048/-
- Indian Social Institute (Bangalore) - Rs 1,45,785/-
- Local Donation - Rs 71,950/-
- Nabfins Limited - Rs 7,60,771/-
- Sate Adoption Resource Agency - Rs 12,94,583/-
- UWL-S Foundation - Rs 61,87,367/-
- Les Amis Desenfants Du Monde - Rs 14,80,484/-
- AFEA - Rs 6,87,260/-
- Community Foundation for Ireland - Rs 1,43,472/-
- Italian Episcopal Conference, Rome - Rs 38,24,475/-
- Others - Rs 1,502/-



Distribution Patient Monitor-
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