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CHASS AT A GLANCE

Changanacherry Social Service Society (CHASS) is the official organ of the Archdiocese of Changanacherry for addressing social concerns and development interventions for the weaker sections of society, irrespective of caste, creed, or religion. Besides its official status in the Archdiocesan setup, the Society has been granted NGO status under the Charitable provisions of the Government Act (Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific, and Charitable Societies Registration Act XII of 1955). Founded in 1966, the Society has consistently remained a pioneering organization in social innovations and research-based rural development services.

VISION

A JUST SOCIETY BASED ON HUMAN VALUES

MISSION

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POOR AND THE MARGINALIZED THROUGH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, AWARENESS AND TRAINING.

THRUST AREAS

- Human & Institution Development
- Natural Resource Management
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Women Empowerment
- Skill Development for Alternate Livelihood Initiatives
- Community Health Initiatives
- Community Based Rehabilitation of Differently Abled
- Family Development Programmes
- Social Security Measures
- Peoples Bank and Micro Finance
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Research & Documentation

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OPERATIONAL AREA – REGIONS

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| 1. Trivandrum | 7. Edathua | 13. Kurumbanadom |
| 2. Amboori | 8. Champakulam | 14. Nedumkunnam |
| 3. Kollam | 9. Pulincunnu | 15. Manimala |
| 4. Chengannoor | 10. Changanacherry | 16. Kottayam |
| 5. Alappuzha | 11. Thuruthy | 17. Kudamaloor |
| 6. Muhamma | 12. Thrickodithanam | 18. Athirampuzha |

MAJOR ACTIVITIES/ INTERVENTIONS

- Human & Institution Development
- Civil Society Organizations
- People's Awareness and Development Training
- CHASS Micro-Credit Programme
- Agriculture & Animal Husbandry
- Natural Resource Management (NRM)
- Rural Community Health Care
- De-Addiction
- Community Based Rehabilitation of Differently Abled
- Family Development
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Livelihood Initiatives
- Khadi & Village Industries
- Welfare and Charity



JOSEPH PERUMTHOTTAM
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP
OF CHANGANACHERRY



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In our journey of faith and service, we are called to be instruments of hope, justice, and healing. From supporting the marginalized to empowering communities, the work of Changanacherry Social Service Society (CHASS) reflects the Gospel exhortation to serve "the least of these."

We live in a time marked by significant and, complex issues. The challenges we face are vast. from the growing inequalities in our world to the pressing needs brought about by natural calamities, social injustices, and economic hardships. These challenges often hit the most vulnerable the hardest, widening gaps in opportunity and well-being. Social service organizations are crucial in responding to these crises with compassion and practical solutions.

Social service organizations like CHASS play an indispensable role in fostering equity, dignity and opportunity for all and serve as vital bridges, connecting resources to those who need them most and amplifying the voices of the marginalized. CHASS always responds to crises, address systemic challenges, and promotes long-term development-ensuring that no one is left behind. This past year, through the grace of God, CHASS has touched the lives of countless individuals, addressing their needs and upholding their dignity.

I take this opportunity to appreciate CHASS for all its efforts to build a future where dignity, justice, and equality are not just ideals but realities for all. Let us strive to build a world rooted in love, dignity, and compassion a world that reflects the Kingdom of God.

Yours faithfully in Christ,



† **Joseph Perumthottam**
Metropolitan Archbishop of Changanacherry



PRESIDENT *Message*

As Changanacherry Social Service Society embarks on another year of service, I give thanks to God for the unwavering dedication of our team and the continued support of our community. For 58 years, CHASS has been a beacon of hope, reaching out to the marginalized and vulnerable, reflecting the compassionate heart of Christ by empowering them to overcome adversity and build a better future.

In a world grappling with increasing inequalities and complex challenges, the call to serve our brothers and sisters becomes ever more urgent. By focusing on sustainable development, promoting community-led initiatives, and advocating for social justice, we can strive to build a society that reflects the Kingdom of God – a society marked by equity and compassion.

I encourage everyone to support the invaluable work of CHASS, following the example of our Lord who served the poor and the marginalized. Whether it's through volunteering your time, donating generously, or simply raising awareness about their efforts, every act of charity brings us closer to God and builds a more just and compassionate world.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Executive Director, Assistant directors and staff on their excellent work and on publishing this document.

Fr Joseph Vaniapurackal
President



Fr Thomas Kulathumkal
Executive Director

DIRECTOR'S *Message*

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the Annual Report of CHASS for the year 2023-24. This report reflects not only the milestones we have achieved but also the dedication, resilience, and commitment of everyone involved in our mission to create lasting change. Since 1966, we have been at the forefront of innovative social service and rural development initiatives. We believe that social work is a noble calling, offering a powerful opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with all, regardless of caste, creed, race or gender.

At CHASS, we remain steadfast in our commitment to address the myriad challenges faced by the community by focusing on individual, family and community development, awareness generation, income generation, empowerment, disaster response and environment conservation. Our work is a collective effort, and none of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our management, staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners. Together, we have reached thousands of individuals and families, offering them opportunities, hope, and the tools to build better futures.

While we celebrate our achievements, we are mindful of the work that still lies ahead. The problems we aim to address—poverty, inequality, climate change, and access to basic rights—require sustained effort and innovative solutions. Moving forward, we are committed to deepening our impact, expanding our reach, and fostering collaboration with stakeholders who share our vision for a better world. I take this opportunity to thank everyone on behalf of CHASS for the matchless commitment and continued support towards all our initiatives. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our partners, donors and well-wishers, whose support has enabled us to make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. My special thanks to His Grace Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Archbishop of Changanacherry, Mar Thomas Tharayil, Auxiliary bishop, Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Vaniapurackal, President CHASS, priests, and CHASS local unit leaders for their visionary leadership and encouragement that welcomes our interventions in its operational areas. The public has offered generous co-operation towards CHASS down the years, and I pray that this remains so in the years to come.

Let us remain united in our efforts to address the challenges faced by society, working together to create a more inclusive and just world for all.

Thank you for being part of the CHASS family.

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1. CHASS AT GRASS-ROOT

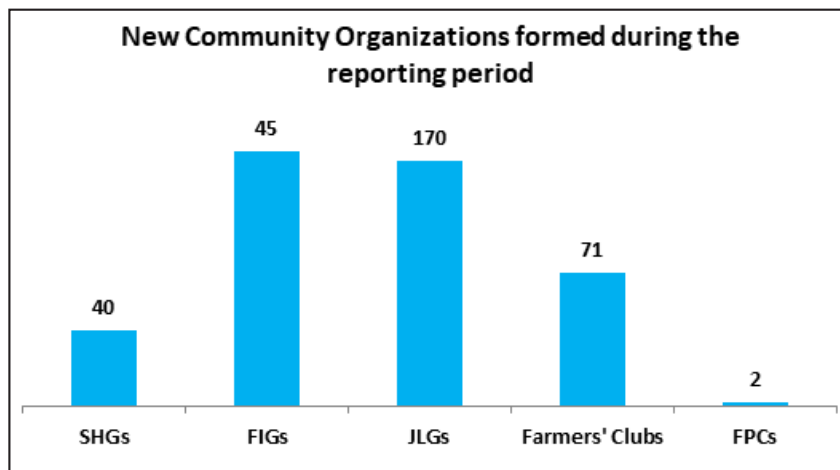
CHASS has been instrumental in promoting and activating village-level people's organizations with the aim of organizing, orienting, and empowering rural communities for self-reliance in the development process. As part of this initiative, CHASS has supported the formation of various groups, including:

- Self-Help Groups (SHGs) of both men and women who come together to support each other in economic and social activities.
- Farmers Interest Groups (FIGs) which focus on agricultural activities with the aim to enhance

the productivity and sustainability of farming practices.

- Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) which provide mutual support for accessing credit and sharing liability among members.
- Micro Credit Unions which provide access to small loans and financial services for their members, promoting financial inclusion.
- CHASS Local Unit which serves as localized bodies for implementing and monitoring various developmental activities at the village level.

Through these groups, CHASS aims to build the capacity of rural individuals and communities, to foster self-reliance and sustainable development.



CHASS LOCAL UNITS

Village-level Local Social Service Units of CHASS serve as the apex body for all grass root people's organizations and form the functional structure of CHASS at the grass-root level. CHASS operates through 154 local trusts, which are duly monitored by the parish priest and regional co-ordinators of CHASS.



CHASS MICRO- CREDIT UNITS

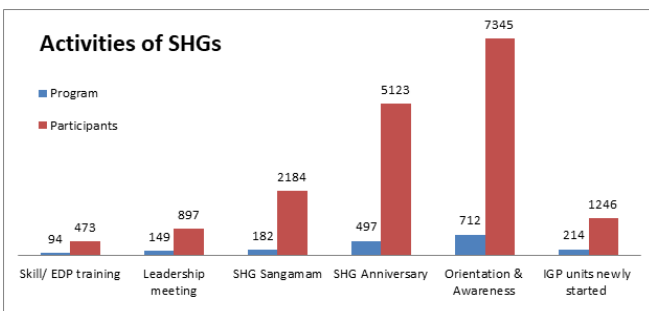
CHASS has successfully promoted and popularized a rural community banking system through a well-organized microcredit programme networked across 135 villages, thereby stimulating the rural economy. This initiative also provides a significant mass base for society in all of its participatory community development processes.

Number of Units	135
Number of Members	35724
Number of units completed auditing	120
Cluster meetings conducted	296
Number of IGPs started	1611
Total Advances provided	17,34,09,330

SELF HELP GROUPS (SHGs)

Profile of SHGs

	Number	Members
SHGs as on 2022-23	770	12103
New SHGs formed	40	602
Total as on March-2024	810	12705



JOINT LIABILITY GROUPS (JLGs)

Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) are formed by selecting three to five members from Self-Help Groups (SHGs). They serve as an effective tool to increase the flow of credit to farmers, particularly small and marginal tenant farmers, as well as oral lessees involved in farming activities. Currently, there are 145 JLGs functioning under CHASS, with 25 of them being newly formed.

FARMERS PRODUCERS COMPANY

Two Farmers Producers Companies are functioning under the banner of CHASS, consisting of 45 Farmer's Interest Groups supported by NABARD & SFAC. These companies assist their members with farming, stocking, and marketing their products, including value-added products.



FARMER'S INTEREST GROUPS (FIGs)

CHASS promoted Farmer's Interest Groups (FIGs) in its operational area, with an average membership of 10-20 members who serve as the primary members of the farmer producer companies. Altogether, 45 FIGs started functioning during the reporting year.



FARMERS' CLUBS

CHASS is promoting farmers' clubs to encourage organic farming. There are 71 farmers' clubs actively engaged in organic farming practices within the operational area of CHASS. These groups focus on promoting organic farming and also organize village markets where people can buy chemical-free vegetables and other products at lower prices.



2. PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE

CHASS places significant importance on regular planning, assessment, and governance to ensure its efficient operation. By prioritizing strategic and operational planning, CHASS aligns its actions with its mission and goals. Regular assessments allow the organization to monitor performance, manage risks, and identify areas for improvement. Strong governance practices ensure accountability, transparency, and compliance with regulations, enabling CHASS to operate effectively and maintain its integrity.

Planning and governance at CHASS are realized through several key processes: General Body and Governing Board meetings, annual planning by the central team, the CHASS family gathering, regional Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) sessions, and quarterly review meetings. These activities ensure a structured approach to decision-making, programme evaluation, and future planning.



GOVERNING BOARD AND GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Governing Board meetings of CHASS were convened on 23 September 2023, 25 November 2023, and 12 January 2024, to evaluate the activities carried out so far and to develop an action plan for the upcoming period. The Annual General Body meeting was held on 23 September 2023, during which the audited financial statement and the annual report for the year 2022-23 were published.



ANNUAL PLANNING OF CENTRAL TEAM

A two-day annual planning meeting was conducted on April 1st and 6th, 2024, at the CHASS conference hall to prepare the activity plan for the fiscal year 2024–25, in line with the decisions made in the Director Board and General Body meetings. The entire CHASS team, along with Fr. Thomas Kulathumkal (Director), Fr George Thycheril (Asst. Director), Fr George Panakezham (Asst. Director), and Mr Jobie Mathew (Programme Officer), collaboratively worked out the action plan and budget for the upcoming year.



CHASS FAMILY GATHERING

The annual get-together of the CHASS family was organized on 24 February 2024, at the Assumption College auditorium in Changanacherry, to evaluate the past year’s performance and plan for the future. The meeting was inaugurated by Archbishop Mar Joseph Perumthottam and presided over by Msgr. Joseph Vaniapurackal, President of CHASS. Fr. Thomas Kulathumkal, Secretary of CHASS, delivered the keynote address, while Fr. George Panakezham (Assistant Director), Jobie Mathew (Programme Officer), and Saji Shaji (Staff Secretary) offered felicitations. 578 people participated in the event, including representatives of SHGs, farmers’ clubs, CHASS local and regional units, the members of both General Body and Governing Body, and the staff members. An orientation talk on social service activities in the current context was delivered by Shiji Johnson of St. John’s HSSS Nedumkunnam.



REGIONAL PME

CHASS organized regional planning, monitoring, and evaluation processes across its 14 regions to assess and monitor the ongoing programmes while planning for the future. These sessions aimed to strengthen and stabilize field-level involvements and initiatives. The presidents and secretaries of all local units within each region participated in the regional PME. During these sessions, the Director and the Programme Officer, evaluated the current functioning of the systems and provided guidance for future actions.



Sl.no	Date	Region
1	10.06.2023	Champakulam & Pulincunnu
2	19.06.2023	Alappuzha
3	07.07.2023	Athirampuzha
4	09.07.2023	Thrickodithanam
5	16.07.2023	Kurumbanadom
6	18.07.2023	Amboori
7	21.07.2023	Changanacherry
8	22.07.2023	Kudamaloor & Kottayam
9	28.07.2023	Edathua
10	29.07.2023	Nedumkunnam & Manimala
11	06.08.2023	Thuruthy
12	10.08.2023	Kollam

REVIEW MEETING

CHASS Director Fr. Thomas Kulathumkal, along with Assistant Director Fr. George Thycheril, Programme Officer Mr Jobie Mathew and the regional coordinators, conducted review meetings on 12 July 2023, 30 October 2023 and 3 February 2024. These meetings were held to evaluate and monitor the progress of the local units and their programmes, ensuring they are effectively functioning and are on track.

3. DEVELOPMENT TRAINING



CHASS follows a democratic functioning through grass root level community-based organizations. More than an operational link, these grass root organizations are visualized to delve deep into the community development interventions of the concerned village in a self-propelled and duly synthesized manner. It is placed on record here that the formation and activation of these village organizations entailed a lot of animation work and training of various types and grades.

PROFILE OF THE ANIMATION PROGRAMME AT GRASSROOT, REGIONAL AND CENTRAL LEVEL DURING 2023-24

Category	No. of programmes	Duration	Total Participants
SHG Leaders Training	139	Half day	2526
SHG Sangamam	212	Half day	8612
CU convenors training	14	One day	475
Lead farmers training	13	3days	523
EDP training	94	3 days	459
CHASS Local Unit Leaders training	14	One day	687
Skill training programmes	12	2 – 5 days	513
Sanchari Tailoring Training	15	3 months	465
Orientation programme for BSW/ MSW and Students	16	One day	205
Total	529		14465

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS

Different social work and arts and science colleges from both within and outside Kerala sent their students to CHASS for NGO experience, social work practice, and field exposure as part of their academic curriculum. During this period, 205 students from the below listed colleges visited CHASS. The orientation classes were led by Fr. Thomas Kulathumkal (Director), Mr. Jobie Mathew (Programme Officer), and Sr. Selma George (Project Officer), who guided the students through their internships and awarded certificates upon completion.



- Assumption College, Changanacherry
- St Berchmans College, Changanacherry
- Loyola College, Trivandrum
- Rajagiri College, Kakkanad
- St Gregorios College, Parumala
- BCM College, Kottayam
- Christ College, Bangalore
- Christ College, Pulianmala
- BVM Holy Cross College, Cherpunkal

- St. Joseph's College, Moolamattom
- Ettumanoorappan College, Ettumanoor
- De-Paul Institute, Angamali
- Bharata Matha College, Triakara
- JPM Arts & Science College, Kanchiar
- Marian College, Kuttikanam
- IGNO University
- Mar Sleeva College, Murikasserry
- Don Bosco College, Sultan Bathery

4. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

The last four decades in Kerala's agriculture sector can indeed be described as a "Crisis Period," significantly impacting the village economy, which is heavily reliant on agriculture. In response to this crisis, CHASS has taken on the responsibility of intervening to promote Sustainable Agriculture. Recognizing the vital role agriculture plays in rural life, CHASS has implemented a comprehensive, multi-pronged intervention strategy aimed at addressing the various challenges faced by farmers and the agricultural sector as a whole. The key components of this strategy include:

- Farmers Dynamic Organizations & Networking
- Farmers Producers Companies
- Whole Farm Approach
- Organic Farming Practices
- Value added Product Processing and Storage
- Organized Marketing



These interventions by CHASS represent a comprehensive approach to addressing the agricultural crisis in Kerala, with a focus on sustainability, farmer empowerment, and improving the economic well-being of rural communities.

PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING

CHASS is actively promoting food security and health security through a network of community-based organizations, including self-help groups, farmer's groups, and joint liability groups. Village level local social service units are spearheading a campaign focused on organic farming, emphasizing the use of value-added bio-manures and bio-pesticides to replace chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The initiative also prioritizes water and soil conservation through environment friendly practices. Additionally, the project encourages the cultivation of waste land and the substitution of food crops for cash crops. All CHASS units are participating in this collective effort to enhance sustainability and community well-being.



PREMIUM OUTLET (GRAMA BAZAR) CHANGANACHERRY

The Agriculture Department of Kerala allocated a Grama Bazar, a premium outlet, in Kottayam District as part of the Kerala Government's 2nd year celebrations. The initiative aims to promote the rural marketing of agricultural products of the self-help groups and farmers' clubs. The official inauguration of the Grama Bazar took place on May 25, 2023 by Adv. Job Michael, MLA. The event was marked by the presence of several dignitaries. Archbishop Mar Joseph Perumthottam blessed the Grama Bazar, signifying the community's support and good wishes for the success of this endeavour. The meeting was presided over by the Principal Agriculture Officer and several key personalities felicitated during the occasion.



The Grama Bazar in Kottayam represents a significant step towards empowering local farmers, promoting sustainable agriculture, and enhancing the visibility and marketability of rural products.

ENTE KERALAM EXPO



CHASS participated in the Ente Keralam expo held in Kottayam from 15-21 May 2023, organized by the Kerala Government as part of its second-year celebrations. At the expo, CHASS showcased a variety of agricultural products and items produced by SHGs, highlighting their contributions to the local economy and sustainable development.

ECO FRAGILE BUFFER ZONE FARMER'S GATHERING

CHASS, in collaboration with the Kerala Social Service Forum (KSSF), organized farmers' gathering at Amboori to discuss the exclusion of Aryankavu, Amboori, and the surrounding areas of Kollam and Trivandrum districts from the eco-fragile buffer zone demarcation. The meeting was presided over by Fr. Francis Karivelil, with the subject presented

by Fr. Mathewkutty Moonnattinmukham. KSSF Director, Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, delivered the keynote address, and Fr. Thomas Kulathumkal, Secretary of CHASS, gave the introductory speech. The panel discussions were moderated by Mr Jobie Mathew, Programme Officer of CHASS, and an input session was led by Ms Ancy, Agriculture Officer, Chenkal.

ONAM AGRI-FEST

CHASS organized an Agri-Fest from 26-28 August, 2023, at its compound in collaboration with local farmers' clubs and SHGs. The event featured a wide range of locally produced agricultural products, which were exhibited and marketed. The Onam Agri-Fest was inaugurated by Fr Joseph Vaniapurackal, the President of CHASS.

SUNDAY MARKETS

CHASS has been actively promoting Sunday markets to support local farmers by providing them with platforms to market their agricultural products. During the reporting period, five new Sunday markets were established. 23 Sunday markets are operating across 23 locations. These markets play a crucial role in enhancing the visibility and sales of locally produced goods, contributing to the economic well-being of the farming community.



CHASS NURSERY

CHASS operates an agricultural nursery within the central office compound. As part of its agri-promotion program for 2023-24, the nursery has distributed coconut saplings, banana saplings, fruit trees, grow bags, and vegetable seeds and saplings to 2,512 families. This initiative supports sustainable agriculture and encourages local food production among the community.



HARITHA SAMRUDHY

- **Fish Farmer Producer Sangam:** CHASS initiated a new Inland Fish Farmer Producer Sangam in Kut-tanad to safeguard the interests of inland fish farmers of the region. The official inauguration of this unit took place on 20 April 2023, at the KRRIS centre in Mampuzhakary.
- **Krishikootam:** CHASS collaborated with the Kerala Government's Krishikootam Padhathy and successfully formed three units at Kurumbanadom, Philgiri, and Changanacherry. These units are part of a broader effort to enhance agricultural practices and support local farmers through the Krishikootam initiative.
- **Haritha Farmers clubs:** The Haritha Farmer's Club, operating in CHASS local units, organized a farmers' meet where they distributed vegetable and fruit tree saplings free of cost to all their members.

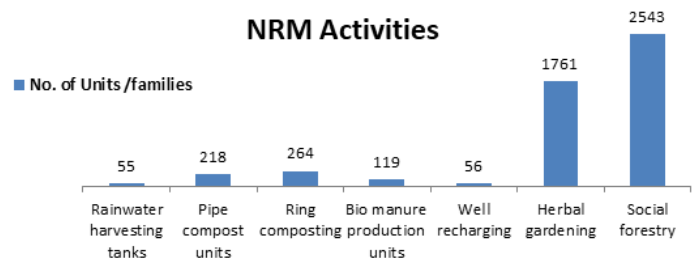
SAMRUDHA AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Samrudha Agriculture Nursery Kurumbanadom, established 40 years ago, serves as a demonstration farm and plant nursery in support of CHASS's agricultural programmes. Located in Kurumbanadom, a rural agricultural village 12 kilometers from the CHASS headquarters, Samrudha is dedicated to promote sustainable organic farming and safeguarding farmers' interests. The nursery is well-known for its demonstration plots featuring crops such as coconut, rubber, plantains, bananas, vegetables, roots and tubers, pepper, and ginger. During the reporting period, Samrudha extended its services to over 8,500 farmers through awareness creation, model farm development, and the supply of seeds, seedlings, grow bags, and other agricultural inputs.



5. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM)

CHASS is dedicated to the sustainable development through watersheds and livelihoods initiatives, aligning with government and voluntary organization efforts that integrate science and technology. The organization's Natural Resource Management programme focuses on enhancing the natural resource base through various physical initiatives, including ring and pipe composting, rainwater harvesting, well recharging, agro-forestry, herbal cultivation, and no-plastic campaign. These efforts collectively contribute to improving soil health, water conservation, and environmental sustainability.



WATER CONSERVATION

Under its Natural Resource Management (NRM) activities, CHASS prioritizes water conservation. The organization promotes rainwater harvesting through several methods, including the construction of Ferro cement water tanks, tarpaulin tanks, well recharging, backwashing, and also cleaning and protecting water sources to ensure effective water source regeneration. Other activities include agro forestry and herbal cultivation.



ENVIRONMENT DAY OBSERVATIONS Central Level Programme

CHASS celebrated International Environment Day at its office on 6 June 2023. The event was inaugurated by Fr Thomas Kulathumkal, with an Environment Day message delivered by Fr George Thycheril. The occasion featured an environment seminar led by Mr Jobie Mathew. A flash mob performance by MSW students from Assumption College highlighted the importance of environmental harmony. Mrs Saji Shaji, Staff Secretary, concluded the event with a vote of thanks.



Unit Level Programmes

CHASS local units organized a series of activities including a Self-Help Group (SHG) get-together, awareness programmes, and initiatives to clean public places and water bodies to mark the World Environment Day 2023. Additionally, they engaged in tree planting and distributed vegetable seeds.



GANDHI JAYANTI DAY OBSERVATION

CHASS observed Gandhi Jayanti 2023 in alignment with the Central Government's "Waste-Free India: Hygiene is Service" initiative. The cleaning programmes initiated by CHASS were inaugurated by Mar. Sebastian Vaniapurackal, Curia Bishop of the Syro Malabar Church. The observance focused on promoting cleanliness and hygiene in honour of Mahatma Gandhi's legacy.



6. WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The involvement of women in CHASS is significant, as they are the major participants actively engaged in grass root level activities. Recognizing the importance of their role, a specialized initiative has been established to support and empower these women. This initiative is called Associated Women's Action for Rural Development (AWARD), and it serves as a network that connects all the micro-organizational bodies involved.

MAHILASAMAJAMS

In the villages (parishes), women's SHGs are organized and coordinated under a federated body known as Mahilasamajam. Currently, there are 93 Mahilasamajams actively operating under the framework of CHASS. These Mahilasamajams are further federated under a central-level network called Associated Women's Action for Rural Development (AWARD). The Mahilasamajams engage in various activities to empower women and address community needs. Their major activities include:

- Monthly Meetings
- Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) Training
- Coordination of Women SHG Activities
- Promotion of Income-Generating Projects (IGP)

These efforts collectively contribute to the socio-economic development of women in rural areas, ensuring their active participation in community-building initiatives.



WOMEN'S DAY OBSERVATION (EVA 2024)

International Women's Day, "Eva 2024," was observed by CHASS in collaboration with local units on March 9, 2024, at Archbishop Kavukattu Hall, SB College Changanacherry. The event marked a range of programmes, including orientation talks, cultural performances, public meetings, celebrating the contributions of women in various fields. Mrs. Rani Maria, Vice Principal of Assumption College, delivered the Women's Day message, and the event was inaugurated jointly by Adv. Sajitha TP, a prominent women entrepreneur, Mrs. K.N. Sheeba, a theatre activist, and Mrs. Krupa Ligin, a special educator.

Archbishop Mar Joseph Perumthottam delivered a benedictory message, and felicitations were given by key persons including Rev. Fr. Joseph Vaniapurackal, Fr. Thomas Kulathumkal, and Mrs. Alphonse Varghese,

President of AWARD. Sr. Alphy DSJ, Administrative Officer of CHASS, warmly welcomed all.

During the event, outstanding women social workers and entrepreneurs were honoured for their achievements. The day also included various entertainment activities and competitions, offering women a platform to showcase their talents and celebrate their successes.



SHALABHAM 2023



A summer camp for children, named Shalabham 2023, was held at Koduppunna from 18-19 May 2023. The camp focused on a variety of developmental activities designed to enhance the participants' skills and abilities. The programme included sessions on leadership training, personality development, group building, and communication skills, along with cultural programmes. The event was inaugurated by Fr. Thomas Kulathumkal. Shalabham 2023 provided a valuable opportunity for children to learn, interact, and develop essential life skills in a supportive and engaging environment.

7. LIVELIHOOD INITIATIVES

SUMMARY OF LIVELIHOOD INITIATIVES

Programme	No. of beneficiaries	Partners
Valarthukoottam	1765 families	KSBCDC
Sanchari Skill Training	618 women	None
EDP Training & Swasraya Market	571 people	None
Loan for IGP	30 SHGs	KSBCDC

a. VALARTHUKOOTAM

CHASS plays a vital role in supporting local farmers by offering both technical and practical assistance. This includes the distribution of chicks, ducklings, lambs, kidari, and other livestock at subsidized rates to encourage agricultural activities. Beyond the provision of resources, CHASS ensures that farmers have access to financial support through SHGs, microcredit unions, the Kerala State Backward Classes Development Corporation (KSBCDC), and other financial organizations on a reasonable interest rate.

CHASS also has promoted Sunday markets and nattuchanda (traditional village markets), through its local units, enabling them to market their products directly at the grass root level. In the fiscal year 2023–24, a significant impact was made through the Valarthukootam Programme, 1765 families receiving support.

SANCHARI SKILL TRAINING



CHASS is conducting a three-month special skill-training program specifically designed for women who are members of SHG, offering them the opportunity to learn and develop new skills within their local communities. During the reporting year, 618 women successfully completed the training in 19 batches. The training covers a wide range of practical and creative skills, including:

- Cutting and tailoring
- Hand embroidery
- Doormat making
- Ornament making
- Door curtain making
- Flower making
- Umbrella making
- Washing powder making
- Toilet soap making
- Liquid soap making
- Liquid blue making
- Lotion making

SANCHARI SKILL TRAINING

During the reporting period, CHASS conducted 15 programmes on different trades and over 571 members benefited from the programme. CHASS is running a Swasraya market in order to ensure regular supply of raw materials to the EDP units. The objective of the activity is to direct the people towards a self-reliant growth.





Sl. No.	Unit	Training Program	Members
1.	Vettimukal & Muttar Old	Doormat and Table Mat making	88
2.	Koduppunna	Floor Mat making	45
3.	Athirampuzha	Cooking and catering	35
4.	Edathua, Mannila & Ponga	Fashion Designing and fabric painting	123
5.	Koduppunna	Toilet Cleaning Liquid making	32
6.	Kulathur, Vaipur old, Podippara, Nedumkunnam, Kurumbanadom Vadake amichakary	Tailoring & Embroidery	172
7.	Chethipuzha	Laundry items	76
Total			571

COLLABORATION WITH KSBCDC

CHASS has established a network with several financial institutions to integrate microfinance facilities into Self-Help Groups, aiming to bolster their livelihood initiatives. The primary objective of this network is to provide low-interest loans to SHGs, thereby enhancing their profitability and supporting their economic activities.

One of the key partners in this initiative is the Kerala State Backward Community Development Corporation (KSBCDC). With the assistance of KSBCDC, CHASS has facilitated the provision of loans amounting to Rs. 1.5 crores for the establishment of Income-Generating Projects in 30 SHG groups.

Archbishop Mar Joseph Perumthottam officially inaugurated the KSB CDC Loan Mela on 6 March 2024, at the CHASS conference hall. Fr. Joseph Vaniapurackal, presided over the function, and introduction speech was given by Fr. Thomas Kuthumkal. The keynote address was delivered by Sri. Shaji A. R, Assistant Manager of KSB CDC Kottayam, who provided insights into the role of KSB CDC in facilitating microfinance and the benefits it offers to SHGs and other participants.



COOPERATIVE TAILORING CENTRE (COPTAC)

COPTAC, established in 1975, holds the distinction of being the oldest undertaking of CHASS. Situated near CHASS’s administrative office, the centre trains women in tailoring and embroidery under the Kerala Government Technical Examination (KGTE) scheme and undertakes garment production. Each year, 50 girls complete their training at this centre and receive certificates, and the production wing of the centre employs 35 women, providing them with stable employment opportunities. The production unit has a partnership with the Khadi programme, where the cloth produced under Khadi is tailored into ready-made garments at COPTAC. A distinctive feature of the tailoring work carried out at this centre is the large-scale production of vestments and cassocks, which has earned the institution a reputable name across the country.



8. KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES PROGRAMME

Khadi is handmade, hand spun and hand-woven cotton/silk fabric made by thousands of skilled artisans living in rural areas. Khadi is cool in summer and warm in winter, soft feel texture and versatile fabric and truly environment friendly fabric suitable for all types of season. The fabric got its importance from our Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

CHASS started Khadi & Village Industries (VI) Programme in the year 1977 with the financial assistance of Kerala Khadi & VI Board. In the year 1983, Khadi & VI Commission, Govt. of India included CHASS in their direct list.

We have expanded the Khadi & VI Programme on a “three tier system” namely Training, Production and Marketing. The main focus of CHASS through KVI Programme is to provide employment to rural people in villages, creating self-reliance and building up a strong rural community with the support of KVIC.



Sri Job Michael MLA inaugurated Khadi Mahotsav 2023 at SJCC Kurisummood on 25-10-2023

TRAINING PROGRAMME

CHASS started Khadi Gramodyog Vidyalaya (KGV) at Mallappally in the year 1986. At present, 21 training programmes are ongoing regularly at KGV Mallappally and its various extension centers. Around 2500-3000 candidates complete their training from the vidyalaya every year.



Sri Manoj Kumar Chairman, KVIC Mumbai inaugurated 37th Anniversary of KGV Mallappally on 16-08-2023

The following table would give particulars of the training.

Sl No	Name of the Course	Duration	Achievement	
			Stipendiary	Non stipendiary
1	Semi Automatic Loom Weaving Course	6 Months	19	
2	Refresher Course in Spinning & Weaving	3 Months	30	
3	Frame Loom Weaving Course	6 Months	19	
4	Carpentry and Wood Engineering	6 Months	10	
5	Certificate Course in Bee Keeping	11 days	157	
6	Fruit and Vegetable processing	2 Months		40
7	Bakery Course	2 Months		39
8	Hand Embroidery	1 Month		53
9	Ready Made Garments /Spl Blouse/ Gown Making	3 Months		55
10	Toilet & Laundry Soap Making	2 months		40
11	Tailoring & Embroidery Course	5 Months		105
12	Beautician Course	2 Months		81
13	Umbrella Assembling	1 Month		40
14	Paper Conversion Course	1 Week		38
15	Fabric Painting	3 Weeks		10
16	Flower Making & Arrangements	3 Weeks		60
17	Big shopper	1 Month		50
18	Candle Making	1 Week		36
19	Door Mat Manufacturing	1 Week		40
20	Beekeeping Hobby Course	1 Week		405
21	Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme	1 day		1004
	Total		235	2096



Sri Manoj Kumar Chairman, KVIC Mumbai DISTRIBUTED 20 Wooden Lathe Machine at KGV Mallappally on 16-08-2023



World Bee Day Celebration inaugurated by Sri C G Andavar State Director KVIC Trivandrum Govt of India at KGV Mallappally on 20-05-2023



Fr George Panakezham Principal KGV Mallappally inaugurated Valedictory Function on 17-05-2023 at Chass Furniture Mammood

PRODUCTION SECTOR

CHASS in its various production centres produce Cotton & Muslin khadi, colour shirtings, Kuppadom dothi etc. We have different workshops to produce wood, furniture. Food products like value added honey products, bakery, fruits & vegetable products, also are undertaken in these units.



Khadi Padayathra conducted at SJCC Kurisummood on 25-10-23
in connection with Khadi Mahotsav Celebrations

The following table would give particulars of the various production centres of the Khadi Section.

Sl. No	Name of the centre	No .of Employees	Location	Nature of Activity
1	Assumption Khadi Centre	47	Kurump-anadom	Khadi Spinning on Charkha at Cherukara, Parel, Kainady and Vazhappally (Home units) Khadi Weaving at the Centre
2	Amala Khadi Centre	10	Amalagiri	Khadi Weaving (Color Shirting)
3	Madona Khadi Centre	10	Athirampuzha	Khadi Spinning at Vettimukal and Weaving at the Centre
4	Mallappally Khadi Centre	32	Mallappally	Khadi Weaving Kuppadom Firefly shirting, Dhothi
4	Carpentry Unit	6	Pallikuttumma	Wood manufacturing and interior decoration & All Building materials made out of wood.
5	Carpentry Unit	8	Mammood	Wood manufacturing and interior decoration & All Building materials made out of wood.
7	Mattress Manufacturing	5	Kottakkapuram	Khadi beds & Pillows, and Khadi Bed Cover
8	Bee- Keeping Unit	2	Kurump-anadom	Agmark Honey Processing & bottling
9	Bakery Unit	7	Mallappally	Various Bakery products, Cake and Biscuits

10	FVP Unit	4	Mallappally	Various Pickles more than 10 items
11	Processing of Cereals and Pulses	5	Mallappally	Rice Powder, Rava & Wheat powder and purchase and sales of Cereals and Pulses.
	Total	136		

MARKETING PROGRAMME

At present the Khadi & VI Department of CHASS has 6 sales emporiums including Central Godown. The following table would give particulars of the various Sales outlets of CHASS.

Sl No	Name of the Showroom	Location	No of Employees	Items Displayed for Sales
1	Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan	Sastri Road Kottayam Ph. 0481-2561684 7593920428	9	All khadi clothes, silk sarees, various village industries & handicraft items & all furniture etc.
2	Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan	Aramanapady, Changanacherry Ph. 0481-2411216 9778321482	3	All khadi clothes, silk sarees, various village industries & handicraft items etc..
3	Khadi Plaza Mallappally	KGV Buildings Mallappally	1	All khadi clothes, silk sarees, various village industries etc.
4	CHASS Furniture Mammood	Mallappally Road Ph.0481-2471861	2	All wood furniture & building materials
5	CHASS Furniture Pallikuttumma	AC Road Ph.0477 - 2702008, 9037992380	1	All wood furniture & building materials
6	Central Godown	Inside Archbishops house, Changanacherry	2	Centralized purchasing and distribution of all KVI products.
	Total		18	

Khadi Administrative Office	Chass Buildings	8	Administration & Accounting
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MALLAPPALLY BEEKEEPING CLUSTER

During the reporting year KVIC has sanctioned one Major Honey Cluster to CHASS for promoting 538 Beekeepers in Trivandrum & Kollam districts. The Common Facility Centre is to be set up at Amboori in Trivandrum district and the preliminary works are going on.



Dr. Daisy Thomas Rtd. Dy.Dir. CBRTI KVIC Pune Inaugurated the Beekeeping Awareness Training at Amboori in Trivandrum District on 18-03-2024



Fr. George Panakezham, Principal KGV Mallappally Inaugurated the Beekeeping Awareness Training at Aryankavu in Kollam District on 24-03-2024

9. SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES

JEEVAN MADHUR MICRO INSURANCE PROGRAMME

CHASS is affiliated with the Life Insurance Corporation of India to offer insurance protection to marginalized and excluded families through the Jeevan Madhur micro-insurance programme. This programme, initiated by CHASS 18 years ago, has successfully enrolled over 25000 families. Of these, approximately 22000 families have successfully completed the assured policy period and received their benefits from LIC.

MUTUAL BENEFIT SCHEME

The Mutual Benefit Scheme, part of the CHASS Micro Finance Programme, is a death coverage and medical support initiative designed exclusively for its active members. Under this scheme, CHASS provides financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 to the family of a member upon his/her death. In the current year, CHASS has contributed a total of Rs. 18,00,000 to support 180 families facing such a loss. Additionally, the scheme also offers medical aid to 65 members, with a total of Rs. 3,10,000 for medical assistance during the same period. This programme is a significant support system for members, offering both financial relief during times of bereavement and assistance with healthcare costs.

SHG SURAKSHA FUND

The SHG Suraksha Fund is a social security scheme promoted by CHASS specifically for its SHG members. This fund is designed to help members' families manage unexpected expenses that arise due to the death of a member. In the current year, 45 families were supported through this programme, receiving a total of Rs. 4,50,000.

HEALTH INSURANCE

28 families received Rs. 180,295/- as medical expense reimbursement from Health Insurance programme promoted by CHASS in collaboration with New India Assurance Company.

10. FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

SAVE A FAMILY PLAN

CHASS has been collaborating with Save a Family Plan (SAFP) Canada, an international donor agency, for the past 54 years to support the social integration of poor and marginalized families in Kerala. Through this partnership, CHASS has helped thousands of families implement livelihood programmes, manage natural resources, and engage in other developmental activities. Currently, 210 families are part of this programme, receiving a monthly sum of Rs. 1200 each. This financial support is crucial for these families, enabling them to invest in income-generating activities, fund their children's education, and meet essential needs. Over a six-year period, this assistance fosters self-reliance, helping families establish micro-enterprises and secure a stable income, contributing to their long-term well-being. Three beneficiaries received Rs 300000 as part of COVID rehabilitation project.



Details of service through Save A Family Plan during the FY 2023-24:

Sl. No	Particulars/Item	No. of Families	Amount
1	Livestock & infrastructure	24	578155
2	Small Business	163	4059655
3	Agriculture relatved	4	94604
4	Education	14	294362
5	Purchase of goods	4	89464
6	Infrastructure	7	163129
	Total	216	5279369

CLUSTER MEETING AND MONITORING

CHASS organized cluster meetings of FDP partner families at eight different locations to promote new income-generating programs (IGPs) and evaluate existing IGP units. During these meetings, the CHASS team, including the FDP coordinator and regional coordinators, conducted house visits and interacted with family members.



FFT MEETING

CHASS conducted FFT meetings with the participation of the Director, Assistant Director, Program Officer, and FDP Coordinator to evaluate the ongoing projects and develop a plan of action for future interventions.

CARE A FAMILY PROGRAMME

The "Care a Family" program, initiated by CHASS, is a locally sponsored initiative aimed at integrating marginalized families into the social mainstream, particularly those without an earning member. This Family Development Programme focuses on the holistic development of partner families by channelling a monthly contribution of Rs. 1000 into income-generating activities, children's education, and other essential needs that contribute to the families' sustained well-being for over a six-year period. The programme is fully supported by well-wishers of CHASS within the operational area. This year, 25 of the most deserving families received support through this initiative.



11. COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED

In 1999, CHASS established a separate department focused on the upliftment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), in collaboration with the CBR Forum in Bangalore. Since then, CHASS has continued its committed service to support the Differently Abled through various programmes designed to enhance their quality of life and promote their integration into society.

- SHGs of Differently Abled
- Orientation Programmes for Family Members
- Linkage with LSGIs and likeminded institutions and people
- Asha Talent Promotion Programme
- Rehaswiss Self Help Project (SHP) support
- Up scaling of existing IGPs

REHASWISS PROGRAM ME

In collaboration with Rehaswiss, an international funding agency based in Switzerland that focuses on the sustainable development of differently abled individuals, CHASS provided financial support for Income Generating Programmes to 30 people during the 2023–24 period. Along with this, a skill training and awareness programme was also organized for the siblings of the differently abled.

On 6 February 2024, Rehaswiss founder President

Mr. Joseph Aerthott, along with the Rehaswiss core team, interacted with all the Self-Help Project partners from the 2022-23 period as part of a project evaluation. The meeting included participation from the CHASS team, led by Fr. Thomas Kulathumkal, Director of CHASS.



The IGP support for the year 2023–24 was inaugurated on 16 August 2023, at the CHASS conference hall by His Grace Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Archbishop of Changanacherry. The event was presided over by Fr. Joseph Vaniapurackal, President, with a keynote address was delivered by Fr. Thomas Kullathumkal, Director. Mr. Jobie Mathew, Programme Officer, provided an explanation of the project. Fe-

licitations were offered by Fr. George Thycheril, Assistant Director of CHASS, Mrs. Saji Shaji, and Mrs. Sheeba Santhosh.

Under this programme, CHASS disbursed a total of Rs. 5,00,000 to 30 differently abled individuals as support for their IGPs, marking a significant step in empowering these individuals towards self-reliance and social inclusion.

ASHA TALENT PROMOTION

Asha Talent Promotion is a dream project of Rehaswiss to upgrade the talents of the differently abled women by initiating their creativity and work culture for better result and to improve their own income through innovative projects. The main objective of the project is to promote the creativity and talent of the differently abled by providing innovative impulses and inspiration. The project aims to give financial independence and empowerment for PwDs, particularly women, through tailoring and product export to Switzerland

ASSISSI VIDYALAYAM POONTHPOE



Assissi Vidyalaya, a special school for children with mental retardation, was established in 1992 in the densely populated coastal town of Poonthope, Alappuzha. The school is owned and managed by the Changanacherry Social Service Society, and during the reporting year it catered to 72 children with various forms of retardation. It operates with the support and guidance of the Directorate of Public Instruction (DPI) of the Government of Kerala, ensuring effective management and operation of the school.

Major accomplishments during the year 2023-24

§ Conducted PTA Meeting two times

- § Counselling Service to 21 Parents
- § Vocational training in making candle, carpet and paper bag to 40 students
- § Conducted Medical Check-up once in two months
- § Conducted two awareness seminar for parents and peer groups
- § Conducted Excursion
- § Extra-curricular activities such as, dance, music, indoor & outdoor games, band set, drawings, paintings etc.
- § Conducted Annual sports meet



Anniversary: The 31st anniversary of Assissi Vidyalaya and the PTA meeting were held on 14 March 2024, in the school auditorium. Mrs. K Jayamma, Chairperson of Alappuzha Municipality, inaugurated the event, which was presided over by Fr. Thomas Kulathumkal. Sr. Ansit Maria CMC, Principal, presented the report and accounts of the school.

Felicitations were given by Fr. Sebastian Mannanthuruthil, Vicar of Poonthope Church, Sr. Rani Maria CMC, Smt. Idamma Moncy, Staff Secretary, and Mr. Muhammed Sali, PTA President. The event concluded with a variety of entertainment programmes by the students and teachers

12. COMMUNITY HEALTH

Health is a vital component of human development, essential for well-being, increased labour productivity, and economic growth. In the year 2023–2024, CHASS provided the following health-related services.

ASHAKIRANAM CANCER CARE PROGRAMME



Ashakiranam Cancer Care Programme Changanacherry is a joint campaign of CHASS and Caritas India for the prevention and mitigation of cancer and other lifestyle diseases. The Coordinator of Ashakiranam Cancer Care Programme participates regularly in the DLO training conducted by Caritas India.

PROMOTION OF ORGANIC KITCHEN GARDENING



Ashakiranam wing joined the agriculture development programme of CHASS and helped 543 families to start organic kitchen gardening. Regular accompaniment and support from the CHASS local unit helped them to produce and consume homemade toxic free vegetables, roots, tubers, and fruits.

AIDS DAY OBSERVATION

Ashakiranam Cancer Care wing observed AIDS Day on December 1st in collaboration with Assumption College Changanacherry.



WORLD CANCER DAY OBSERVATION



CHASS organized a comprehensive one-day orientation programme and medical camp across seven locations in collaboration with the Community Medicine Department of Pushpagiri Medical College, Thiruvalla. The event was led by Dr. Betsy Jose and Dr. Dency David, along with a dedicated medical team of nine members from the college. This initiative provided valuable health education and medical services to the community, addressing both awareness and direct healthcare needs.



LIVE FREE COTTON SANITARY PAD

The "Live Free" reusable cotton sanitary pad, developed by the Ashakiranam desk of CHASS, has gained significant popularity among women in Kerala, especially those in Central Travancore. This product stands out for its softness, hygiene, reusability, non-allergenic properties, natural composition, and affordability. Made from high-quality

cotton cloth, it incorporates non-leaking technology to ensure safety and comfort. The fact that it is reusable makes it an environment friendly option, aligning with CHASS's commitment to effective waste management. A dedicated team of ten women at the COPTAC is fully involved in the production of these sanitary pads. This initiative not only



addresses waste management concerns but also promotes healthy practices among women, particularly teenagers. By offering a safer and more sustainable option, CHASS aims to reduce the risk

of chronic diseases like cervical cancer, making a significant impact on women's health and well-being. 300 pads we distributed during the reporting period.

GRAHALAKSHMI HOME NURSING SERVICE

The home nursing service provided by the Society, which caters to families with bed-ridden patients who require professional nursing care is a different health care service. This service operates under specific terms and conditions mutually agreed upon with the families. The Society employs five trained

home nurses who are available on a rotating basis to ensure continuous care. During the reporting year 25 individuals benefited from the compassionate and professional care provided by the home nurses. This service plays a crucial role in supporting families during challenging times.

SAJEEVAM ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN



The Sajeevam anti-drug campaign is a collaborative initiative together with Caritas India, the Kerala Social Service Forum, and CHASS. This campaign is designed to raise awareness among parents and the general public about the growing influence of drug mafias on children and to mobilize collective efforts to combat this menace. By engaging all diocesan departments in this fight, the campaign seeks to build a robust network of support and education, empowering communities to protect their children and resist the destructive impact of drugs.

On 21st June 2023, the Sajeevam desk organized a poster making competition for school children at St. Anne's Higher Secondary School, Changanacherry. The competition focused on the theme "Measures to Be Adopted for Preventing Drug Abuse." CHASS organized a series of awareness classes on drug abuse prevention, for Sunday school students across 15 parishes. These sessions were designed to educate young minds about the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of making informed choices.

As part of Sajeevam Anti-drug Campaign Anti-narcotic day observations were organized in the following places:

Date	Place
June 1 st	Vadakekara
June 13	Vazhappally
June 14	Mallappally
June 15	Paippad
June 16	Fathimapuram
June 17	Changanacherry
June 19	Kattanam, Edathua, Thakazhy, Kainady, Kidangara, Chalachuirra
June 20	Charummood, Chengannoor
June 23	Thottacklad, Punnapra
June 24	Chethipuzha, Laikad
June 26	Morekulangara, Koduppunna

13. DE-ADDICTION PROGRAMME

SLCA KERALA

The State Level Coordinating Agency (SLCA) Kerala, operated by the Changanacherry Social Service Society, has been officially designated as the State Level Coordinating Agency for Kerala by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), Government of India, New Delhi. The SLCA is sponsored by the MSJE, which supports its efforts to promote social welfare and empowerment programmes throughout Kerala.

SLCA KERALA's BENEFICIARIES

State	15/30 Bed Treatment Centers
IRCA's	18
ODICs	2
CPLIs	2
Women's Centre	1
Children's Centre	1
Total	24

SLCA KERALA's VISITS

State	No. of Centers visited	
Kerala	MSJE funded service providers	- 24
	Total	- 24



NISD FUNDED PROGRAMMES

In this F.V. 2023 – '24, NISD sanctioned FOUR residential training programs to SLCA KERALA.

1. THREE DAYS ORIENTATION COURSE ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT FOR NURSES, PEER EDUCATORS & WARD BOYS WORKING IN IRCA'S.
2. FIVE DAYS ORIENTATION COURSE ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION / THEMATIC ISSUES & COUNSELLING SKILLS FOR FUNCTIONARIES OF IRCA'S.
3. THREE DAYS ORIENTATION COURSE ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT FOR NURSES, PEER EDUCATORS & VOLUNTEERS WORKING IN IRCA'S.
4. TWO DAYS CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR TARGETED INTERVENTION FUNCTIONARIES OF ODIC & CPLI PROJECTS.



ANTI NARCOTIC DAY 2023

In collaboration with the mother NGO, SLCA Kerala organized a month-long orientation and interaction programme for the observance of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2023. This comprehensive campaign included a series of thematic and target group-specific programmes aimed at raising awareness about

the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of combating illicit trafficking.

As part of this initiative, a massive signature campaign and a human chain were organized across Kerala, symbolizing the collective resolve of the community to fight against drug abuse and trafficking.



SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN



EXTRA AWARENESS PROGRAMS

with the support of NGO

No. of Programs in association with Anti Narcotic Day = 36 No.

No. of extra programs conducted in the F.Y. 2023– 24 = 41 No.

Total No. of Extra Programs Conducted in 2023-24 = 77 No.

2023 Anti Narcotic Day – One Month Awareness Programme Details

No.	Date	Program	Place
01.	01.06.2023	Flash mob & Mime, Awareness Talk, IEC Materials Distribution	Vadakkera
02.	02.06.2023	Flash mob & Mime, Awareness Talk, IEC Materials Distribution	Kothalappady
03.	03.06.2023	Awareness / Orientation for MSW Students	Changanacherry
04.	04.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for Children	Koduppuzha
05.	06.06.2023	Awareness Program, IEC Materials Distribution & Seedlings Distribution	Karoorpada
06.	06.06.2023	Awareness through YouTube	Online
07.	07.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for the P.T.A.	Vazhappally
08.	07.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution at St. Thomas Hospital - Changanacherry	Chethipuzha
09.	08.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for Community	Muttar
10.	09.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for Community	Lakkadu
11.	10.06.2023	Awareness through YouTube	Online
12.	11.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for Women's Workplace @ Coptic Tailoring Centre	Changanacherry
13.	12.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for Staffs & Coordinators at CHASS	Changanacherry
14.	13.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for Community	Vallanchira
15.	14.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution at Workplace	Mallappally
16.	15.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for SHGs	Pirappadu
17.	16.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for SHGs	Fathimapuram
18.	17.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for Auto & Taxi Drivers	Changanacherry
19.	18.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for Community	Marimula
20.	19.06.2023	Awareness Rally at Kattanam in collaboration with ACCEPT IRCA	Kattanam
21.	20.06.2023	Street Play & Awareness Program No. 1	Mavelikara P.V. Bus Stand

22.	20.06.2023	Street Play & Awareness Program No. 2	Charummoodu
23.	20.06.2023	Street Play & Awareness Program No. 3	Pathanamthitta
24.	20.06.2023	Street Play & Awareness Program No. 4	Changanur KSRTC Bus Stand
25.	21.06.2023	Foster Competitions at St. Ann's G.H.S.S., Chry	Changanacherry
26.	22.06.2023	Rally for Students at Vijayamatha School	Koduppuzha
27.	23.06.2023	Street Play & Awareness Program at Thakachy	Alappuzha
28.	23.06.2023	Street Play & Awareness Program at Kalnady	Alappuzha
29.	24.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for Community	Pulinkunnu
30.	25.06.2023	Human Chain & Signature Campaign all over Kerala	All Kerala
31.	26.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for School Students at S.B. H.S.S.	Changanacherry
32.	26.06.2023	Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for School Students at A.K.M. H.S.S.	Morkulangara
33.	27.06.2023	Flash mob, Awareness Program & IEC Materials Distribution for Community	Mepallykurty Hospital
34.	28.06.2023	Awareness Program at St. John Maria Vianney Auditorium & IEC Materials Distribution for Community	Alappuzha
35.	29.06.2023	IRCAS / NGOs - Partners Meet	Online
36.	30.06.2023	Awareness Program at Amalathilava Matha Auditorium & IEC Materials Distribution for Community	Paravoor

Awareness Programmes for Various Groups – 01 April 2023 to 05 Feb 2023

No.	Date	Program	Place
37.	20.04.2023	Orientation Program for MSW Students at Mar Gregorios College	Parumala
38.	26.04.2023	Orientation Program for MSW Students at BCM College	Kottayam
39.	27.04.2023	Orientation Program for MSW 2 nd Year Students at Assumption College	Changanacherry
40.	02.05.2023	Orientation Program for MSW Students at BVM Holy Cross College	Cherpuvattal
41.	04.05.2023	Awareness Program for General Body Members of Parent NGO – CHASS, Chry	Changanacherry
42.	08.05.2023	Awareness Program for SHG Leaders	Thuruthy

43.	10.05.2023	Awareness Program for SHG Leaders	Marimula
44.	15.05.2023	Awareness Program for SHG Leaders	Champakulam
45.	18.05.2023	Awareness Program for SHG Leaders	Kurumpanadom
46.	20.05.2023	Awareness Program for SHG Leaders	Edathua
47.	01.07.2023	Orientation Program for MSW Students at MCC College	Trivandrum
48.	02.07.2023	Awareness Program for Sunday School Students	Ramankary
49.	03.07.2023	Drugs Abuse Awareness program for Community	Kattanam
50.	07.07.2023	Awareness Program for Sunday School Students at Assumption	Changanacherry
51.	21.07.2023	Orientation Program for Sociology Students at Assumption College	Changanacherry
52.	26.07.2023	Orientation Program for MSW Students at Sree Sabarashtra College	Mundakayam
53.	31.07.2023	Orientation Program for BSW Students at Ettumanoorappan College	Ettumanoor
54.	04.08.2023	Orientation Program for MSW Students at S.B. College	Changanacherry
55.	11.08.2023	Orientation Program for MSW Students at Mar Sleeva College	Idukki
56.	12.08.2023	Awareness Program for Students	Kayankulam
57.	12.08.2023	Drugs Abuse Awareness program for Students	Thuruthy
58.	13.08.2023	Orientation Program for Trainers of Sajnevam	Cherthala
59.	16.09.2023	Orientation Program for MSW Students at Loyola College	Trivandrum
60.	23.09.2023	Drugs abuse Awareness program for Students at St. Thomas Central School - Thottappally	Alappuzha
61.	05.10.2023	Drugs Abuse Awareness program for Community Leaders	Changanacherry
62.	06.10.2023	Drugs Abuse Awareness program for Community	Kumarankary
63.	25.10.2023	Orientation Program for English Dept. Students of Assumption College	Changanacherry
64.	27.10.2023	Drugs abuse Awareness program for Students at St. Mary's School	Kayankulam
65.	28.10.2023	NSS Students at S.B. School	Changanacherry
66.	10.11.2023	Orientation Program for B. Com Students of Assumption College	Changanacherry

67.	13.11.2023	Awareness Talk at St. Bernhards College	Changanacherry
68.	15.11.2023	Awareness Session for SAFP Beneficiaries	Changanacherry
69.	18.11.2023	U.G. I Students of Assumption College	Changanacherry
70.	05.12.2023	Drugs Abuse Awareness program for BVM Holy Cross College	Changanacherry
71.	08.12.2023	Drugs Abuse Awareness program for Community	Vellianandu
72.	27.12.2023	NSS Students of St. Theresa's GHSS - Changanoor	Thiruvilla
73.	11.01.2024	Social Awareness for S.B. College Students	Changanacherry
74.	14.01.2024	Drugs Abuse Awareness program for Community	Threekodithanam
75.	19.01.2023	Drugs Abuse Awareness program for St. Theresa School	Vichappally
76.	01.02.2023	Drugs Abuse Awareness program for Community	Changanacherry
77.	03.02.2024	Drugs Abuse Awareness program for Community	Threekodithanam

Note: Photos are available upon request.

Human Chain all over Kerala.

SLCA-Kerala, in collaboration with the parent NGO CHASS, organised a human chain across five civil districts in south and south-central Kerala. 180 communities are expected and a consolidated participation of more than 75,000 people in the Human Chain participated on June 25, 2023.

In addition to this, SLCA Kerala anticipated the assistance from other NGOs operating under the auspices of the Kerala Catholic Bishops Council (KCBC) in coordinating the human chain throughout Kerala's northern and central regions, with an anticipated participation of 1,50,000 people. It is also expected to spread the message to about 450,000 people indirectly.

Signature Campaign

A signature campaign against drug abuse was organized, in collaboration with the parent NGO CHASS as part of the observance of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Around 12000 signatures were collected. It is also expected to spread the message to about 15,000 people indirectly.

Helping Hands to District Social Justice Departments

SLCA Kerala has helped various District Social Justice Departments in the preparation and training of inspection and file verification to be undertaken in respective districts.



SLCA KERALA's ACHIEVEMENTS

Total No. of Beneficiaries covered in FY 2023-24

Anti Narcotic Month Observance	14,000+
Signature Campaign	12,000+
Human Chain	1,15,000+
Training Programs	1,350+
Total	1,42,350+

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SLCA KERALA's INTERVENTION

- Awareness Program for School Students
- Awareness Program for College Students
- Awareness Program for Community
- Awareness Program for Community Leaders
- Awareness Program for P.T.A.
- ToT for Teachers.
- Capacity Building for NSS / NCC Volunteers
- Sensitization Program for Asha Workers
- Sensitization Program for SHGs / Kudumbasrees
- Sensitization Program on High Risk Areas
- Sensitization for Auto / Truck Drivers
- Awareness / ToT Programs at Lakshadweep
- Online Awareness Programs
- IEC Materials Distribution
- Orientation Program for Law Enforcement Agencies
- Residential Orientation Programs for Health Service Providers
- Residential Training Programs to Targeted Intervention Functionaries of CPLI / ODIC Projects
- Residential Training Programs for P.D.s, Counsellors and Social Workers of IRCAs
- Residential Training Programs for Ward boys of IRCAs
- Two Day, Three Day, Five Day, Fifteen Day, One Month Training programs for Capacity Building.
- Day Observances (ex. Anti Narcotic Day etc.)

- School, College Students, Youth Clubs
- Self help Groups (SHG), Women's Groups
- Organizations, CBOS, Civil Society Members
- Community Leaders, Parents, Teachers
- Police, Law enforcement Agencies
- Panchayati Raj Self Govt. Representatives
- Street Children, Drivers
- NSS, NCC, Asha Workers
- Nurses, Ward Boys
- IRCA / ODIC / CPLI Functionaries
- Social workers, Counsellors, outreach workers, Clinical Psychologist of IRCAs & others
- Recovery Dependents
- Doctors

NETWORKING WITH STATE GOVT., OTHER NGOs, CBOs & OTHER INSTITUTES

SLCA Kerala has developed linkages and interacted with the following agencies and department during the financial year 2023-24.

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| 1. Kudumba Sree mission | 6. Social Justice Department |
| 2. Police Department | 7. Women and Child Development department |
| 3. Excise Department | 8. Grama Panchayath, Block Panchayath, Jilla Panchayath etc |
| 4. Narcotics Control Bureau | 9. Health Service Department |
| 5. Education Department | 10. Education Institutions |
| | 11. Autonomous Colleges |

INTEGRATED REHABILITATION CENTRES FOR ADDICTS (IRCAs)

The ACCEPT Counselling and De-addiction Centres, operated by the Changanacherry Social Service Society (CHASS), have a long history of providing vital support to individuals struggling with alcohol and drug addiction in Alappuzha District, Kerala. Originally established as a counselling centre for alcoholics and drug addicts at Punnapra, the centre has undergone several relocations and transformations to better serve the community.

Key Historical Milestones:

Punnapra (Initial Location): The ACCEPT Counselling Centre was first established at Punnapra in Alappuzha District on 03 February 1990. CHASS, known for its pioneering work in social services,

managed the centre with an unblemished record of service.

Kaithavana (1993-2001): In 1993, the centre was shifted to Kaithavana, continuing its role as a counselling and drug awareness centre until 31 March 2001.

Nooranadu (2001): On 01 April 2001, the centre was moved to Nooranadu, Alappuzha District, which had the highest suicide rate due to alcohol and drug abuse. During this time, the centre was renamed as ACCEPT De-addiction Centre on 01 August 2001, following a grant-in-aid from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's Integrated Rehabilitation Centres (IRCAs).

Kattanam (2003-Present): Due to water scarcity at Nooranadu, the centre was relocated on 01 April 2003, to Kattanam, a nearby village. It now operates as the ACCEPT De-addiction Centre Kattanam, supported by the 300-bed multi-specialty St. Thomas Mission Hospital on the same campus.

Punnapra (1997-Present): In addition to the Kattanam centre, CHASS started the ACCEPT De-addiction Centre at Punnapra in 1997, which continues to receive grant-in-aid from the Ministry of Social

Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. These centres play a crucial role in combating addiction in Alappuzha District, supported by the de-addiction initiatives of CHASS and the resources provided by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The ACCEPT centres have planned a range of activities for the year 2023–2024, focusing on comprehensive de-addiction services, including:

TREATMENT

Sl.no	Programmes	Punnapra	Kattanam
1	Cases reported the centre	220	339
2	Inpatients	191	186
3	Alcoholic patients	133	256
4	Drug abusers	8	57
5	Multiple Drug abusers	79	26
6	Group Counselling	340	268
7	Individual Counselling	2743	2886
8	Family Counselling	1737	1969
9	Behaviour Therapy	48	265
10	Psychiatric Treatment	0	26
11	Follow up Counselling	357	353
12	House visits	150	165
13	OP Patients	29	153
14	Counselling	1613	765
15	Follow up activities	357	2225
16	A.A Meetings	12	12
17	Anon meetings	4	12
18	Al. Ateen	2	12
19	Self Help Group	81	187
20	Outreach programme	5344	11368
21	Family Assistance	337	339
22	Vocational Training	138	8
23	Educational Support	2	2
24	Work place Support	7	6

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Awareness programmes are also conducted to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse by holding seminars, study classes, public meetings, Audio-visual classes and other awareness programmes. Counselling services are also provided to the Juvenile Justice Centres run by Ministry of Social Welfare, Govt. of Kerala.

Sl. No	Activities	Punnapra	Kattanam
1	Awareness programmes for school students	16	64
2	Orientation programme for youths	11	65
3	Orientation programme for Community People	4	60
4	Orientation programme for PTA	3	5
5	Audio Visual Classes	22	125
6	Public Meetings/orientation	6	20
7	House visits and Interactions	136	165
8	Awareness programmes in collaboration with Excise Department	2	2
9	Awareness programme for SHG members	3	22
10	Exhibition participation	3	3
	Total	206	531

COMMON PROGRAMMES

Sl. No.	Programmes	Pun-napra	Kattanam
1.	Drug free day meetings	2	36
2.	No Tobacco day meetings	2	8
3.	A.A. meetings	12	12
4.	Letter Contacts	357	405

PUBLICATIONS OF THE YEAR

Printed and distributed leaflets, booklets, posters and stories describing the evils and dangers of Alcoholism and Drug abuse. Three articles, 18 E-posters and 30000 leaflets were printed and distributed.

CELEBRATIONS AND OBSERVANCES

Celebrated the national and regional festivals, national and international days of observance in the centres

- Health Day Observation - April
- Anti-Tobacco Day Observation - May
- Nurses Day Celebration - May
- World Environment Day Observation – June
- Anti-Narcotics Day Observation - June
- Women's Day Celebration - August
- Independence Day Celebration - August
- Onam Celebration - September
- Christmas Celebration - December
- Social Work Day Celebration - March

SUPPORT PERSONS MEET

Supportive persons meeting at ACCEPT IRCA is a gathering designed specifically for the friends and relatives of individuals undergoing treatment for alcohol dependency syndrome. These meetings are held regularly to provide essential support and guidance to the loved ones of those in recovery. The meeting takes place on every first Sunday of the month at ACCEPT IRCA, Punnapra and the same meeting is held on every last Sunday of the month at ACCEPT IRCA, Kattanam. There are lectures, group discussions, and counselling sessions with family members.

Main Objectives of the programme are:

- To mobilize psychosocial support for patients among family members and friends, particularly in their sober lives.
- To clarify the myths, misconceptions, and facts about addiction treatment, sober life, and follow-up.
- To help the friends and relatives identify their role in a sober life.

14. WELFARE AND CHARITY

As a social organization dedicated to supporting the poor and needy, CHASS frequently encounters urgent human situations that require immediate and compassionate intervention, despite its focus on promoting self-reliance and community-based support. To address these critical needs, the Archdiocese provides a local charity fund for selective personal charity. On average, CHASS processes around 100 requests per month, with over Rs. 13,50,000 allocated during the reporting year to offer timely assistance and relief to those in dire circumstances.

15. ACCOUNTS

Changanacherry Social Service Society, Archbishop's House, Changanacherry

Reg. No. K44/1966

Balance Sheet as on 31.03.2024

	Sch. No.	Amount ₹
LIABILITIES		
Capital fund as per last Balance sheet		4,42,76,286.02
Add : Excess of income over expenditure		95,77,830.06
Loans	VIII	0.00
Building fund	IX	18,66,190.00
Other funds	X	33,56,674.30
Housing funds	XI	2,19,034.91
Current liabilities	XII	20,24,521.68
Revolving fund loan	XIII	3,54,69,848.73
Corpus fund	XIV	66,30,690.00
Mutual Fund Benefit	XV	1,11,00,700.00
Loan-Rural Finance Corporation as per last Balance sheet		70,169.00
Projects		5,22,401.00
Reserve for project to be completed		2,90,574.68
Infarm Agro Development Center Changanacherry - RFL		23,88,663.60
TDS Payable		29,641.00
TOTAL		11,78,23,224.98
ASSETS		
Building	I	92,23,369.34
Land	II	1,16,16,472.00
Other fixed assets	III	43,34,079.58
Advances	IV	6,51,40,377.97
Projects	V	26,038.00
Revolving fund	VI	0.00
Stock in hand	VII	0.00
Assisi Vidhyalaya Poonthope		73,98,698.00
Security deposit for vehicle		3,34,704.00
TDS		11,80,574.00
Add : Current year TDS		11,80,574.00
Closing balances:		
Bank balances and deposits		1,82,28,767.55
Cash in hand		3,40,144.54
TOTAL		11,78,23,224.98

As per report attached

For **JOSEPH & NAIR**

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Operational Area Of CHASS



KOTTAYAM

KOLLAM

ALAPPUZHA

PATHANAMTHITTA

THIRUVANAMTHAPURAM

BENEFACTORS AND COLLABORATORS

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India



Khadi & Village Industries Commission



Life Insurance Corporation of India



NABARD



Kerala State Backward Class Development Corporation



Agriculture Department, Government of Kerala



Directorate of Public Instruction



Suchitwa Mission Kerala



Changanacherry Municipality



Jananidhi Kerala



Rubber Board



UNICEF

District Medical Office Kottayam & Alappuzha



Coconut Development Board



New India Assurance Company

DONOR AGENCIES



Caritas India



Caritas Germany



Caritas Italiana



Conferenza Episcopale Italiana



Rehaswiss, Switzerland



Save-A-Family Plan



Catholic Relief Services



Xisco Munoz Expulg, Spain

Christus Koenig Kirche, Gemen Borken Germany

OTHERS



Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited



Palm Fibre Limited

Life Anchor, Mumbai



KSSF



Panchayath Raj Institutions in Alappuzha, Kottayam, Pathanamthitta, Kollam & Trivandrum Districts



The Major Archbishopal Curia Syro Malabar Church



Diocese of Hosur



Kalyan Diocese



Shamsadabad Diocese



KCBC-JPD Commission



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