

Annual Report 2021-2022



MMSSS

Madurai Multi purpose Social Service Society



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Madurai, one of the Southern cities of India is well known for the historical *Sangam* (Association for the Promotion of Tamil Literature and Culture) as mentioned in ancient Tamil literature. In this historic place, a Social Service Society called '**Caritas Madurai**' was born in 1968. Later it was named "**Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society (MMSSS)**". Keeping its vision and accomplishing its mission, MMSSS has entered into the 54th year of its service. It primarily identifies and uplifts the downtrodden, economically marginalized people of the target area belonging to the **Catholic Archdiocese of Madurai**. It covers the four civil districts of Madurai, Virudhunagar, Theni and Dindigul.

A vibrant voluntary sector was indeed necessary in 1968 to create a just and equitable society with the goal of reaching out to the margins. As the official social work organization of the Catholic Archdiocese of Madurai, MMSSS is a front-runner in promoting development and justice and in providing equitable opportunity to the less privileged.

Aimed at community development from children to elders, MMSSS has worked tirelessly for the welfare of the people in need. The beneficial schemes could be categorized under: *Food for Work, Electric Motor Pump set, Tractor Krishi Machines, Mother-Child Welfare Scheme, Child Care Center, Mid-day and Night Meal Scheme, Meal Scheme for Destitute and Elderly, Handloom and Sewing Training Center, Fan Spinning Mill, Barren Agricultural Land, Pond Development Scheme, Roads to Villages, Community Halls and Building Individual Houses*. These are some of the developmental activities undertaken by MMSSS in its initial stage.

Against this background, in 1981, a seminar was organized on the theme "liberation of the oppressed". Inspired by the seminar, MMSSS widened its horizons. MMSSS began to identify new avenues for its mission. Women's Integrated Education Development Program, Basic Assistance to the people who were forced to leave Sri Lanka due to ethnic massacre in 1983, National Child Labor, Special Schools, Mat Weaving, Rope Factory, Silk Spinning and Synthetic Diamond Belting and Mushroom Farming were initiated for the integral development of the target people.

Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society (MMSSS) as one of the two eyes (one for social and the other for pastoral mission) of the Archdiocese of Madurai is completing 54 golden years in socio-pastoral ministry. MMSSS has travelled many roads with ‘multi-purposes’ but all leading towards one destination. That is *Empowerment of the poor and the marginalized*.

The vision of the society is to ensure an **“Equitable Society in Solidarity with the Oppressed”**. This vision of the organization is nurtured and translated in deeds in terms of its mission. Based on the vision, its mission is to...

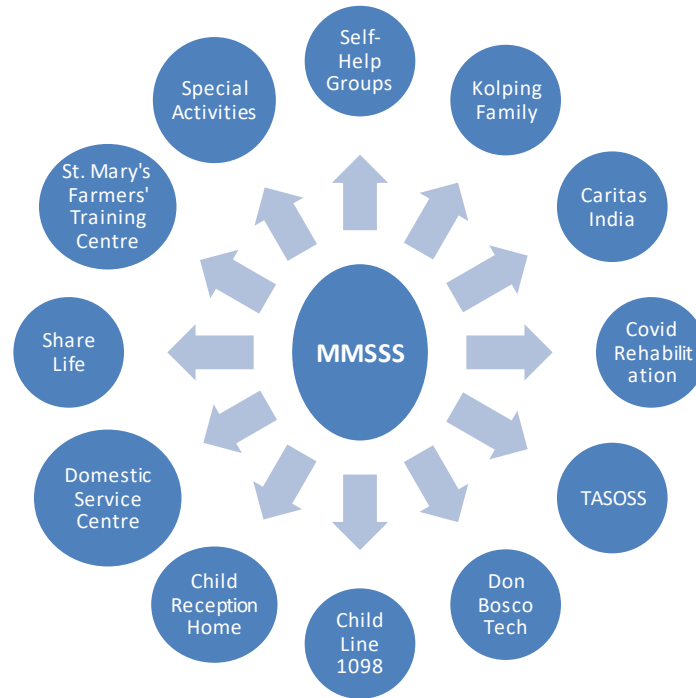
- Identify, organize & empower the economically marginalized & socially oppressed communities with human rights perspective in view of their integral development with gender equity and eco sensitivity
- Nurture the communities to initiate and promote participatory & sustainable economic & social intervention for achieving economic & social empowerment
- Build up healthy communities free from infection & communicable diseases
- Reach out to the disadvantaged in order to uphold their human dignity during natural & human made calamities

We are pleased to present before you the annual report from April 2021 to March 2022 under the advice and guidance of His Grace Archbishop Antony Pappusamy, the President of MMSSS.

MMSSS Target Areas

District	Dindigul	Madurai	Theni	Virudhunagar
Taluk	Nilakottai	Madurai West	Andipatti	Aruppukottai
	Kodaikanal	Madurai East	Theni	Kariyapatty
		Madurai South	Periyakulam	Sattur
		Melur	Bodi	Virudhunagar
			Palayam	Vadthrop
				Srivilliputhur

MMSSS Activities



For the progress of the backward communities in terms of economic conditions, education and social status quo, MMSSS has carried out its social work in a very successful and satisfactory manner in the financial year 2021-2022. We present to you the various activities undertaken by the Society.

1. SELF-HELP GROUPS (SHGs)

In Madurai, Theni, Virudhunagar and Dindigul districts there are 423 Women Self-Help Groups and 15 Small and Marginal Farmers Groups in 332 areas of the districts. In these groups, 5468 women and 198 men are members. Among them, the overall number of Dalits is 4223.

1.1 Saving and Internal Lending

Name of the Area	Rs.1000	Rs.500	Rs.300	Rs.200	Rs.100	Those seeking the need for savings
Kodaikanal	12	113	310	265	25	0
Arul Nagar	0	0	55	277	436	0
Theni	16	0	14	292	117	0
Palayam	0	0	0	365	574	60

Aruppukottai	0	28	0	379	398	84
Srivilliputhur	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virudhunagar	0	28	0	340	425	84
Total Members	28	169	379	1918	1975	228

During this financial year 2021-2022 the total saving amount from 4697 members has reached the quantum of Rs. 98, 41,006/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Forty One Thousand and Six Only). This amount is being revolved as internal lending among the group members. 2230 members have availed the loan amount of Rs.98, 64,625/- to start some small business for their livelihood and economic development. The members utilize this loan amount for their children's Education, Housing, Medicine, Agriculture, Rearing of Cow and Goat, opening small shop, selling vegetables, Clothes, handmade Napkins and Carom Board and also running tea shops, hotels, mutton shops, fancy stores, etc.

Activities	Numbers	Single Person	Total Amount
Farming	205	5000	1025000
Cattle Rearing	106	10000	1060000
Land Lease	45	20000	900000
Selling Vegetables	78	5000	390000
Selling Plants	26	5000	130000
Selling Snacks	32	12000	384000
Running Small Shops	60	10000	600000
Tailoring	120	7000	840000
Cloth Shops	80	10000	800000
Education	48	15000	720000
Medicine	32	4000	128000
Marriage	54	10000	540000
Fancy Store	68	12000	816000
Maintenance of Vehicles	16	12000	192000
Other family needs	1260	1063.19	1339625
Total	2230		9864625

1.2 Credit Unions:

Credit Unions are the Economic Dream of the Target People, which proclaims, "People's Money is for People Alone." It makes people economically self-sufficient. 21 Credit unions have been established in 160 areas and they are made up of 237

groups in Theni, Palayam, Kodaikanal, Batlagundu, Aruppukottai, Virudhunagar and Srivilliputhur.

During this Financial Year, 265 beneficiaries have availed loan of **Rs. 14, 61,000/-** for education, medicine, and farming and for small business.

1.3 Government Schemes:

Various schemes from both Union and State governments are implemented successfully for the growth and development of the marginalized. These schemes promote the cause of agriculture, health, education and social welfare. MMSSS assists the needy to access these schemes and also helps people how to get the Government Projects. **743** members from **102 SHGs** have been provided with the amount of **Rs. 37, 51,000/-** through the government schemes.

Through Social Welfare Association, Women's Projects, and Unorganized Labour Welfare Association, members of SHGs have received the following help for their economic growth:

Welfare Activities	Beneficiaries	Total Amount
Old Age Pension	256	256000
Widow Pension	164	164000
Education	26	676000
Medication	45	45000
House Construction	12	1440000
Toilet Construction	8	96000
Death Benefits	6	62000
Maternity Benefits	112	712000
Marriage	86	146000
Agricultural Benefits	28	154000
Total	743	3751000

1.4 Training on Government Schemes

The farmers group in Cheepalakottai village engage in natural farming in a very effective manner. On 23rd September 2021, in order to encourage the poor farmers, the department of Agriculture and Horticulture in Palayam region donated Natural fertilizer worth of Rs. 15,000/-

On 29th September 2021, an awareness campaign was initiated in Pommaiyakavundanpatti near Theni about the welfare schemes of the government and discussion was held thereafter. The program was organized by MMSSS and TAHDCO. The district manager of TAHDCO, Mr. Venusekaran was the chief guest and he spoke on the benefits of personal loan and welfare schemes. There were 150 SHG members who actively participated and benefited from the details of the schemes.

1.5 Bank Loan

313 members from 54 Villages in 9 Regions have benefited through revolving loans from the Nationalized / Private Banks and State Corporation to the sum of Rs. 1,30,14,000/-. The members utilize this amount for the enhancement of their livelihood and prompt repayments are also made.

Details of Bank Loan

Region	No. of Groups Loan Availed	Beneficiaries	Name of the Bank	Name of the Branch	Total Amount
Batlagundu	10	132	ICICI	Batlagundu	2960000
Theni	2	27	Canara, SBI	Theni, Periyakulam	2854000
Palayam	5	72	Indian Bank, Canara, Madurai Cooperative Bank		3500000
Aruppukottai	3	44	Indian Bank	Kariyapatty	2500000
Madurai	3	38	Canara Bank	City Madurai	1200000
Total	23	313			13014000

1.6 Refresher Training to SHGs

- On 17th April 2021, a training on *Account Keeping and Documentation* was organized for SHGs in Madurai Central Office and 18 members participated and got benefited from it. Mr. Charles was the resource person.
- On 19th April 2021, a brief meeting was held at Madurai Central Office for the SHG Leaders of Batlagundu region and they were informed about the history as well as the future course of action of the society. 22 members attended the meeting.

- A short meeting was held at Madurai Central Office for the SHG Leaders of Palayam region and they were briefed about the history of the society and organizations' future course of action. 54 women attended the meeting.
- On 12th August 2021, a seminar was organized in Madurai Collector's Office about Human Rights and the State Human Rights Commissioner was the resource person. The Directors of NGOs in Madurai District attended the seminar. The following themes were highlighted: What are Human Rights?, Human Rights Violation, and Techniques of Field Work in attaining basic rights. At the end of the seminar, suggestions were given to the NGOs regarding child marriage, denial of access to education, child labor, school dropouts, Human Rights syllabus in School Curriculum and awareness campaign for police and local body officials.
- On 21st and 22nd of August 2021, training on *Justice for Women* was held. 5 SHG women participated in this program.
- On 30th September 2021, a seminar was organized in Aruppukottai on *Economic Development*. Secretary and Coordinators participated in this seminar. 40 women received certificate for tailoring course. The special invitees were from Child-Line, Police Dept. and Minority Commission officials.

2. KOLPING INDIA

Kolping India is a registered trust instituted following the ideals of Fr. Adolph Kolping. It envisions a just society based on love, truth, justice, brotherhood & cooperation. Since its inception in 1962, it has evolved as a development support organisation impacting millions of lives in the rural India. is a registered society extending its helping hand to poor rural folk from 1962. In south India it has established a strong hold in creating SHGs. Kolping India's Program was initiated in the Arch Diocese of Madurai from 28th October 1988. Kolping India works with an aim of organizing the individuals into groups and capacitates them in Leadership and Skill Training. They also cultivate the habit of saving and out of which they revolve funds for their self-sustenance and economic development. MMSSS handholds with Kolping India in implementing various service schemes for the poor and the downtrodden.

Basing on Livelihood and Human Rights, MMSSS with Kolping India serves as an agent of social change in Madurai, Theni, Kodaikanal, Batlagundu, Virudhunagar

and Srivilliputhur regions. There are 7 Kolping Groups, 78 SHGs out of which 4 men groups with 1042 members with the annual subscription of Rs. 100 each.

2.1 Objectives:

- Identifying the deserving people
- Collecting individual particulars from the members
- Formation of Groups & Subscription for Yearly Membership
- Training on Book Keeping & Record Maintenance
- Encouraging the habit of saving and revolving of funds
- Opening and Maintaining Bank Accounts
- Forming area wise and district wise federations

2.2 On Economic Development:

- Awareness training on Entrepreneurship
- Vocational Training
- Dairy Projects
- Housing Projects
- Health and Sanitary Projects
- Rain Water Harvesting
- Individual Income Generation Scheme
- Collective Income Generation Program
- Group Work
- Home Vegetable Garden
- Scheme for the deceased members

2.3 Project Loan (2021-2022)

2.3.1 Vocational Education

Sl.No.	Scheme ID	Name of the Place	Name of the Beneficiary	Name of the SHG	Beneficiary ID	Loan Amount (20.12.2021)
1	VTP /2021/001	Melapon nagarm	Kamalaveni R	Kulan thai Yesu	TN/08/074 /08	15000
2	VTP /2021/002	Melapon nagarm	Kulanthai Gunaseeli S	Kulan thai	TN/08/074 /09	15000

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3	VTP /2021/003	Perumal malai	Jancy Rani Y	Punit ha Poon di Math a	TN/08/174 /13	10000
4	VTP /2021/004	Perumal malai	Josephine A	Punit ha Poon di Math a	TN/08/174 /07	10000
5	VTP /2021/005	Perumal malai	Stella R	Punit ha Josep h	TN/08/118 /14	10000
6	VTP /2021/006	Paampaa rpuram	Franklin A	Sagay a Math a	TN/08/119 /13	10000
7	VTP /2021/007	T. Sindalac herry	Sangeetha Rose M	Thiru Irudh aya Aand avar	New	15000
8	VTP /2021/008	T. Sindalac herry	Leema Rose Mary A	Punit ha Susai yappa r	New	15000
9	VTP /2021/009	Periyaku lam	Mercy	Diana wome n	New	10000
10	VTP /2021/010	Periyaku lam	Adaikalam B	St. Paul wome n	New	10000
11	VTP /2021/011	Periyaku lam	Pushpa L	St. Paul wome n	New	10000

Total**130000****2.3.2 Dairy Project**

Sl.No.	Scheme ID	Name of the Place	Name of the Beneficiary	Name of the SHG	Beneficiary ID	Loan Amount (20.12.2021)
1	MAP /2021/001	O. Kovilpatty	Vijayalakshmi R	Valarmathi	TN/08/114/25	10000
2	MAP /2021/002	O. Kovilpatty	Jeyamary M	Ambedkar	TN/08/186/09	10000
3	MAP /2021/003	O. Kovilpatty	Jeyaseeli S	Valarmathi	TN/08/114/05	10000
4	MAP /2021/004	O. Kovilpatty	Anthonyamal P	Ambedkar	TN/08/186/11	10000
5	MAP /2021/005	Perumalmalai	Elizabeth V	St. Joseph	TN/08/118/03	10000
6	MAP /2021/006	Perumalmalai	Christy Jeyanthi P	St. Joseph	TN/08/118/02	10000
7	MAP /2021/007	Packiyapuram	Rajathi X	Arockia Annai	TN/08/023/10	15000
8	MAP /2021/008	Packiyapuram	Sagaya Mary S	Arockia Annai	TN/08/023/11	15000
9	MAP /2021/009	T. Sindalacherri	Arockiamary	Thiru Irudaya Aandavar	New	15000
10	MAP /2021/010	T. Sindalacherri	Amali Pushpam R	Deva Matha women	New	15000
11	MAP /2021/011	T. Sindalacherri	Josephine Geetha A	Deva Matha women	New	15000
12	MAP	T.	Jeyarani V	Punitha	New	15000

	/2021/012	Sindalacherri		Anthony ar		
13	MAP /2021/013	T. Sindalacherri	Sumathi Josephine S	Velankanni Matha	New	15000
14	MAP /2021/014	T. Sindalacherri	Elizabeth Rani S	Punitha Susaiyappar	New	15000
15	MAP /2021/015	Thasildhaa r Nagar	Jesintha Mary S	St. Paul women	New	10000
16	MAP /2021/016	O. Kovilpatty	Kannan S	Don Bosco	New	10000
17	MAP /2021/017	O. Kovilpatty	Antony Raj K G	Don Bosco	New	10000
Total						200,000

2.3.3 Housing Project

Sl.N o.	Scheme ID	Name of the Place	Name of the Beneficiary	Name of the SHG	Beneficiary ID	Loan Amount (20.12.2021)
1	HSP /2021/001	Periyakulam	Jeyarani P	Kulanthai Therasa	TN/08/026/04	50000
2	HSP /2021/002	Periyakulam	Savari Arockiam A	Punitha Paththirisiyar	TN/08/171/02	50000
3	HSP /2021/003	Perumalmalai	Sheeba A	Punitha Poondi Matha	TN/08/174/01	50000
4	HSP /2021/004	Thanthimedu	Regina Mary	Punitha Kannimariyal	New	50000
Total						200,000

2.3.4 Health & Sanitary Scheme

Sl.N	Scheme	Name of	Name of the	Name of	Beneficiar	Loan
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o.	ID	the Place	Beneficiary	the SHG	y ID	Amount (20.12.2021)
1	SAP /2021/001	Periyakulam	Jersiliya R	Kulanthai Therasa	TN/08/026/18	15000
2	SAP /2021/002	Periyakulam	Nancyselvakumar S	Punitha Paththirisiyar	TN/08/171/07	15000
3	SAP /2021/003	Packiyapuram	Surya T	Punitha Saleth Annai	TN/08/123/15	15000
4	SAP /2021/004	Packiyapuram	Nelson Antony	Arockia Annai	TN/08/023/23	15000
5	SAP /2021/005	Packiyapuram	Velankanni A	Punitha Saleth Annai	TN/08/123/10	15000
6	SAP /2021/006	Packiyapuram	Motcha Rajeswari	Punitha Saleth Annai	TN/08/123/14	15000
7	SAP /2021/007	Packiyapuram	Mary Brisila A	Punitha Saleth Annai	TN/08/123/09	15000
8	SAP /2021/008	Thasildhaar Nagar	Arockiyamma I S	Amala Annai	New	15000
9	SAP /2021/009	Thasildhaar Nagar	Mary S	Amala Annai	New	15000
10	SAP /2021/010	Thasildhaar Nagar	Salomiya S	St. Paul women	New	15000
Total						150,000

2.3.5 Rain Water Harvesting

Sl.No.	Scheme ID	Name of the Place	Name of the Beneficiary	Name of the SHG	Beneficiary ID	Loan Amount (20.12.2021)
1	RWHS	Thasildhaar	Princy J	Karmel		12000

	/2021/001	Nagar		Annai		
2	RWHS /2021/002	Packiyapuram	Packiyamary X	Arockia Annai	TN/08/023/09	12000
3	RWHS /2021/003	Packiyapuram	Susila Rani P	Arockia Annai	TN/08/023/15	12000
4	RWHS /2021/004	Periyakulam	Maria Malathi P	Kulanthai Therasa	TN/08/026/08	12000
Total						48,000

2.3.6 Group Joint Venture Scheme

Sl.No.	Scheme ID	Name of the Place	Name of the Beneficiary	Name of the SHG	Beneficiary ID	Loan Amount (20.12.2021)
1	CIGP/2021/001	O. Kovilpattay		Ambedkar	TN/08/186	200000
Total						200,000

2.3.7 Home Vegetable Garden

Sl.No.	Scheme ID	Name of the Place	Name of the Beneficiary	Name of the SHG	Beneficiary ID	Loan Amount (20.12.2021)
1	HVGP /2021/001	Lourdhpuram	Kavitha	Punitha Arulanant har		500
2	HVGP /2021/002	Lourdhpuram	Sagayamary S	Punitha Arulanant har	TN/08/048/24	500
3	HVGP /2021/003	Annai Ramasamy nagar	Victoria Mary S	Punitha Saleth Annai	TN/08/123/04	500
4	HVGP /2021/004	Vinobaaji Colony	Sumithra J	Arockia Matha	TN/08/169/02	500

5	HVGP /2021/0 05	Kodaikanal	Prema	Punitha Poondi Matha	TN/08/174 /02	500
6	HVGP /2021/0 06	Palayam	Thanapacki yam	Kulanthai Yesu	TN/08/178 /07	500
7	HVGP /2021/0 07	Thamaraiku lam	Shanthi J	Karmel Annai	New	500
8	HVGP /2021/0 08	Thanthimed u	Velankanni Geetha	Punitha Kannimari yal	New	500
9	HVGP /2021/0 09	Thamaraiku lam	Pramila Geetha J	Amala Annai	New	500
10	HVGP /2021/0 10	Periyakula m	James Suganya J	Diana	New	500
11	HVGP /2021/0 11	Billis villa	Elizabethra ni	Punitha Sebasthiy ar	TN/08/004 /05	500
12	HVGP /2021/0 12	Billis villa	Thersamma l A	Punitha Sebasthiy ar	TN/08/004 /14	500
13	HVGP /2021/0 13	Lourdhpur am	Selin Mary	Punitha Arulanant har	New	500
14	HVGP /2021/0 14	Attuvampat ty	Arockiaraj S P	Arputha Kulanthai Yesu	TN/08/093 /03	500
15	HVGP /2021/0 15	Attuvampat ty	Savari Raj S A	Arputha Kulanthai Yesu	TN/08/093 /13	500
16	HVGP /2021/0 16	Periyakula m	Kalpana J	St. Seba	TN/08/124 /04	500
17	HVGP /2021/0 17	Palayam	Mercy Rubiya R	Kulanthai Yesu	TN/08/178 /01	500
18	HVGP /2021/0 18	Palayam	Gunamalai M	Kulanthai Yesu	TN/08/178 /11	500

19	HVGP /2021/0 19	Thomas Colony	Stella A	Nila	New	500
20	HVGP /2021/0 20	Thamaraiku lam	Vinnarasi rekha	Punitha Paul	New	500
Total						10000
GRANT TOTAL						938,000

2.4 Death Benefit Scheme Due to Covid-19

R. Sarojini (Kolping ID TN/08/162/01) from Lourdhu Matha Kolping Family Rosalipatti has received the sum of Rs. 25,000 for her daughter's education (M. Buela Christy, M.A. English II year).

2.4.1 Revolving Scheme Loan

Last Year's Repaid Loan to Central Office, Kolping						
Sl.No.	Scheme	Date of Return	Amount	Date of Return	Amount	Total
1	Vocational Training	10.04.2021	3398000	06.10.2021	74500	414300
2	Dairy Project		312900		250950	563850
3	Toilet Project		144500		100000	244500
4	Housing Project		50885		237141	288026
5	Rain Water Harvesting		0		0	0
6	Group Joint Venture		186500		303409	489909
Total			1034585		966000	2000585

2.5 Trainings under Development Plan

- On 15th July 2021 in Batlagundu region, an awareness and training program was organized on "Open Defecation and Its Ill Effects". 20 women participated in the program.
- On 17th 2021, a training was organized on "Pollution Prevention Measures and Conservation of Water Bodies" in Theni Region. 22 women attended the training.

- On 18th July 2021, a training was conducted at Gnananolivupuram parish Campus on “Solid Waste Management”. 30 women participated and got informed on matters concerning Waste Management.
- On 22nd and 23rd July 2021, MMSSS had visitors from Kolping Central Office. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate the Kolping Project activities and their implementation. The Director, Project Manager, Accountant, Auditor and employees were present for the meeting with MMSSS staff. They insisted on regular repayment of loans to Kolping Central Office.
- On 26th August 2021, in the Bishop’s House of Kottar diocese, a meeting was held on Kolping India Project Activities, Financial Management, project implementation and documentation. Fr. Mariasoosai, National Director, led the discussion. With the social work staff from the South zone, members of MMSSS participated in the discussion.
- On 30th September 2021, a training on “Entrepreneurship” was held at RR Nagar, Virudhunagar. The resource person was Mrs. L. Kavithakumari, Village Livelihood Block Development Officer from Aruppukottai. The training was based on the Importance of Women Entrepreneurship, its opportunities and challenges, recognizing small-scale business and nuances of marketing. 33 women participated in the training.
- On 01st October 2021, training on “Organic Farming” was conducted in Attuvampatti, Kodaikanal. Mr. Karthick led the training programme. There were 6 men and 25 women who took part in the training. The main components of organic farming such as crop rotation, intercropping, mixed cropping, cash cropping, bag irrigation, control of agricultural practices, reduction of the use of chemical pesticides, organic manure, vermicomposting, composting in the farm as a whole and promoting and ensuring animal husbandry were explained in detail.
- On 01st October 2021, in Sindalachery Region Entrepreneurship Training was conducted. Mr. M Murugan, Chief Entrepreneurship Trainer of Gram Seva Trust conducted the training and 33 women participated in this training. It was conducted on identification of small scale enterprises suitable for the area and suitable marketing techniques etc.
- On 9th October 2021, a Skill building training was conducted at Kodaikanal Regional Office. It insisted on tapping out natural resources and human resources. It explained the Welfare Schemes given by Central-State Govt. and Non-Government Organizations and it also proposed ways and means to

channelize these schemes to the needy. Mr. Yuvraj Praveen animated the training and many women participated in the training.

- On 27th October 2021, an explanatory training was also held at Kodaikanal office on the effects of chemical use in agriculture. It was led by Mr. Praveen. 27 women participated in this training and learned how much food grains are poisoned by chemical use.
- On 28th October 2021, a training on “Leadership Qualities” was held at the Madurai Central Office, led by Women Program Field Worker Mrs. Kayalvizhi and 24 women participated.
- On 4th and 5th November 2021, as a follow-up event of Kolping family festival a seminar on conservation of nature was conducted in the presence of the Bishop of Kottar Diocese in Kolachel.
- On 6th November 2021, second phase training on Entrepreneurship was held in Virudhunagar. 23 women participated in the training. Aruppukottai Rural Livelihood Development Block Officer Mrs. Kavita Kumari led the session. The training insisted on providing quality raw materials at low cost, availing appropriate labor force, price fixing and marketing techniques.
- On 20th March 2022, special subsidy of Rs. 1,00,000/ was given to ‘Annai Mariyal Super Market’ in Periyakulam. It is run by Kulandai Theresa Kolping Self Help Group successfully.

3. CARITAS INDIA

Caritas India, a charitable organization started in 1962, is dedicated to humanitarian and developmental works cutting across the barriers of caste and creed and it is joining hands with MMSSS for various projects.

3.1 *Ezhuvom* Movement

Under *Ezhuvom* Movement, people suffering from cancer are identified, awareness is provided, medical advice and nutritious food items are given. It is run with the cooperation with Educational Institutions, Hospitals, Family Welfare Groups and SHGs.

35 cancer patients were given nutritious food items such as manna health mix, passion fruit, peas, almonds, pista, and cashew.

3.2 Medical Equipment

520 packages of medical equipment was provided to protect the people from Covid-19 infection.

3.3 Leonard Hospital – Free Treatment

Due to the unprecedented second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic in India, many got infected with the corona virus. Leonard Hospital at Batlagundu saved thousands of lives by free treatments for patients from Madurai, Theni, Dindigul and Virudhunagar districts. 210 people got free treatment worth Rs. 15, 00,000/- On 4th June 2021, the Secretary of MMSSS visited the hospital and enquired about the patients and their health condition.

3.4 Oxygen Concentrator

In order to save people from the deadly virus during the second wave of the pandemic, an oxygen concentrator worth Rs. 2,00,000/- was sponsored to the hospital. It was well used for the purpose from June 2021 to September 2021. 250 members from SHGs got benefitted out of it.

3.5 Corona Data Collection and Information Exchange Centre

The purpose of this scheme was to identify covid patients in danger and to send them to Leonard Hospital for treatment. It gathered information regarding the impact of the virus, gave awareness about the severity of the disease and medical advice and preventive measures.

- On 13th October 2021, Corona Information Exchange Centre was opened at MMSSS central office. 130 people participated in the opening ceremony and registered their personal details.
- On 19th October 2021, a second Information Exchange Centre was opened at Leonard Hospital, Batlagundu. People were given awareness on Corona prevention measures and vaccination facilities. 160 people participated in the opening ceremony and registered their personal details.
- On 19th October 2021, a third Information Exchange Centre was opened at Aruppukottai, Virudhunagar. People were given awareness on Corona prevention measures and vaccination facilities. 240 people participated in the opening ceremony and registered their personal details.

4. CORONA AWARENESS AND RELIEF

COVID-19 spread rapidly throughout the world during 2020 and 2021. Given the lack of an efficacious vaccine and lack of availability of suitable therapeutic interventions, the global population has been hit hard. It has made millions of people jobless and thus economically vulnerable. The most affected ones are the poor and the marginalized. Many people lost their sources for livelihood due to total lockdown imposed by the government.

MMSSS took up the humanitarian task of providing the covid affected people with livelihood products for their survival. Beneficiaries were given 11 types of dry ration and some other beneficiaries were given 16 types of dry ration which included rice, dal, oil, sugar, tea powder, wheat powder and groceries.

- The above materials were distributed from 13th June 2021 to 21st February 2022 to 3508 families-14032 persons-worth Rs. 35,52,200/-
- On 6th May 2021, in Child Reception Home at Virudhunagar, a medical team analyzed the situation and gave awareness on the spread of Corona virus and also gave the children health tips and medical advice.
- On 02nd October 2021, a medical camp was arranged in Palayam Municipality and awareness on Vaccination was given to people.

5. Tamil Nadu Social Service Society (TASOSS)

In 1979 TASOSS was started to coordinate, strengthen and promote the Catholic Diocesan Social Service Societies of Tamilnadu and Puduchery. The key focus of the organization is to establish “justice, peace and development.”

It facilitates development, training and documentation of all diocesan social service associations. The main objective of this organization is to strengthen people's movements and create grass-root level organizations. MMSSS closely works with TASOSS and feels proud of being active and vibrant throughout the year with the clear focus on its vision and mission.

5.1 SUDHIR Project

Under Caritas India's joint venture, information is gathered and shared on corona among economically disadvantaged communities. The purpose was to provide health services in order to face the challenges of the second wave. The

objective of the scheme was to create awareness among the people for relief and to follow the code of conduct during the pandemic.

- 50 volunteers met the individuals and families and collected information regarding the pandemic situation and passed on the information for further action. More than 1000 members were contacted and the group shared the information.
- On 14th June 2021, a video conference was held to spread the importance of this scheme. The Secretary, Chief Coordinator and 3 field workers participated in it.
- On 15th July 2021, social work coordinators came together through video conference and the registered volunteers were divided into two groups of 25 each and two whatsapp groups were created. They were advised to conduct online meetings.
- On 9th August 2021, the meeting of the Social Work Coordinators was held online. Mrs. Kanakonda from CRS and Mrs. Keerthana from TASOSS led the meeting and explained the ways of uploading the family information on the internet. They were given the uploading ID and TOOL.

5.2 Affirming the Dignity of Migrants and Displaced People

The sole purpose of this project was to collect the information from the migrants and displaced people. It also aimed to give vocational training and job security. It empowered them to face the challenges and to make them aware of and get the government welfare schemes for the migrants.

- In the first stage, details were collected in the villages of Thonukal, Azhagiyanallur, Vallanppati, Thopur and Siddhumoondradaippu in Aruppukottai region.
- On 14th July 2021, in Aruppukottai Regional office, a meeting was organized. To implement the scheme successfully, 50 interested women for tailoring course were identified. It was decided to purchase sewing machines and to prepare syllabus and course books for tailoring.
- On 19th July, St. Mary's Tailoring Centre was opened and 6 sewing machines were bought for the project.
- On 03rd February 2022, as part of the second stage, an inaugural ceremony of "Affirming the Dignity of Migrant and Displaced People" was held in TASOSS,

Trichy. The project period was from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022. The project identified 5 villages and collected information and then divided them into groups. 2 information centers with 1 volunteer each were set up. A detailed project plan was discussed to strengthen the old Groups, to select members for training, and to give vocational training to the selected members.

- On 23rd February 2022, a discussion was held at Aruppukottai regional office to continuously monitor the trained women through tailoring centers and the impact of the training offered. 36 women participated in the discussion. It was coordinated by Mrs. L. Kavithakumari.
- In 2021, as part of the training, 7 women were identified as the best tailors, 10 women joined as assistants in tailoring shops, 2 women received tailoring machines from Government and 25 women expressed willingness to undergo the tailoring training at our centers.

6. Skills Training Centers: Don Bosco Tech, Sivakasi

Don Bosco Tech known as DB Tech functions from Sivakasi from 2016. And it is a network of more than 330 organizations located in 217 districts across India that include formal, non-formal and short term training programs.

The centers identify youth between 18-30 years from the marginalized communities and train them with various skills. It recognizes the different potentials in youth, train them accordingly and then place them in the right job. No fee is collected for the training. Students' uniform and writing materials are given freely. After the completion of the three months course, the students have to appear for NSDC exam. Once they clear the exam, they are placed somewhere. The placement record of the center shows 80% of employment. Linguistic Skills in English, Soft Skills, Professional Skills and Managerial Skills are given focus at the center.

For the Year 2021-2022 a total number of 180 young people were trained in DDEO (Domestic Data Entry Operator), DCRMNV (Domestic Customer Relationship Management Non Voice) and Sales Associate. And they were provided employment opportunity in Mobile show rooms, Super Markets, Telecom & Computer Centers and in Textile Show Rooms in around Virudhunagar district. During Corona period, online classes were conducted. From December 2021 onwards, offline classes have been resumed in the center. So far 2500 young people got benefitted out of it.

Training on Waste Management, Learning Good Habits, Computer Usage, Internet Job, Marketing Management and Oratory Skills are the hallmarks of the center.

The center is supported by Accenture, Quest Alliance, KOWU, ITC.

7. Child Line India Foundation - 1098, Virudhunagar District

Child Line -1098 is India's first 24-hour, free emergency Toll Free number to access the service for children in need of assistance. It is supported by the Union Ministry of Women & Children Welfare. It not only responds to the emergency calls from children below 18, but also provides them with services for their short / long term care and rehabilitation. Around 10 lakhs of phone calls are attended per month and around 40000 children are safeguarded every year. MMSSS has partnered with Child-Line since 2011. Aruppukottai and Kariyapatty unions consist of 1 Corporation, 6 municipalities and 16 panchayats. And in these unions, in 186 places 1098 child-line program is running successfully, which saves thousands of children. There were 756 meetings conducted, in which 11,885 children and 17,757 adults participated and 145 problematic children were sent to rehabilitation centers or to reception home.

7.1 Beneficiaries of Child Line

- Street Children
- Child Laborers in unorganized sectors
- Domestic Workers
- Children abused at family, schools and various institutions
- Children who need emotional support
- Children of sex workers
- Children affected by flesh trade
- Children affected human trafficking
- Children neglected by parents and guardians
- Children lost or kidnapped
- Children run away from home
- Children affected by the use of drugs
- Children with deformity
- Children deviated from the observance of law
- Special and differently abled Children
- Children affected by AIDs

- Children affected by Social Conflict and Natural Calamities
- Children of Refugees
- Children caught up in family crisis

7.2 Awareness in Public Places

- On 10th March, 24th July and 06th August 2021, in Arasakulam, Vellaiyapuram, Kariyapatty and Manthoppu areas, an awareness programme on Child Protection, Child Rearing was given to people who were part of National Rural Employment Scheme. 568 women participated in it.
- On 14th, 15th, 17th and 19th August 2021, in Sulakari, Thathampatti, Kampali, Melakallangulam areas, an awareness programme on Child Protection and Child Rearing was given to people who were part of National Rural Employment Scheme. 240 women participated in it.
- On 2nd September 2021, in Balanatham Anganwadi Centre, an awareness campaign was initiated for the young girls. 16 girls participated in this awareness campaign.
- On 23rd September 2021, a seminar was organized in Kariyapatty union at the celebration of National Nutrition Month on the theme, “Ill Effects of Child Marriage and Child Protection”. The Panchayat President, doctors, social welfare officer, Nutritional Health Officer took part. 150 pregnant women participated in the event of baby shower.
- On 28th and 29th September 2021, in Aathikulam, Varalotti, Tharmapuram and Aviyur areas, an awareness program on Child Protection and Child Rearing, Child Marriage, Child Labor, Child Abuse was given to people who were part of National Rural Employment Scheme. 104 women participated in it and became aware of the problems of children.
- On 29th September 2021, at the Government Higher Secondary School at Thonukal, an awareness program was given to girl children on sexual harassment.
- On 30th September 2021, Child Protection Force Meeting was held in Aruppukottai under the leadership of Mr. Murugan, the Executive officer of Child Line. Children’s rights, Child Protection, Child Marriage, Sexual Harassment, and denial of education for children were discussed in details. It was insisted to conduct the child protection force meeting in every Ward.
- On 11th October 2021, in order to commemorate the international Girl Child Day, a debate on “What is needed for Child Protection? Educational

Knowledge or Social Knowledge” at Government Higher Secondary School in Vellaiyapuram. It was attended by the District Child Protection team, teachers, Child-Line members and 39 students. The children who participated in the debate were given prizes.

- On 19th October 2021, handouts were distributed regarding Child-Line 1098 in Kariyapatty and Pallathupatti. A child marriage was stopped with the help of the local police after a preliminary enquiry.
- On 2nd November 2021, in Kariyapatty and Azhagiyanallur, an awareness program on Child-Line 1098, Child Protection and Child Rearing was given to people who were part of the National Rural Employment Scheme. 60 women participated in it.
- On 5th November 2021, Child Parliament was conducted at Thimmanpatti in Kariyapatty Taluk. 26 children participated in it. They discussed on Education and Child Rights.

8. RECEPTION HOME

The Reception Home for Children is functioning in Virudhunagar for past 23 Years. It is supported by Social Welfare Board and CWC (Child Welfare Committee). The children who are orphaned, neglected, abandoned, children under life-threat, children infected with disease, differently abled children and children with no financial support are helped out in this program. After the identification of the problem, children are sent to orphanages, children home or special homes. The children who are admitted here are given psycho-social counseling, health care types and they are provided with food, accommodation, love, care and protection. During the Year 2021-2022 a total number of 89 children (29 boys and 89 girls) have been safeguarded.

MMSSS has joined this government program from 9th February 1998 and successfully runs this program for the protection of children.

- For 10th and 12th std. 5 boys and 3 girls were sent to Malliputhur, Soolakarai Illam.
- On 01st July and 08th August 2021, the school wall was painted and decorated with pictures. Water Purifier (RO) was installed and the engineer was requested to complete the new building at the earliest.

- 5th July 2021, a new House Mother Mrs. Elizabeth Rani was appointed in place of Mrs. Sarojini who passed away on 28th May 2021.
- A special medical camp was conducted for children on 24th, 29th July and 04th September 2021.
- On 25th August and 04th September, the home was visited by Child Welfare Officers.
- On 27th August 2021, Management Meeting was held at the home.
- On 29th September 2021, AHTU Officer visited the home.
- In March 2022, by the advice of the district child welfare office, CCTV camera was installed; Xerox machine and Napkin machine were bought; water pipelines were repaired; floors were cleaned.
- During short period of stay, children are taught soft skills, drawing, poem & essay writing, health tips, education, reading habits, physical exercises, Yoga and games; livelihood skills like tailoring, embroidery, and making of .
- The children are given prizes and festive meals on special occasions such as New year (Jan 01), Republic day (Jan 26), World Book Day (April 23), Worker's Day (May 01), Education Day – Birthday of Kamarajar (July 15), Independence day (Aug 15), National Games Day (Aug 29), Teacher's Day (Sept. 05), World Literacy Day (Sept. 8), Deepawali (Oct. 24), Children's Day (Nov. 14), Human Rights Day (Dec. 10) and Christmas (Dec. 25).

9. DOMESTIC SERVICE CENTRE

Domestic Service Center provides household jobs for poor women who are looking for employment opportunities for survival. The center operates as a mediator between employers and employees. It tries to sort out problems arising between these two parties. While helping out employees by providing them with a quality service, the center ensures decent salary and safe working environment for the women who are placed by the center. The employees are specially trained for maintaining a good rapport with the employers. The employees are helped to register in the State Welfare Board for availing Government schemes.

Training has been given for the following jobs:

- Cooking
- House Cleaning
- Washing Clothes
- Washing dishes
- Taking care of children, patients and elders

Women are employed on contract basis in and around Madurai according to their capacity and health condition. Women are placed based on the guidelines and eligibility criteria:

- Right wages for the right job
- Ensuring Job Security
- Opening Bank Account
- Getting Travel Benefits
- Visiting the work place once a month and getting feedback from the employer
- Getting feedback from the employee

10. SHARE LIFE

“SHARE LIFE” supports the poor and the needy for education and medicine. “Share Life” helps out people from poor backgrounds in the Arch Diocese of Madurai. The Share Life Association of Multipurpose works for the Economic development of the people. These people are identified and recommended by the local Parish Priests of the Arch Diocese of Madurai and sent to MMSSS for financial assistance.

10.1 Relief and Economic Benefits

Each year on Maundy Thursday, every Parish in the diocese collects the offering of the people for the purpose of the eradication of hunger and disease. This money is spent for educational and medical purposes for the poor and the needy. Rs. 12,40,950/- was the collection from the parishes. This amount was spent for the said purpose.

Sl.No.	Details of Help	Beneficiaries	Amount
1	Medication	72	455500
2	Education	91	480000
3	Marriage	3	22500
4	Renovation of House	3	23000
5	Livelihood	33	177500
6	Others	4	18950
7	Corona Relief	30	45000
8	Help		18500
Total		236	1240950

- On 17th August 2021, we received an amount of Rs. 8000 from benefactors and the amount was used for the purchase of note books for 12 school going children at Sathiyavani Muthu Colony in the region of Aruppukkottai.

11. ST. MARY'S AGRICULTURAL FARM

- Prof. B. Devaraj, from the Gandhigram Rural University helps us in planning for cultivation. Depending on the nature of the soil we have to cultivate crops. We need to divide the farm into small parts and to cultivate short term and long term crops.
- A shelter has been built to rear goats and country chicken.
- The saplings of Guava, Mango and sappotta were planted earlier and now they are growing well.
- The buildings are cleaned and continuously monitored.
- The Three-Phase electrical line has been repaired.
- Natural fertilizers like cow dung and vermicompost are used.
- Ploughing has been done in between Lemon and Guava trees.
- 250 saplings of Mango, Papaya, Pomegranate, Sappotta, Gooseberry, Banana, Lemon and Guava have been planted in the farm.
- Submersible Motor has been installed for irrigation.
- 16 goats have been purchased and let off in the field for grazing.
- 2 extra bore well have been proposed.
- To increase the ground water level, ponds have been dug near the bore well.
- On 24th October 2021, under the effort of Mrs. Shanthi from Palayam Siddha Hospital gave 18 herbal plants which have been planted in MMSSS Central Office.

12. GENERAL MEDICAL CAMPS

- On October 15th 2021, handouts were distributed in the premises of MMSSS Office at Kalavasal creating awareness on Corona Pandemic and Cancer. More than 500 vendors and general public received the handouts and were made aware of cancer and corona.
- On 18th October 2021, the students were given guidance and counseling on physical and mental health, child safety, nutrition and corona preventive action in Aruppukkottai Municipality Anganwadi and Koyilangulam Government Higher Secondary School. 70 children participated in the program.
- On 20th October 2021, awareness was created for the women who worked under National Rural Development Scheme in Balavanatham area in Aruppukkottai about Child rights, Child Safety and corona preventive action. 65 women participated in the program.

- On 23rd October 2021, in Kodaikanal area Thyroid Check-up and medical camp was conducted. Research Scholar Mrs. Athena led the campaign. 45 persons participated in this program.
- On 8th February 2022, medical camp was organized in Theni region. Medical checkups were done for Cancer, Thyroid and Diabetics. Rev. Sr. Bindu from Presentation Hospital, Theni led the camp. 40 women benefitted from the camp.

13. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

13.1 Gram Sabha Meeting

On 2nd October 2021, to commemorate Gandhi Jeyanthi, SHG members from Pommaiyakavundanpatti, Savalapatti, Seepalakottai, Vengatachalapuram of Theni District and Mallanginaru, Thiruvirunthalpuram, Palayampatti, Oonjampatti of Virudhunagar district participated in the Gram Sabha meetings. Petitions were given to the government for fulfilling the basic needs of local areas. They also raised human rights issues of dalits, and asked for cremation facilities. They voiced against Child Labor, Child marriage, child abuse and so on.

13.2 International Women's Day

- The International Women's Day was celebrated with vigor and enthusiasm on 8th of March 2022 with the theme "Let's Overcome Prejudice". Mrs. Vijayajothi, President of Pennycuick Federation presided over the function at Chinamanur. 300 women participated in the function.
- On 10th March 2022, International Women's Day was celebrated at Aruppukottai Regional Office. President of Women Liberation Movement Mrs. Mahalakshmi was the chief guest. Government officials were invited as special guests.
- On 18th March 2022, International Women's Day was observed at Arulnagar. Mrs. Latha, Nilakottai Union Officer presided over the function. 60 women participated in the function and cultural programs were performed.
- On 21st March 2022, in St. Mary's Church premises at Packiapuram, international women's day was celebrated and Doctor Pon Rathi, the Dean of Kodaikanal Government Hospital was the chief guest. 450 women participated in the function. Advocates, doctors, village presidents, school teachers and social workers were the special guests. Cultural programs were performed by women.

13.3 Pongal Festival

- On 14th January 2022, Pongal Festival was celebrated at MMSSS Central office. All staff members of MMSSS participated in the function. Sweet Pongal and sugarcane were distributed. There was a cultural extravaganza by the MMSSS staff.
- On 16th January 2022, Pongal Festival was celebrated at Pommaiyaikavundanpatti in Theni region. 150 SHG members participated in the function. Sweet Pongal and sugarcane were distributed. There was a cultural program by the SHG members.

13.4 Birthday of Ambedkar

The birthday of Ambedkar, the chief Architect of Indian Constitution is celebrated on 14th April to commemorate his memory. He was an Indian polymath and civil rights activist who was born on 14th April 1891.

- On 14th April 2021, “Festival of Knowledge” was celebrated at Chinamanur. The Chairman of Chinnamanur Municipality presided over the function. 200 women participated in the function. Prizes were distributed to the women who won the local body elections. There was a cultural program organized by women from SHGs.
- On 22nd April 2021, welfare savings fund and gratuity were given to the family of Late Mrs. Mangalamary who passed away during service.
- On 22nd April 2021, in the presence of Virudhunagar District Collector, a meeting was held for highlighting the importance of Child health and child safety. Mrs. Sarojini, the house mother of Reception Home participated in the meeting.

13.5 Independence Day Celebrations

- On 15th August 2021, 75th Independence Day was celebrated and awareness on cancer was given and plantation of saplings was done in Palayam.
- At Gopalapuram in Aruppukottai, Independence Day was celebrated and sweets were distributed. Saplings were planted by the special invitees from the departments of income tax and public welfare, and local body.

13.6 Christmas Celebration

- On 20th December 2021, MMSSS celebrated the Christmas day at the central office. President of MMSSS Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy presided over the function. Vice-President Rev. Fr. Jerome Eronimus, priests and well-wishers

participated in the function. The President gave away the cheques worth of loan amount Rs. 9, 28,000/- to the Kolping Family members for Cow Rearing, Vocational Education, Housing Project, Toilet construction, Rain Water Harvesting and Home Vegetable Gardening.

- In the afternoon, Rev. Fr. Benedict Barnabas distributed Christmas gifts to the staff members of MMSSS.

14. CONCLUSION

MMSSS as a social work organization has been undergoing many organizational learning from time to time and bringing more relevance according to the needs of the time, people, science and technology. The future awaits with many challenges to fulfill its vision of achieving an equal society in solidarity with the oppressed. 54 years of service to the deserved humanity is led by the Spirit of God in all its humanitarian ventures.

We express our deepest sense of gratitude to the President of MMSSS Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy DD, STD and Bishops Emeritus, Rev. Fathers who planned various constructive programs, social workers of MMSSS who executed the programs in a systematic and meticulous way, donors who have rendered their generous heart, the institutions who supported us in times of financial struggle and all the members who are associated with MMSSS.

MMSSS will go on its way on a Journey towards an egalitarian society with its mission flown in all the 4 civil districts of the Indian State of Tamil Nadu.

A Big thanks to everyone and let God be praised.

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