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CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Khurda Road, Jatni

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FORWORD

The annual report 2021 brings about the intervention and the change brought to individuals and society at large. In this reporting period we had been challenged by Covid-19. But we could face and fight the challenges of Covid-19. Through our intervention with the support of donor agencies we have been able to address the needs of the vulnerable groups in our target field. Keeping in mind the vision and mission of Catholic Charities our effort is to enhance and lift up the poor and marginalized.

We are committed to make a difference in the lives of the people and individuals by constantly supporting them and helping them to adopt with the changing situations and live a happy and healthy life.

I am happy to express my sincere thanks to all the funding agencies, NGO partners, beneficiaries and all those who are walking with us in the promoting the better world for the weaker section of the society.

It also gives me opportunity to acknowledge the support and guidance extended by all the members of the general Body. I also place on record my deep appreciation for the staff of Catholic Charities for their dedication and commitment.

Fr. Mrutyunjaya Digal
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Catholic Charities

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: A BRIEF PROFILE

ORIGIN AND GROWTH

The Catholic Charities, Khurda Road, Jatni Orissa is the Diocesan Social Service Society of the Archdiocese of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar. Under the leadership of Archbishop, Most Rev. Henry D' Souza, on 18th April, 1979, it began as a Social Service Wing of Archdiocese of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar.

It got its legal entity on 18.04.1979. Catholic Charities is striving primarily with the Tribal, Dalit and other vulnerable sections of the society like, women, children, landless, agriculture laborers and marginal farmers in nine districts of Orissa.

Catholic Charities with its 41 years of service believes that development is a process, which ensures the qualitative improvement in the people's access to basic amenities and equal opportunities to lead a dignified life, freedom and social justice. Catholic Charities has been putting stress on the community as an Actor and not merely as a beneficiary in the developmental activities. It focuses on education, food security, economical development and awareness on political and human right for tribal and dalit.

VISION

To engage and promote an egalitarian and enriched society of enduring peace, justice with socio-economic and also political equality for all

MISSION

Our mission is to restore the human dignity of the Tribal, Dalit and other marginalized communities through a process of empowerment.

CORE VALUES OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

- Promoting of sustainable livelihoods to ensure food security
- Awareness on Health
- Empowering the marginalized and oppressed communities
- Creating awareness on the Human Rights such as Minority Rights, Dalit/Adivasi Rights, Women and Children rights
- Preventive aspects of gender based violence
- Promoting Literacy among the tribal's and backward caste
- Promoting skill based programmes for the youth and dropouts

- Responding to natural and manmade calamities with timely relief and rehabilitation leading to development
- Ensuring safe and proper health seeking behavior of the target communities with emphasis on children and women's health

INFRASTRUCTURE

The headquarters is located at Khurda Road, Jatni, in Khurda District of Orissa. The office functions in its own building. A training Centre having accommodation facilities exists in the main building. There is a transit house with moderate furnishing for the field staff coming on official work, trainees, guests and visitors.

KEY PROGRAMMES INTERVENTION

1. Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

In view of Covid-19 another programme was rolled out by Catholic Charities with the support of CRS and Caritas India. The main thrust of the programme was to assist the people to face covid-19. There were lot of awareness programmes conducted in six dioceses of Odisha.

Roll out of RCCE Programme

All DSSS Coordinators were asked to follow up with the volunteers to collect 500 HHs, sign the etiquettes and register them as Caritas Samaritan in Engagement letter, to share their bank passbook and a valid ID proof. There was a TOT conducted by CI and CRS team for the RF team, all DSSS Directors and Coordinators attended. PPE kit was provided to all DSSS Coordinators and distributed to all Caritas Samaritans. CI instructed that the RF collect vaccination records from all DSSS and volunteers (8 volunteers and 1 DSSS Coordinator have taken the first dose, 265 volunteers and 6 staffs have taken both the doses, and 3 volunteers have not taken any doses). When the RF was asked to share the dissemination target till the month of December, all DSSS Coordinators shared the target of 30,000 HHs in total. However, all DSSS Coordinators and volunteers did their best and reached 44,359 HHs through dissemination and it was our major accomplishment.

Key achievements on DSSS wise

Balasure Social Service Society:

- BSSS could profile 100 volunteers.
- For RCCE training, 3 batches were formed and 64 of them were trained.
- Volunteers began disseminating messages in the first week of October.
- Few volunteers found it challenging to report on the dissemination status on time and

following up was difficult by DSSS Coordinator as in most of the areas there was connectivity issue.

- Volunteers faced numerous hurdles and criticism during the collection of household data. Some families refused to give their contact information, making it impossible for our volunteers to approach other families. As a result, some volunteers dropped out from the RCCE program.
- As time went on, a large number of volunteers quit the RCCE programme. Out of 100, 57 CSs were collecting household data and disseminating RCCE message.
- PPE kit was distributed to all the volunteers.
- 12 HHs were covered through light monitoring.
- However, 45 BSSS volunteers did their best and worked through the project and disseminated all messages covering **14,357 HHs**.

Rourkela Social Service Society:

- RSSS could profile 147 volunteers.
- 16 Volunteers were trained by Ms. S Pushpa Tirkey & Aishwarya Ekka and 31 Volunteers were trained by the DSSS Coordinator.
- volunteers began disseminating the RCCE message on November 1st week, covering 774 HHs.
- Psycho-social video was shared with 60 Volunteers and 235 RSSS staff.
- Since the first update, there were no regular updates to the HHs list, disseminations updates or Google sheet.
- Out of 147, 27 volunteers were actively disseminating RCCE messages.
- Total HHs covered through RCCE dissemination are **1644**.

Rayagada Diocese of Social Service Society:

- A list of 100 volunteers were profiled.
- The distribution of RCCE messages in Rayagada DSSS, which covered 3107 HH, began on the 3rd week of October.
- All 65 Volunteers received PPE Kit.
- Psycho-social video was shared with all 65 Volunteers.
- 12 HHs covered through light monitoring.
- **9317 HHs** were covered through dissemination of RCCE messages.
- The primary challenge for the RF team was to contact 4 Batch leaders whenever data was needed.

S.W.A.D-Berhampur:

- A list of 83 Volunteers was profiled by SWAD.
- SWAD volunteers were divided into three batches for RCCE training and only 46 volunteers received RCCE training.
- The DSSS Coordinator and Mandakani Digal organized a physical training for 13 volunteers.

- The majority of volunteers in SWAD DSSS are SWAD staff.
- There were 36 confirmed and active volunteers from SWAD who worked till the end of the programme covering **11537 HHs**.
- Some challenges were all the appointed DSSS Coordinators could not give enough time to the program and update the RF on time.

Catholic Charities:

- A list of 100 Volunteers were profiled by Catholic Charities.
- 3 Batches were formed for RCCE training and 56 Volunteers were trained by Ms. Pushpa Tirkey, Mr. Sailendra Pattnaik and Aishwarya Ekka.
- The volunteers started dissemination of RCCE messages from 2nd week of October covering 1755 HH in a month.
- Very few volunteers dissemination and in spite of following up with rest of the volunteers they did not respond well. This led to more dropouts of volunteers.
- 33 Volunteers were actively disseminating RCCE messages and have covered **7504 HHs**

Sambalpur Social Service Society:

- A list of 74 Volunteers was profiled by SSSS.
- Mr. Siddheswar Kandian was appointed as DSSS Coordinator of SSSS.
- As Mr. Siddheswar Kandian was unfamiliar to the volunteers, it was difficult to contact the volunteers.
- 4 volunteer's bank details were shared to CI.
- 2 Batches for RCCE training was formed and 30 Volunteers were trained by Ms. S. Pushpa Tirkey, Mr. Sailendra Pattnaik and Aishwarya Ekka.

Initiatives taken by the Volunteers

- In the month of August list of 603 Volunteers details was profiled by all 6 DSSS.
- As volunteers play the vital role in the RCCE program but due to the huge gap between DSSS Coordinators and volunteers and less knowledge of the program, has led to massive drop-outs of volunteers.
- 16 Batches were formed for RCCE training and 273 Volunteers are trained by Ms. S. Pushpa Tirkey, Mr. Sailendra Pattnaik, Aishwarya Ekka and all DSSS Coordinators.
- 226 Volunteers have actively worked for the RCCE program and disseminated messages with the Households.
- In total **44,359 HHs** has been covered by 270 volunteers.

Outreach Data

Name of the DSSS	No of the Volunteers	No of HHs Reached
Catholic Charities	65 (33 Active)	7504
SWAD	36	11537
RSSS	47	1644
Rayagada DSSS	65	9317
BSSS	57 (45Active)	14357
Grand Total	270	44, 359



2. Response to Covid-19

Two consecutive deadly waves of Corona virus which has hit people from different walks of life in Odisha have lasted almost 2 years with devastating consequences. It has already taken us years back. Again the health and epidemiology experts foresee/ are apprehensive of the third wave of corona virus. Thus uncertainty and insecurity looms large in India in days to come.

Institutions owned by the dioceses, Business, factories, firms, Industries both in public and private sectors including daily labor for wage have come to a grinding halt in the present global health crisis. Being adversely affected by restrictive measures of shutdowns and lockdowns imposed by the Governments to prevent further spread of virus people are under financial constraints.

The measures like frequent lockdowns, social distancing, stay home stay safe and sealing of borders etc to prevent the spike have thrown out daily wage workers and migrant laborers into unprecedented confusion and chaos, sudden loss of livelihoods, bread and butter. It appears that the days beyond the lock down may pose disasters over the disaster for the working poor.

The children and elders of the daily labor families are set to be the first and easy victim of hunger, disease and death. For them falling into the traps of child labor, sex rackets and hunger deaths will be inevitable. The poorest of the poor will witness the hardest, the saddest and the loneliest days of their life.

In this pandemic situation, it will be difficult to revive normal life within short period of time. Only survival resources at hand for a considerable period of time will help us face this unprecedented humanitarian crisis and gain strength to limp back to normalcy in the post Covid-19 scenario.

Therefore, considering the pathetic life of the poor people we have supported the people with ration and masks.

We have made aware on need to take vaccination which will protect them from infecting with virus.

Provision of ration for the entire family was made and distributed. This will secure family for some days. The family will be relieved from stress pertaining to survival of family.

We have also created awareness at village level on preventive measures for COVID-19 and health and hygiene. This will help in preventions of COVID and other health ailments. Along with this personal protective material namely masks were distributed.

Our reach

Relief was distributed from 14th November to 17th November 2021. Poor and marginalized people were selected. We engaged four volunteers along with community leaders to select the beneficiaries. We had also frequent meetings with relief committee to discuss and select the beneficiaries and materials to be given. It was also decided that it was a good thing to give ration to the beneficiaries. So we distributed the following materials to the beneficiaries.

RELIEF PACKAGE

SL NO.	RELIEF PACKAGE	UNIT/QUANTITY	HOUSEHOLDS
1.	MASK	1000	500
2.	RATION	(Rice25kg, dal 2kg,1kg sugar, 2 kg Atta, oil 2 lit, , 1 kg salt, 2 kg bitten rice, 2 kg suji)	500

MASK

After the outbreak of COVID –19 Government of Odisha, made it mandatory to use mask. Using the mask at the community level also became mandatory. As it helped the people to control the transmission and being affected by COVID – 19.

Realizing the seriousness of spread of COVID-19 we reached out to families around OCBC Office and provided masks. **We distributed 1000 masks.** Now the people are aware of using mask in travelling anywhere, public places and in the meetings and in their daily activities.

RATION

We also distributed ration package consisting of Rice25kg, dal 2kg,1kg sugar, 2 kg Atta, oil 2 lit, , 1 kg salt, 2 kg bitten rice, 2 kg suji **to 500 families.** People expressed their thankfulness to the donors for providing them food during this crisis. They feel that they could get food for some months for their sustenance.

PHOTO GALLERY





3. COMMUNITY COLLEGE

With the support of Italian bishop's conference community college has been constructed in the premises of Catholic Charities, Jatni. The primary objective of community college is to enhance the employability of youth through competency-based modular vocational courses to be introduced in various trades such as automobile, retail, security, and information technology, hospitality, electrical, nursing assistance which are considered to be the vital part of training programme. The community college will facilitate and ensure social schemes of skill development, technical training and opportunity for employment for SC, ST, OBC and marginalized communities.





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