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# KARUNYA

NEWS LETTER

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**Karunya Family wishes, Episcopal Silver Jubilee greetings to  
His Excellency Bishop Mar Thomas Elavanal, the Chairman of Karunya Trust.**



## EDITORIAL

The preferential option for the poor led to the emergence of the Social work department in the diocese. The inauguration of the Karunya Trust on 1998 September 5 was another landmark in the history of the Diocese of Kalyan. Bishop's concern

for the poor and the weaker section of the society is expressed through the different social development projects of the Karunya Trust and other social security initiatives. As the chairman of the trust Bishop is deeply involved in the

activities of the trusts, visits the centers, and inspires us with his humble and caring character. On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his episcopal ordination, Karunya Family gratefully extends sincere congratulations and prayers to continue to

guide us  
with his  
passionate  
leadership.



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# MAKING AN IMPACT

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### Speak 5 lines to yourself Every Morning

1. God is always with me.
2. Today is my day.
3. I am a winner.
4. I am the Best.
5. I can do it.



## Nutrition Support



Apr 2021 to Sep 2021 Gyansaathi provided nutrition kits to 350 ragpicker's children. Rice, Chana Dal, Sugar, Oil, Tea

powder, Wheat, Onion, Potato, Jaggery Ground nuts, Dates, Almonds, Chana, Diwali Sweets: Karanji, Besan

Laddo, Shankarpali, Chiwda, Chakli

- From Project Gyansaathi

## 10th Class - Volunteer engagement



10th standard New Batch 2021- 2022  
Total registered children - 14 , School going children- 7

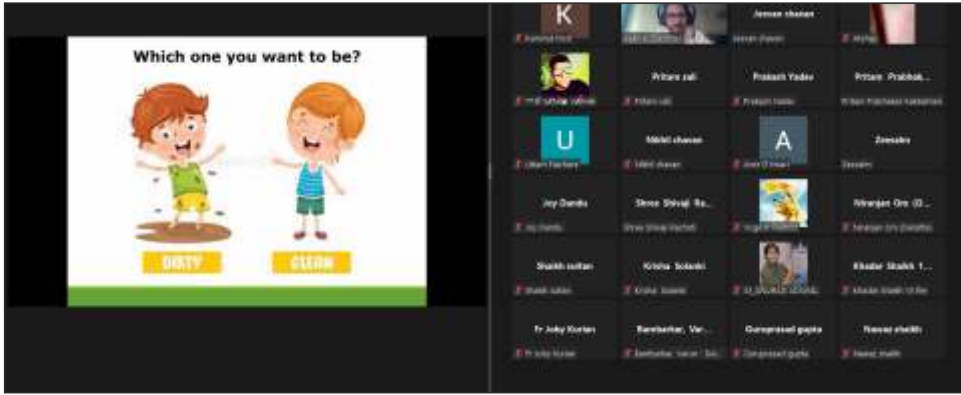
This year, our volunteers are taking online classes on a regular basis, alternate day and on weekends and

teaching to our children with different techniques. They are giving their time and labour to improve our

children's academic progress.

- From Project Gyansaathi

## Personal Hygiene & Grooming



Deloitte team conducted a session on personal hygiene & grooming. The session was conducted separately for boys and girls. 75 Girls and 80 boys participated in the session.

The team explained to the children with a video about personal hygiene, respecting one's own body and taking care of it, disciplining and controlling oneself from various bad

habits. After the session there was an open platform for interaction and to clear their doubts.

- From Project Savli

## Vacation Camp



A vacation camp was conducted on 22nd, 25th & 27 May 2021. Our Director Rev. Fr. Joby & Program Coordinator Sr. Mini were invited as the chief guests.

For the first time, Savli conducted the vacation camp online. It was a new experience for the staff and children. 128 children participated in the camp.

The program included a video on the Savli project, quiz competition, talent shows singing and dancing.

- From Project Savli

## OUR SUCCESS

Out of 30 children, 27 have passed the exam.  
Out of 30 children, 13 children have taken admission for 11th STD.



Dear Donors, You enabled these 17 youths to clear the 10th Board in Mumbai. You helped shape their lives.

- From Project Gyansaathi

## Dream comes true



Bangarwadi is a tribal hamlet in Thane district with a population of 242 comprising of 42 families belonging to the Thakur community. Farming and selling of forest produce is the main of occupation of the village. During

monsoon, the roads flood very often thus endangering the life of people especially the children who wade through floods with dangerous levels to reach their schools. Pregnant women and people having health

issues were the most vulnerable during monsoons.

"We raised our voice for the first time in 2012 regarding this issue. Few village leaders, Mr. Bhurya Hambir

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Education is not the learning of facts but  
the training of the mind to think  
-Albert Einstein



continue from page 2 Dream comes true



and Mr. Navasu Khandaka initiated to gather people and register the traditional governance system called 'gavki.' We collected Rs.100/- as contribution from the community members for the expenses. Landowners were not ready to give their land for road construction. When Karunya Trust started their intervention program, we requested them to guide us.

They have regular meetings to support our work. Applications have been submitted at Grampanchayat. Mrs. Gita Bhasma, Mrs. Laxmi Hambir and I asked the resolution in Gram Sabha and after getting it, submitted to Panchayat samiti and Tahsildar with application." – Mr. Shivaji Bhala, one of the leaders from Bangarwadi hamlet.

"We were protesting at Tahsil office but did not get a resolution. Then we approached the media as per the guidance of Karunya trust team. Even after the issue was reported in 4-5 newspapers, there was no solution offered. Finally, a copy of 2014 court verdict, copy of road sanctioned resolution dated 15/04/2013, Gram

Sabha resolution 2015-2018, subdivision officer's visit report, application of Tahsildar meeting (19/09/2019) and Talathi 92119 report with written application, were submitted at Collector's office on 10th March 2021, Thane. They initiated the construction of the road within 2 months of submission of the documents. Presently, 90% percent of the construction work has been completed. This is an immensely proud moment for us, we are feeling happy as we did not give up and fought hard together to solve the issue. Now no more educational loss for children and we have road accessibility. This is one of the biggest achievements for us. Now all the government officials who visit the construction sites appreciate our efforts. – Mrs. Sunita Khandvi, one of the active women members from BhaBangarwadi.

- From Project Jeevan

## Nutrition Support



### Mode of education

- Online
- Offline
- WhatsApp

### Number of children

- Boys – 28
- Girls – 33
- Total - 61

### Age group

- 3.5 Years To
- 6 years

### Sessions

- Healthy living habits
- Hygiene and grooming (For children and parents)

### School admission

- School admission of
- Girls and Boys

### Health Support

- Parents
- Children

### Distributions

- Bag
- Education materials
- Diwali snacks
- Nutrition
- Balwadi

- From Project Gyansaathi

## Nutrition Support



We organized a 30-Day Advanced Jewellery Making course. Eight participants were trained in making designer mangalsutras, bangles, necklaces, earrings and anklets. We have started basic and advanced mehndi courses.

8 Participants are learning this. Students will learn the different types of mehndi like Arabic, Baric, and Moroccan, western and Bridal designs.

- From Project Gyansaathi

## Boosting New Businesses



Sawarewadi: Sawarewadi is a hamlet of 60 families. The villagers depend on wage labour and brick-kiln work for income. Karunya Trust has formed four Self Help Groups here. Karunya trust conducted training on the preparation of nutritional supplement powder to these four Self Help Groups. After the training, the women were interested and

started preparing the powder at home. It quickly showed great improvements in the health of women and children. 15 members from SHG decided to prepare the nutrition supplement and distribute it to malnourished children. But due to lack of funds, we couldn't proceed further. They approached Karunya Trust for financial support.

Inspired by the enthusiasm of SHG members, Karunya Trust supported them. After the initial stage, all 15 members benefited with a Rs.2000 profit per person. We presented our product at Gram Sabha. Many liked it. We sold the product at Rs. 1200 profit per person. Then, we sold the product to ATMA department at Rs. 1500 per-person profit. Also as a result ATMA

department has assured Food License to SHG members. SHG members have increased self-confidence to continue their business. Thanks to Karunya Trust for supporting and helping SHG members to move forward. Saillela, Mogra, Adar, Vikas - Self Help Group Sawarewadi

- From Project Bharari



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"Education is the most powerful weapon  
which you can use to change the world."  
-Nelson mandela



## Group farming is the backbone of traditional farming.



“– Mrs. Suvarna Gavade, Active women from Kunde.

Lack of traditional local seeds was the main issue for the farmers of Kunde hamlet as new pests and diseases were infesting the hybrid seeds. “Exchange of seeds and storing them in the seed bank was one of the main activities that happened on 21st June 2021 where we women of Bangarwadi

came together for exchange of local pulse crop seeds. During the activity Jeevan team shared information regarding importance of traditional seeds, methods to store them in the seed bank and importance of group farming. They suggested that the women can collectively take one

piece of land and after cultivating can divide the final produce equally. We liked the idea and felt that women from other hamlets too will be motivated once they see the results.” – Mrs. Suvarna Gavade, Active women from Kunde. “Before the activity, 19 of us, conducted one common meeting on 26th June 2021.

In that meeting we finally decided the place, date, and variety of seeds to be sown. We took the local

the landowners. We decided to opt for a completely organic method of farming. Mrs. Alka

operation and sowed the seeds. We enjoyed the feeling of collective responsibility and loved the



seeds from Chavare hamlet. Mrs. Manjula Pardhi took the initiative to find out the land. We planned this activity as lease land farming since we do not own land. We got two acres of land from non-tribal people. A deal was made that three gunny bags of produce will be shared with

Darode and Mangesh Zhugre arranged local seeds of paddy from Chavare hamlet. One 28th June 2021 all the women reached the field, cleaned, and weeded it. Mr. Mangesh Zhugare helped in tilling with power tiller. We added rotten cow dung manure after tillage

experience. We would like to recommend this method of farming to the women from other hamlets. Now we are hoping that we will get our final produce as expected if it rains adequately.” - Mrs. Malti Wagh, active women farmer from Kunde hamlet. **- From Project Jeevan**

## Lease land farming is the key to traditional farming.



The villagers of Kelni, Anepada, Mhaskal, Dahivali, Bangarwadi, Kunde, Mhasrundi, Poi, Belkarpada, Nalambi, Thakurpada and Chavare hamlets belong to Thakur and Katkari Tribal communities. These people mainly depend on farming and on forest produce. In monsoon they sell wild vegetables on roadside to fulfil their family's basic needs. In summer they collect forest plant leaves, flowers and sell them in Kalyan city

market. Paddy is the main crop in kharif season. In other season vegetable cultivation and pulse crops are the main farming activities. Karunya Trust is actively working with all these hamlets for the last 5 years. “This monsoon also we have sown the paddy crop. Generally, our people don't have their own land for farming and take the land on lease for our paddy cultivation. There is an equal division of final yield among the owner and

cultivator. That deal is done before the cultivation. The primary responsibility of input cost of cultivation is solely borne by the cultivator. After the harvest, all the leftover straws of paddy are sold by cultivator”. – Mrs. Lakshmi Hambir, active women from Bangarwadi hamlet. “People from all the 12 hamlets engage in lease land farming and number is increasing every year. We all get various benefits from it, and we do not need to buy rice for consumption.

We have the available land for lease land farming near us, it is not very expensive, and we get the benefits for the whole year. We were introduced to this method by the Jeevan team and now we have started engaging ourselves in this method of farming. The people were unsure about

now to make deals with landowners. We now have more farmers joining us due to the increased awareness by the Jeevan team. There are lesser issues due to the guidance given by the team before sowing.”. – Mrs. Kamlabai Sawant, one of the expert woman farmers from Dahivali hamlet.

are happy with this result as our efforts make it fruitful. Earlier we were spending money to buy rice grains from market now we are self-sufficient for rice cultivation and consumption. In future we will continue to cultivate rice using this method as it involves low input cost



various things, like crop loss, unequal distribution but due to the door-to-door awareness campaigns by Jeevan team we were convinced of the benefits. We have the confidence

“We practice all the traditional farming methods like Rabni, Bhajni etc for good yield. The average yield of paddy we get every year is 4.5 to 5 tonnes. We

using traditional farming techniques.” –Mrs. Vrushi Wagh, active woman farmer from Kelni hamlet.

**- From Project Jeevan**

## Traditional Method is the best way for seed conservation

The people of Kunde cultivate paddy in Kharif season, in summer season they grow pulse crops and vegetables. Their pulse

crop production fetches good market value in nearby markets. “Since winter, after harvesting of pulse crops,

we wanted to conserve and multiply the traditional local seeds of pulse crops so that we could share it with other villagers. Karunya Trust is

working with us since last 4 years. During the meeting on 5th April, after facilitation of Jeevan team, we decided to exchange the seeds and

store it at the seed bank using traditional method on 19th of April. However due to the Covid restrictions, we had to delay the program.

We have rescheduled it to a later time.” – Mrs. Malti Wagh, active woman



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Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school.

-Albert Einstein

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farmer from Kunde. "After harvesting of pulse crops, we were intending to store the seeds for the next season as the seeds were local. We had a meeting with women of Bangarwadi

(nearest hamlet) to decide about exchange of seeds because few seeds we didn't have, and some of the seeds they did not have. On the decided day - 21st of June 2021 at Kunde

hamlet, 17 women from our hamlet and 15 women from Bangarwadi hamlet came together under the guidance from Jeevan team. We brought some forest leaves, earthen pots,

wood ash, jute rope and seeds required for seed bank. After Jeevan team described the procedure, we exchanged the seeds

the top and tied up with the jute rope. 10 to 12 pots were prepared likewise and were hanged to thatched roof of the hut. During the

are happy now to see our healthy seeds are in safe place to be shared for next year and we have planned to share it with other



with each other then we prepared earthen pots with seed labels and seeds were mixed with ash and kept in the pots. The pots were then covered with leaves at

procedure Jeevan team enlightened us on the importance of group farming. We planned the date, land, and variety of paddy for cultivation. We

hamlets too"- Mrs. Sangita Darode, active farmer from Kunde hamlet.

- From Project Jeevan

## Sustained struggle for caste certificates



People of Poi hamlet are hardworking, enthusiastic and take efforts in all the farming related activities. Women take lead in farming activities. The village has one Anganwadi and primary school till 4th grade. Students must travel to other towns or villages for further studies. "In our village our children are unable to avail of any schemes and scholarships offered by Schools and

colleges, as a Scheduled Tribe, as majority of us and our children do not have the caste certificates. Our Thakur community members do not have the evidence of 1950 due to which we were not issued the caste certificates. Karunya Trust has been working in Poi village since 4 to 5 years and we asked them to guide us to find out the solution. We also have our own Adivasi Vikas

committee through which we solve the issues of different villages collectively. After conversation with Sub-division officer regarding the issue, we gave the textbook and brief note regarding Adivasi jivanman (Lifestyle). After lengthy follow-ups we received the shifaras letter from Sub-division officer. We conducted a meeting with all the village members and

Karunya Trust staff to discuss about the documents required and where to submit the application. - Mrs. Devki Ghute, one of the active women leaders from Poi. "From our village Poonam Aghan and I took the initiative to collect the

for signature of Talathi, Gram Sevak, Sarpanch and Police Patil. Finally, we submitted the application forms at Tahsil office Kalyan. We could not have imagined that one day it would be possible to apply for caste certificate. We have completed all the

and we should try to make the things happen. Every problem has a solution, we just need to think seriously and collectively make efforts to find out the solution. We hope when we get the certificates, other villages will also be ready to take the same steps to get



required documents and filled 78 caste certificates applications. The members collected their application

process and are eagerly waiting to receive our caste certificates. We have learnt that nothing is impossible,

their certificates." - Rekha Ghute, is one of the active youths from Poi.

- From Project Jeevan

## Online Education & Impact of Social Media Addiction



On 7th August and 28th August two online sessions were conducted by Deloitte

Team on online Education and the impact of social Media Addiction. Total 344

Students participated in the sessions. The sessions were conducted in three to

four breakup groups with different volunteers to monitor the students. The resource persons enlightened the students on online education, its advantages and disadvantages also instructed them on the methods of studies. The second session was on the impact of social media

addiction. They also explained to the students the usages and the demerits of it. They suggested to the students to keep a limit on using mobiles. They also made them alert by showing a video regarding how can it be harmful. They told the students that they should not become

prey to the mobile. At the end of the session the students took the pledge that how they will limit the use of Mobile and the pledge was sent to the Deloitte team. The sessions were very informative and useful to all.

- From Project Savli



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# AWA RENESS

PROGRAMMES

## 16 days of Activism against gender based Violence



Gyansaaathi staff organized Orange the world campaign, the 16 days' activism from 25th Nov to Dec 10th for the 16 days. From 25th Nov to Dec 10th for the students and the community. The program was inaugurated by the Fr. Sinto Pulikkottil – Assistant Director and Sr. Mini – Program Co-coordinator and explained to the students in details about what is Orange the world, it's history and purpose, also a video was shown on violence against women and girls. Each day different awareness program on gender based violence against women & girls were conducted like, drawing completion, Speech

competition, Quiz completion, a session by advocate Chinmay on Violence against women & girls and the legal procedures, scout and guide session, drama, poster making, pledge and signature campaign. The activities were concluded on 10th Dec by Fr. Joby Kurian the Director of Karunya Trust. The videos and photos of each activities were sent to the donor agency which they appreciated and add some of the videos in their website. The Donor agency KNH thanked the staff and students for their hard work and initiatives.

- From Project Gyansaaathi

## Counselling



After the lockdown, we restarted Study counselling and general counselling in Gyan Saathi centre for the students and mothers. Now, we have two counselors, one for general counselling and another for study counselling. We organised lifeskills sessions on various topics hygiene and grooming, behaviour issues, personality development, importance of education, health seeking behaviour, good touch bad touch, trafficking, etc.

- From Project Gyansaaathi



## First Aid Session for Community-25/10/2021



First aid session was taken by Santosh Parandwale with community mothers. Total 40 parents joined. He

explained about first aid treatment. He shared informative methods and steps which can be used in emergency situations.

- Gas leak
- Electric shock

- Mental shock
- Choking etc.

- From Project Gyansaaathi

## Child Rights



On 19th Oct 2021 a session was organized online regarding child Rights. The resource person for the session was Prof. Santosh. He is the State Level head of Scouts and Guides. He explained to the children in detail what is Right to Development, Right to participation, Right to survive and Right to protection. He also spoke

on how rights are exploited today and what actions can be taken to protect the Rights of the children. The children actively participated in the session and understood what their rights are. Many children raised various questions and cleared their doubts, 68 children took part in the session.

## Adivasi Day is our pride



Kunde is a tribal hamlet in Thane district of Maharashtra with a population of 287 comprising of 68 households, belonging to Thakur community. Farming and fishing are the main occupations. There are few daily wage earners, labourers in local factories

and few sell forest produce and wild vegetables. "Since we do not have the Thakur community caste certificates, it is important to conserve our culture to prove our identity. In many hamlets there is no awareness regarding World Indigenous Day. We decided to share the

knowledge of our culture and ways to preserve it among our people and Karunya Trust helped us to organize this awareness program" Mrs. Manjula Pardhi, a women's group member from Kunde. "Mrs. Manisha Ghayal, Mrs. Malti Wagh and I took the responsibility

of the event and distributed the responsibilities among other women members. In a meeting on 16th October



2021 with Karunya trust and women from Bangarwadi and Dahivali we decided to organize the event on 19th October 2021. We invite Karunya Trust members as chief guests for the event. The program started with a

prayer song and honouring the social reformer Birsu Munda. Karunya Trust members and Kiran Sir enlightened us on the importance of the day. The event ended with Tali dance by women, vote of thanks, followed by refreshments.

We promised Karunya Trust staff that next year we shall celebrate the day without fail and motivate others to do so." Mrs. Suverna Gavande, Active women farmer from Kunde hamlet.

- From Project Jeevan



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Change is the end result of all true learning.  
-Leo Buscaglia



## First Aid Session for Community-25/10/2021



Poi is a tribal hamlet in Thane district with a population of 290 comprising of 40 families, belonging to the Thakur community. Although Farming is the main occupation of the villagers, few are daily wage earners, while others sell forest produce.

As an impact of the intervention of Karunya Trust, people started coming together for resolving common issues

and sharing farming practices through increased awareness. They also participate in various cultural activities.

"On 21st January, during Melvin sir's visit, one of the points that was highlighted was that although our women farmers worked hard for the family, their effort was not recognized. Thereafter on January 28" it was decided to organize a program aimed at promoting Women

Farmers' identity after the second crop harvesting season which got cancelled due to the Pandemic restrictions. "Mrs. Devki Padir, active woman from Poi hamlet.

"In the month of May, we finally decided the date and place for Women Farmers Melava because all of us were free after the sowing of paddy seeds due to early monsoon. On 30th June 2021 under the guidance of the Jeevan

team, Women Farmers' Melava was conducted. 190-200 women were present from across all hamlets for the event. Wild vegetables were put up for sale cum exhibition. Mr. Melvin Pangya from Caritas India was the chief guest for

schemes. Few from Poi hamlet shared their knowledge on farming and caste certificates. Mr. Melvin also guided women for marketing of produce and creating of brand. Mr. Kiran shared insights on organic farming and identity

program ended with Vote of Thanks, Traditional Tali dance by women from Poi and other hamlets and Lunch. We all are happy and feeling proud that collectively with the support of each other and guidance from Jeevan team, we have



the program, the Sarpanch, Upsarpanch and Police Officer, Mr. Patil were present for the event. Mr. Patil, Mr. Sambare and Mrs. Buchare from Agriculture department shared information on organic farming and available

of women farmer. Finally, we honoured the women with one flower and coconut. Women also shared their views about the program. Chief guest distributed Caste certificates to our community members. The

successfully conducted the program, and in future we would like to see such events in other hamlets" – Mrs. Rekha Ghute, Active woman from Poi hamlet  
- From Project Jeevan



## TESTIMONIES

### Bunnies for Profit



Lavhali: I am Kavita Ramdas Thombre, a member of Rohini Self Help Group at Lavhali. Our SHG has completed 5 years. I have gained a lot of knowledge through the various training sessions in the SHG. Their business plan training has helped me to think about business and the future. It also helped me to take the decision of starting

rabbit-rearing. I started a rabbit-rearing business with my savings. I asked my husband to help me. He bought me one pair of rabbits, which delivered 4 more rabbits. After six months the number increased to 26 rabbits. I take good care of my rabbits - keeping their area clean and providing nutritious food. My family members support me in my

business. I sell my rabbits at Rs. 500 a pair. I feel content. My self confidence has increased. I am happy that I don't have to beg from others. Now, I am independent. I thank Karunya Trust for the motivation and training that helped me step towards a new life. Kavita Ramdas Thombre Lavhali village  
- From Project Bharari

### Chubby Babies



Pimploli Wadi: I am Jyoti Yashwant Shid (40), from Pimploli Wadi. After 17 years of marriage, I had a son - Nayan. He was a premature baby with a low birth weight. Even at five years of age, his weight was just 10kg, not increasing. I was worried about my child. He

was considered malnourished. I discussed this issue with Karunya staff. Karunya Trust provided me with a nutrition powder prepared by their SHG. They taught me how to prepare the powder for my child. I gave him this everyday. To my surprise, within a month,

his weight increased up to 700 gm. He eats well and is improving his health. Thanks to Karunya Trust for all the support to my child and working on eradication of malnourishment. Jyoti Shid Pimploli Wadi  
- From Project Bharari



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The mind is Everything what you think you become  
-Buddha



## Skiping over Challenges



Chon: Members of Durgadevi Self Help Group from Chon hamlet have proven the strength of collective efforts. We SHG members decided to start a goat rearing business. With the help of Karunya Trust, we approached the Livestock Department to avail government schemes. Through our persistence, we were granted the

scheme and purchased 42 goats for our goat rearing business. But in a week, we lost 18 goats to harsh climate. Karunya Trust staff helped us to apply for insurance. We received no cooperation from the Grampanchayat. Our unity remained strong despite challenges. We stood firm and continued working hard to improve our

business. We received the fruit of our hard work: three goats delivered 4 new baby goats. We are happy and hopeful for better results in our business. We thank Karunya trust and all the staff for guiding and accompanying us during our visit to various departments.

- From Project Bharari

## A Stitch in Time



Sonawale: I am Amrita Arun Lange from Sonawale village. I am the president of Swabhimani Self Help Group. I have studied till 10th standard, but I'm still a housewife. After joining the self help group, I attended many training sessions conducted by Karunya Trust. I was cooking for small children at the local Anganwadi. But in the pandemic I lost my job

because schools were closed. My husband too lost his job. I decided to do something for my family. I recalled the tailoring classes I had taken through Karunya Trust. I approached SHG and applied for an internal loan of Rs.10,000. I started the business of selling readymade garments and sewing machine material. People from the village purchased the readymade clothes and

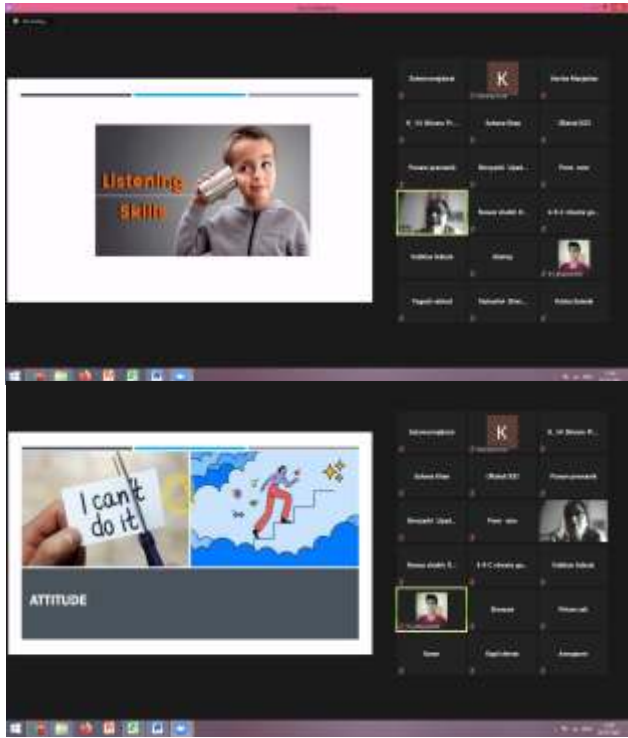
material. I benefited a lot through my tailoring skill and made a profit of Rs.2,500. I am happy and satisfied with my skill and thank Karunya Trust for helping me to move forward in my life. I am also grateful to SHG for the financial support. Amrita Arun Lange Sonawale

- From Project Bharari



# TRAININGS PROGRAMMES

## Communication Skill Session



Communication Skill was conducted on 28th July by Ms. Julie. 42 children were present for the session. It was an interactive session where the children participated through various activities. She explained to them what is communication skill, how

we ought to communicate, the tone of speech, our body language and what to communicate in the right place and right time. Children made use of the session well and they shared their experiences.

- From Project Savli

## Career Guidance



On 29th April 2021 a session on career guidance was organized online. 88 Children took part in this session. The session was conducted by Mr. Aditya. During the session Mr. Aditya spoke to the students' about making

self-assessment, interest and the ability to take action for the success of their career. The session cleared the doubts of the students. This Session was mainly focused for the 10th & 12th STD students.

- From Project Savli

## Cancer in Women



Moryachpada: On 7th October 2021, an awareness session on Cancer in Women was held at Moryachpada hamlet. 38 members from Self Help Group attended the event. Dr. Roshni from Holy Cross Hospital helped us with the information. SHG members became aware of different types of

cancers common in women, such as breast, ovarian and cervical cancer. The doctor explained the causes of cancer, prevention, symptoms, treatment and tests for diagnosis. Jagruti Gaykar CF,

- From Project Bharari



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All power is within you, you can do anything and everything

-Swami Vivekananda



## Transforming the farming ideas



Poi hamlet is famous for their Okra and other vegetables cultivation. “Every year we cultivate a variety of vegetables and sell them in Kalyan Market. Karunya Trust has been

working with us and neighbouring hamlets for past few years. After monsoon, people from Chavare start looking for work outside hamlet. In one of our common meetings on

12th October we decided to plan a learning exchange event with women of nearby hamlets to share the knowledge on vegetable cultivation with the help of Jeevan staff. “-Mrs. Devki

Padir, active woman from Poi hamlet. “On 18th October we 22 women from Chavare reached Poi hamlet to learn and understand the vegetable cultivation practices. We introduced ourselves and the work we do, and then women farmers from Poi explained the various cultivation methods. Later they showed us practical demonstration in the vegetable field. This helped us learn quickly. They also shared farming tips and

suggested different organic manures and pest repellents. This event was

experiment in our field and as we get success, we shall also teach other farmers so



very informative and Jeevan team also shared their inputs to make it more sustainable. We will apply these techniques and

that this exchange learning will continue”. Mrs. Baya Waghe, active farmer from Chavare hamlet.

- From Project Jeevan

## INITIATIVES *During* PANDEMIC

### Support the Transgender Community



The director of Karunya Trust introduced a new project to Savli - to work for Transgender persons with HIV. A meeting was held on 30th Oct 2021 at Nahur. 16 members of the transgender community, Savli Staff, project in charge and director were present for the meeting.

The Director gave a short introduction about Karunya Trust and its activities for the transgender community. The interaction helped to understand their needs. The NGO will focus more on helping transgender people to avail legal documents, and avail Government

schemes which are available to people with HIV. Karunya also distributed Ration kits and Diwali sweets. They also agreed to attend a monthly meeting at Nahur. One of the TG thanked the director and staff for their initiation.

- From Project Savli

### 90% Vaccinated Village



Sonavale: We are Swabhimani Self Help Group (SHG) from Sonavale village. We are 10 members. Karunya Trust works with us, providing training and motivation to help us be self-reliant. In the pandemic, all training was stopped. The whole world was in fear and stress. Transportation was closed. There were no sources of income. People lost their jobs. Still, we SHG members continued earning, using our skills.

When Covid-19 vaccination was announced, many in our village were unwilling to take it, out of fear and misinformation. Even we SHG members were frightened to go for vaccination. Karunya Trust conducted a timely and much-needed awareness program on vaccination. As a result, all our members were inspired to take the vaccine. We decided to organize a vaccination camp with the help of ASHA worker Mrs. Seema Kishore Lange, a

member of our SHG. The camp not only benefited SHG members but all villagers. Through the initiative of SHG members, 90% people from Sonavale hamlet have been vaccinated. We are grateful to Karunya Trust for guiding and motivating us to protect ourselves and others. Swabhimani SHG Sonavale

- From Project Bharari

### From Darkness to Light

Moryachapada: In the pandemic, our education came to a standstill. Since we didn't have smartphones, we couldn't attend online classes. We were sad because there was no study, no sports, no events. Karunya Trust realized this. They reopened the tuition center in Moryachapada. We continued our tuition and once again revised all our subjects. Along with our study, we

also enjoyed extra-curricular activities. Our school teacher shared the syllabus with our tuition teacher, and it was very easy for her to teach. On behalf of all the children from the hamlet, I thank Karunya Trust for providing better education and helping us to have a better future. Vidya Vishnu Gawanda Moryachapada

- From Project Bharari





...Leaving no one behind...

7 Rules of Life

1. Let it go

2. Ignore them

3. Give it time

4. Don't compare
5. Stay calm

6. It's on you

7. Smile

CELEBRATIONS



GS 10th online birthday celebration  
7/07/2021

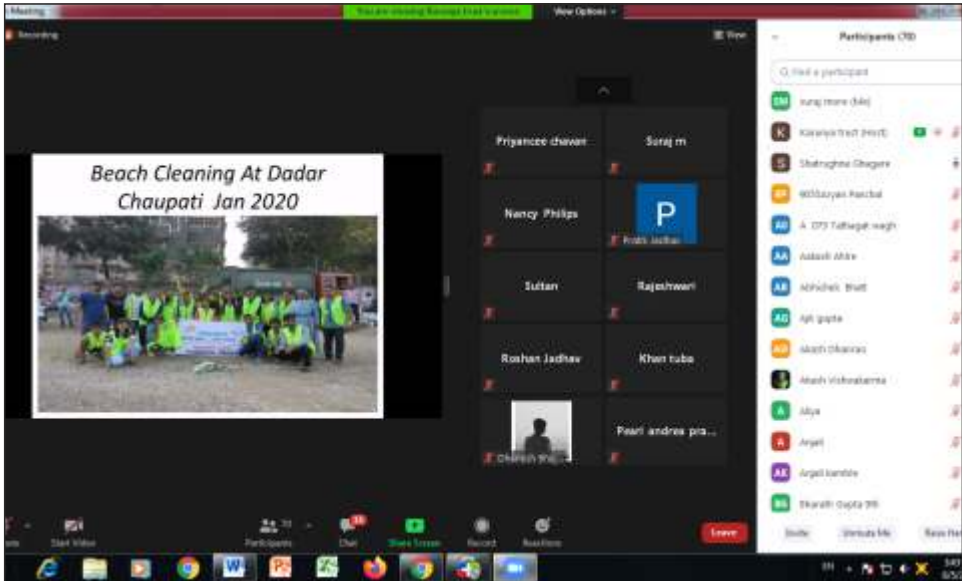


We celebrated GS 10th birthday with students' Parents and Board Members through online mode. The teachers shared information about Gyansaathi's 10 year

journey. The celebration started with Karunya Anthem. The journey of 10 years was shown through video. Ex-students, present students, parents, shared their experiences and their experience in Gyansaathi.

Rose, Fr. Joby, Co-ordinators, Board members shared their experience of Gyansaathi.  
- From Project Gyansaathi

World Environment Day Celebration



On 5th June 2021 Savli project organized an online celebration on World environment day for children. 70 children took part in this celebration. The staff presented a presentation on Savli CP activities, and also showed

a video on environment, which explained the importance of the environment, importance of saving the trees, and our lives. The Staff also gave information on how to save a safe and clean

environment. After the input session a child from CP shared his experience. An online game was conducted for the students. The children enjoyed themselves.  
- From Project Savli



GREENHANDS  
An initiative of Karunya Trust...

Greenhands program is an initiative to plant trees and nurture them. Nature Nurturer's who belong to Tribal communities in the Thane district of Maharashtra are at the forefront to plant and nurture trees for the donor. Donors can adopt a tree or sponsor a sapling through the Greenhands initiative.



KARUNYA TRUST aims at providing a 'safety net to poor', particularly to disadvantaged children like rag pickers, HIV/AIDS affected, tribals and women. NGO is registered under Bombay Public Trust Act 1950. (Reg No. E- 18021)

We uphold a healthy environment through restoration and preservation of natural resources and addressing disaster issues.

ACTIVITIES

- Tree plantation drive (Volunteering activity)
- Maintainance of trees planted (Volunteering activity)
- Tree adoption
- Sapling donation
- Environment awareness session in communities

IMPACT

Since 2016 we are part of the Van Mahotsav program in collaboration with the Thane Forest Department

- 1200 volunteers part of the program.
- 11000 trees planted in thane tribal areas.
- Conducted 10 awareness sessions in communities.
- 225 Tribal children have volunteered to be Nature Nurturers.

WE AIM TO PLANT & NURTURE 10000 TREES BY 2030

JOIN WITH US TO NURTURE THE NATURE  
Tree adoption for a year in just Rs.500  
Donate a sapling for just Rs. 750

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