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Profile of Karunya Trust:

Karunya Trust, the Diocesan social work wing of the Syro-Malabar Diocese of Kalyan is a multi-religious and Non-Governmental Organization, registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950. Ever since its inception on 5th September 1998, the Trust is engaged in the development of the poor irrespective of caste, creed and religion and the main areas of intervention are health, education, empowerment, relief and rehabilitation along with disaster preparedness.

Karunya Trust work with local people to mobilize, facilitate and scale up sustainable community driven responses to various issues through building community based organizations capacity and leadership. Karunya Trust collaborates, associates and builds strong mutually beneficial networks with likeminded organisations and Government agencies for the betterment of the society at large. The participatory functioning of the Trust is guided by its vision and mission based on the Gospel values under the guidance of the Governing body.

a. VISION: "To create a just and harmonious society based on the Gospel Values of love, fellowship, freedom and peace".

b. MISSION: Karunya Trust will restore the human dignity of the needy and marginalized by addressing the issues of Education, Health, Livelihood, Governance and Environment. It will facilitate the process of empowerment by enhancing their capacities; promote networking with people's organizations, likeminded Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). It will promote development process by mobilizing the potentials and resources available within and outside the communities.

c.OBJECTIVES: Karunya Trust based on its mission, strategy and its core issues has set its objectives which will serve as guideline and direction for the future development interventions and processes. These objectives will be further broken down into goals. The objectives are enumerated below;

1. To enhance the human dignity of the needy and marginalized through the process of empowerment.
2. To strengthen the nodal centers in our parishes and enhance their participation in the development process.
3. To form volunteer groups and action groups at the urban and rural grass root level.
4. To promote networks with like-minded Faith based organizations (FBOs), Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) within our operational area.
5. To promote advocacy and lobbying on our core issues with policy makers, local administration, media.
6. To collaborate with Academic Institutes and other professional institutes to conduct policy research, analysis, documentation and communication.

7. To promote leadership at individual level and community level.
8. To develop Alliances with civil society to address people issues.
9. To Collaborate and Partnership with Funding bodies, Corporate, Development Institutions, Government Agencies, individual philanthropists and other NGOs in addressing people issues.
10. To promote Capacity building among the staff, FBOs, nodal centres, other NGOs, and various stakeholders on development issues.
11. To mobilise resources (financial, human, structural etc) at local, national, and international level through projects and schemes.
12. To promote good governance at local level.
13. To promote integrated and sustainable *education* among various stakeholders.
14. To promote preventive, sustainable, curative *health care and services* through holistic approach.
15. To promote sustainable, *livelihood* interventions depending on people's needs and capacities.
16. To enhance local *governance* through active participation and leadership of local communities.
17. To promote healthy *environment* through restoration, regeneration and preservation of natural resources and addressing the disaster issues.



1. Empowering generations through education & child rights programs

1. Gyansaathi I - Project for the protection and promotion of the basic and environmental rights of rag picking children in the dump yards of Govandi, Mumbai.

Karunya Trust in collaboration with HCDI-KNH started the project in 2011 and in July 2015 the project will complete 4 years. The target area for the project is Rafiq Nagar Part II. The area is at close proximity to the dumping yard at Govandi, with some of the houses almost on the dumping yard. Most of the inhabitants are waste recyclers, that is, they live off the scrap they collect from the yard. Both parents and children are involved in this occupation.

At the end of almost 4 years, we have been able to enroll 300 children to a formal education setup i.e. Private and Government schools. What has been rewarding is that many parents have come by themselves asking when, where and how should their child be admitted. Most parents do not have to be repeatedly told about sending their children to study as they now understand the value of education. This year 4 children who were supported by us appeared for their std. X exams. In the coming year, 8 students will be appearing for their std. X exams under NIOS. In the meanwhile 15 more students will be undergoing coaching for std. X to appear in the following year. These students will be the first in their families to make it to std. X.

School admission Category	Break-up
Drop-outs: - Attending Gyansaathi Centre & getting ready to formal school for the academic year 2015-16.	86
School going – Admissions to Schools through the intervention of this Project in the academic year 2014-15.	117 (M- 61, F- 48) BMC-45 (M- 20, F- 14) Private- 36 (M-20, F- 16) NIOS- 46 (M-21, F- 18)
Total Children in the Project	441
Increase of Children over the project target	141



Success story

Asif Shaikh is a 17 year old boy. He has been coming to Gyansaathi for the past two years. He lives at Rafiq Nagar with his grandmother, mother and younger mother. His father expired while he was very young. Before he came to Gyansaathi, he had studied till 7th grade and then dropped out. He was working in a garage with a meager pay when we first saw him. It took the outreach worker almost a year to convince him to quit working and start studying. But since he started coming, he has shown tremendous progress academically and otherwise also.

He started off in Level A under NIOS. Today he has appeared for Level B exams. He is the Assistant Prime Minister of Lok Seva Bal Sansad (Child Parliament). He looks into every matter of the Parliament right from its functioning to the implementation of the decisions taken. He pursues responsibilities assigned to irrespective of it is a teacher or a student.

In January during the SCMM 2015 (Mumbai Marathon), he participated in Kingfisher's Costume awards. He was dressed as an anti-tobacco symbol. It was heartwarming to hear him speak. He shared how he was addicted to tobacco. And how his life changed after he stepped into Gyansaathi. He has now quit tobacco. He shared that every child needs a home like Gyansaathi to bloom and live their dreams. He received the second prize winning a prize money of Rs. 20,000/- which he kept for his studies.



2. Gyansaathi II – Vocational training centre at Govandi: The aim of the project is to provide

vocational support to the adolescent children, their guardians or parents and equip them with skills to cope with situations. The girls/mothers have been able to make small earnings from the various vocational trainings done and sold products like rakhis, diyas, paper bags, candles, mehndi, etc. The volunteers from Oracle came in and taught the students envelope making and gift box making. Later the children and some mothers, made more of these products in preparation for the stalls to be put up before Diwali. The stalls put in 2 corporate- Deutsche Bank and Oracle during the Diwali season increased their sales close to

Rs.4000/- The girls even put mehendi at the stall. This was a great beginning for the women and girls to see what others are selling, how they sell and so on. The livelihood aspect through vocational training is garnering more women to these training programs.



Mehendi demonstration



Computer class

3. **SAVLI** - Community based care and support program for the children of people living with HIV/AIDS:

The goal of the project is to improve the Care and Support services to Children Living with HIV and Children affected by HIV and intervening to keep them with their parents or extended families. This project is implemented in the BMC 'S' ward of Mumbai which comprises of Vikhroli, Kanjurmarg, Powai and Bhandup of Mumbai Suburbs. It provides psychosocial support, education and nutrition support on a monthly basis to all the 100 children who are the beneficiaries of the program. Along with those celebrations, picnics, exposure programs have been conducted for them apart from the regular monthly activities. It is supported by Deutsche Bank.



Session on life skills education

4. **Gyandeep – Educational programs**

Diocese of Kalyan is supporting Karunya Trust for the education of poor children through initial study help, scholarship and sponsorship programs

5. **Roshni – Eco friendly solar lanterns**

Eco friendly solar lanterns were given to 35 children of 10th standard to study well as their villages have regular power cut.



6. Thane Tribal development Project: Child focused community development program in the 16 tribal hamlets of Ambernath Taluka.



Karunya Trust in collaboration with KNH- HCDI is implementing the Thane Tribal Development Project in the 16 Tribal hamlets of Ambernath Taluka since 2012. The total population is 4,849 people living in 1,034 households consists of two tribal groups, the Thakar (or Thakur) which are in majority with about 72% of the total households and the Katakri is account for the remaining about 28%.The project hamlets are relatively small in terms of the number of the households and population. Since these hamlets

are attached to the revenue villages the government schemes do not reach to the hamlets. The area has the presence of bricklins.Many of them are using firewood for baking the bricks. It has led to shrinking of the forests and at the same time the smoke and dust emanating from them has been polluting the area and the health of the people. Lack of knowledge, exploitation by the rich, poor health care facilities, lack of livelihood, environmental deterioration prevents the tribal to access the opportunities available for them.



The aim of the project is to facilitate socio-economic development among the local ethnicities in 16 villages of Ambernath Taluka in order to empower the people to take better care of educational, medical, and nutritional needs of their children. The project is successfully ongoing reaching out to the children and the community through various programs.



II Empowering Life through Health Care programs

7.Jeevashradha: Targeted Intervention among the migrants in Thane city:

The PHFI-PIPPSE supported project reached out to 13000 migrants and given service such as counseling, ICTC camps, STI camps, information dissemination through street play, interpersonal communication, behavioral change communication and advocacy with stakeholders in the 26 sites of Thane city.



8. Health centers/Dispensaries: The health centres at Dharavi, Ambernath, Panvel and Govandi provided medical care to the poor people in and around the locality. The regular weekly medical checkup had supported 5400 people in the different areas. Karunya Trust whole heartedly thanks the health professionals for their valuable service at this juncture.



Dental checkup and dental training by Dr.Tracey and team at Mulgaon village

9. Donation of Ambulance by State Bank of India

State Bank of India under its Community Service Banking program has donated an ambulance to Karunya Trust on 16th Oct.14, for carrying out the health related programs in the rural and urban areas of Thane,Mumbai districts. In the name of all the beneficiaries of the ambulance Karunya Trust extends its heartfelt thanks to State Bank of India,in a special way,to members of SBI family.



.Mr.N.R.Kulkarni(Asst.General Manager,Public relations& Community services banking ,Mumbai circle)),Mr.V.P.Tripathi(Asst.Manager,Powai)for their loving and sincere efforts to realize this good cause for a better society. Mr.Sudir Dubey,Chief General Manager,SBI Mumbai circle handing over the Ambulance to Bp.Thomas Elavanal,Chairman of Karunya Trust.

10.Jubilee Action Network (JAN):

Jubilee Action Net work continued its valuable service to the destitute on the street and rehabilitated them to Good Samaritan Mission Vikhroli,Jyothis care home,Thaloja and Seal Ashram Panvel have decent care homes. During the year 26 people had been received the service from the 9 JAN volunteers.



11. Mruthunjay- Organ Donation & Dristhi 2020 – Eye Donation Drive

The Organ donation drive initiated by Karunya Trust's Mruthunjai project and implemented by Kalyan Mathrusangam had inspired 4177 individuals to declare their absolute willingness to donate organs after their death by which 33832 individuals (Heart-4128, Pancreas-3926, Corneas-9298, Lungs-4026, Kidneys-8562, Liver-3843, whole body-49) will receive a second lease of life.



The rally organized by Kalyan Mathrusangam, promotion of organ donation drive.

12. Sanitation programs by Habitat for Humanity India Trust

The program intends to provide safe, sustainable toilets for 150 tribal families who currently have no means of acquiring sanitation facilities on their own. The objectives are to bring about an overall improvement in the general quality of life in the rural areas, to eliminate open defecation to minimize risk of contamination of drinking water sources and food and to generate felt demand for sanitation facilities through a awareness creation and health education.



In collaboration with Habitat for Humanity India Trust under the CSR initiative of TATA housing and DOW the sanitation program is inaugurated at Aпти on 28th March. Simultaneously at Nalambi and Bisol also the toilet construction is progressing.

III Empowering Rural India through women empowerment programs

13..Women empowerment programs:

During the year thirty six SHGs are functioning in the target hamlets of Ambernath. SHG regular activities are going on, monthly monitoring and evaluation doing by Karunya Trust. Group Goal setting for 5 groups and individual goal setting for 7 groups are done during the reporting period. An exposure visit of 60 women had been made to Mahalakshmi Saras, Bandra, visited the different income generating activity stalls put up by the SHG women from all over India. Also 30 adolescent girls had undergone tailoring course and they started to earn a better livelihood through it.



14..Jeevan – Life in Abundance: The project is implemented in 16 villages of Kalyan Taluka of Thane District within the distance of 7 to 25 kilometers from the rural office of Karunya Trust. The target population consists of 1145 households belonging to Katkari and Thakur tribal communities. It aims to Increase the diversified livelihood options for Katkari and Thakur communities of Kalyan Taluk of Thane district through optimized use of locally available resources, skill development and access to entitlements.



The main focus of JEEVAN is building community's responsiveness to their rights and entitlements and increasing people's involvement in the local governance systems.

IV: Empowering rural families through shelter programs:

Shelter program intends to support the poor tribals to have a decent housing. The Home partners contribute their own labor, or sweat equity, construction materials toward the cost of building their home.

15. Jubilee Housing Project: 28 new houses were built in Savrewadi and 16 houses were repaired during the year. Corporates, youth from different parishes had helped the families to complete the task by volunteering in the construction.



V: Empowering Mother earth through Agricultural and environmental programs

16. Promotion of Agriculture through Farmers clubs:

Karunya Trust promotes agriculture through formation of farmers clubs and linking them with NABARD. Also provided training in watershed management, livestock management and conducting exposure visits to other agencies.



VI: Others:

17. Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon (SCMM 15)

Karunya Trust had 144 runners in the half marathon and dream run category, participated in the SCMM2015 supporting the cause of Gyansaathi-the education of rag picking children at Govandi dump yard. We thank the runners and the sponsors for being generous with your time, money and a giving heart.



VII. Awards and Achievements

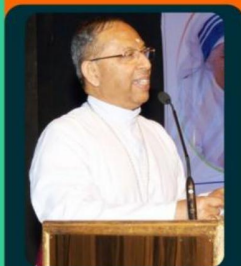
Best Animation story award to Karunya Trust at the National level

Gyansaathi, a model for Secular India: the story narrated by Mrs. Rose Joseph, Project Incharge at Caritas India National Assembly won the First Prize as the Best Animation story.

Karunya Trust had honored the individuals who made remarkable changes in the lives of the poor, marginalized, who become the life giving channels to thousands of people by their time, talents and resources. Thus they become the exemplary figures in the society and the following are the wonderful persons who have created beautiful records in the history of Karunya Trust.



1. Msgr. Thomas Thalachira Memorial Award to Mr.K.D.Jose from ONGC
2. SCMM Change maker award to Mr.Nilesh Nandoskar for being the highest fund raiser in the individual category of Mumbai Marathon 2014.
3. Change Maker award to Mr.Babu Joseph. He had won the Forbes Philanthropy Award2014 for the outstanding corporate foundation (Axis Bank Foundation) for the work in the area of sustainable livelihood; especially in 75 of the most backward areas. Karunya Trust had honored him with the Change maker award.
4. Ms.Shivakamy memorial scholarship: The Scholarship in honor of Ms.Shivakamy was received by Ms.Kiran Navkar, who secured 74% in 1^{0th} Std.exam during the year. She is from one of the project area and studying in 11th class.
5. Karunya Excellence award and best service award: Ms.Andriya Chandy,Mrs.Lincy Joy,Mr.George Paul were honored with Karunya Excellence award and Mr.Somnath got the best service award.
6. Organ Donation Awards: The Kalyan Mathrusangam was awarded for promoting organ donation drive in the different parishes and three churches,AssissiNagar,Infant Jesus Khargar and Little Flower church Nerul were awarded for collecting the highest number of organ donation consent forms.



Presidential address by Bp. Thomas Elavanal Chairperson.



Key Note Address by Lion Dr. Ashok Mehta Board member.



Children from various Child focused community Development Project of Karunya Trust, with Bp. Thomas Elavanal at the concluding assembly of Karunya Dosti 2015



KARUNYA AWARDS 2014:
 Msgr. Thomas Thalachira
 Humanity Award to Mr. K.D. Jose
 Karunya Change Maker Award to
 Mr. Babu Joseph &
 Mr. Nilesh Nandoskar
 Karunya Volunteer Award to Mr.
 Sudhindra Kadkol & Mr. Roy Philip

Karunya Excellence Award to Mr. George Paul, Mrs. Lincy Joy & Ms. Andriya Chandy
Karunya Best Service Award to Mr. Somnath Raut
Mruthunjai Star Donor Award to Little Flower Church Nerul, Infant Jesus Church Kharghar, St. Francis Assissi Church, Assissi Nagar.



Stree Shakti...



Sayali Self Help Group receives Karunya Trust Best SHG Award 2014 from Bp. Thomas Elavanal.

Kalyan Mathrusangam Executive members together with Asst. Director Fr. Joby Ayithamattathil receives Certificate of Appreciation Awarded by Karunya Trust from Bp. Thomas Elavanal for leading the Organ Donation Campaign in Maharashtra



Conclusion :

I take this opportunity to thank the God Almighty for His marvelous presence throughout the year with showers of blessings upon each and every activity of Karunya Trust in the different areas. We are indebted to the Diocese of Kalyan, the donors, individuals, corporate and parishes. A special word of appreciation to Kalyan Mathrusangam for the organ donation drive and getting the consent forms from the members. Thanks to the beneficiaries and the various stakeholders for the participation in Karunya activities. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Team Karunya, the dedicated staff who tirelessly carries out the mission to the marginalized section of the society

Fr. Paul Kunduparambil
Director, Karunya Trust



About Karunya Trust

Karunya Trust, Kalyan Diocesan Social Action was inaugurated by Dr. P.C Alexander, H'ble Governor of Maharashtra on 5th September 1998, on the 10th anniversary of the Diocese of Kalyan. The trust is dedicated to the ever loving memory of Mother Theresa.

The formation of Karunya Trust aims at providing a 'safety net to poor', particularly disadvantaged children like street children, rag picking children, HIV/ AIDS affected children, tribal children & women. Major thrust areas of Karunya Trust are Education, Livelihood, Health, Environment issues, Women empowerment & Governance. Karunya Trust implement the above thrust's based the following core values: Sanctity of human life, Human Rights and Human Dignity, Dignity of Women, Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, Option for the Poor, Solidarity, Respect to Ecology and Environment, Civilization of Love, Culture of Peace, Justice, Freedom, and Fellowship. It is a collective effort by the Diocese of Kalyan to restore human dignity to the needy through empowerment with special care to women and children. Today, Karunya Trust is extending its good works through 54 Nodal centres and over 200 volunteers working in Mumbai, Thane, Pune, Nashik and Raigad districts.

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Donate

There is much more work we can do to improve the lives in urban and rural population of Maharashtra, and our efforts can only continue through donations and the generosity of our funding partners. If you would like to make a donation to Karunya Trust, please use the donation form on the other side, log on to www.karunyatrustononline.org

Volunteer

If you want to experience life in urban slums rural Maharashtra and share your skills to make a real difference in the lives of less privileged children women, contact us to find out about volunteering with Karunya Trust. Key roles are Professional Volunteers (Child & HIV/AIDS Counsellors, Life Skill trainers, Environmentalists, IGP trainers, Agriculturists) and documentation officers.

...the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion...
(Phil 1:6)

KALYAN DIOCESAN SOCIAL ACTION (KDSA) KARUNYA TRUST



Karunya Trust Focuses on United Nations Millennium Development Goals

- Reduce by half the proportion of people living in extreme poverty.
- Achieve universal Primary education.
- Make progress towards gender equality and empowering women by eliminating gender disparities in Primary and secondary education.
- Reduce infant and child mortality rates by two-thirds.
- Reduce maternal mortality ratio by three quarters.
- Halt & begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria and other major diseases.
- Implement national strategies for sustainable development by 2015, so as to reverse the loss of environmental resources.
- Develop a global partnership, with targets for aid, trade and debt relief.