



Our Vision: "A just and harmonious society rooted in the gospel values of love, freedom and peace."

Our Mission: "To restore the dignity and potential of marginalized individuals and communities by facilitating access to holistic education, health, livelihood, and stable shelter."



POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS

"Each child has a place in God's heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the creator's eternal dream comes true."

CONSERVE WATER AND CONSERVE LIFE

Water is a necessity. We are facing water scarcity in different states of our country. It is said that water is in and around us. Every single drop of water is precious. Water is the life-blood of our planet. Hence, never let us waste it but protect it. It is the need of the hour to work hand in hand to save water and save the humanity. So let us not waste time and energy in unnecessary things of life, instead let us join our hands to save water and save humanity. Catholic Church always stood for nature and clearly mentions our duty to nature. The world water day 2019 is celebrated this year on 22nd March with the slogan: "Leaving no-one behind". Pope Francis said, "Water is an essential good for the balance of ecosystems and human survival, and it is necessary to manage it and take care of it so that it is not contaminated or lost." We should stop wasting water and start to store water; otherwise, many will lose their lives. If we really understand the value of life, we really understand the value of water.

Yours in Christ



Mar Thomas Elavanal
Bishop of Kalyan

Water is the substance of life - Treasure it

EDITORIAL

In Line to the agenda for Sustainable development, the world Water Day was celebrated with the slogan: "Leaving no-one behind" on March 22nd 2019. We are at a juncture to welcome the summers of this year. In the recent past, Maharashtra and several other states have faced the adversities of summer and diseases that spread due to lack of access to clean water.

Water is essential for the balance of ecosystems and human survival, It is necessary to manage and take care of it so that it is not contaminated or lost. Several parts of south Africa and elsewhere are provided less than 2 gallons of water each day under the supervision of military forces to evenly distribute water among its citizens war and

conflicts because of the scarcity of water and wars is not a thing of the future but is seen in several parts of the world even today.

Safeguarding life has been the motto of the Catholic church from time immemorial. And the slogan "Leaving no-one behind", is a reminder to mankind to eradicate every discrimination to access clean water and raising the standards of clean water to people. Building better water structures, creating awareness among the young generations is essential to safeguard water for all inhabitants of the planet.

We are living in a generation wherein we see adverse climatic

conditions like floods, lack of rains, extreme summers etc. on a rise. As Pope Francis reminds us on this World Water day, we are to rise to the alarms from Nature. We are to channelize our efforts in the direction of greater good of mankind and dispel the disparity between people of this planet. Clean water is everyone's right and it's important we work towards this common goal. Let us together safeguard this most useful and precious resource of water and eventually safeguard our lives.



Fr. Joby Kurian
Executive Director,
Karunya Trust

TATA MUMBAI MARATHON 2019



A hundred Karunyakers participated in the 16th edition of Tata Mumbai Marathon 2019. This year marks the 8th year of Karunya Trust's participation at the marathon with the whole marathon rally planned and organised by the Children's Parliament of Gyansaathi. The children and

facilitators of Karunya Trust had a great time at the Tata Mumbai Marathon 2019. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all our individual donors and corporate donors including DDecor Home Fabrics, Jessena Marine, St. Joseph's Travels, Trinity Travels, SKS Glochem for their support. We are especially grateful to

our online fundraisers who not only raised funds but were instrumental in spreading awareness of the work done by Karunya Trust in Mumbai and Thane districts in the fields of education, health, governance, livelihood and environment. Thank you! Marathon Team

Winners are not people who never fail, but people who never quit.



Marathon winner Vishal Kudali resides in Adivasi hamlet Kuderan, Ambarnath Block . Due to financial problems he studied in Ashram school. Vishal was active in school and passionate toward sports. To achieve his goal

Karunya Trust supported him to run in Marathon 2019. With hope and dreams in his heart , Vishal ranked 7th in Mumbai Marathon 20th January 2019. We wish him hearty congratulations and best wishes for his successful journey.

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" The transformation you are Making to some of the most underprivileged Children of our Society is amazing .Great work truly inspiring Congrats to the whole Gyansaathi team .

Biju Dominic
CEO of Final Mile Consulting

Project Gyansaathi - Shivaji Nagar, Govandi, Mumbai. Reported by - Gyansaathi Team

GYANSAATHI ANNUAL DAY 2019



Rev. Bishop Thomas Elavanal - Chairman of Karunya Trust lighting the lamp



Left to right - Ms. Rekha Pandey - Principal, Udayachal High School - Godrej Vikhroli, Mr. Nilesh Nandoskar - Highest Marathon Fundraiser, Fr Paul Kunduparambil - Forane Vicar, Panvel & Director Kalyan Eparchy Pro-life Movement, Mr. Virochand Roate - Former CWC Member & Nirmala Niketan Faculty, Mr. Anil Bakshi - Retired Navy Officer, Dr. Vaishali - Doctor for you.



ATMA Team



Karunya Volunteer Team



Left to right - Shayap Sadiq Shaikh - Gyansaathi 12th Std. Topper: 2017-18) & Ameerunnisa Mubarak Chowdhry - Gyansaathi 10th Std. Topper: 2017-18)



Gyansaathi Balwadi children & Gyansaathi EX students Performance

The annual day of Gyansaathi is ususally celebrated together with all the other Karunya Trust projects as the Karunya Trust Annual Day, however, this year Gyansaathi celebrated its Annual Day by itself

with Bishop Thomas Elavanal, Fr. Paul Kunduparambil and (sisters?) who were invited as the Chief Guests along with heads of different components (?). The theme for the Annual Day was humanity

which included under its ambit the topics: child labour, child marriage, education, health and relationships.The programme, held in ARC Panvel, began with a welcome to the guests, followed by

insightful speeches, energetic dance performances, mesmerising mimes and plays, and a prize distribution ceremony. In the prize distribution ceremony, the students and staff were awarded for excellence in

various spheres including education, sports and work. Mr. Anil Bakshi was honoured by the Bishop for his exemplary service during the Kerala flood disaster of 2018. The Bishop also unveiled a manuscript

with literary and art work by the students of Gyansaathi. Around 550 people including teachers, mothers and students participated in the annual day celebrations which concluded with the national anthem.

10th Farewell

A farewell was arranged for the students of standard 10th on the 14th of February, 2019 by the students of NIOS Levels A,B and C. The programme began with a welccome speech by an NIOS student followed by dances and a few speches. Fr. Joby and Mrs. Rose Joseph wished the students and exhorted them to strive to be good human beings first and that everything else would then fall

into place. Deepak Sir, their class teacher, told them to always persevere, following which the staff and members of the Children’s Parliament expressed their wishes and prayers for the students.It was quite an emotional event with the students of standard tenth recounting their memories and experiences in Gyansaathi. The event concluded with a gift from Gyansaathi for all the students.





" Excellent performance by children of Gyansaathi. i was very happy to see a closely knit team at Gyansaathi. I appreciate the efforts of all the ex student of Gyansaathi for carrying forward the legacy.Wish you the best of this world.

Rekha Pandey
Principle Of Udaynchal School vikhroli

Scout & Guide Camp



A Scout and Guide camp was organised by Gyansaathi for its students from the 11th to 13th of November, 2018. The honorable Scout and Guide Commissioner of Maharashtra, Mr. Prabhakar Kardak was the guide for the students. Students learned to administer

first aid, build tents for camping and participated in various physical fitness activities. Competitions like drama, dance and poetry were organised for the students through which students were given a platform to showcase their talents and overcome stage fear. The students also visited the

Shantivan Leprosy House, the old age home and the orphanage. Through this visit students learned about leprosy and the lifestyle of tribals. The Gyansaathi team concluded the visit by distributing gifts in the orphanage and the leprosy home.

Mumbai Marathon



On the 20th of January, 45 students and 10 staff members of Gyansaathi participated in the Mumbai Marathon. Students dressed up in costumes highlighting the need for environmental

conservation and better amenities for women's reproductive health. They also held up banners depicting the mission and vision of Gyansaathi. The Mumbai Marathon being Asia's largest marathon,

was a densely participated event and enlightened the students on various problems that plague our society. The entire day was planned by the Members of the Children's Parliament.

Visit to Atria Mall



The students of Gyansaathi visited the Atria Mall Games Zone in Worli on the 7th of February, 2019. All the children played and enjoyed the games, and participated in all activities. After the session, volunteers gave snacks to all the children. The children, through this visit, had an opportunity to learn about the various games in the Games Zone while interacting with each other in the unfamiliar yet often coveted ambience of a mall.

Udaan: Annual Sports Day



The annual sports day of Gyansaathi, aptly named Udaan, was held on 10th February, 2019 at the Hirandani School Grounds in Powai. The event began with a prayer and a welcome speech following which the rules and regulations for each game were

explained by the staff. Both individual and group games were organised such as the 100 metre race, sack race, volleyball and so on. Through the games, the students learned the precious values of coordination, discipline and cleanliness, as they

were also awarded points for orderly behaviour and cleanliness. The winners were awarded with gold, silver and bronze medals along with trophies to the best sportsperson (male and female). The event concluded with a lunch for all the students.

Ms. Shalin's Journey

I had a great experience working with Gyansaathi, a project under Karunya Trust. The difference between Gyansaathi and most NGOs, I noticed was that while other NGOs focus on street children, Gyansaathi focuses on the rehabilitation, education, empowerment, health & nutrition needs of children from the rag picking community in Govandi. Their work is systematically done their dedication towards the children is visible their interaction with them. While interacting with children I understood

that the children were unaware about their rights and hygiene, but that it was through the teachers of Gyansaathi that they were enlightened. I also had an opportunity to visit the area, a truly heart touching experience for me! The visit helped me understand the living situation and the habits of the community. Furthermore, this internship was a brilliant learning experience and helped me realise the stark contrast between the local areas of Kerala and Mumbai, thus increasing my passion to work with children in

Mumbai. I appreciate all the teachers of Gyansaathi for their efforts, their cordial

relations with each other and their acceptance of visitors.



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It is simply awesome... The project and the staff you did it amazing... Please keep the ball rolling and reach to more people. You have motivated us! Thank You!!!

Mr. Ajit Deorukhkar,
Employee at COTECNA

Diet Session



A dietary session was held for the women of the community with Dr. Nita as the resource person. Dr. Nita spoke about the food that we ought to consume in the three meals of our day,

food that must be avoided and the right time to consume our meals. Expounding on the virtues of a healthy diet, she explained the nutrients our body receives when we eat

healthy food. After the session, she demonstrated the making of matki bhel, a healthy, tasty and easy-to-make snack.

Balmela: The Space World

On the 15th of November, Gyansathi students and staff attended Balmela (Children’s Fair) at SNTD College revolving around the theme: The Space World. Various events such as dramas, plays and a puppet show were arranged for the children. The children learnt about the need to maintain a clean environment through the puppet show while the drama enchanted them with facts about the universe. The children spent some time playing in the gardens post these events.



Project Savli, Nahur, Mumbai.

Reported by -
Savli Team

ANANDMELA



Anandmela is been celebrated every year on 1st Dec by Mumbai District Aids Control Society (MDACS) which is a part of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai. This year Savli children were given an opportunity to perform during the Anandmela. 13 Savli children performed a dance as part of the closing ceremony of Anandmela in the presence of Mr. Sarjerao Sonawane (Sub

collector- Mumbai Suburban District), Dr. Padmaja Keskar (Executive Health Officer- BMC) and Thesildars of Mumbai Suburb district. Children got a great exposure performing in the presence of government officials, health promoters and NGO representatives. One of the Savli child representatives also shared his experience during the program. There were lot of games

and recreational activities organized by MDACS for children at Anandmela. Two of the Savli children also performed a rap song during the event which was highly adored. Mr. Sarjerao Sonawane (Sub collector- Mumbai Suburban District) appreciated the initiative taken by Karunya Trust to link Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana to people living with life threatening diseases.

SANJAY GANDHI NIRADHAR YOJANA



Government of Maharashtra implemented Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana to help women and orphan children & person suffering from serious illness in the State. Key objective of Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana is to support financially the needy person. The beneficiary of SGNY gets monthly pension of Rs.600 or Rs.900 as per their eligibility from Government. Karunya Trust has joined hands

with Mumbai Suburban District Administration and Mumbai District Aids Control Society to link the needy beneficiaries to SGNY scheme. Around 159 beneficiaries applied for SGNY through Karunya Trust out of which 100 beneficiaries are linked to SGNY as on 1st March 2019. Mr. Sarjerao Sonawane (Sub collector- Mumbai Suburban District), Dr. Aruna Jadhav (Mulund Thesildar- SGY), Mr. Sandeep Thorat (Mulund Thesildar), Ms.Shrikala

Acharya (MDACS- Additional Project Director), Ms. Dnyaneshwari Sonawane (MDACS- Deputy Director) and Mr. Sandesh Jadhav (MDACS- Assistant Director) played a very important role in helping these beneficiaries accessing the benefit of SGNY. Through this initiative, Project Savli of Karunya Trust was able to empower these needy families who are surviving with life threatening disease.

PRO- ECO



6th Pro-Eco campaign was organized by Savli children on 26th January 2019 to promote the culture of

clean and safe environment in the society. Pro-Eco campaign was organized with an objective to spread

awareness about safeguarding one’s own environment when travelling on road. Flash cards were used by children to promote this



message at L&T powai signal junction, Hiranandani Signal junction and IIT main gate signal junction which is located on

Jogeshwari Vikroli link road. “Through Pro-Eco campaign we would like to sensitize public to not contribute to pollution by avoiding

unnecessary honking, keeping surrounding clean, etc. We believe in “Haamara Haaq... Eco life...”- said Shweta patil (Savli Child)



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I appreciate and thank Karunya Trust for reaching out to tribal women and children of Ambarnath Block, encouraging children for education, awareness programs on health and through Self Help Group empowering tribal women to strengthen their livelihood, have build up the self confidence of women. I wish karunya Trust for success in future activities.

Pratiksha P. Agiware—BM. MIS MSRLM. Panchayat Samiti, Ambarnath.

Rural Projects, Kalyan & Ambarnath

Reported by - Rural Team

Rural Annual Day and Women’s Day Celebrations



Rev. Bishop Thomas Elavanal - Chairman of Karunya Trust lighting the lamp



Left to right – Mrs. Swapnali Bhoir (the chairperson of Panchayat Samiti, Ambarnath), Ms. Kalpana Waghare (RFO-Forest department,kalyan) , Mr. Sanjay Kamble (Journalist, kalyan)



Women from Rakshan Cluster Level Association, Ambarnath received best women empowerment Award



Women from Kelni village, Kalyan received best women empowerment award



Women from Belkarpada,Kalyan presented traditional Kothimbiri dance



Releasing of the Karunya Trust Annual Report 2017-18

The 12th of March, 2019 was a golden day for the Rural Development Project of Karunya Trust as the Annual day and Women’s Day was celebrated at St. Thomas Cathedral, Kalyan. The chief guests were Rev. Bishop Thomas Elavanal, the Chairman of Karunya Trust; Fr. Joby, the Director of Karunya Trust; Fr. Kuriakose, the

parish priest of St. Thomas Cathedral; Ms. Kalpana Waghare, RFO-Forest department Kalyan; Mrs. Pratiksha Agiware, in-charge of NRLM in Ambarnath Block; Mrs. Swapnali Bhoir, Chairperson of Panchayat samiti-Ambarnath; Mr. Sanjay Kamble, Journalist-kalyan; Mr. Mathew, Trustee of St. Thomas Church; Mrs Laisa Baby,

the Matrusangam President of Kalyan church; M sgn . Immanuel, Vicar General of Kalyan Diocese; and Sr. Betty, Programme coordinator of Karunya Trust. Guest were honoured with a memento and shawl. 650 women and men from different villages of the Kalyan and Ambarnath block, students from social

work colleges, and Karunya staff from different projects participated in the celebration. Cultural dance and drama was performed by Tribal women and children. Karunya Annual Report of 2017-2018 and the rural based activities book titled धर्मा सक्षमीकरणाचा (Way Towards

Empowerment) were released on this day by Bishop Thomas Elavanal. Awards were distributed to beneficiaries for their leadership in working towards village development. To inspire the participants, a memento was presented by the Chief Guest. The hard work of the team was appreciated by awarding them with appreciation certificates.

It was a great experience and a beautiful moment as the women took active part in cultural program. As Women’s Day, the women from different villages were honoured and appreciated. By the grace of God and team spirit the day was celebrated successfully.

Jeevan-Bharari Project Kalyan.



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' It was truly a great Experience Visiting you. The kids are truly smart a well trained .Amazing Place we are very thankful to karunya trust to giving us an opportunity to visit and understand Gyansaathi.Wishing everyone Gyansaathi all the best in their Life

Uma Prasad
CDAC Navi Mumbai

Marched out of the four walls of the home...



Karunya Trust has been working on women empowerment since last 5 years in Ambarnath Block. 53 SHGs are formed in near by Badlapur villages. Under the Self Help Approach Karunya Trust has formed 3 Cluster Level Association. 54 women are involved in it for the betterment of the

community and their own life. Not only are trainings conducted but this has inspired and motivated women to stand on their feet and have acquire financial stability. "I, Mrs. Jyotsna Kundan Aghan , residing at Aghanwadi village, have completed my degree in Agriculture but never thought of getting a job. After my marriage I remained in the house as a housewife but when I joined SHG formed by Karunya Trust I realized the importance of my degree. Karunya gave me many opportunities to get involved in the training programs and as I became more active I was selected for the Cluster Level Association. Getting involved in SHGs and CLA I have gained

more knowledge on government offices and its role and responsibilities and the various government schemes for women's development. Through different trainings Karunya Trust empowered me to make use of my degree. I applied for a job in the U M E D project of government. I was surprised to have cleared the examination and be posted in the agriculture sector. My family and I are delighted and we owe it to Karunya Trust for constantly enlightening and encouraging us."

Mrs. Jyotsan Kundan Aghan
CLA Member, Aghanwadi

Health is wealth



27 children from Savrewadi and 28 children from Devloli are studying in the Zilla Parishad school but the children's families are economically backward and can not afford healthy and nutritious food. Most of the families are working on brick kiln. Due to poor health the children's education was affected. Through the intervention of Karunya Trust , Divine Mercy Group from Dombivli came forward to help these children by providing nutrition supplements. Through the contribution of Divine Mercy group, Karunya trust added extra food material in children's mid-day meal such as eggs, bananas and chikki. This has improved the health of the children who are now regular to school and attentive in the class, thus improving not just their physical but also mental health.

Mrs. Sangita Shelke
Karunya Staff.

Literacy and Functional Literacy Training



The 21st and 22nd of February, 2019 were memorable days for the Karunya Staff as Kindernothilfe (KNH) organized the Literacy and Functional Literacy Training at Kalyan. Six NGOs from different states participated in this program. There were 20 participants including two assistants of the National Coordinator, KNH. It was a wonderful training as rural karunya

staff Nishikant, Bhagwan, Sangita, Jagruti and Shivaji were the resource persons. Karunya Trust has not only empowered the tribal women but taken great effort and initiative to empower the staff. Through spiritual guidance and different trainings on staff capacity building, Karunya Trust has motivated the staff to gain knowledge and share it with others and it was through this spirit that

was inculcated in the staff that they were given an opportunity be resource persons. Training has built the self-confidence, self-esteem and team spirit of the staff. The credit goes to Karunya Trust that has not only motivated the staff but also created excellent trainers.

Ms. Jagruti Lad
Karunya Staff

Moving towards the Income Generation...



The aim of Karunya Trust was fulfilled when 5 women availed of the government scheme for livelihood. Women were taken to Panchayat Samiti, made aware and

trained regarding various government schemes , legal documents and livelihood. 5 tribal women set the goal in their SHGs to start the

poultry and improve the economic status. With the help and support of Karunya Staff, these women applied to the government scheme of poultry farming. After much effort, women from villages benefited from the scheme and received Rs. 8000 from the government to start the poultry farm. Karunya Trust arranged the trainings and exposure visit to poultry farms to learn how to rear chicken better and prosper in the business. Thus, women have moved towards the income generation , there will be improvement in their lifestyle through business, children will have better education and the status of women will be raised high.

Mrs. Usha Jadhav
Karunya Staff

Volunteer work by youth

Karunya Trust has been providing homes for the homeless and it is a great achievement to bring joy and happiness to these families. In order to make these houses more beautiful, many individuals especially youth from parishes

render their service. A team of 12 energetic youth and 2 professors from Hong Kong University visited the Pimpoli village along with Dr. James from Panvel and painted two houses. The youth from Infant Jesus Church, Dombivli visited

Maryachpada to paint two houses and enjoyed the simple yet serene lifestyle of the people. This volunteer service has encouraged the youth to contribute meaningfully to the society, has helped them experience the loving nature of the villagers while also filling the villagers with great joy.

Mr. Bhagwan Pawar
Karunya Staff





Thank you so much Karunya Trust for your valuable time. It was really great to see your hard work and great inputs provided to the community is appreciable. Keep up your hard work and good deeds in Kalyan Block.

Caritas- Nepal visit

Preparation of lowcost Nutrition



I, Seema Waghe, am a member of Self Help Group formed by Karunya Trust at Devoli and have been an active participant in different trainings and awareness programs organized by them. Through these trainings I have gained knowledge about health and government schemes. A while ago, my daughter became very

weak due to malnutrition and was



prescribed medicinal care by the doctor. I

spent everything I earned on her medicines but was unable to pay the cost of the tonic that was also prescribed to her. This is when the staff of Karunya Trust reminded me about the training on low cost nutrition supplement preparation I had participated in. Having never taken these trainings seriously, I was hit by the massive need for these trainings because of which I prepared the low cost nutrition supplement from drumstick leaves which restored my daughter's health. Thanks to Karunya Trust for organizing such trainings and empowering the women.

Mrs. Seema Waghe
SHG member, Devoli.

Towards food sovereignty



Chemical farming can be said to be beneficial, but twice its effect is happening on every element of the Earth. The impact of global warming, the consequences of human health, decreased oats and increasing pollution

profit but if its benefits are less then the adverse effects can be seen in large numbers. Therefore, the solution to this is to come together from the smallest. Most of the tribal live on farming as its their occupation. Thakurpada

farming and cultivating vegetables from traditional seeds. Karunya Trust through Caritas India arranged the exposure for Nepal team to visit Thakurpada hamlet. 12 participates along with Mr. Melvin state officer of Caritas India and Staff from karunya visited Thakurpada hamlet. Nepal team had the interaction with the farmers and Exchanged the traditional seeds which was enriching and fruitful.



are also affected. Agriculture is a business that is mainly used for

hamlet with 23 families situated in Kalyan block. Families are involved in

Mr. Pravin Pandit
Karunya staff

Jeevan Project, Kalyan

Struggle for drinking water

Even today, the issue of drinking water in rural area is still prevailing. Women have to struggle so much for water. The same issue was found in Kelni hamlet.

Kelni village is 18 kms away from Kalyan Block of Thane District of Maharashtra. 35 Tribal families of Thakur community reside in Kelni Hamlet. These people work on daily wages to earn their livelihood. Drinking water in the



tribal Hamlets of Kelani village is a big problem. The women in the village have been trying

to solve the issue of drinking water but not succeed for the last three years.

"In our hamlet we are 35 families, we have to purchase once in a week water from other

village's land lord. So we have to save and store water for one week" said Payal Baratad one of the active village leader. Families spend Rs. 150 for drinking water. Children are falling sick due to scarcity of water. Family lose their one day wage as they take leave from the work for fetching drinking water. Through the facilitation of Karunya Trust the people became aware of Gram sabha. The staff motivated them to raise

the drinking water issue in Gram Sabha. The voice is not heard so the community people came together and took initiative to visit the chairman of Panchayat Samiti and submitted the application. Women have set their goal to fight for the rights and get the drinking - safe water to Kelni Hamlet.

Mrs. Sadhana Butere
Karunya Staff.

Seed Bank founded by women farmers...



Success in farming depends on

understanding of farming system. Small

scale farmers have own wisdom, skill, knowledge and hard work based on that they can try to change mind set towards of food security. Karunya Trust motivated women to do the traditional farming by using traditional seed. 16 tribal women from Nalambi Hamlet took the initiative towards the collective farming. Farmers have to pay more amount to buy seeds from the market which was challenge for the tribal. It was leading them towards the loss in farming. Inspite of paying



huge amount they were not getting the good quality of seeds. Karunya staff facilitated the

women farmers to do cultivation of traditional seeds and create a seed bank and through this

seeds will be provided to other tribal women farmers so that they can have a profit. Today Nalambi women have formed a seed bank in their hamlets. The demand for traditional seed is increase. This model has created awareness in other villages and motivated the villagers to have seed bank which will increase the farmers income.

Mr. Satish Thakare
Karunya Staff

Yes I want to get involved through Donation

(Donations are 50% deductible under section 80G of the Income Tax Act)

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Education Programs

☐ Rs. 1,000/-

to provide holistic education to a child rag picker for a month

☐ Rs. 4,000/-

to provide initial study for a poor student for a year

☐ Rs. 8,400/-

to provide holistic education to a HIV infected / affected child for a year

☐ Rs. 15,000/-

to provide partial support for higher education for a student

☐ Rs. 50,000/-

to provide major support for professional education of a student for a year

☐ Rs. 50,400/-

to educate child for six years (5th - 10th std) (Rs. 400 per year)

Vocational Training

☐ Rs. 3,000/-

to provide 3 months Vocational education to boy/girl

☐ Rs. 3,500/-

to provide 4 months tailoring training course to an adolescent girl

☐ Rs. 6,500/-

to provide a tailoring machine to a trained girl

Meal for the poor

☐ Rs. 1,500/-

to provide one time meal for a family, for a week

☐ Rs. 4,000/-

to provide one time meal for a day, for 100 street children

☐ Rs. 24,000/-

to provide one time meal for a week, for 100 street children

Health Programs

☐ Rs.3,000/-

to support a needy patient for a month

☐ Rs.6,000/-

to provide monthly medical check up, for 200 street children

☐ Rs.10,000/-

to provide initial care and support to a destitute

☐ Rs.15,000/-

to conduct medical check ups & provide medicines at rural village (for 300 people)

Income generation programs for rural women and farmers

☐ Rs.8,000/-

to provide initial support for organic farming

☐ Rs.10,000/-

to provide initial support for small scale IGP

☐ Rs.10,000/-

to provide two goats to a needy family in a rural village helping them for a steady income

Shelter Programs

☐ Rs.50,000/-

to provide partial support to build a rural house for Tribal family

☐ Rs.75,000/-

to provide major support to build a rural house

☐ Rs.1,50,000/-

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Looking at the children and their great work for society has really made me feel small in front of them. I personally would like to do a small contribution to social work learning from this experience. Thank you for the experience!

Ms. Vaibhavi,
Employee at COTECNA

From Jeevan Project

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Fruit of a hard work is rewarded when we try to achieve collectively. The tribal women had great experience of collectivism. Dahivali village is situated in Kalyan Taluka of Thane District of Maharashtra. This village is 20 km away from the Block. 65 families of Katkari and Thakur communities live in Dahivali village. Due to lack of livelihood resources people dependent on the forest.

Tribal live their life on object from the forest. Collect the vegetables

from the forest and they Sell in the market. Some adivasis gather the vegetables from near by farms. Since there are no bus services available, People find difficult to carry their vegetable for selling. They have to arrange private vehicles to go to market. Expenditure comes more than income. Therefore, they don't find the profit in the field of farming.

"Having the primary school in the village, students have to go to another village for education. Children have

to walk five kilometers to reach the school. Due to such problem children avoid going to school. Due to this reason drop out number is increasing", said Ramabai one of the active member in the village.

"After realizing this issue we village women gathered together and started thinking about bus services. We twelve women came together and discussed in the meeting. First we visited village Grampanchayat and submitted written application for the bus

services. Gram panchayat resolution was approved in Monthly meeting", said Sitabai Fasale.

"The next morning we 25 women together went to meet bus manager and applied for bus services. We explained about the tragedy of children and women. We asked to pay attention to the educational losses of children," Jaya mukane.

Kamalakar Raut
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