



POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS

Dear young people, put your talents at the service of the Gospel, with creativity and boundless charity.

THE PANDEMIC...

Dear friends in Christ,

We are all going through the time of the pandemic Covid 19. It is already more than six months since it started in our country. It has affected the whole world and all aspects of human life, the socio-political, economic, cultural and religious spheres. The after affect and consequences of this pandemic will continue to influence the life style of all people for a very long time. Every experience in our life is teaching us a lesson or is giving us a message that we should not fail to understand. So all difficulties and trials of lives should help us to live a better life and make this world a better place. I am very happy to see that our Karunya Trust, under the able leadership of its Director, Rev. Fr. Joby Aythamattam and assistant Director Rev. Fr. Sinto Pulikkottil and the staff members and volunteers, was fully and actively involved in charitable activities during this Covid time. As a result Karunya Trust could support thousands of people in their dire necessities. Helps were extended to various categories of people according to their need. Food packets were distributed to the hungry, food grains packets were given to the needy, mask and sanitizers were distributed to many including police personnel. At the same time our regular charitable and social activities were continued without interruptions in the villages and among the children. This issue of the Karunya News portrays very vividly the various activities taken up by Karunya Trust. I whole heartedly congratulate and thank the Director, assistant Director and all the staff members and volunteers for your selfless and dedicated service. May the good Lord bless you all.



Mar Thomas Elavanal
Bishop of Kalyan

EDITORIAL

Together we fight

Greetings from Karunya Trust!

As the globe is witnessing the detrimental effects of COVID-19 pandemic, our state of Maharashtra being the epicentre in our country is too engulfed with the adversity it has brought on the socio-economic conditions of the people living in the state. Karunya Trust- the Social Action Department of Diocese of Kalyan has been in the forefront of the COVID-19 Relief Activities from the second week of March as soon as the first case of Coronavirus was reported in the state to mitigate its adverse effects. Karunya Trust through the support of its Employees, Children Parliament Members and 100 plus Volunteers from different parishes of our diocese has reached out to Homeless, Migrants, Slum Dwellers and Tribal communities living in the districts of Mumbai, Mumbai Suburbs, Thane and Raigad. During the lockdown, awareness sessions were conducted in communities,

ambulance services were provided for emergency relief care and other essential commodities were supplied to the needy. Karunya Trust has networked with various stakeholders like MCGM, Police Stations, Parishes in Kalyan Diocese, Taluka offices of Kalyan and Ambernath, Community Kitchens, and other like-minded NGO's to coordinate the COVID-19 relief activities. I appreciate and thankfully remember all the individual donors, corporates, Parish Priests, volunteers for their selfless help and dedication at this dire time. Praying and wishing you all a Good Health. Let us join the global war against coronavirus by supporting the corona warriors.



Fr. Joby Kurian
Executive Director,
Karunya Trust

COVID-19 RELIEF 2020 KARUNYA TRUST REACHING THE UNREACHED

Our reach: Mumbai, Thane, Raigad Districts of Maharashtra

Reaching out to homeless, slum dwellers, migrants and tribal people during this Covid-19 crisis





45708
LUNCH PACKETS



10667
FOOD GRAIN KITS



5000
HAND SANITIZERS



25000
FACE MASKS



1100
GLOVES



1100
FACE SHIELD



200+
VOLUNTEERS



10
TELE COUNSELLORS



730
SANITARY PAD



365
HEALTH KITS



435
EDUCATION KIT



365
TARPOLIN

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"Very touched by the experience of interacting with the students and their eagerness to improve their lives. Kudos to the teachers for their contribution to the society. We should all be thankful for the work they do"

Debashish Roy Choudary

Project Gyansaathi - Shivaji Nagar, Govandi, Mumbai.

Reported by - Gyansaathi Team

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Every year Gyansaathi celebrates Republic day with all joy, enthusiasm, frolic and excitement. This year too the celebrations were carried out by the students and teachers of Gyansaathi! Most of the students participated in competitions which were

conducted through the day. All the preparations were taken care of by the students of the Children's Parliament. From the prior arrangements/requirements of the program to anchoring and maintaining discipline throughout the program as well as during competitions, dance

speech, quiz and drama for which all the students participated with the utmost enthusiasm, knowing what importance the Republic Day should have in our lives and how it is very necessary to believe in the constitution. For older students it was a more educational session with a

very meaningful message whereas the younger students enjoyed it like any other festival celebrated. Teachers gave speeches about Republic Day and sang songs on the greatness of the country whereas some teachers also told stories about Indian freedom fighters.

MASK-MAKING ACTIVITY



Mask making activity was taken by Bakshi sir. He is a volunteer who comes out every Saturday to Gyansaathi to give general knowledge classes to students. With the whole outbreak of the Coronavirus he decided to teach a simple way to

make masks which are safe and hygienic using basic household materials. The activity was very useful for students. His main motive was to educate the students about the seriousness of the coronavirus and make them take necessary actions for prevention.

10TH STANDARD BOARD EXAMS



This year a total of 15 students appeared for their board exams in Hindi medium. Out of 15 there were 2 girls and 13 boys. 4 students were repeating their board exam. Compared to last year, this year the students had much more facilities as they received Digital classes, learning digest

and much more. This was the second batch who had given exam for the SSC board and the extra facilities helped them to complete their studies in a much better manner. Their practical exams were conducted at Unique High School. This year board papers and marking systems were changed from hundred marks for

all subjects to 80 marks theory and 20 marks for practical exams. Out of the 15 Students 13 have passed successfully in spite of leaving their jobs causing extreme financial stress to the family. The children worked day and night to complete their studies on time. A lot of people worked behind the scenes

for the success of the students which include volunteers, teachers and everyone who motivated them to study. Other than their studies they got to learn a lot of lifeskills and were also taken for exposure visits. Career guidance was provided to them which made it very easy for them to decide on their path ahead!

ORAL HYGIENE CAMP



On 22nd January 2020 Jayan Sathi conducted an oral hygiene camp for NIOS 10th and NFV students this camp was conducted by doctors for you who also took a small session on oral hygiene the session was very impactful and it made the students realise on what they were doing wrong and how to have a correct

oral hygiene routine they were also made aware of the benefits of having a good oral hygiene routine and informed them about the problems they could face if not maintained well the students were convinced and decided to take the necessary steps required to maintain their oral hygiene for their safety and well-being

A TEACHERS FEEDBACK

My name is Ratna Limbaji Late, I have been working at Gyansaathi since July. Earlier I was working in the private sector, I had a lot of great experiences there but I always felt the need to do something for the society to be a good and responsible citizen. With this thought I decided to

apply for a job with NGOs. I gave a lot of different interviews but I was rejected everywhere as I did not have any relevant experience. In the meanwhile, a friend of mine informed me about Karunya Trust. I gave an interview and got selected to work with Gyansaathi as an animator. I was in two minds before joining

if I would be able to adjust to the working environment, questions on how my coworkers would be and a lot of other things. But as soon as I joined all the staff at Gyansaathi made me feel so welcome that I never had these thoughts in my head due to their cooperation and good nature to always give out a helping hand. The

things that I appreciate the most about Gyansaathi is their planning. They have very precise plans for all their events and programs. There is nothing that happens here without a proper plan. The main role of Gyansaathi is not only to provide educational development but also a complete holistic improvement for every

child on nutrition, health and psychosocial parameters. Even during the lockdown in spite of not being able to function well, Gyansaathi has come up with a lot of plans to utilize technology to enable students and learn better along with making sure that they distribute food kits so that children face less problems in their

families along with activities like mask making to ensure that a flow of income is maintained for the families struggling in the lockdown.



Ratna Limbaji Late
- Karunya Staff



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"The students are super, super bright! I wish them all the success in their future endeavours, loved the positive changes made to the centre, well done staff of Gyansaathi!"
Savita John

LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS

The motive behind a session on love and relationships was to get the students to understand these emotions in their daily life the session was taken by ex-Gyansaathi students Nazma and Nasreen as they themselves are living in the same community as the other students which gives them a higher understanding and could relate to this topic in a

much better sense. The session started with an activity; by distributing charts to the participants and were given a task to write something about their parents, siblings, teachers and friends. On completion Nazma ordered them to tear the charts but the students were surprised and we're not ready to tear out the time they took to write the good things about their

family and things around them. This helps them to understand the importance of relationships with anyone. Difference between love and infatuation among young teenagers was clearly explained. They also took other activities which gave the students a brief idea on how we should prioritise people in our life.

ATTRACTION AND INFATUATION



The session on attraction and infatuation was taken by Ms. Julie Philip. It was all about how teenagers get attracted to other individuals of the opposite sex and feel like they were in love. The whole idea of the session was that students understand the real meaning of love and it's

difference from attraction or infatuation. To explain this, she took up an activity in which she made groups of students and distributed charts to each group and then told them to write their likes and dislikes about people and also told them to write what things make a person happy or sad after marriage by this activity she wanted to

explain that feelings and attraction do not decide a stable relationship and we need to take proper and right decisions in our life to be happy and joyful. A wrong decision may harm us in the long run, so utmost importance should be given to every student's career so that the other things will fall in place at the right time.

GROOMING AND HYGIENE



On 12th March 2020, a session was conducted on grooming and hygiene. Mrs Savita John was the resource person for the session. As we are dealing with students in Rafiq Nagar, which is not very hygienic; it was mandatory and essential to raise awareness about their personal grooming and hygiene. This session was very interactive. Mrs John started the session with a small story about Gandhi's lifestyle and

continued with the importance one should have for grooming and hygiene in their lives to make it happy, colourful and increase self confidence. She showed the students videos on styles of dressing and other videos to maintain a mature hairstyle, having improved dressing sense, tips to remember before using cosmetic products, hair colour. The proper usage of a perfume or deodorant, having clean teeth, skin care routines

and much more. She also taught the students on decent sitting postures having formal/informal conversation with people. She educated on all these simple ethics and how the students should incorporate them in their daily lives. The session was very interesting and the students never got bored because of the interactions between them and Mrs John. She also answered all the students questions with respect to these topics.

PRAFULTA CAREER GUIDANCE



At Gyansaathi, we conduct an annual career guidance program for the 10th class to give them an insight to decide their field of further education. This program was conducted at Andheri

with Prafula Career Counselling Centre. Prafula gives them 5 to 6 aptitude tests on different subjects after which the reports of these tests are analysed based on which the students get to know their area of interest and

what would be the ideal stream for them after their SSC exams. Based on the students report they also counsel the students making it very helpful for them to choose a career path.

NIOS PRACTICAL EXAMS



NIOS has 3 levels; A, B, and C. Out of these 3 levels; level C had to appear for their practical exams in 1) Computers and 2) Pre-Vocational Courses

(which include cooking and baking) They have proper syllabus which have to be referred too; for which classes are being duly conducted by respective teachers to be

prepared for practical exams for the exams in the month of February according to the availability of the dates with NGO Pratham.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

This session was conducted on 24th February 2020 by Jocelyn Jose and Kajal Tiwari. In this session students got to know a lot about e-waste; they were

told on how to recognise e-waste and how we can manage it. Information was given on the recycling of e-waste. Benefits of managing e-waste properly was made aware to the students along

with the factors affecting health and environment. The students were made aware about this concept which they have never heard about earlier.



"Karunya is doing great work by helping these underprivileged children. The amazing factor is the discipline and seriousness which is being developed by you guys. I appreciate your work and happy to be a part of such initiative keeps it up."

Asha Dhandhaliya,
Bal Prafula Organization.

Project Savli, Nahur, Mumbai.

Reported by - Savli Team

EXAM PREPARATION SESSIONS



This session was conducted by the Interns at Savli with the children before their exams. They taught the children to make time tables during the session so they can cover up all subjects everyday in an orderly manner. They were motivated to study and

practise those subjects regularly which they would find difficult. They advised that everything that distracts during studies should be kept away while studying eg. Mobile phones, so one can only concentrate only on studies. Children were told not to fear their

examinations and perform at their exams with confidence and honesty also not to copy in their exams. Children were told to take proper stationary items required for the exams and that they should stop studying 20 minutes before the exams and relax.

MOTIVATION FOR 10TH AND 12TH STD STUDENTS



This session was conducted by Mr. Selwyn. The session was conducted with a group of 10th and 12th standard students at Savli. The session aimed to prepare them on how to make a time table for themselves and different strategies which can be used to make studies easy and help the students pass their exams. Exam paper patterns were discussed and children were asked to focus on objective questions which would score them more marks.

Study strategies were discussed for studying different subjects making it easy for children to study, they were asked to memorise formulas, prepare formula charts and put them up in their house where they will be viewing it every day. Children were motivated to practise the difficult subjects first and not to neglect them. Children were told that self-study is the key to success and that they should dedicate a good amount of time for studies every day, everyday

children need to revise one chapter from every subject. Last moment studies do not help, they only build up pressure. Mr. Selwyn also discussed different career opportunities available and how on the basis of one's interests one can choose the desired career. Last but not the least, he wished good luck to the children and motivated them to not give up on their studies and interest and pursue it ahead and do well in their exams and life ahead.

ANAND MELA



MDACS as the name suggests is a society which works with people with HIV AIDS. MDACS supports HIV positive by linking them to various government schemes available for them. Karunya Trust's Project Savli also works for people with HIV and their families. Every year MDACS

observes World Aids Day and an Anand mela is organised. MDACS had organised Anand Mela on 7th December 2019, director of Karunya Trust Fr. Joby Kurian along with the children and staff attended the event. Marathi Movie actor Chinmay Sumit was also present for the event. At this event children from Savli participated in

various games, few children performed dances, group dances, skits and rap songs at the event. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the event. The sole purpose of this Anand Mela is to give a chance to children and families affected with HIV to bring up their talent and showcase it which cheers the children and builds up their self-confidence.

BEACH CLEANING



In today's time it is very important that the entire world gives utmost importance to nature and nurture it. Along with development we should also give importance to nature. We at Karunya trust do our part in conserving nature through our event pro eco. Pro eco is a event at which various activities are carried out like cleanliness drive, tree plantation,

poster road show to promote awareness among people in the society. Savali's child parliament very actively involved in these activities. This year savli partnered with Beach warrior foundation in organising a cleanliness drive on 25th January 2020 at Dadar beach. 25 children from children's parliament along with 3 savli staff and 1 intern had participated in

this drive. During this event our children got an opportunity to learn a lot and work with the beach warrior's foundation. Through Karunya trust savli project and its pro eco event children at savli got the opportunity to do some good work towards our environment and a chance to serve the society. Also, they set a good example to the society.

KARUNYA TRUST SUPPORTED CHILDRENS SAVLI

From Project Savli 26 HSC and 45 SSC students have passed out this year. 32 HSC and 52 SSC students had appeared for the year 2020 examination. Our Children come from

vulnerable family backgrounds affected with life threatening diseases which has pushed some of the children to become orphans so early in their life. Facing all these odds in life they have made

efforts to successfully complete HSC and SSC through the support of Project Savli. We at Karunya Trust are Elevating their dreams by Reinventing their Goals!!!





I am glad to see Karunya trust's mission, aim and team spirit in Ambarnath block working for the tribal community. Karunya trust has brought change in the tribal community. Its positive impact impressed me. My best wishes to Karunya Trust and team.

Mrs. Rutuja Kamat,
Professor of RPD college – sociology department at Karnataka

Project Bharari, Ambarnath
Reported by - Bharari Team

ACHIEVED THE RESULT -
RATION CARD



Karunya trust has been working with the tribals in Savrewadi Hamlet which is 7 km from Badlapur station. There are 50 household communities of Katkari tribes. Primary school, Public toilets, Roads are the resources in the community, 3 SHGs are functioning in the community. They had set up a political goal of having a ration card. Since the last two years SHGs have been working on it. They fought with Panchayat Samiti for their rights and approached another NGO Shramjeevi Sanghatana (who is working for tribal rights in the community). After regular follow-up we were able to issue 18 ration cards but took 6 months to enroll through the online procedure

On 8th January 2020,

women received 35 kg of food grains from ration shops. Women worked hard to achieve their rights although a few families are still ignorant about their rights. On the 25th of March 2020 the lockdown was announced due to the COVID-19 Pandemic which brought disorder in daily activities of women as they were not able to move out of their home for work or sell their vegetables. Government provided the ration only to those card holders and others struggled to get 1 meal a day since they did not have ration cards. 'Tiranga' Cluster level Association members (Asha, Sugandha, Sunita) decided to help these families. They discussed with Karunya Trust- Community Facilitator

about the new ration cards. CF approached PDS officer Mrs. Bava and submitted the name list to make new ration cards. CLA members collected relevant documents to make a ration card and submitted them to Panchayat Samiti, and took regular follow-ups. After one month they succeeded to receive 9 ration cards without applying online, PDS officers assured to give ration cards under "Antyodaya" scheme. "We are happy that we were able to help the community members to get their rights in difficult situations. We faced challenges but never left hope. We are grateful to Karunya trust for their valuable guidance and timely support" said Asha Waghe.

SKILLS MAKE DIFFERENCE



SHG members should be self dependent and well trained in economic, social and political system is the aim of Karunya Trust. Tailoring training for women was provided to build up their self sustainability. After the course SHG women got engaged in stitching activity and they started earning good income. During this Pandemic, business has completely stopped. Karunya Trust took initiative to motivate SHG women to stitch cotton clothes masks. 22 SHG members came forward as they stitched 3000 masks which were distributed to the Mumbai Police department. "During the lockdown the life was in chaos, we had difficulties in getting

labour work as well as could not go to sell vegetables because the markets were shut down.

something for our police and secondly they were able to earn something during the lockdown.



This brought mental disturbances. But Karunya Trust gave hope for the betterment as we earned some income for the family through mask stitching" said Dhenu Gawanda. The SHG members were happy that they could do

CLA members thanked Karunya trust for the help during this situation. This opportunity helps women to build self- confidence and message to other women that we can survive in any situation by using our skill.

LET'S THINK ABOUT A GREAT FUTURE...



Pimploli Wadi Hamlet which is 20 km from Badlapur station, has 85 households with a 400 population belonging to Thakar tribes. This hamlet is situated on the bank of the Barve river. The Community has local

resources like Primary school, Anganwadi, concrete roads, water wells but lacks sanitation units in the village due to which people have faced many health issues. There were only 4 toilets built by the community, women faced many

problems because the village is surrounded by forests, no street lights, possibility of snakes and other reptiles moving on the muddy roads of the forest and were unable to use the toilet at night. 25 Self Help Group women came together and

discussed this issue and approached Karunya Trust for the construction of toilets. Karunya Trust applied to FUGRO India. The Fugro team visited the hamlet and discussed the issue of toilets. Understanding the situation in Pimploli Wadi, Fugro India sanctioned 25 units to the hamlets. "I feel shy to go out to use the toilet especially during day time and at night it's risky to go out. But now I am happy that I don't have to go out. Even my daughter is satisfied since we have got a sanitation unit" said Gulab Vilas Shid. "I had toilet in my mother's place, but when I



came to my husband's house I felt a discomfort due to the lack of toilet but now I am happy that I have got a sanitation unit" says Jayshree "I have adolescent girls in my home and they were

going out to use the toilet and it was not safe for them but now they don't have to go out" said Mira Women feel secure and feel happy after getting sanitation units in their house.



Thank you so much Karunya Trust for assisting us in the evaluation of Gender effects of SHA and the Gender training module. You took great care of us and made us feel at ease at all times. Everyday was planned in great detail and we were always on time. We learned so much from you and the SHG members. You have made great changes in their lives. Keep up the good work. Wish you all the best.

*Mrs.Laura Ceresna – Chaturvedi,
from Camino*

NO NEED TO DEPEND ON OTHERS...
KITCHEN GARDEN



My name is Chhaya Eknath Waghe, member of Aadhar SHG, staying at Sawantwadi hamlet and belonging to the Tribal community. COVID -19 brought unemployment and loss in my family. I was disturbed since I was unable to get labour work so I decided to start a kitchen garden which was trained by Karunya trust With the help and inspiration of Karunya

Trust, I focused on the kitchen garden which has helped me a lot during this pandemic. I was in need of seeds which were provided by Karunya Trust. The Karunya Trust staff motivated me to plant medicinal plants along with the vegetables. My family was frightened to go to the doctor due to the fear of Corona Virus but now I have medicines at home. It is the remedy for cough, cold, fever and skin

allergy. I have realized the importance of the kitchen garden. I don't have to depend on others. I get fresh and organic vegetables for my family. We have no fear but this way I take care of my family especially my children. We are happy and healthy. I am grateful to Karunya Trust and those who supported me to get my livelihood.

HEALTH IS WEALTH...



Karunya Trust is working on empowerment of women through self-help groups. Mostly focused on Education, livelihood, leadership, government schemes and health. Different training and awareness programs have been conducted to women and girls. women have become more educated on various health issues and aware of the importance of

health and hygiene. Menstrual cycle is an important factor in a woman's Life. It's a gift from God given to the women. Keeping in mind the importance of menstrual hygiene, the Government has tarterd the 'Asmita' scheme. in the beginning women were shy to use sanitary napkin but after much awareness they accepted During lockdown

transport was not available in the villages. Understanding the need of SHG members, Karunya Trust staff contacted MSW students and approached Navjivan Social enterprises foundation Trust for the sanitary napkin. 140 Sanitary napkins were distributed to tribal women as well as adolescent girls in 3 hamlets.

WAY TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT...



Moryachpada is the tribal hamlet under Chone Grampanchayat of Ambernath Block, A

hamlet situated on the bank of a Barve river. Barve dam supplies the water to New Mumbai and Thane city.

The river water flows all 12 months, although except 7 to 8 farmers no one was involved in farming during the

ONE HELPING HAND...



I am Alka Chaudhari, age 32 member of Jan Jagruti SHG, staying at Khadakpada hamlet with husband and 2 children. My husband is working on daily wages at Badlapur, due to Covid-19 pandemic, and lockdown he lost his job. It was a very critical time for me and my family. We had nothing to eat in the

house. We did not have money to buy ration from Ration shop. It was the generosity of Karunya Trust, we had food to eat. They distributed grain kits to all the families of Kurhadpada. I am thankful and grateful to Karunya Trust for providing a grocery kit during

lockdown and fulfilling the needs of my family. Karunya Trust has played an important role by distributing grain kits and helping the families during the pandemic. Support of karunya trust in difficult situations has given a hope for better days.

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summer season. Because it was difficult to carry water to the field. Karunya Trust is working in this hamlet, motivating the farmers for cultivation. The farmers requested Karunya Trust to solve this issue. Knowing the situation and concern of farmers Karunya Trust

seasons. After much meetings and hamlet visits by Concern India the project was sanctioned. Farmers formed their management committee for the smooth implementation of the project and divided the responsibilities to each. Farmers along with Karunya Trust staff worked hard to get all required and necessary permissions from the different government departments and the project work started with the help of people. Men rendered their service in labour work as their contribution towards the project work. With much effort, a water tank for farming activities was constructed successfully and pipes were connected to the fields and hamlet school. Water was irrigated from the river and stored in the tank so that in summer

season people can continue their farming work and earn income for their children's future. "We are happy and glad to say that now we have sufficient water for cultivation. We will make use of these facilities for the development of our hamlet. We are grateful to Karunya Trust, Thomsan Reuters and Concern India for providing water facility for our cultivation and also to the school. Now our children will not struggle for the water", said by Gurunath Pardhi "Karunya Trust, Concern India and Thomsan Reuters also provided seed and farming instruments/tools to 65 farmers. "It's very useful for cultivation. From the bottom of our hearts we thanked all of them for their support and help" said Geeta Ratan Zugare.



4 URBAN

The work of Karunya Trust among the tribal community is excellent. Happy to see the progress and development made by Karunya Trust in tribal communities. I can see the impact of its work. I appreciate the hard work of the Karunya team. All members are very active and good.

Mrs. Swati Mathurdas Tupsaundare,
from MSRLM, Panchayat Samiti

Project Jeevan EA, Kalyan

Reported by - Jeevan EA Team

SOLVED THE ISSUE THROUGH LOCAL RESOURCES (MGNREGA)



Poi hamlet is under Kalyan block of Thane district of Maharashtra. 40 families of the Thakur community are staying together. During summer people suffer to get drinking water in the hamlet. “In our hamlet every year we face a drinking water issue and we find it difficult to solve this problem. So we submitted 5 applications to Gram panchayat to repair and solve our issue with the gram panchayat

sanctioned bore-well in hamlet but in every summer, bore water is not sufficient to all the people. Again we drafted and submitted an application on 12th March 2020 to Gram panchayat office. After the follow up gram panchayat and sanctioned a new drinking water connection for hamlet” Said Ramabai Fasale. “Since we were at home during lockdown, we came together and discussed the connection of the water pipe line in our hamlet. 20

people came forward to do labour work. Karunya Trust made us aware of government schemes, work under MGNREGA. So with the help of Karunya Trust we applied and demanded the work to the Gram Panchayat under MGNREGA on 24th March 2020. Gram Panchayat agreed and passed a resolution to give work for our community,” said BhauWagh, one of the village leader. “On 20th April 2020, we started the installation of a water pipeline. Within 10 days we completed the work as well as solved our water issue. We thank the Gram panchayat as well as Karunya Trust for their motivation and facilitation on use of government mechanisms during a critical situation.” Sarita Waghchaure.

SHARING NUTRITION WITH OTHER COLLEAGUES



Nutrition is an essential element of human life. People have realized it during COVID- 19 pandemic. 5 hamlets of Kalyan Block started vegetable cultivation as a nutrition garden in their hamlets. Dahivali is a small village of Kalyan Block of Thane District of Maharashtra, Katkari and Thakur community are staying together. People depend on daily wages and farming. 55 families of Adivasi have a good understanding of each other. They come together and work for the village development. The major issue faced during the COVID-19 pandemic is a shortage of Green leafy vegetables. People came

together and worked on the plan of a vegetable garden. “We suffered during the lockdown. Unable to get fresh green vegetables as well as food. This was a big problem we people faced during lockdown. With the help of Karunya Trust we received a Food grain kit from the government but we did not have labour work. It was difficult to manage the household. So we, 16 women came together and discussed how to overcome this problem, shared our own ideas and approached Karunya Trust. It helped and supported us to bring our thoughts into action”, Said Barkibai Fasale, one of the active community leaders. “We decided to cultivate

green vegetable in a group so we listed different types of vegetables which is used in our daily meals like Red leafy vegetable(Maath), Cluster beans, Brinjal, Tomato,Pumpkin, Bottle gourd, Amaranth leaves, Fenugreek leaves, Chilli, Ladyfinger, Spinach. Women felt happy and ready to work collectively. We took 0.2 R land, cleaned, and sowed vegetable seeds in the field. We are happy to have green leafy vegetables. We thank Karunya Trust for promoting and motivating vegetable gardens for our benefit,” said Pama Jadhav, one of the active women in the hamlet.

SMALL INITIATIVE... MADE CHANGES



Adivasi mostly stay near forests because there is a way of generating livelihood options by selling the forest product. Government services failed to reach out to the hamlets. Poi is one of the small hamlets of the Kalyan block of Thane district. There are 33 families staying together in Poi hamlet. Small initiatives by people made changes in their hamlet. “We have water facilities, government scheme like housing scheme, sanitation unit, Nursery school (Anganwadi) in

our hamlet but one of the basic and essential need was not fulfilled by Government which is the hamlet road,” said Kailas Gavari one of the active member of the hamlet. “Our children as well as all the villagers had trouble in the monsoon season due to road issues. It was a big challenge for us during monsoon. So we came together and discussed the issue. We requested Karunya Trust to help us in this matter. Through the guidance and motivation of Karunya Trust we had a meeting and started working towards our goal to have a proper road in the

hamlet”, said Sunita Waghmare, one of the women leaders. “We visited the Gram panchayat and submitted an application to Sarpanch (Head of Village). Even we raised the issue in the General Gram Sabha. Our active participation and attendance in Gram sabha made the Sarpanch and Gram sevak to pass the resolution of road construction” said Lakshmi Khodke one of the senior citizens of hamlet. “One of our hamlet representatives Mr. Posha Padir, a PRI member (P a n c h a y a t R a j Institution) has helped us to solve this issue. He forced the Gram panchayat to sanction the work. Continuously following up helped women to get success. Finally we achieved our goal as the road construction work completed. We proudly say, small initiatives made positive changes”, said Sunita.

“ HELP NEVER FORGET”



COVID-19 is a challenge and medical emergencies have come out in the world. Due to this crisis, all the movement was under lockdown. Many industrial works, Transportation, income/revenue generation stopped. People became helpless especially, daily wagers, migrants, poor families, unable to fulfill their daily needs. Due to lockdown, many unorganized people

are affected. Tribal people are most vulnerable who are not able to get a job and fulfil their basic needs. One of the small hamlets of 25 families belong to Katkari community (Katkari is a schedule Tribe) Belkarpada comes under the Gram panchayat of Mhaskal of Thane District of Maharashtra. The people of this hamlet are working as a daily wage labor and brickline workers. We were not aware of this situation and

such chaos of COVID 19 pandemic” said Uma “We were ignorant of COVID-19, we thought that this situation would end soon, so we did not take it seriously. We are poor and do not have enough money without labour work to purchase food grains. We don’t store the food grains but only buy for daily required. But Karunya Trust made us aware of COVID 19 and its effects. They also helped us by providing food grains to live our daily life. Our children were hungry and many days slept without eating. Now, we are happy and thank Caritas India and Karunya Trust for the valuable help and support to our families during our crisis, we will never forget such favours done to us”, said Sangeeta Waghe.

EVER READY TO BE A VOLUNTEER...



10th March 2020, being a holiday, volunteers moved forward towards the village to render their service. Under the leadership of Malad Forane Youth Director Fr. Ginson Valliarumpeth CMF and Forane youth animator Mr.

Shaji Vattoly, 49 youth visited Manivali village and enthusiastically and joyfully cleaned the grass and protected the plants which were planted by Karunya Trust during Van Mahostav. The work was difficult and impossible which became easy and

possible because of 45 youth from Malad Church. Hats Off to all the volunteers for their hard work in completing the challenging work within a day. On behalf of Karunya Trust, we wish you a bright future ahead and all God’s blessing.



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"Poverty is not made by God, it is created by me and you when we are don't share what we have."
St. Mother Teresa

TOGETHER WORKED FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER....



People faced the difficulties during COVID - 19 , pandemic but still tribal continue their collective work. Belkarpada is a small hamlet with 18 families belong to Katkari community staying together and working for the betterment of the hamlet. Hamlet always face the problem of drinking water. Their life was affected by Unclean water . Karunya Trust staff facilitated how to solve this issue and get clean drinkin water. “We 15 women came forward to take lead to solve this problem. Karunya Trust motivated for collective work as on 16th May wegathered together and cleaned the drinking water tank.”, Said Uma Mukane of one the active women leader of the hamlet “We feel proud to say that collectively or united we can bring development in our hamlet, we learn to take the precautions from diseases ”, said GulabMukane.

SPORTS DAY CELEBRATED FOR TRIBAL CHILDREN IN 16 HAMLETS OF AMBERNATH BLOCK



Sport day was organized for tribal children to inculcate talents and the sporting abilities within them. The program was conducted in each hamlet. Tribal children happily participated in the sport day. They were awarded with a trophy which brought happiness and joy on their face. Sport day builds self-confidence and self esteem in children’s life. SHG women were present to cheer up these children. This was the first time that Karunya Trust arranged a sports day for tribal children. The program was successfully completed because of the support and help from KNH, community people and teachers who gathered the children for the sport.

AWARENESS PROGRAM ON COVID-19



Karunya Trust has been working on empowering women through SHG in Ambarnath Block of 16 Tribal hamlets by making women aware of their rights and participation in community development through various training programs. During COVID-19 when the news spread about Coronavirus, tribal people were not aware of it. So in the collaboration with NRLM, Karunya staff created awareness on precautions to be taken during pandemic in 16 hamlets. Communities were asked to wear masks and use sanitizers. They were shown practical demonstrations on washing hands which can serve as a precautionary measure from Coronavirus.

ANNUAL DAY & WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION



Annual day and women's day celebrated on 7th March 2020 at St. Thomas Cathedral, Kalyan. Around 1800 women, men and children participated in the celebration. Bishop Thomas Elavanal was the chief guest and along with Fr. Joby the Executive Director of Karunya Trust, Fr. Kuriakose the parish priest of St. Thomas church, Sr. Betty, the program coordinator. Mrs.Swati Topsaundare MSRLM, Mrs Swapnali Bhoir chairperson of Ambernath block, coordinators from Savli, Gyansathi, rural team and village members participated in this event. Women and children presented a beautiful program. CLA women and village leaders were honoured with an award to show gratitude for their hard work towards the development of the tribal community. SHG members from Chon village performed a beautiful drama and gave a message to the crowd “the importance of knowledge and the disadvantages of superstitious belief” “We feel happy and enthusiastic to present our dance on the stage. Initially we were frightened but now we happily present the program because Karunya trust has given us a platform to come out from the fear and bring out our talents. We thank Karunya for organizing a beautiful program and honouring women on women’s day which gives respect and value for being a woman.”

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