

ANNUAL REPORT

2019-20

MEERUT SEVA SAMAJ

ABOUT ORGANIZATION

Meerut Seva Samaj (MSS) is the registered official Social Service Society of the Catholic Diocese of Meerut established in the year 1977 to outsource the social activities essential for the upliftment of poor and deprived living in interior villages of the Diocese. It has deliberately channelizing its resources to bring social reforms and transformation in the lives of the masses living in the darkness of unawareness, ignorance and exploitation by various animation work, capacity buildings and trainings. MSS has a Board of 16 members headed by the Bishop of Meerut as the President and a team of devoted social workers involved achieving its aims. The Vision, Mission and Strategic areas of the Society are as under:

VISION

ESTABLISHMENT
OF
GOD'S KINGDOM
BASED ON
GOSPELVALUES

MISSION

TO STRIVE FOR
HUMAN DIGNITY
THROUGH AN
ENLIGHTENMENT AND
EMPOWERMENT
PROGRESS



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STRATEGIC AREA

- Employment of the unemployed/marginalized for the Focus group (Below Poverty Line)
- Education: Formal/Non Formal
- Gender and Development
- Capacity Building
- People's Organization
- Non Conventional Energy
- Natural Resource Management
- Child Labour
- Community Health (on communicable disease)
- Pro-life
- HIV/AIDS
- Legal Cell.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



I thank you for providing me the opportunity to address you as the president of Meerut Seva Samaj (MSS) and I am delighted for the wonderful work it is carrying out in the midst of the poorest and needy of our diocese. Meerut diocese covers many remotest and very backward villages where the people are living in extreme condition of poverty and illiteracy. Therefore, the diocese felt the need to address the issues and MSS came into existence in 1977 and from its inception, it is deliberately engaged in bringing social and economical reforms in the excluded society by approaching them and bringing the light of knowledge, education, rights and entitlements to sensitize them and strengthen them to bring them in the mainstream of the society. MSS with its various project based programs and activities has blend to prove an effective player for its aims and objectives.

MSS with its various means and resources have abstracted its identity as truly an instrument of social work. It is mainly emphasizing on the most vulnerable groups i.e. women and adolescent girls as they are highly tortured and exploited by the male counterparts at household level or society level. It has deeply impacted the lives of the rural populace by improving their knowledge and information, propagating education and its importance, gender and injustice, legal aid, health and hygiene, organic farming and environmental concern which they are deprived off.

Now, at the time of global pandemic COVID-19, MSS is extensively providing relief work to the most affected migrants and labour force. It is engaged providing dry ration, mask, sanitizers, soaps and educative material to address the prevailing situation which shows the commitment of the organization and I personally acknowledge the deep concern for the poor and outcast and my deepest condolences to the family and friends of the victims of the pandemic who lost their lives.

I wholeheartedly express my gratitude to all the funding agencies for supporting the organization financially and timely response to our request and guiding us during our shortcomings.

I also thank all the advisory board members for incorporating the inputs and deliberations for the strengthening and growth of the organization in a very meaningful way to serve the poor.

Further, I would like to appreciate Rev. Fr. Cyril Sequeira, Director, MSS for his prominent leadership to execute all the projects and ventures undertaken by MSS.

At last I congratulate the MSS team for their mutual understanding and support in carrying out their responsibilities for accomplishing the desired results in accordance of the objectives of the organization and with this I conclude.

May God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Kalist".

Francis Kalist
Bishop of Meerut and
President of Meerut Seva Samaj

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As the Director of the organization, I am highly cherished and privileged to present the Annual Report of Meerut Seva Samaj for the year 2019-20.



During the year 2019-20, Meerut Seva Samaj with its full capacity has really proved to be the embodiment of the social and rural development to touch the life of the most marginalized sections of the neglected community of our diocese. From day to day learning and experiences, we have outreached the community on different dimensions of individual development with right based approach, knowledge enhancement and capacitate in the process of empowerment and self sustainability. MSS with its rich potential and focused rural development agenda has delivered a remarkable work in the field of people rights, health, education, gender development, sustainable agriculture, organic farming, immunization, environment conservation, skill developments, peace promotion, income generation programs and Government welfare schemes.

On behalf of MSS and on my personal behalf, I would like to express my full-hearted thanks and gratitude to all those who have extended their financial, programmatic, organizational and technical guidance to us in the due course of time. Our thanks are due to our donors especially Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Caritas India, Manos Unidas, Diocese of Rottebburg, Brooke India, Friends of Sacred Heart, UKSVK/Misereor and NABARD.

We also thank the support and co-operation from all the government & non-government establishments, stakeholders, volunteers and people's organization in implementing all our programs successfully and bring social transformation in the lives of rural poor.

I take this opportunity to thank and appreciate Rt. Rev. Francis Kalist, President-MSS and all the Governing Board members for timely deliverables for the growth of the organization.

By combined efforts we have achieved many revolutionary changes in the marginal sections of the society and with your trust in us, we are sure to make progressive changes in the society at this same pace.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cyril Sequeria'.

Fr. Cyril Sequeria
Director
Meerut Seva Samaj.



DURING THE YEAR 2019-20

Meerut Seva Samaj with the kind support of its donors has been extensively working for the progressive changes in the lives and livelihoods status of vulnerable communities especially women and adolescents girls residing in the very remote and backward areas of our diocese. On large scale, the target communities depend on agricultural based activities for their source of income are landless farmers and daily wage labourers. Hence to touch the lives of our target community, we have intervened in many thematic areas includes sustainable agriculture practices through promotion of organic farming, water and soil management, health and sanitation, education and literacy, endorsement of Rights and entitlements, good governance, immunization, peace promotion and social integration, skill development programs, income generation activities, conservation of environment & ecological balance. MSS has emerged as a renowned resource institution in the western parts of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand districts.

MSS has undertaken development initiatives through people centric approach focusing on their participation, awareness and empowerment for sustainable development. It has made direct interventions on the ground and created platforms such as Women Groups, Adolescents Group, Farmers Groups, Community Based Organizations, Volunteers and People's Organization for proper knowledge sharing and communication at various levels which has emerged as people chain of information passing and exchange.

Mostly the projects implemented were women and adolescent girls focused as they face multiple constraints such as gender discrimination, poor access of land and productive resources, high care burden at household levels, lack of decision making power and lack of provisioned entitlements adding to unsustainable livelihood.

Therefore, to address the above scenario, MSS has carried out numerous activities in the past year for making women and adolescent girls more empowered and skillful to attain their status in the society.

“UPHOLD THE DIGNITY OF RURAL WOMEN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS OF 24 BACKWARD RURAL VILLAGES IN MEERUT AND BAGHPAT DISTRICTS”

APPROVED BY MANOS UNIDAS, SPAIN

Women and adolescent girls were in most miserable condition as they were ill treated in the society and very vulnerable to exploitation by the dominant males. They were deprived off their rights and entitlements and injustice pertains. Women and girls are not allowed to move freely in the villages, their freedom of speech is also choked and equal importance was not given for their views and suggestions in the family and society. They live in fear and unusual circumstances as the crime against them are very common. They were just bounded with burden of household activities and family rising. Hence to empower them, MSS has intervened and initiated the process of rural development and empowerment by animation and awareness generation among the target community to become bold and self dependable and can achieve their dignity and making community better. During its second year of implementation from May 2019, major activities conducted to sensitize and mobilize

the target groups for becoming more vocal and self dependable by grabbing the opportunities made available at local level to upgrade their living conditions. The main objective of the project is to improve the living and social conditions of marginalized women and adolescents girls of the target area. For attaining the results, we have emphasized on four components of development i.e. capacity building programs on various subjects to enhance knowledge and communication, sensitize them on their health and hygiene and ways to upgrade their health by availing services from government health system, to induce social ethics and principles of life through life skills sessions to boost personality of adolescent girls and developing skills on various trades to earn some livelihood and making their future more secure, promoting different sustainable organic farming practices for increasing crop production with very economical load on input cost.



SHG Group Leader Capacity building at Mohammadpur Dhum



Capacity Building of Group Leaders at Johri, Baghat

During this year, we have formed new 49 women Self Help Groups (SHG) reaching 582 women and strengthening them with various capacity building programs and trainings. They have attained knowledge on Self Help Group and its functioning by participating in different meetings and programs. 165 members have enriched with the leadership, SHG management, monthly savings, financial transaction and its utilization through inter-lending process and income generation process.



International Women's Day Celebration at Darkawda



Displaying of IGP products by Group members

Women's Day celebration was held on 17th March 2020 in Darkawda village of Baghpur district and more than 150 women and girls from nearby villages registered their participants. Village local leaders motivated the gathering to pursue the knowledge and enhance their capacities on growth oriented activities which will certainly bring social and economical transformation in their lives to attain their rights.



Training on Reproductive Child Health at Daluheda



Reproductive Child Health training at Bahadarpur village, Sarurpur

We have imparted training to 158 women leaders and adolescent girls leaders and capacitated them on Reproductive Child Health care to reduce the infant and mother mortality rate. Lack of awareness and hesitation on this issue, they don't speak openly results in different malpractices which contributes in high mortality rate. The beneficiaries have gained knowledge and they are opting for institutional delivery and safety measures during pre & post pregnancy by accessing health institutions and centers.



Training on Puberty changes and legal rights at Mohammadpur Dhumi



Training on Puberty changes and legal rights at Fazalpur

Adolescent girls mainly suffer a lot during puberty period due to bodily changes occurs in the body and don't able to tackle the mental and physical stress and anxiety. They feel shy and fear to express their problems in the family. Hence, 167 adolescent girls were approached and educated on the menstrual health system which has cleared their doubts and myths lessening psychological effect. They are more cautious and using sanitary pads availing from local health resources.



Girl Child Day celebration at Hastinapur



Celebration of Girl Child Day at Daurala

Recognizing the importance of a Girl Child, observation of Girl Child cum Literacy Day was held at Hastinapur and Daurala block on 7th & 8th September 2019. Near about 475 girls from the target areas witnessed the event resembling the empowerment process by framing the different role plays on social issues concerning adolescent perspectives. Cultural dance and songs and poetries were performed by the girls to sensitize the gathering to make efforts and utilizing the different opportunities of learning, education, skills development and trainings for the development.



Beautician Training to adolescent girls at Kaland and Mohammadpur Dhumi



Skill Training on Tailoring at Dedwa and Daluheda centres



Sustaining the livelihood options and income with skill development technique, different skill trainings on tailoring and stitching, beautician and Basic Computer course were organized by MSS at local resources. 117 girls & women have learnt the technique of tailoring and stitching and engaged in stitching dresses and thus generating some income to sustain their future. 117 girls have received the training on beautician and become skillful and they are working in beauty parlors and earning livelihood. 40 girls have trained on Basic knowledge of Computer and its operations making them efficient and self dependable and more confident and vocal to communicate in the society which proves their liberty.



Computer Education to Adolescent Girls at Daurala



Promotion of Computer Literacy for Adolescent Girls at Binauli, Baghpat

Enriching the knowledge of women and adolescent girls to promote organic farming and contributing in conservation of soil and environment, six World Environment Days were observed and during these platforms we have planted 3610 saplings during tree plantation drive in the target area. We have installed eight vermin compost bed and preparing organic



Sapling distribution during Environment Day celebration



Tree plantation during Environment Day celebration

manure and fertilizers and using it in their field and kitchen gardens for cultivation of crops. 245 kitchen gardens have been established by the target groups and they are nurturing it and preparing nutritious diet by fresh vegetables taken from garden which will improve the health condition and reducing the purchase burden.

Achievements made during the year are as under and benefits of welfare schemes channelized and facilitated during the year



Sensitization through Poster Competition on Environment



Observing World Environment Day



Vermi Compost training at Saraswa



Vermi Compost training at Nanu



Promotion of Kitchen Garden at Timakiya



Kitchen Garden established by group member at Darkawda



Group members involved in disposable plate IGP activities



Bangle making by SHG group members

Self Help Group formed	:	49
No. of Women Enrolled	:	582
Adolescent Girls' Group formed	:	22
No. of Girls' Enrolled	:	439
No. of Girls skilled in Beautician Course	:	117
No. of learners skilled in Tailoring Course	:	117
No. of Girls completed Basic Computer Course	:	40
No. of people trained on Vermin Compost	:	308
No. of Girls/Women trained on Kitchen gardening	:	619
No. of people availed pension schemes	:	210
No. of family assisted under National Family Welfare	:	15
Women benefitted under Janani Suraksha Yojna	:	235
Girls benefitted under Shaadi Kanya Dhan yojna	:	14
Women and Pregnant women immunized	:	412
No. of children below five years immunized	:	744
No. of children received Polio vaccine	:	6240
Tree Plantation	:	3610
Ration card made & accessed Public Distribution System	:	110
Labour card made and got job	:	150
BPL families got LPG connection under Ujjwala Yojna	:	307
Readmission of dropout girls in school	:	24
Handpumps installed/reboring done	:	37
Toilets constructed and functioning	:	365

**“EMPOWERMENT OF RURAL WOMEN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS OF NINE VILLAGES OF LONI, LALYANA AND RATAUL THROUGH SKILL DEVELOPMENT”
SUPPORTED BY MANOS UNIDAS, SPAIN**

We are focusing on women and adolescent girls for their empowerment by making them knowledgeable and to deliver them in the capacities of income generation through skill trainings, health & hygiene by providing them a platform with their involvement by formation of women groups and adolescent girls. In the target nine villages of Loni, Lalyana and Ratual parishes, women and girls are not equally treated and they are deprived off their rights and entitlements and the main root cause is illiteracy and so they are most vulnerable and easily exploited by the elite classes. To bring the social transformation in their lives, MSS has bring a ray of hope by intervention of different activities which results to bring progressive changes to maintain the status of women and adolescent girls. With the motive of their upliftment, the community has accepted us to work amongst them for the development process. With the support and coordination of the villagers, local resources and stakeholders we have implemented numerous activities for the welfare of the target community.

17 Mahila Mandals have been formed in the target villages involving 242 women and 27 adolescent girls groups with the membership of 313 adolescent girls. They were capacitated on village structure, resources and establishments to materialize its services and tapping benefits. 88 Group Leaders were trained on leadership and group management qualities and conducting meetings at regular intervals to boost their intellectual and information. Leaders have generated necessary leadership skills and quality for smooth functioning and participation of members during various meetings and other platforms. Knowledge sharing and awareness generation on health, education, sanitation, immunization, government welfare schemes and its procedures were extensively carried out during this year to build their capacity and more sensitive towards various factors of sustainable development. They were sensitized on adapting skills to raise some livelihood which will promote employment opportunities and have a stable source of income.

We have imparted six trainings on tailoring and stitching six months course for the target



Skill training on Tailoring and Stitching at Mansurpur village



Tailoring Skill Training at Loni village

groups and 117 beneficiaries got skilled in this trade. They have learnt to stitch clothes and prepare female dresses and working from their home and earning some income by learning the trade and thus they are becoming economically empowered and self dependable. Likewise



Skill development on beautician trade at Rataul



Skill training in Beautician at Lalyana village

twelve batches of beautician skill trainings were conducted and 174 girls get acquainted with the art and technique of beautician. Mostly girls opt this trade as it is in demand and generate income during the marriage and festive seasons by doing bridal make ups, party make up and different facial in their locality itself.

To generate income and employment in small scale, we have conducted twelve skill trainings on bangle designing. 120 trainees have developed the skills to do various designing on plain bangles. They have got market exposure for raw materials and finished goods so that they can establish small units in their villages and can do startup. By developing their skills and knowledge and exposure to the different markets, they are gradually in the path of empowerment and development.



Training on Bangle designing at Rataul



Bangle designing training at Loni

We have sensitized and aware the community on the importance of health and to upgrade the health status by tapping health services delivered by village level frontline health workers. 242 women and girls have understanding on the various aspects of individual's health by ensuring proper diet, safe drinking water, hand washing practices, proper sanitation and hygiene during puberty changes and various welfare health related schemes and process to tap these. To counter the dreadful diseases and boost immunity, promotion of vaccination and participation in routine immunization drive was emphasized. 317 beneficiaries have developed deep understanding on the importance of vaccination and availing the services. 276 people were reached and awareness created on different government welfare schemes. 183 adolescent girls have sensitized on the menstrual system and special attention is given by girls on sanitation by promotion of sanitary pads. To bring social and behavioural changes in girls to resemble moral and principles of life, life skill orientation programs were held and 179 girls mobilized for having prosperous life by proper time and stress management, work load, communication skills and soft spoken skills, learning attitude to tackle the harsh circumstances of life. Few achievements as per our goal are as under:



Tree plantation at Rataul during Environment Day celebration



Sensitization on Health & Hygiene to adolescent girls at Vinaypur village



Awareness on Health & Sanitation at Loni village



Life Skill training session for adolescent girls at Rataul



Training on Life Skill for adolescent girls at Lalyana village

Adolescent Girls Group formed	-	27
Girls enrolled	-	313
Women Groups formed	-	17
Women enrolled	-	242
Girls/Women skilled in Tailoring & stitching	-	117
Girls/Women skilled in Beautician course	-	174
Girls/Women skilled in Bangle designing	-	120
Saplings planted by target community	-	55
Women enriched on breastfeeding practice	-	108

“BHOOME – Boosting Health of Our Mother Earth”

SUPPORTED BY MANOS UNIDAS, SPAIN

This project was started from Jan 2020 and it is designed in accordance to the ground reality of the damage caused to the agricultural land due to use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Adapting the sustainable organic agricultural techniques and methods to revive the land fertility and its natural minerals ultimately increase in crop production generating some livelihood options by developing skills and environment friendly practices.



Baseline survey of the target area



Orientation cum Capacity building of staff



Rapport building with the villagers



Networking meeting with the stakeholders



Onsite Exposure visit on organic farming



Training on organic growth promoters



Meeting with women for farmer group formation



Training on organic farming practices

During this three months period, capacity building of the project staff held on the project goal and objectives which has made better understanding to execute their roles in the desired community. Baseline survey has been conducted to identify the root cause and problems and accordingly plan to address it. Meeting with the target groups and sensitizing them on the project objectives to build rapport and coordination for their participation and involvement in the activities to have result oriented progress in the desired area through this intervention. Networking meetings with the stakeholders were organized for rapport building and coordination with key players in the village. Onsite exposure visit were done to enhance the practical knowledge of the staff. 524 villagers have been approached and knowledge shared on organic farming and organic manure & pesticides preparation, skill trainings for employment, formation of groups etc., to create a base for the project outcome.

“SAMVAAD-Promoting peace and social integration in western Uttar Pradesh, India”:

The project “**SAMVAAD**” kindly sanctioned by MISSIO, in collaboration with Caritas India, Meerut Seva Samaj implementing this project in riots prone areas which are highly sensitive districts of Uttar Pradesh i.e. Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur.

Total **11 rural and 13 urban areas were identified in both the districts** with our partner organization to work intensively for promoting peace and harmony among the populace. The **SAMVAAD** project commenced in the month of **January-2019**, with baseline collecting the relevant information from the target groups on a drafted format, identification and mapping of the stakeholders in the target area completed adjacently. The stakeholders and the target groups were involved and oriented on the program; the community was acquainted with the program and its activities. After coming across on the program envisaging peace and harmony targeting people, were amazed to learn such kind of intervention never been introduced in the past. The community appreciated and praised the organization for coming forward to address communal issues which devastated the society and the people in the past.

The target community was made aware about **WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) and Peace**, 16 community awareness meetings were held clubbing three villages at one place ensuring participants from all the areas. The target people and youth came forward and such **172 WASH volunteers, 210 Peace volunteers** were formed to support and promote its activities, firstly they were oriented on their roles and responsibilities secondly, they themselves developed their action plans so that systematically they can support the program without obstructing their own liabilities or work. We were succeeded to form **24 Village level active peace committees** in all the project villages.

To gather the support and promote our project objectives in the pre-identified higher secondary schools two in each district were orientated in close coordination with school management committee. With the help of students and faculties we formed **20 Peace clubs**. Students along with the teachers were oriented on fake news and rumors on monthly basis. To promote peace in the region, huge peace march was organized at Saharanpur. School teachers, religious

leaders, influencers, local NGO representatives along with the students of 2 schools actively participated in this peace march.

A great impact was clearly observed during the street plays performance in the areas (Schools, Madarasas, Public places etc.) by Abid Nataya Group, Meerut and Prerna Kala Manch, Varanasi. The performing organizations were well equipped in this field of performing arts. The people appreciated and appealed them to cater the peace messages to the whole society. Writing the key messages on brotherhood, peace, harmony, sanitation and hygiene on the walls in the project area helped us to aware the people and also boosted the visibility of the functioning of the program. Wall writing was done at **120** sites in both the districts.

The various meetings and interaction on various platform with students, stakeholders and CSO (civil society org.) network on peace promotion, meetings with Government officials, religious and political leaders, like minded organizations, community leaders and media personals have raised their awareness and understanding on the project initiatives. During the Interface meetings between students, relevant stakeholders have expressed their feelings on the repercussions of the riots and aftereffects on the community, who have lost their family members and assets, being vandalized during this course of violence.

We succeeded in bringing the community together by regular counseling and orientation in the prone target areas and laid the foundation of district **Citizen Forum**. The Forum was oriented and sensitized on peace building, handling emergencies, building public opinion and influencing media and other stakeholders. The religious leaders, Pradhans, Ward members, Influencers, NGO representatives, stakeholders and Media persons are a part of this Citizen Forum. To handle the emergencies which could be addressed and resolved by this District Citizen Forum, two whatsapp (messaging service) groups were formed fastening the process of informing and curbing the situation.

Many positive changes in the society were witnessed during the celebration of **International peace day** on 21 Sep'19 which was celebrated in 2 districts with huge public participation from the target community. The religious leaders, stakeholders and influencers appealed to promote peace and live with harmony among the community through peace march and flag hosting.

International Hand Washing Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in 8 project areas, community came forward and developed their understanding on proper hand washing, focusing on seven steps.

The community was also sensitized on environment and ecological balance by celebrating **National Pollution Control day** on 2nd Dec'19 in 4 areas and **World Environment Day** was celebrated on 5th Jun'19 in 6 areas. To empower the women, "**International Women's Day**" was also celebrated on 8th March in both districts.



Sensitizing of Peace Club



Orientation of Peace Club



Citizen Forum meeting at Saharanpur for Social Integrity



Citizen Forum meeting at Muzaffarnagar for Religious harmony



Sensitization on Peace & Harmony through NukkarNatak



Promotion of Peace through NukkarNatak



Promotion of WASH safe practices



Educating Safe hand wash practices



International Peace Day Celebration



Celebration of International Peace Day



Poster Competition during World Environment Day Celebration



World Environment Day Celebration through Poster making



Planting of tree on Environment Day



Tree plantation drive for Environment protection



Interface meeting with Stakeholders



Interface meeting with Key Stakeholders



Celebration of International Women Day



Awareness Creation by Wall Painting

Achievements (Results)

S.No.	Activities performed	Districts		Total
		Saharanpur	Muzaffarnagar	
1.	No. of CBOs formed.	39	40	79
2.	No. of members involved in CBOs.	464	487	951
3.	No. of female volunteers identified and sensitized for WaSH promotion.	91	81	172
4.	No. of Citizen Forum formed and oriented for handling the emergency.	1	1	2
5.	No. of people involved in Citizen Forum	40	40	80
6.	No. of Peace Clubs formed in the schools and oriented to stop Fake News and Peace promotion.	10	10	20
7.	No. of students involved in Peace Clubs.	75	100	10
8.	No. of Village Peace Committees formed and oriented to promote peace and mutual brotherhood.	12	12	2
9.	No. of people involved in Village Peace Committees	131	126	257
10.	No. of Male Volunteers identified and sensitized to promote peace and social integration.	129	81	210
11.	No. of Rumors/Fake News stopped by Peace Clubs and Community.	2	3	5
12.	No. of toilets constructed in the project areas with the coordination of PRI and relevant stakeholders.	125	68	193
13.	No. of families promoted for using toilets.	270	217	484

14.	%of families promoted for hand washing by soap before meal and after toilet.	90	90	90%
15.	No. of families sensitized for handling and storage practices of safe drinking water.	173	79	252
16.	No. of Peer group formed in the schools to aware the adolescent about MHM.	5	5	10
17.	No. of adolescent girls involved in Peer Groups.	25	35	60
18.	No. of Wall writing done for Peace and WaSH promotion	60	60	120
19.	No. of Street plays held to promote mutual brotherhood and WaSH promotion	22	26	48
20.	%of expenditure decreased on Water and Vector borne diseases by WaSH promotion.	10	12	11%

“SAKSHAM 2” PROJECT SUPPORTED BY CARITAS INDIA, NEW DELHI

Saksham 2 is implemented in eight villages of Sarurpur block of Meerut District. The main objective of this project is to make farmers self sustainable by adapting sustainable agricultural practices. It has commenced from April 2019 onwards and extensively focused on the different techniques of organic methods of farming and increasing crop production thus ensuring food security and entitlements. It also focuses on the structure of Panchayati Raj Institution and its functionality for rendering people welfare activities with any discrimination.

In this year, formed eight Farmers Groups comprising 240 farmers in target areas for an effective implementation of the project for and conducting meetings and awareness programs in the field with the target groups. Farmers are capacitated on the various methods of organic farming and materializing the knowledge and technique they acquired through various capacity building training programs. They were given on site trainings, exposure visits and demonstration by the Agricultural scientists for encouraging them to move from traditional farming to organic farming. They now exchange their knowledge and sharing with the other villagers to motivate them for adapting the organic farming techniques with the local resources and simple methods and procedures to contribute individually in bringing some progressive environmental changes in the area which will also boost the ecological balance promoting natural habitat. An impact has been seen as the farmers are gradually adapting organic farming techniques besides their traditional farming as they are exposed to the differentiable result of organic farming.

People's knowledge on the Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) has increased and they are aware of the different core committees and village level meetings conducted under PRI system and its proper functionality. Participation in the Gram Panchayat meetings have increased and women participation have also raised up as they have been capacitated and sensitized towards the different elements of the village development factors with their involvement and sharing and providing their inputs in the meetings which is a positive impact of the project. They are becoming more confident and vocal and putting up their social and economic problems and issues and planning strategies and action plan to address them.

We have conducted meetings with village Pradhans and other PRI members to develop coordination and their support in delivering the services of PRI for the welfare of the village. PRI members literally not aware of their key responsibilities and now they were sensitized and gradually providing their inputs and playing their roles in rendering their services for the community needs and welfare.

Capacitating villagers on micro plan and its necessity, village level Micro Plan were prepared collectively involving all the stakeholders and villagers were sensitized on the different provisions for village infrastructure need and development and the Panchayat to address their problems of the villagers. Through the deep sensitization and creating liaison with the village authorities, matters were raised and decisions made during the Gram Sabha meetings as per the demand of the community which depicts the strengthening of the PRI structure and functioning.

Synonymously, mobilizing villagers about various government welfare schemes and entitlements, they have developed deep understanding on the schemes and become more vocal and increased their confidence to speak out in front of concerned authorities and government functionaries. They have enhanced their intellectual gain and known the means and resources and approaching and making efforts for tapping the benefits of the schemes to attain their rights and entitlements provisioned for them. Villagers are aware of their entitlements and they are approaching the concerned departments for enrolling their names in different welfare schemes to avail the benefits.



Organic waste decompose pit at Dahar village



Preparation of Jeevamrit-Organic Growth Promoter



Jeevamrit–Growth promoters and organic pest repellent prepared by the farmers



Waste Decomposer preparation



Waste Decomposer solution



Preparation of Waste Decomposer for organic manure



Training on preparation of Herbal Pesticides



Preparation of Herbal Pesticides by farmer



Training on preparation of Herbal Pesticides



Soil Enzymes Growth Promoters prepared by flowers and fruits



Promotion of Herbal Soil Enzymes



Soil Enzymes preparation



Exposure visit to Mushroom Research Center, Modipuram



Tree plantation during Earth Day Network campaign



Promotion of Kitchen garden in Ekdi village



Kitchen Garden installed in Kakkepur village



Awareness creation through Wall painting in Bhuni village



Communication through Wall writing in Dahar village



Training on Organic Farming & Pest Control



Orientation to villagers on PRI Roles and Responsibilities



Sensitization of PRI members on their roles & responsibilities



Awareness on Govt. Welfare Schemes at Dahar village



Kakkepur Cemetery Road construction process



Kakkepur Cemetery Road constructed after Gram Sabha meeting result



Brick pavement constructed in Meharmati village



Constructed brick pavement as Gram Sabha members strengthened

Farmers involved in soil and water conservation techniques	:	456
Farmers adapted Bio fertilizer technique	:	257
Farmers practicing Soil Enzymes growth promoter	:	21
Farmers engaged in herbal pest repellent production	:	63
Organic manure preparation by waste decompose kit	:	103
Farmers adapted Vermin compost organic manure	:	37
Pipe Compost organic manure production by farmers	:	40
Kitchen garden established and its management	:	93
Volunteers involved in project facilitation	:	80
Proposal passed for brick pavements in Gram Sabha	:	24
Toilets constructed with PRI support	:	273
Ration accessed with Public Distribution System	:	102

PROJECT “SAKHI-Phase-II” APPROVED BY U.K.S.V.K., AGRA

The rural adolescent girls are most vulnerable group in the society and are highly exposed to the different sections of the populace in their vicinity. From early stage of teenage, if they are properly guided and proper communication, they can have a prosperous life in the future. Hence to touch their lives, MSS has intervened with this project SAKHI which specifically endorse the different aspects of adolescent's girls such as health, education, life skill, skill development, gender equality, legal literacy, accessing government establishments and its services ultimately enhancing their knowledge and rights to develop their skills contributing in some livelihood options. In this year, various activities and programs were conducted to capacitate and strengthen them as stated below to become bolder and have courage to counter the challenges of life:

Nine adolescent's girls groups have been formed and 180 girls were associated under this program and group leaders were capacitated on the roles and responsibilities for the active functioning of the groups and conduct meetings and knowledge sharing session. For strengthening of these girls' forum, we have approached school teachers and Community Based Organizations and conducted four networking meetings and sensitized 116 participants on providing support and guidance to these girls for their education, rights, health and hygiene at school and in the family.

649 adolescent girls' families were under this project visited during the year and their parents were deeply counseled on child marriage and its dire consequences on health of mother and family and to discourage this practice and parents were mobilized to do their ward marriage at an appropriate age. Five lobbying meetings with government authorities such as school authorities, health personnel and village level functionaries were conducted and 160 people were sensitized to prevent child marriage and they are making their efforts to abolish this practice. Nine sessions on promotion of natural family planning were organized and 150 women benefitted and aware on the future aspects of natural family planning 26 newly wedded couples in the target villages were counseled to adapt measures for natural family planning practices.

259 girls have been aware on the biological and physical changes occur during puberty and menstrual system and proper sanitation. Girls are very cautious about this matter and ensuring use of sanitary pads and cleanliness of the body. Six training were imparted to 152 girls on kitchen gardening techniques to grow seasonal vegetables and eat fresh food directly taken from the garden to upgrade their health.

Two exposure visits to Police station, post office and bank were carried out and good experience for the 160 adolescent girls to be familiar with the functioning of these institutions. These visits also helped them to develop awareness among them for pursuing a career in any of these institutions.

Three programs on Girls friendly sessions with parents and teachers held with the participation of 182 persons. These sessions created a platform for girls to share their issues and resolving it by discussing and counseling.

Three teacher's sensitization programs were held aimed to sensitize and orient school teachers on adolescent problems and associated issues, need and relevance of reproductive health education and maintaining gender equity in the classroom. 70 teachers and staff were mobilized.

Legal literacy on filing FIR, RTI, RTE, child rights have been promoted by carrying out three trainings and 101 adolescent girls benefitted. These sessions are helping the adolescent to learn about their legal rights and their contribution in empowerment.

Eight programs on Behaviour modification sessions for boys were organized in which 228 school boys participated. The boys were given classes on positive thoughts and attitude, time management, discipline in school, friendly behavior with girls etc. Boys have ensured to be supportive to girls in school and in home.

84 adolescent girls have gained skilled in Tailoring and stitching course and thus they have an option to raise livelihood. Few girls are earning money by stitching clothes from their homes and some have started their own unit from the available resource.

Two skill training on beautician course was executed for the adolescent girls and 62 girls have successfully received the training and become skillful and enhancing their income by doing make-ups of the other girls and women during village functions and marriages. Thus, they are becoming self-dependable and economically empowered.

40 girls have received basic computer course and become acquainted with the computer operations which is mandate requirement in today's era. Few girls have become instructors in computer institutions and some are getting advance course in computer applications and preparing for competitions for government jobs.



Skill training on tailoring to adolescent girls



Beautician Skill Training to girls



Educating Computer Proficiency to adolescent girls



Observation of World Health Day



Adolescent Girls Exposure visit to PNB, Jani



Exposure visit to Jani Police Station



Networking meeting with PRI Committee on Girl Rights & entitlements



Networking meeting with ANM, ASHA & AWW for Health services to girls



Celebration of Literacy Day cum Girl Child Day



Teachers' sensitization on Girl's education health & hygiene



Training on menstrual system and sanitation



Training on Domestic Violence Act 2005



Triangular meeting of Teachers, parents and Girls



Training on Legal literacy



Behaviour modification sessions for boys



Awareness generation of HIV-AIDS



Health Check-ups for Adolescent girls



Health Sakhi Training program to upgrade health status

Families of adolescent girls visited	649
Adolescent groups functioning	9
Members enrolled	180
Teachers sensitized	70
Girls completed computer course	40
Girls completed tailoring course	84
Girls completed beautician course	62
Adolescent Girls Immunized with Tetanus vaccine	268
Hemoglobin test of Adolescent Girls	203
Adolescent girls received Iron folic Acid tablets	125
Girls Body Mass Index test carried	242
Girls received Sanitary pads	294

Brooke India Sponsored Equine Welfare Project supported by Brooke Hospital for Animals, UK

Two units Meerut and Baghpat supported by Brooke India was implemented exclusively for the welfare of voiceless equines of these area who are working under very harsh condition of pain and sufferings caused by their owners. These speechless equines are victims of human cruelty and piece of entertainment. 8371 equines covered in 452 sites under this project during this period and approached to deliver service provision and community engagements activities from Brooke India to sensitize and capacitate equine owners showing kind hearted concern & treatment by creation of groups and associations and linking them with various health service providers, emergency needs and other government establishments and authorities for sustainable development of their community. Imparting various trainings and capacity building sessions, we have made an impact on their lives and reduce the pain and misery of the equines.

Community engagements activities were carried out with formation of Equine Welfare Groups (EWG) and 452 EWGs are functioning in the target areas with a membership of 10231 members. These groups are associated with six Federations at district level who are specifically working for the sustainability of the equine groups by linking them with government welfare schemes and discussing their concern at district level platforms. 8871 TT vaccination of equines has been done by the community front as they were sensitized on the equine vaccination. 7987 deworming of equines were done for keeping their equines free from worms and good health of the animals. 4463 equines got first aid treatment by early identification of disease or injury by installation of first aid kits to equine owners. 7941 equines were benefited through welfare schemes by analyzing Participatory Welfare Need Assessment for the equines with the target community.

Promoting these EWGs in an organized way, we have linked them with the government welfare scheme under National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and making them capable for self-employment and livelihood. 110 Women Equine Welfare Groups and 38 Men Equine Welfare Groups have engaged in Income Generation Activities and thus earning some livelihood and becoming sustainable.

To deliver the different service oriented activities for the welfare of the equines, we have initiated various capacities building programs for the equine owners and the community for better treatment of equines and working for their welfare.



**Establishment of Mix feed Unit
by Equine socation**



**Mentoring of Animal health provider for
timely treatment**



**Training on Mushroom cultivation for
equine owners**



**Mushroom Production Unit installed by Equine
Group**



**Mentoring & Supervision of Equine Farrier for
equine welfare**



**Community awareness on equine diseases and its
treatment**



Awareness generation by Wall writings



Healthy Equine competition winner



Celebration of International Women's Day



International Women's Day celebration by Equine group members



Facilitation in Equine Trade Fair, Hapur



Equine owners counseling during Equine Trade Fair, Hapur



Training of Equine Groups on Income Generation Activities



Training of Equine Groups on Income Generation Activities

Tetanus vaccination of equines	:	6531
Emergency treatment of equines	:	129
Government Veterinary Officers Workshop	:	11
Association meeting conducted	:	120
First Aid Kit distributed	:	299
Glander death Compensation to equine owners	:	31
Equine Welfare Group (EWG) linkage with National Rural Livelihood Mission	:	12
Participatory Welfare Need Assessment of equines	:	578
Exposure visit to onsite field	:	4

HEALTH

CORE GROUP POLIO PROJECT (CGPP)

CGPP PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES is working in Saharanpur district in 4 blocks namely City, Sunehy, Sarsawa and Nakur. The project's main objective is to motivate polio eradication and immunization. Under the City Saharanpur 13 villages and 24 urban wards HRA (High Risk Area) is being covered. We have the workforce of 54 CMCs (Community Mobilization Coordinator), 4 BMCs (Block Mobilization Coordinator), 1 MIS (Management Information System) and 1 DMC (District Mobilization Coordinator) employed till September 2019. From October-2020 in Sunhety block all CMC's removed as Sunhety block is set as a block model and now working with only 43 CMC's.



Core Group Polio Project review meeting



Polio round Inaugural session

Polio Eradication Program: We have come to know that our initiative has contributed in making our country polio free and it was announced by W.H.O. W.H.O. (World Health Organization) on 27 March, 2014. In year 2019-20, under this program a total of 4 rounds of polio were organized, in which a total of 65252 children were immunized in the district out of which 65950 children were immunized by our organization

Meerut Seva Samaj. The task was done by the following activities at ground level.

Polio Class/ Children Rally: Under this activity, children from local schools take part to organize a group which is known as Polio class. Through play we teach them how to keep cleanliness and how to prevent from polio disease. 364 Children Rallies/Polio classes organized in the year 2019 – 20 in which 7280 children took part.



Children rally (Polio Rally) for Polio Vaccination



Bullawa Tolly for participation in Routine Immunization

Bulawa Toli: It is made for the reason that more and more children must get immunized on Routine Immunization day. Bulawa Toli is made by gathering children between the ages of 8–10 years. These Bulawa Toli children call other children from their houses so that maximum number of children can be covered. In year 2019–20, 204 Bulawa Tolies has been conducted in which 2040 children had taken part and raise the awareness for immunization.

Influencer's Meeting To make our program more effective and successful, influencers plays a great role to bring behavioural changes in the community. To avoid resistance in any area and to promote the awareness for polio, local influential people have been approached and they have addressed the resistance families for the importance of immunization of their children. In year 2019–20, 4 block level influencers meeting were organized, in which 203 influencers were added to our program to make awareness and help people get their wards immunized.



Influencers' sensitization meeting

R.I. STRENGTHENING PROGRAM

Under this program we provide medical helps in those areas there is lack of health centers. In this program we distribute medicine and other health related things by organizing health camps and outreach the community. Some children, who were unimmunized gets immunized by these health camps. Blood tests, Urine test & weight measures for pregnant women are also done for free in the health camps.



Community meeting for awareness on Routine Immunization

Community Meeting: It is done in each block to make the health and sanitation facilities better with the guidance of Government of India. We organize such type of meetings in the all blocks we work in. We need to strengthen community meetings so that committee may get active and take the responsibility of health and sanitation in their village.

In year 2019–20, total we have organized eight community meetings till the month of March 2020.

Mother/Father/Adolescent Girls/Boys

meeting: The main purpose of this activity is clear out all the myths spread in the community & to make aware the community about the real facts. In these meetings, people ask questions and gets clarify about the real information. In the year 2019–20, 891 mother /Adolescent Girls meetings were organized till the month of March 2020 involving 7089 mother / Adolescent Girls.



Mothers meeting and counseling



Inter Personnel Communication session

Inter Personnel Communication (IPC):

The main motive of this activity is to solve & counsel problems of mothers and aware & motivate them for immunization. It is done between CMCs and mothers by carrying out house visits. In year 2019–20, 12,612 IPCs have taken part to enhance the awareness of immunization of pregnant women till the month of March 2020.

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY

ASHA Coordination meeting: This activity is done to strengthen AAA i.e. ASHA, AWW & ANM along with the CMCs, so that they may provide better health services to the community by working in good coordination with each other such as making due list, Mother and child tracking etc., for immunization of children. In year 2019-20, we have organized 4 ASHA coordination meetings till the month of March 2020, in which 246 Asha have participated.



ASHA Coordination meeting



Kuk-du-ku Rally awareness program

Kuk-du-ku Rally: This rally is conducted to promote the habit of doing toilet in the permanent toilets instead of open defecation. In this activity we spread awareness of using permanent toilets by assembling kuk-du-ku rally which is made by school children. In year 2019-20, total 54 kuk-du-ku rallies have been organized till the month of March 2020 in which 1080 children participated.

Masti-ki-kaksha: This is a fun learning activity and we teach children that disposal of garbage must be done in the garbage bins only, teeth cleaning and hand wash is also practiced in this activity. In year 2019–20, total 150 Masti-ki-kaksha have been done till the month of March 2020, in which 3000 children took part.



Masti Ki Kaksha for children

Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC): This meeting is done



Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee sensitization program

in each village to make the sanitation better with the guidance of Government of India. We organize such type of meetings in all the villages we work in. We need to strengthen VHSNC committee so that the committee becomes active and execute their responsibility of sanitation work in their village. In year 2019–20, we have organized 26 VHSNC meetings in three blocks.

Khushi Express Van: Main purpose of this activity is to communicate the right information with this van in the target community and clear all the myths prevailing for the immunization of children. A person passes information among the community with the help of a loudspeaker and various informative materials designed inside the van. In year 2019–20, we have covered 66 areas in four blocks till March 2020.



Inauguration of Khushi Express Van



Nukkad Natak to sensitize community

Nukkar Natak: Under this activity we aware community for immunization with the help of Government health department. We organized street plays based on immunization and health services to guide and encourage the gathering for immunization of children. In year 2019-2020, we have organized 5 areas in four blocks.

Capacity Build of Asha: Training is done to strengthen Asha & AshaSanghni along with the CMCs, so that they may provide better services to the community by working in a good coordination with each other in preparing due list, Mother and child tracking etc., for more immunization of children. We have organized 4 Asha capacities build training in which 185ASHA took part.



Capacity building of ASHA workers



CMC Sakhi Training program

Barber's meeting: Communication and sharing the information with the help of Barber in the community when people visit barber shops for hair cutting and shaving. Hence this platform is used for passing the right information on immunization. In the year 2019–20, 2 barber's meetings are organized till the month of March 2020.



Barbers' Sensitization program on Routine Immunization

CMC Sakhi Meeting: In this meeting CMC Sakhi takes part along with CMC, BMC & DMC. In this meeting we discussed all key discussion regarding child immunization, sanitation, health & help to CMC for aware the community. In year 2019–20, total 4 CMC Sakhi meetings have been done till the month of March 2020.



Informative materials distributed to Barbers'

CMC Induction Training: Each year, follow-up trainings were organized for all the CMCs for updating the immunization methods/schedules. These trainings were imparted to the CMCs by the senior project staff after getting trained by CRS/CORE. This year also such trainings were given to all the CMCs. All the new 54 CMCs were given two days induction training in a city hotel to get them acquainted with the all the immunization methods. Momentous distributed to Sunehty CMC for their generous services.



Memento distribution to CMCs



Felicitatation of CMC for Generous work



CMCs Induction Training

FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROJECT

Children covered for Polio drop	65950
Hepatitis B Birth Dose	880
Bacille Calmette Guerin Dose	2570
Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus and Penta Dose	6205
Oral Polio Vaccine Dose	2293

HEALTH CAMPS

Networking and collaborating with Daurala Sugar Mill and Kripaon ki Mata Hospital, Sardhana, we have organized two health camps in Baparsi on 19th Feb 2020 and Surani village on 2nd April 2019. Nearly 640 people got benefitted from these camps. Health-check-ups were done by the doctor and advised to do proper diagnosis at hospitals, medicines were provided such as iron folic tablets, vitamin A tablets etc., free of cost for common diseases. 400 sanitary pads were distributed to adolescent girls and women in these camps.



Health Camp at Surani



Cancer awareness camp at Surani



Health Camp at Baparsi under CSR activity



Free medicine distribution at Baparsi Health Camp



World Health Day celebration at Panchli



Hemoglobin test of adolescent girls at Panchli

World Health Day was celebrated on 26th April 2019 at CHC Panchli and 73 adolescent girls have witnessed the event. During the program, Medical Officer In-Charge (MOIC) in his speech addressed the girls on the health issues and problems pertaining in adolescent girls. He also enlighten the girls on the various seasonal diseases occurring mainly during the rainy season and the common measures of precaution to be taken care of from getting sick and proper immunization should be done timely. On the same day of celebration of World Health Day, a health camp was also organized for the participants. 24 girls have done Hemoglobin and Blood group test, 16 girls have done eye test, three girls have done diabetes test and eleven girls have done routine health check-up for common sickness.



Health Camp for adolescent girls at Jani Khurd

Persons in their keynote address they emphasized on the different services given by the health centers and villager health workers. They also aware the girls on the physical attributes of the female and the menstruation



Health Camp at Jani under CSR activity

A health camp was organized at PHC, Jani Khurd on 20th Sep-2019 and 69 girls have been benefitted by this camp as they were enhanced knowledge on the importance of immunization, taking balanced diet, seasonal communicable diseases and its symptoms and home remedies for its prevention. Dr. Savitri Devi and Dr. Neeraj Tyagi were the resource persons in their keynote address they emphasized on the different services given by the health centers and villager health workers. They also aware the girls on the physical attributes of the female and the menstruation cycle of the adolescent girls. They have answered all their questions and doubts related with it. 51 girls have done Hemoglobin and 12 have done blood group test, and other girls have done eye check up in this camp.



Distribution of medicines to adolescent girls

Health Camp with kind support of Daurala Sugar Mill under CSR activity was held for more than 100 girls at CHC Jani on 14th Feb. 20. MOIC delivered his speech on hygiene as the priority for improving health condition secondly the nutrition required by

the body by the local available sources. In this camp Dr. Mahesh Chandra and Dr. Reetu Tyagi provided their service in Hemoglobin test and identified anemic girls were focused to take balanced diet and sanitary pads were distributed kindly provided by Daurala Sugar Mill.



Distribution of Sanitary pads at Jani Health Camp

In Saharanpur district, people of Ramnagar were suffering from Diarrhea, Skin allergy and fever so we, with the close coordination of health department, organized a health camp in Ramnagar on 22 Jun 2019, in which 212 patients were checked and given free medicine to all of them.



Medicine distribution at Ramnagar Health Camp



Health Camp at Ramnagar

LABOUR

To sensitize the different rights and entitlements of labour, several programs were organized and capacitated the labour community in our target areas.

In Saharanpur district, five programs were conducted with the school children and banners were displayed and slogans were chanted by the children in the rallies to sensitize the people.

In the mothers meetings activities, the labour law and rights were also aware them on child labour, domestic violence which is a crime.



Awareness rally on Child labour



Awareness on domestic violence

In Meerut and Baghpat district, 42 training programs were conducted and sensitized the target people on the provisioned entitlements, labour laws, registration in labour department and its benefits. 872 people were capacitated on the above subject and made efforts to enroll their names in the labour department. As a result, 225 people enrolled their names and 125 people got benefitted under different labour welfare schemes.



Awareness on Labour Rights and Laws



Awareness program on Labour laws and entitlements

Celebration of International Women's Day

International Women's Day was celebrated in village Darkawada of Baghpat district on 17th March 2020 as more than 150 women and adolescent girls witnessed the day and were sensitized and mobilized for making their individual efforts in attaining their different rights as the theme of this year's celebration was Realizing Women Rights." Gram Pradhans and local leaders in their motivational speeches conveyed message to become more vocal and bold if they need to survive in this corrupted community. They must raise their voices collectively if any problem persists in the village for development



Felicitation on International Women's Day celebration



International Women's Day celebration at Darkawda

needs. MSS Representatives also encouraged the gatherings on various means and resources from where they can get benefits of the various rights and entitlements provisioned for them. Firstly, they should attain proper knowledge and build their capacity to speak in front of the community without any fear or distraction. Cultural dance and plays were performed by the village women and girls reflecting social barriers in getting women's rights to freedom, speech and health.



Celebration of International Women's Day by Equine members at Kaul

Mrs. Ayesha from Darkawda village is the one of the Group Leader and for her remarkable performance and welfare works carried out in the field for women empowerment has been recognized with a certificate of appreciation during the celebration for motivating for other women too. Mrs. Ayesha expressed her gratitude towards Manos Unidas and MSS for enlightening her towards the mainstream of development. Likely she also feels empowered and it's her duty to empower

other women. In the end, the gathering was thanked for their timely participation and grabbing some important information for their welfare.

Under Brooke India project, International Women's Day was celebrated at village levels by the efforts of Groups leaders and association members. Brooke project staff facilitated the program and inspired the women for their collective efforts and formation of groups and linking it with various equine related welfare departments for raising livelihood options.



Celebration of International Women's Day at Rampur

Likewise the International Women Day celebration was held on 8th March 2020 at village Chaparra, Swar block of district Rampur and nearly 250 women and girls participated. In the beginning, an e-rickshaw rally was organized to recognize the day and to aware the local community.

Similarly in village Lalyana, International Women's Day was celebrated on 8th March



E-Rickshaw rally during Women's Day celebration



International Women's Day celebration at Lalyana

2020 in which 50 women participated. First the gathered women were welcomed with a welcome song. Fr. Albert, Parish priest, St. Joseph's Church, Lalyana & former Director of MSS addressed the women on health and hygiene, proper sanitation and taking nutritious diet for upgrading their health and their children too. Several cultural dances were performed by the school children and the gathering enjoyed a lot. The program ended up with vote of thanks and refreshment.

Summer Dance Program

The second year course of the Bharatnatyam Residential Summer Dance Course was started from 24th May and concluded on 20th June 2019. 40 young girls have successfully learnt the second year content and enhanced the theoretical knowledge of the dance form. They have acquired skills on making different types of Bharatnatyam postures and poses. These girls are performing dance in their parish and school during various occasions and competitions.



Scholarship to poor students of the Diocese

During this year, an amount of Rs.1,65,000/- was awarded as scholarship by Meerut Seva Samaj to 9 deserving students of our Diocese doing their vocational and professional studies under Golden Jubilee Educational Scholarship fund. An amount of Rs.78,500/- has been refunded by 32 candidates who have been supported scholarship during their course. This was possible with the kind efforts of Friends of Sacred Heart and St. Margaret (FoSHSM) that have provided financial support for the poor students of our diocese.

Celebration of International Nurses Day



MSS celebrated International Nurses Day 2019 on 26th May 2019 at St. Martin De Porres Hospital, Isanagar, Rampur. The program began at 9.30 AM by the brief background and introduction of this occasion and greeting and blessing for nursing professionals by the master of ceremonies Ms. Reena.

The theme of the year was “Nursing: The Balance of Mind, Body, and Spirit”

The celebration started with lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest Rt. Rev. Francis Kalist, President of the Health Council of Meerut, Rev. Fr. Cyril Sequeira Director Health Council, Sr. Dr. Jyothi, and 3 jubilearian.



During the inaugural session the nursing



staff of St. Martin De Porres Hospital, Isanagar performed the welcome prayer dance and a Folk Dance adding delight to the program it was appreciated by all the participants.

Main celebrant Rt. Rev. Francis Kalist, in his keynote address defined highly importance of maintaining a balance of mind, body and soul to live a happy & fulfilled life. The three components of the body are very well connected and dependent. An imbalance or weakness of one of these can affect the other two and weaken the whole body. For eg. severe emotional stress of mind can lead to high Blood pressure. Similarly, any trauma to body can result in depression. Human mind is never still, because various kinds of thoughts always keep on creeping in. How to solve this problem? “Mind your mind” – meaning combat all sort of negative thinking so that your mind is kept well under control and you do not become a slave of negative thoughts.

Scientific session by Dr. Harpreet Singh, Neonatologist / Pediatrician gave a detailed presentation followed by questions and answers with the participants on Neonation Resuscitation program.

Fr. Cyril Sequeira, Director, Health Council of Meerut in his vote of thanks message expressed his gratitude and compliments to all the participants, Doctors, Sisters, Nurses and the supporting staff for making this event a success.



Workshop on CST & KSP, MSS, Meerut



Key Strategic Pillar workshop

A workshop on Catholic Social Teaching and Key Strategic Pillars (KSP) was organized on **16th February, 2020** for the parishners and members of Faith Based Organizations (FBO) from Meerut diocese. The workshop was attended by **48** participants of which 36 were laities and 12 were from FBO's from Kankerkhara, Modinagar & Cathedral parishes.

Fr. Cyril further shared that Fr. Antony will be briefing on the CST & KSP. He appreciated the initiative taken by UKSVK, the Regional Forum for organizing the

aforesaid sessions and promoting the perspectives of development works for the marginalized and needy.

Fr Antony Fernandes, the resource person initiated the session with a brief on MSS and its evolution. Then he briefed the objective of the workshop followed by a pre-test wherein each participant was given a questionnaire to be filled.

Since the parishes were attending the workshop for the first time, the resource person first shared on the history of Social Work and historical analysis of the Christian contribution in the field of Social Work. Further he briefed on Caritas India (CI) the National Body, The Regional Forums and Diocesan Social Service Societies and their initiatives. Then the participants were informed on the different programs being implemented as follows:

- Women Empowerment Programs
- Capacity Building Programs
- Health Programs (WASH)
- Agriculture Program
- Livelihood Program
- Education Program
- Human Trafficking Program etc.

Thereafter, he enlightened the participants on Ecclesiastical Doctrines written by different Popes on the basis of Catholic Social Teaching and the emergence of four Fundamental Principles of Catholic social Teaching (CST) as follows:

1. Dignity of the human person
2. Common Good
3. Subsidiarity
4. Solidarity



Social Teaching & responsibilities workshop



Workshop on Catholic Social Teachings

Further Fr Antony shared on the emergence of four **Key Strategic Pillars (KSP)** and its importance as follows:

- Empowering Animation
- Dialogue
- Volunteerism
- Community Sharing

But in present scenario Volunteerism is referred as a tool to promote social development. The concept of volunteerism was explained through a 'Video' by PAANI FOUNDATION.

The video helped the participants to understand the concept of Volunteerism and Community Sharing. Then Fr Antony shared on the Lenten Campaign and its objective in detail. The participants were instructed to actively participate in the Lenten Campaign being organized in their respective parishes.



WORDS OF GRATITUDE TO DAURALA SUGAR MILL

MSS wholeheartedly acknowledges the kind collaboration and support of Daurala Sugar Mill for the social concern of the underprivileged ones. With your joint venture, we have conducted health camps and health check-ups were done by the doctors, distributed free medicines to the patients, provided free sanitary pads to the adolescent girls and sewing machines for tailoring and stitching course for skill development for the women and girls of the rural areas of our project area. We always remember you in our prayers and hope your partnership would bring social transformation in years ahead.

DIGNITARIES' VISITS



UK Brooke India Trustee interaction with Qalandar community



Brooke India UK Trustee visit to Qalandar site



Ms. Gloria and Ms. Miren visit to Darkawda village & materials exhibition





Dress exhibition at Loni Tailoring center



Certificate distribution to Tailoring trainee



Monitoring visit by Fr. Antony-Director-UKSVK, Agra



Feedback session of monitoring visit UKSVK, Agra

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Legendary Chinese strategist Sun Tzu about the Art of War had said, “If we know the enemy and know ourselves, we need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If we know ourselves but not the enemy, for every victory gained, we will also suffer a defeat. But if we know neither the enemy nor ourselves, we will succumb in every battle.

Certainly all nations are fighting against coronavirus in war footing including India. Although in the beginning, our frontline troops (corona warriors) found supply line growing little thin, limited protective gear (PPE), ammunition (beds) and heavy equipment (ventilators), our Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi took the fight to our over 25 crore households. Our PM Modi who provided perfect leadership and perfect lockdown, succeeded in isolating coronavirus by isolating us from corona at the outset covering 1.4 billion people.

Novel coronavirus disease is posing an extraordinary challenge to the health and well-being of people across the globe. Along with grave threats to social stability, economic prosperity, and human health, caring for patients places great stress on health care workers.

Catastrophes have always touched people’s lives. Throughout history, people have believed that disasters carry some messages from the almighty. During COVID-19, many religious leaders and political leaders have cited religious references.

Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal asked people to read 18 chapters of the Bhagavad Gita saying that he is doing the same with his family

In the Holy Bible, Chronicles ch.7 verse 13 and 14 speaks why epidemics and attack locust

appear on earth. It is nothing but call to repentance. Christian ethic in a time of plague considers that our own life must always be regarded as less important than that of our neighbor. Meerut Seva Samaj, an official social work wing of the Diocese of Meerut is committed in forefront to see the needs of the poor families in the distribution of ration, face masks, and IEC material and above all imparting counseling to traumatized families.

During this tough time of global pandemic, Meerut Seva Samaj deliberately engaged in the relief to the devastated migrants and labourers by providing them dry ration kits. We have able to aid 530 people in our project area which has brought some comfort in this harsh time.



Distribution of ration to pandemic victims



Dry Ration distribution by MSS team



Support of Police administration during ration distribution



Distribution of dry ration to the deserving poor

Acknowledgement

I convey my sincere thanks for all the support and blessings from our bishop and for the full cooperation rendered by the governing board of MSS. I am also deeply debted for the hard work displayed by the staff to bring about tangible results and also our generous donors without whom no activity would have taken place. I invoke God's blessings upon them all.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT(PROVISIONAL) F.Y.2019-20


INCOME

19,583,717.30	01.	Specific Project Receipt	20,179,780.74
125,664.50	02.	Bank Interest	124,478.64
129,300.00	03.	Other Miscellaneous Receipt	169,926.00
<u>19,838,681.80</u>		Sub Total 'A'	<u>20,474,185.38</u>

EXPENDITURE

16,351,872.82	01.	Specific Project Expenses	17,317,644.09
82,012.81	02.	Charitable Expenditure	110,608.44
71,101.50	03.	Administrative & Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	169,926.00
<u>16,504,987.13</u>		Sub Total 'B'	<u>17,598,178.53</u>
<u>3,333,694.67</u>		Excess of Income over Expenditure. (A-B)	<u>2,876,006.85</u>

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT(PROVISIONAL) F.Y.2019-20

INCOME

4,211,158.00	01.	Specific Project Receipt	3,748,910.00
642,023.43	02.	Bank Interest & Interest on other sources	689,426.61
590,403.00	03.	Other Source of Income	928,613.21
<u>5,443,584.43</u>		Sub Total 'A'	<u>5,366,949.82</u>

EXPENDITURE

1,817,537.28	01.	Specific Project Expenses	490,871.28
1,081,861.00	02.	Charitable Activity Expenditure	1,465,460.00
564,134.00	03.	Administrative & Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	355,068.00
<u>3,463,532.28</u>		Sub Total 'B'	<u>2,311,399.28</u>
<u>1,980,052.15</u>		Excess of Income over Expenditure (A-B)	<u>3,055,550.54</u>

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