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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Ever since the constitution of Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) in 2003, which was formerly known as Damien Institute (DI) founded in 1987, as a unit of Pavitra Hrudaya Sangha, DSDI has been working among the most vulnerable persons in the grass-root level of our society. It has been working for the treatment, rehabilitation and promotion of rights of leprosy patients in various leprosy colonies in Odisha, for the education and development of children and students in various urban slums, urban leprosy colonies and in urban/rural villages, for the empowerment of vulnerable women in rural villages addressing their various issues, for the skill development of school drop-outs, and in the management of health and natural disasters.

It now gives us an immense pleasure of presenting the annual report for the year 2021 – 2022. Another eventful year when we were able to implement several projects, programs and initiatives for our most vulnerable stakeholders (beneficiaries) in the grass-root level of our society even in the midst of the catastrophic second wave of Covid – 19 pandemic which had its ravaging effect and impact on people throughout India. The year has been meaningful in achieving what we have been able to achieve for our stakeholders (beneficiaries) in the margins: the poor, the marginalized and the outcast of our society in such a humanitarian catastrophic scenario. This would forever be remembered! This has only been possible due to the hard work and dedicated commitment of our DSDI staff, volunteers, and other individuals, groups and organizations directly or indirectly associated/connected with our mission. We are much thankful to them and count on their continuing association, support and collaboration with us. We would never forget our stakeholders (beneficiaries) themselves in the grass-root level for their active participation, support and cooperation in the developmental initiatives and in the development process of their own. We are much thankful to them as well and count on their continuing participation, support and cooperation in order to remain the protagonists of their own progress and development.

Financial constraint has always been a barrier for striving to achieve our vision and mission. However, due to the collaborative financial support of certain individuals, groups and organizations – the “Friends of DSDI” - with our vision and mission, we have been able to implement certain projects, programs and initiatives for the benefit and development of our target groups – stakeholders (beneficiaries) in 2021 – 2022. We remain much grateful and thankful to them all and count on their continuing support to and collaboration with our mission in order to build a better tomorrow – a just, humane and equitable society. “Friends of DSDI”, let us join our hands together in this mission.

Abhimanyu Nayak

Director of DSDI

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am pleased to write a message for DSDI Annual Report 2021-22. This Annual Report brings forth information of what it has achieved in this particular year. DSDI works with a vision to attain a just, humane, equitable and peaceful society. This aim is pursued by reaching the unreachable of our society. The beneficiaries of all the projects of DSDI are people who are sidelined by the society, suffering due to poverty or sickness. Thus it can be said that DSDI mission is to reach the unreachable, people who are marginalized or on the fringes of the society. We experience the inequality, inhumane treatment of people in our society. DSDI does its part to alleviate this reality through its different projects, such as, tuition centers for the poor children, medical assistance in different leprosy colonies and urban villages, higher educational sponsorship program for poor students, hostel accommodation facilities for college-going students and women empowerment.

DSDI began with a humble and simple beginning in 2003, but today it stands like a big tree with many branches with a mission of *reaching the unreachable*. After 19 years of its tireless work, it has improved the lives of many for which there have been so many generous hearts who have contributed to our mission all these years by sharing their time, talents and resources. With grateful heart, we remember all our past and present SS.CC. members, DSDI co-workers, volunteers and our benefactors who have made a difference in the lives of our beneficiaries and in our society.

I appreciate the present Director, Fr. Abhimanyu Nayak for his commendable leadership and guidance in leading the institute with passion and dynamism and the DSDI community members for their team-work and cooperation. May St. Damien of Molokai inspire and intercede for us in all our endeavors of *reaching the unreachable* and marginalized of our society today!

Fr. Ajith Kumar Antony Dass, ss.cc.

President of Pavitra Hrudaya Sangha

BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANIZATION

Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) is a charitable and social welfare unit of PAVITRA HRUDAYA SANGHA in India of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts.

Legal Status:

Pavitra Hrudaya Sangha is registered Trust under Indian Trusts Registration Act, 1882, on 3rd May 2003 bearing registration No. 1 – IV/2003 – 04. It is also registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (FCRA), section 6(1) (a) of the Act bearing the registration number **104830135** and subsequently renewed in the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 on 04.08.2016. The Trust also has obtained 12A certificate issued by the Income Tax Department of Government of India.

Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts remembers the legacies of and draws inspiration from St. Damien of Molokai and St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta in order to carry out its ministries. It re-pledges and re-commits itself to the service of humanity in the margins, especially to the poor and marginalized, and to educating the children of the poor and marginalized in urban slums, urban and rural villages in urban leprosy colonies with a mission to build a more “just and humane society”. It also works for the empowerment of women and children in rural villages.

Our VISION

We long for a just, humane, equitable and peaceful society in which each individual and each community is empowered and made self-reliant and where human dignity, equal rights and equal opportunities are enjoyed by all.

Our MISSION

Striving towards an equitable and just society, we support and strengthen sustainable Community Driven Development among the most fragile sectors of the population through:

- Capacitating communities, with special emphasis on medical care of leprosy patients and their rehabilitation, women empowerment and youth mobilization, to help themselves through sustainable community development initiatives and programs.
- Sharing knowledge and building capabilities, offering technical support and training to rural and urban youth in sustainable community driven development.
- Empowering the most vulnerable children of vulnerable sections of society through both formal and non-formal education.

Our PRESENCE AND AREAS OF OPERATION:

In 1979 William F. Petrie arrived in Bhubaneswar in the eastern state of Odisha and began to work among the leprosy patients in various leprosy colonies. He travelled across various districts in Odisha. The main focus of his mission was: training of doctors on leprosy and public awareness programs, treatment of leprosy patients and their rehabilitation through housing projects in various leprosy colonies in different districts in Odisha having his base in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Choudwar, Puri and Khurda. William F. Petrie established Damien Institute (DI) in 1987 which was later renamed as Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) in 2004 as a Unit of PAVITRA HRUDAYA SANGHA – the legal entity of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts. Aside from in Odisha, the institute also works in West Bengal and in Karnataka.

Presently the Damien Social Development Institute is based at Phulnakhara, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The institute has been carrying out:

- The developmental works among the urban and rural village people aiming at community development through women and children empowerment.

- Non-formal Education of poor children in urban slums, villages and of children of cured leprosy patients in different leprosy colonies in and around Bhubaneswar – Cuttack – Choudwar – Pipili and Khurda.
- The rehabilitation of cured leprosy patients and their children in leprosy colonies.
- Free medical treatment of ulcer patients and free distribution of medicines in different leprosy

colonies through Damien Clinics and Damien Dispensaries.

- The management of Coudrin Hostel where young college going students from poor families are accommodated with food and lodging so that they can pursue in their higher education.
- Natural calamities and disasters management.

ACTIVITIES ROUND UP

Note: Year 2021 suffered from the worst impacts of the second wave of Covid – 19 pandemic bringing everything to a stand-still and crippling every activity. Most of the organization's activities suffered from functioning like any other organizations and government services. Despite the worst impacts of the second wave of Covid – 19 pandemic, the organization continued to work among its target groups in the fields of Covid – 19 relief works, Women Empowerment project, health and medical and rehabilitation project and Non-formal Education project.

Women Empowerment Project

Training and Capacity Building

Income Generation Program Workshop in Ludru and Merapolly Panchayats:

An “income generation program” workshop was conducted for the Dalit and Adivasi SHGs women leaders of Luduru and Merapolly panchayats in Mohana block, Gajapati district on July 30, 2021. The workshop was facilitated by the project coordinator Sr. Tilottoma Nayak and explained to the women leaders about the objective of the workshop. The resource person Subal Francis emphasized on the empowerment of poor and marginalized women. He also gave an orientation on as to how the poor and marginalized women could improve their quality of life on by focusing on high value agricultural

products. In the end of the workshop, the 52 SHGs women leaders received kitchen gardening vegetable seeds for cultivation and income generation.



Income Generation Program Workshop in Kattingia, Bamunigaon, Godapur and Kumbharigaon Panchayats:

Another “income generation program” workshop was conducted for the Dalit and Adivasi SHGs women leaders of Kattingia, Bamunigaon, Godapur, Kumbharigaon panchayats in Kandhamal district on August 1, 2021. The workshop had been organized in the Bamunigaon panchayat hall. There were about 57 SHGs women leaders who participated in the workshop and were given orientation of kitchen gardening and cultivation of vegetables for income generation. In the end of the workshop, the 57 SHGs women leaders also received kitchen gardening vegetable seeds for cultivation and income generation.



Training on the Issues of Women:

A staff training workshop was conducted for the field animators and the SHGs leaders of women empowerment project in Mohana on August 12, 2021. The objective of the workshop was to inform, update and educate the field animators and the SHGs leaders on the prevailing issues of women in our country. The project coordinator gave them an orientation about the issues of forced migration, trafficking, child marriage, and malnutrition of women and children in rural Dalit and Adivasi village. She also explained to the field animators and the SHGs leaders how the project activities were striving toward preventing these issues confronted by women and children today.



Workshop and Training on Mushroom Farming:

Two day workshop and training on mushroom farming for Dalit and Adivasi women was conducted in the pachayat hall, Bamunigaon – Kandhamal district on October 16 & 18, 2021. There were about 84 SHGs active women participated Kattingia, Bamunigaon, Godapur and Kumbharigaon panchayats. The resource person of the workshop and training was Mr. Marian Singh who gave orientation on mushroom farming, explained the various methods used and trained the SHGs leaders demonstrating how to grow mushrooms at homes.



Tailoring Training for Young Girls:

Two day Motivation and Tailoring Training workshop was organized for the Dalit and Adivasi adolescent school drop-out girls Bamunigaon Panchayat office hall in Kandhamal district on November 25 & 26, 2021. There were about 49 adolescents' girls and SHGs active women leaders who participated in the training workshop. The project coordinator Sr. Tilottoma Nayak facilitated the workshop and Mrs. Anita Senapati, the resource person gave tailoring orientation and demonstration. The orientation program had been organized within the context of Dalit and Adivasi young girls falling prey to various women related issues in our society today. Aside from tailoring orientation and demonstration, the project coordinator discussed the following points on women issues today in order to bring about awareness among the young girls and the SHGs women leaders:

- To prevent child marriage and trafficking
- Most of the young girls are becoming the migrant labourers mostly go to Kerala, Chennai, Bangalore and Goa looking for the greener



pastors and end up as the low wage labourers and eventually trafficked.

- The young girls easily fall into child marriage at the early age because of the drop out in matriculation and unemployment
- Dalit and Adivasi youth are deprived of opportunities to increase their inner potentials.

International Women's Day Celebration at DSDI:

Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) celebrated International Women's Day on 12th March 2022. Both Miss Kunmun Mahala (Arati), the president of Odisha state Human Rights Corporation (Women Cell), and Fr. Ajith Kumar, the Regional Superior, had been invited to grace the occasion and to share their insights on the empowerment of women today. Two DSDI staff members, Sr. Goretti Nayak, ss.cc. and Mrs. Babita Swain also shared their experiences of working with women in rural villages and in urban slums for their empowerment. The women participants in the program and the DSDI women staff members were felicitated with roses and with dances as a sign of our gratitude and respect to them and to their transformative roles in our society today.





Healthcare Project

Treatment of Persons Affected with Leprosy:

Despite the second wave of Covid – 19 pandemic and its ravaging effects in the country, the health project of Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) for the treatment of leprosy patients in different colonies was carried out without any hindrance. For, the treatment of persons affected by leprosy (Hansens' Disease) is an **on-going** (Throughout the year) ministry/service of Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI). It carried out the treatment of patients and medical outreach

programs in the eight leprosy colonies it has been serving in and around Choudwar, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, and Khurda for the past several years. The two professional medical doctors and three paramedical workers (trained by DSDI) carried out the medical service throughout the pandemic year providing the following services to patients in leprosy colonies:

- General health care and treatment of cured persons affected by leprosy
- Treatment and dressing of ulcer and deformity persons affected by leprosy
- Treatment of patients suffering from general ailments.

All these medical treatment and medicines were provided to the leprosy patients free of cost. Besides the treatment of persons affected by leprosy, DSDI also treated general patients from different urban and rural villages, where patients have no access to hospitals due to their poverty. These patients were availed free doctor consultation and medicines with subsidized price.

However, as has been emphasized in the activities report 2019 – 2020, ***although leprosy has been declared eradicated, most persons affected by the disease are ulcer patients needing daily dressing and medication of their ulcer wounds. Daily treatment of leprosy ulcer patients in different leprosy colonies remain a health issue. It has been a challenge for DSDI; however, at the same time it is also a joy of serving the patients in the spirit of Damien of Molokai.***

In order to address this health issue of cured leprosy patients in different leprosy colonies, Damien Social Development Institute opened a new Damien dispensary in Ramakrishna leprosy colony in Bhubaneswar in order to treat the leprosy ulcer patients. The colony has the highest cases of leprosy ulcer patients among all the urban leprosy colonies in and around Bhubaneswar and Khurda municipalities.



Annual Statistics of Patients Treated in 2021 - 2022

MONTHS	CATEGORIES OF PATIENTS			TOTAL
	ULCER LEPROSY PATIENTS	CURED LEPROSY PATIENTS	GENERAL PATIENTS	
April	57	48	67	172
May	49	85	71	205
June	69	127	115	311
July	62	193	68	323
August	89	216	87	392
September	112	235	69	416
October	107	265	78	450
November	115	223	89	427
December	109	229	91	429
January	113	217	102	432
February	107	231	105	443
March	118	254	97	469
TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS				4469

World Day of Leprosy and New Dispensary for Ulcer Patients:

Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) opened a Damien Dispensary in Ramakrishna Leprosy Colony, Bhubaneswar on the occasion of celebrating the World Day of Leprosy on January 30, 2022. Ramakrishna Leprosy Colony in Bhubaneswar was one of the first leprosy colonies in Bhubaneswar where Fr. Bill Petrie, SS.CC. had begun his leprosy rehabilitation ministry in the 1980's among the persons affected by Hansen's disease. It was in this leprosy colony that he had established a "Mercy Kitchen" with ten bedded infirmary for the care of sick patients. The Mercy Kitchen stopped operating upon the departure of Fr. Bill from India in 2000.

Ramakrishna leprosy colony has the highest number of leprosy ulcer patients among the eight leprosy colonies where DSDI carries out its ministries. The ulcer patients have no access to proper treatment and dressing of their ulcer wounds. The colony leaders had made their request to DSDI to address the issue of treating their ulcer wounds by providing a trained dresser for them. On the World Day of Leprosy and on the death anniversary of Mahatma

Gandhi, DSDI responded to their request by dedicating a Damien Dispensary with a paramedical worker in the service of the leprosy ulcer patients in the colony. The paramedical worker was provided with the necessary ulcer treatment medical equipment and medication to equip the dispensary with for the desired service.



Education Project

Non-Formal Education Free Tuition Program:

Non-Formal Education Free Tuition Program is an **on-going** educational project of Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) which aims at educating and building the lives of children/students from poor families in urban villages, urban slums and in urban leprosy colonies in and around Bhubaneswar – Pipili and Choudwar. The free tuition program has two approaches in the process of educating the children/students: (1) preparing the non-school going children for formal education in formal schooling and (2) providing daily tuition classes and accompanying those children and students who are already going to formal schools.

During the second wave of Covid – 19 pandemic peak (April – July 2021) which ravaged India in the worst manner possible taking away thousands of human lives, leaving millions poor in economic distress, and shutting down all educational institutions, DSDI Non-formal Education Free Tuition Centers remained closed following the Covid – 19 restriction guidelines and protocols. Nonetheless, the DSDI field staff and the non-formal education teachers remained active conducting health and sanitization awareness



programs in urban slums, urban villages and in leprosy colonies in order to prevent the virus from community spreading and to protect the vulnerable persons safe from the virus. Free Tuition Centers reopened and resumed non-formal classes only when the situation became quite normal in September – October 2021. It reported by non-formal teachers that there was increase in the enrollment of children and students in the free tuition centers during the post-pandemic period as the children had been away from both formal and non-formal schooling for almost two years.

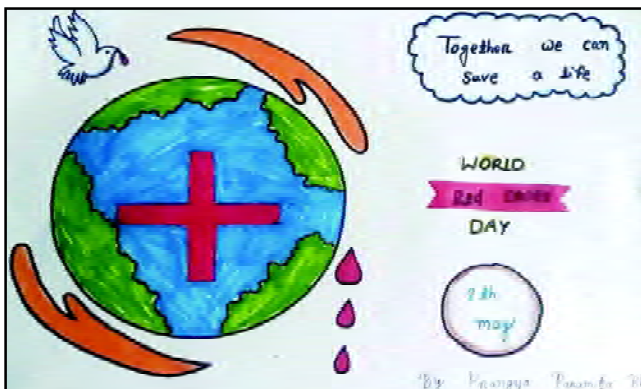
The following educational activities were carried out for the children and students during the post-pandemic period.

- Covid – 19 and health awareness sessions in tuition centers and distribution of face masks and sanitizers.
- Orientation and awareness sessions in each center with the parents and children
- Distribution of study materials and school bags to aid the children/students in their education.



- Daily tuition classes for and accompaniment to children by the teachers when Covid restrictions were lifted.
- Skills and talents sessions





- Meeting with parents.
- Monitoring through periodical examinations and preparing for the formal schooling annual examinations.
- Monthly meeting and workshop for teachers
- Teachers' Day, Children Day and Republic Day were celebrated.

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION FREE TUITION CENTERS STATISTICS 2021 - 2022

S.N.	Names of Coaching/Tuition Centers	No of Teachers	No of Students		Total
			Boys	Girls	
I.	URBAN VILLAGES				
1	Barimunda Village	1	12	20	32
2	Goholo Village	1	19	26	45
3	Jagannathpur Village	1	18	23	41
4	Kalyanpur Balarampatna Village	1	13	17	30
5	Balipada Village	1	13	18	31
6	Padasahi Village	1	19	26	45
II.	URBAN SLUMS				
7	Panitanki Urban Slum	1	17	14	31
8	Pipili Slum (Ward No.10)	1	13	18	31
9	Pipili Slum (Ward No.12)	1	26	32	58
10	RK Lane Urban Slum	2	26	27	53
III.	URBAN LEPROSY COLONIES				
11	Trinath Leprosy Colony	1	12	14	26
12	Gandhipalli Leprosy Colony	2	26	19	45
13	Nehrupalli Leprosy Colony	2	25	40	65
Total		16	239	294	533

Formal Education: Girls Educational Sponsorship Program

In keeping with the slogan “*Beti bachao, Beti padhao*” (Save a girl, educate a girl) Damien Social Damien Social Development Institute continues to financially support the on-going higher education of college-going girls and boys, especially those who are coming from poor families in the urban localities and from rural villages giving priority to girls.



Formal Education: Coudrin Boys Hostel & Aymer Girls Hostel

The Coudrin Boys hostel in Choudwar and the Aymer Girls hostel in Bhubaneswar are on-going projects of Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI). The goal of these two hostels is to aid the young college – going boys and girls, especially those coming from poor families in rural villages in pursuit of their higher education and careers in the cities, by providing food and accommodation facilities. The students live in the hostels and go to different colleges in the cities in pursuit of their higher education and careers. They pay minimum fees towards the management of the hostels. Those coming from very poor families and

unable to pay the minimum fees are given educational sponsorship so that they can pursue their studies. Aside from their formal schooling in colleges, the students are given orientations on:

- Personal discipline and personality development
- Value education
- Manual works, sports and recreation
- Counseling and spoken English for their career building.

Skill Development: Tailoring Training for Children of Leprosy Patient

As part of the “youth empowerment and skilling the youth” program, Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) sponsored two young girls (school drop-outs) – children of cured leprosy patients of Trinath Leprosy Colony in Choudwar. The girls had become school drop-outs as their parents could not afford to support them financially for their higher education due to poverty. In our interaction with the girls, they had expressed their desire to train



themselves in a particular skill which would be a platform for them bring in income and to support themselves and their families financially. In response

to the girls' desires and in dialogue with their parents, DSDI enrolled them in electrical machine tailoring training in St. Joseph Community College in Bhubaneswar. After the completion of their tailoring training the girls are now employed in a garment factory in Tamilnadu and earning their salaries to support themselves and their parents.

Rehabilitation Project

Aymer Weaving Centre: Aymer Weaving Center is an **on-going** livelihood project of Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) for the cured leprosy women in Gandhipalli leprosy colony. It has been functioning for several years now. ***The employed cured leprosy women make gauges and bandages which are being used for the daily treatment and dressing of leprosy ulcer patients in different leprosy colonies where Damien Social Development Institute has been serving. The gauges and bandages are also sold to other clinics and dispensaries for income generation in order to pay for the stipend and wages of women working in the production of gauges and bandages in the weaving center.*** The employed cured leprosy patients, who otherwise would have no income, are given stipends according to the quantity of productions they make. Instead of sitting idle at homes, these cured leprosy patients are able to earn something and to contribute to their families from the labour of their hands with dignity and self-respect.

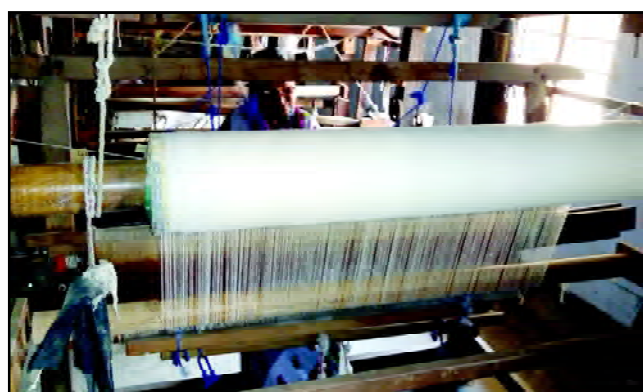
However, there is a challenge being faced by the project now. With the changing time and the with the availability of modern machines and technologies, the manual wooden weaving machines which have been there since 1980's have become outdated and the cured leprosy men and women having skills with them no longer prefer to work with the old manual wooden weaving machines. They prefer to work with modern electrical machines to working with the manual machines. Many of them have quit their skilled profession and thus the machines have been idle for some years now. Only a

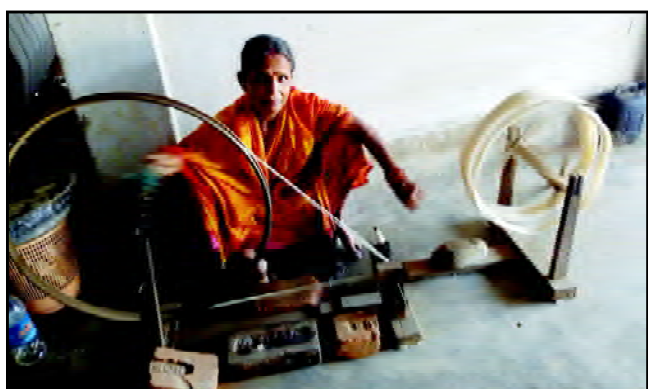
few women are working who operate a few weaving machines and keep them functioning for the production of gauges and bandages for the daily treatment and dressing of leprosy ulcer patients in different leprosy colonies where Damien Social Development Institute has been serving.

Nonetheless, the skilled cured leprosy men and women are willing to return to their skilled work of weaving if they are trained in electrical weaving machines replacing the wooden manual weaving machines that remain idle in the weaving center

The weaving center has also been facing another challenge: the weaving center building itself. The building is old and rusty needing renovation for its functionality and modernization of weaving machines so that the cured leprosy women could be re-employed, production of materials would continue, the women would earn again and the health issue of treating the leprosy ulcer patients would be carried out without any shortage of gauges and bandages.

In order to address the challenges confronted by the project, the Damien Social Development Institute conducted a review meeting with the stakeholder of





the project: the leaders and the women group of the colony. With the issues, challenges, risks and opportunities discussed in the meeting, it was decided to renovate the building and modernize the old wooden manual weaving machines by replacing them with electrical weaving machines. Thus, a project proposal concept was arrived at to submit to Manos Unidas seeking financial support for the modernization of the weaving center in Cuttack for the empowerment of the cured leprosy women by reviving the weaving center to its full strength and by re-employing them in it.

The Existing Condition of Aymer Weaving Centre:



Distribution of Artificial Limbs: In collaboration with Freedom Trust and Savex Technologies, artificial limbs assessment camps for deformed leprosy

patients were held in Gandhipalli and Nehrupalli leprosy colonies in Cuttack on October 31, 2021. The



assessment camps were also held in other leprosy colonies in Puri, Khurda, and Bhubaneswar. A total of 156 beneficiaries were assessed for the

production of artificial limbs. The distribution of artificial limbs program for the deformed leprosy patients was held at Ramkrishna Math "Vivekananda Hall" in Bhubaneswar on November 28, 2021 in the presence of the president of Freedom Trust, the zonal executive of Savex Technologies and the director of Damien Social Development Institute (SDSI).

Disaster Management: Covid – 19 Relief Service

India was ravaged by the devastating impact of the second wave of Covid – 19 pandemic between the months of March and June 2021. Thousands and millions of Covid virus infected patients lost their lives due to ill prepared health/medical infrastructure all over India and due to lack of medicines, oxygen, ventilators and other medical equipment. The second wave of Covid – 19 pandemic also brought about distressing economic impact on the life and livelihood of those in the margins of the society both in the urban and in the rural India. The poor, the daily wage labourers and the migrant workers were the worst hit of all by the economic impact of the pandemic.

SDSI identified the most vulnerable target groups (beneficiaries) who had been economically impacted



by the pandemic and were in need of immediate basic needs for their survival and life. The target groups were the poor and the marginalized in the urban and rural areas where the Sacred Hearts Congregation has been serving through Damien Social Development Institute. Dry food ration, protective face masks and sanitizers were purchased and stored in stock for packaging in relief kits for distribution. The second phase of Covid – 19 relief distribution of dry food ration, protective face masks and sanitizer kits was carried out throughout the month of June 2021 and in the first week of July 2021. The third phase was carried out between December 2021 and March 2022.

Aside from distribution of dry food ration, protective face masks and sanitizers, Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) also organized, in collaboration with Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre of Loretto Sisters, one month feeding program for 200 Covid – 19 patients who were being treated in Covid Care Centre (CCC) in Kolkata. DSDI also organized a Covid – 19 health awareness program in the rural villages of Ludru mission. About 350 rural villagers were made aware of prevention of Coronavirus from community-spreading in villages. They were provided with protective face masks, sanitizers and immune booster vitamins and tablets.

COVID – 19 RELIEF SERVICE 2021 – 2022

STATISTICS OF BENEFICIARY LOCATIONS & FAMILIES

S.No.	Beneficiary Locations	Distribution Date	No. of Families
PHASE II COVID RELIEF SERVICE ODISHA			
1	Trinath Leprosy Colony - Choudwar	04/06/2021	66
2	Shantidan – Bhagabat Leprosy Colonies - Khurda	04/06/2021	58
3	Gokhibaba Leprosy Colony - Bhubaneswar	04/06/2021	18
4	Pipili Urban Slums Ward No. 10 & 12 - Pipili	07/06/2021	108
5	Jagannath Leprosy Colony - Bhubaneswar	09/06/2021	70
6	Panitanki Urban Slum - Bhubaneswar	09/06/2021	75
7	Nakhara Urban Slum – Phulnakhara (Bhubaneswar)	09/06/2021	54
8	Ramakrishna Leprosy Colony - Bhubaneswar	11/06/2021	135
9	Dum Duma Urban Slum - Bhubaneswar	16/06/2021	49
10	Kalinga Vihar Urban Slum -Bhubaneswar	17/06/2021	143
11	Bharatpur Urban Slum - Bhubaneswar	20/06/2021	51
12	R.K. Lane Urban Slum - Bhubaneswar	29/06/2021	37
13	Jaganathpur Urban Village - Bhubaneswar	30/06/2021	35
14	Goholo Urban Village - Bhubaneswar	01/07/2021	37
15	Padasahi Urban Village - Bhubaneswar	04/07/2021	23
16	Kalyanpur Urban Village - Bhubaneswar	04/07/2021	26
17	Barimunda Urban Village - Bhubaneswar	04/07/2021	38
18	Kuakhai Riverside Slum - Bhubaneswar	04/07/2021	11
19	Ludru Rural Village – Poor and Daily Labourers	12/07/2021	145
	Total		1179

S.No.	Beneficiary Locations	Distribution Date	No. of Families
WEST BENGAL:			
1	Dum Dum – Urban Poor and Daily Labourers	08/06/2021	150
2	Serampore – Urban Poor and Daily Labourers	17/06/2021	75
3	Kunjabon – Rural Santhali Tribal Village	23/06/2021	50
4	Danga Dighila Urban Poor and Daily Labourers	28/06/2021	77
	Total		352
BANGALORE:			
1	Hebbagodi – Gattahalli – Urban migrant workers	18/06/2021	175
PHASE III COVID RELIEF SERVICE			
ODISHA:			
1	Trinath Leprosy Colony - Choudwar	16/12/2021	59
2	Nakhara Urban Slum - Bhubaneswar	16/12/2021	54
3	Shantidaan- Bhagabati Leprosy Colony - Khurda	16/12/2021	58
4	Jagannath Leprosy Colony - Bhubaneswar	18/12/2021	70
5	Gokhibaba Leprosy Colony - Bhubaneswar	18/12/2021	18
6	Ramakrishna Leprosy Colony - Bhubaneswar	18/12/2021	135
7	Kalinga Vihar Migrant and Daily Labourers	02/03/2022	127
8	Ludru Rural Village – Poor and Daily Labourers (Gajapati District)	21/12/2021	145
	Total		673
WEST BENGAL:			
1	Dum Dum Urban Poor and Daily Labourers	19/12/2021	100
2	Serampore Urban Poor and Daily Labourers	20/12/2021	75
3	Kunjabon Santhali Tribal Rural Village	22/12/2021	50
4	Danga Dighila Urban Poor and Daily Labourers	03/01/2022	77
	Total		302
BANGALORE:			
1	Hebbagodi – Gattahalli Urban Migrant Labourers	03/01/2022	165
Grand Total Beneficiary Families			2846



DSDI in Networking Projects

Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) worked in networking with the National Human Rights Organization for the cause of the poor and marginalized people in society in order to bring about

relief to their lives. In the months of January and February 2022, DSDI in partnership with the organization carried out distribution of blankets, sarees and masks among the poor in slums and





leprosy colonies in and around Bhubaneswar, Puri and Khurda so that the beneficiaries could combat the winter cold and the Covid – 19 Omicron variant virus.

Celebrations and Festivities

Foundation and Teachers' Day Celebration:

Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) Foundation Day cum Teachers' Day was celebrated on the 5th of September 2021 commemorating the legacies of St. Damien of Molokai, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan in whose memory the Teachers' Day is celebrated in India nationwide.

To observe the Day, all DSDI staff members gathered in DSDI office campus and actively participated in the activities planned for the Day. Some associated friends of DSDI had also been invited to the celebration. A short cultural and felicitation program had been organized to observe the twin occasion.

The icons of St. Damein of Molokai, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan were garlanded and floral tributes were paid as a sign of our respect and reverence with the lighting of lamps. All our DSDI Non-Formal Education Tuition teachers were felicitated with rose flowers as a sign of our appreciation and gratitude for their service to educating the poor and marginalized children in leprosy colonies, urban slums and urban/rural villages. Fr. Ajith Kumar and Fr. Balakrishna had been invited to impart motivational messages to all those who were present at the celebration. Both of them spoke about the values of love and service with humility in our ministries among the poor and the marginalized so as to transform our society and our world today.

The DSDI staff members enacted a skit depicting Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) as an agent of social transformation in its service among the persons affected by leprosy and in its service among the poor and marginalized section of our society through health, education, community building and empowerment. Through their skit presentation, the staff members also depicted the way their lives and their worldviews had been transformed by their association with the institute – an institute which they call their family.

A short video of Covid – 19 Relief service carried out by Damien Social Development Institute in May – July 2021 was presented on screen for the participants of the program of the Day. At the end of the program, all participants were presented with a souvenir each wishing them a very happy DSDI Foundation Day and Teachers' Day. The Day's celebration concluded with a festive meal prepared by our DSDI staff members.



Children Day Celebration:

Children Day in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru – the first Prime Minister of independent India was celebrated in all Non-formal Education Free Tuition centers on November 14, 2021. Competitions, such as

eloquence, drawing and quizzes were conducted in all Free Tuition centers in order to motivate the children. Prizes were given out to the winning students. In order to mark the day's celebration, the children performed cultural dances.



Christmas Celebration:

Damien Social Development Institute organized Christmas celebration for all DSDI staff members on December 22, 2021. All staff members actively participated in the celebration. The president of Pavitra Hrudaya Sangha, Ajith Kumar, gave a



Christmas message, a message of love for all humanity, to all staff members. This is the love DSDI shares, through its service, to the poor and marginalized irrespective of caste, creed and social background. The staff members enjoyed exchanging Christmas gifts and having lots of fun. The celebration culminated with a Christmas meal prepared by the DSDI staff members.

Republic Day Celebration:

On the occasion of the Republic Day of India which is also called the "Constitution Day", celebrations were observed in different Non-Formal Education Tuition Centres in leprosy colonies, urban slums and urban villages managed by Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI). The children and



students in the tuition centres were made aware of the significance of the day – the day when the Constitutions of India were made effective by the Constituent Assembly in 1950. Giving the Constitution to its citizens, the Constituent Assembly proclaimed, *“We, the People of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC to secure to all its citizens: JUSTICE social, economic and political; LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; EQUALITY of status and of opportunity, and to promote among them all FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation; WE DO HEREBY GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.”*



Participation in Gandhipalli Leprosy Colony Festival:

In solidarity with the people of Gandhipalli leprosy colony in Cuttack, the director of DSDI participated in the annual Asthaprahari festival and puja organized by the colony. The director spent some moments being with the colony people and interacted with the committee leaders.



DSDI Staff Picnic and Tour of Historical Sites:

An annual DSDI staff picnic and historical tour day had been organized on March 26, 2022. All DSDI staff members along with college-going sponsorship students had been taken to Konark, Chandrabhaga



and Puri. Through the tour of historical Konark temple and Chandrabhaga, the staff members and the college-going students gained historical knowledge about the historical sites. Both the staff members and the college going students spent some leisurely and recreational moments on Puri sea-beach. Lunch had been organized for the group in an ashram which they enjoyed and returned home in the evening.

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