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Foreword

I am happy to present the annual report of CSSS for the year 2016-17. The year gone-by has been very eventful for the organisation. I am grateful God for all the learning experiences given to the organisation and its staff through the instrumentality of various persons, institutions and events.

The year began with the visit of Rt. Rev. Lumen Monteiro, the Chairman of Caritas India. It was his first official visit to CSSS in Jammu even though he had visited the diocese earlier. His interaction with the community members and keen interest to understand the people and their aspirations have helped in motivating the members and staff alike.

We have had a number of learning opportunities in the year. These included trainings on CBR and Child Rights. With the assistance from Caritas India we have been able to finalise our policy on Child Protection. We invited Rev. Fr. Oscar Pereira, SJ to CSSS with a view to strengthen the SHGs and their documentation. His inputs have given a fillip to the whole processes and I am happy to observe that the program managers have taken up processes in right earnest. SSDNR conference in Jammu also focused on the need to strengthen the SHGs.

Fr. Premful and Mr. Altaf Lone attended the training under Caritas India. Besides DDC, they also received training in disaster response under PEACH project.

I am grateful to Misereor and IGSSS for their support in helping us improve our project delivery and documentation. Their critical and objective feedback is a welcome step for CSSS to move in the right direction.

This year we have witnessed the collective power of women in the SHGs who have mustered courage to address social issues. The groups have also moved to profitable economic activity to maintain their family. The members of Pragati SHG group are featured on

the cover of this report to acknowledge their grit and determination.

Our Coordinators have worked hard to realise the objectives of the project they are engaged in. They have been successful in mobilising communities, particularly women and engage them meaningful livelihood actions through SHGs, Farmers Clubs, Health clubs etc.

After much delay, we have succeeded to launch the *Maitri Abhiyan* in 12 schools of Jammu region. The school managements have responded to the Peace Project with optimism and have facilitated formation for peace clubs.

We had a few projects completed this year. For an organisation like CSSS which is donor driver and project oriented, it is hard to work on the sustainability of the project since we find no other means to handhold the community organisations. I am happy that the SHG Federation in Bishnah has the resolve to continue the functioning. I am grateful to all our donors for their unrelenting support to CSSS.

Our Hospital is upgraded to 24-bed facility from its original 10-bed capacity. The Sisters are working hard to provide quality health care within and outside the Hospital. We have succeeded in organising medical camps, awareness programs and health check-ups in schools.

I am grateful to all the donors for their unfailing support to CSSS. I acknowledge the blessings and support of Rt. Rev. Ivan Pereira, the President and all the members of the governing body for the effective functioning of CSSS.

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Director



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President



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Member

VISION

**ATTAINMENT OF A JUST
AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY
WHEREIN EVERY HUMAN
PERSON ENJOYS
FULLNESS OF LIFE.**

MISSION

**PROMOTION,
RESTORATION AND
SUSTENANCE OF DIGNITY
OF HUMAN BEINGS;
PREFERENTIALLY, THE
POOR AND THE LESS
PRIVILEGED, BY
PARTNERING WITH STATE
AND NON-STATE ACTORS
THROUGH THE PROCESS
OF EMPOWERMENT AND
RIGHT-BASED APPROACH.**



Thematic Areas

Livelihood

Livelihood in its simplest sense is a means of gaining a living. We believe in helping people especially women and marginalised sections of society to live a life of dignity. To achieve this, our livelihood programmes focuses on generating sustainable livelihoods through capacity building on components of agriculture and allied field i.e. seed to seed, soil health and fertility management, water management, crop management, plant protection, kitchen garden, horticultural nursery, vegetable and fruit production, value addition, food processing, marketing etc. CSSS lays special focus on entrepreneurial ventures, which are owned by women. We also foster linkages between community collectives and financial institutions.

Activities

- Promotion of farmers club
- Promotion of organic farming
- Capacity building of farmer groups on agriculture & allied activities
- Skill based activities for women
- Agriculture based value addition trainings Skill development programme for youth

Achievements in 2016-17

- Well-functioning 35 farmers collectives
- 15 Joint liability group (JLG groups)
- 105 training programmes conducted in (2016-17)
- Agriculture inputs given to 2409 farmers
- Constructed 6 vermi-compost pits
- Initiated 15 compost pits in community

- 45 women trained under cushion making
- 24 women trained under sofa cover making
- 25 women trained under tie and die designing.
- 154 women trained under food processing trainings
- Exhibition cum sale of cushions conducted at SKUAST, Jammu (Chhatta campus) in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

Skill development programme for youth

- 120 girls trained under cutting & tailoring
- 56 girls trained under beauty culture
- 25 youth trained under computer applications
- 32 youth trained under driving course
- 54 youth from our organization appeared in NIOS exams.

Operational areas: R.S. Pura, Mandal, Bishnah, Nowshera, Smailpur, Akalpur, Dansal



Micro-credit

Over the years, CSSS has strived to overcome hurdles and impediments of women participation in economic development. From the very onset it has endeavoured to engage and influence institutions, attitudes and activities to ensure development of women folk. Self Help Group is most certainly the core area of focus with respect to our activities and is reflected in the most of the activities of the organization. Micro savings through SHGs have culminated in the creation of a community pool. Togetherness and habit of saving not only saved an amount for the members but also entitled them for hassle-free loan at their doorsteps. We promote productive as well as consumption loan. The association with the SHGs also helps the SHG members in reaching out to the banks for institutional linkages.

Activities

- Orientation programme for SHGs
- Capacity building of SHGs
- Promotion of institutional linkages
- Formation of SHG federations to ensure sustainability

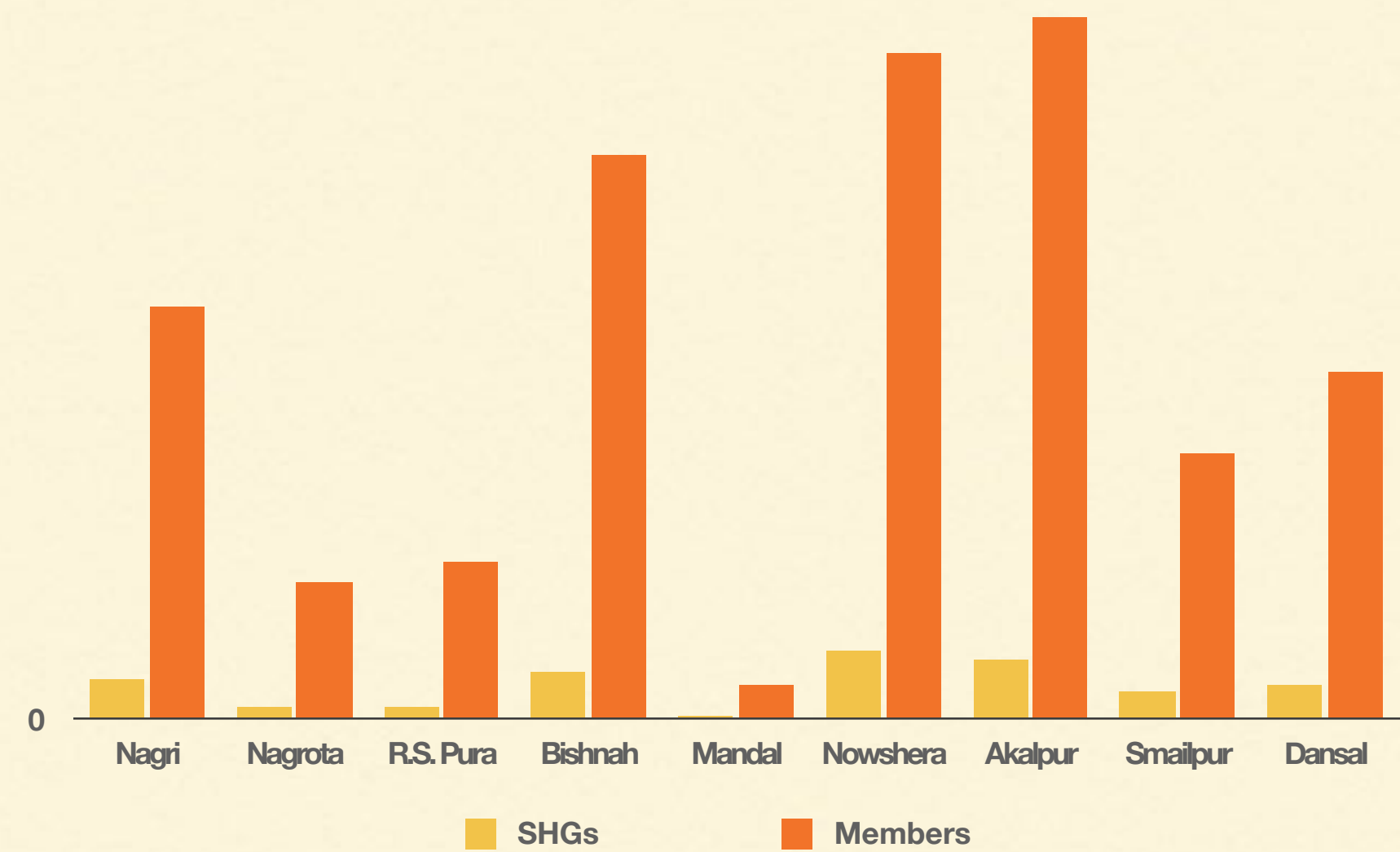
Achievements in 2016-17

- Well established 267 SHGs
- 4 federation are in place including 75 individual SHGs as members
- Leadership training programmes given to 1840 members
- 1407 members capacitated on account & thrift management.
- 42 members capacitated to keep federation accounts
- 1085 members capacitated on life skills.

Operational Areas: R.S. Pura, Mandal, Bishnah, Nowshera, Smailpur, Akalpur, Nagri, Nagrota, Dansal

SHGs promoted by CSSS (2016-17)

700



S.No	Units	No. of SHGs	Total Members
1	Nagri	35	373
2	Nagrota	10	123
3	RS Pura	10	142
4	Bishnah	42	511
5	Mandal	2	30
6	Nowshera	61	603
7	Akalpur	53	636
8	Smailpur	24	240
9	Dansal	30	314
		267	2972

Vision

Improved Socio-political and religion scenario among the youth, communities, govt. officials, local authorities and social partners that leverage acceptance, leadership and collaboration

Mission

Better understanding and openness towards socio-political and religious issues affecting youth, individual and communities to reduce the conflict by becoming more inclusive and transparent in their relations

Peace education

CSSS understands peace education as an essential component of quality basic education. This peace education is the process of promoting the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values needed to bring about behavior changes that will enable children, youth and adults to prevent conflict and violence.



One such effort is ***'Maitri Abhiyan : Overcome indifference. Win Peace'*** a project by CSSS in 12 schools with support from Caritas India. Inspired by the message and teachings of Pope Francis, it is an effort to foster friendship and oneness by accepting that we belong to one human family so, that we can love each other beyond the human boundaries and thus embrace peaceful living.

Strategies

- Capacity building of students cum teachers.
- Promotion of positive thoughts and good deeds to the students.
- Promotion of good values of the community to promote acceptance.
- Abandoning the enslaving values and enslaving practices for better tomorrow.

Major activities:

- Formation of peace clubs
- Promotion of peace activities
- Peace day celebrations
- Exposure/outreach visit
- Leadership development program for students and teachers

Achievements (2016-17)

- 12 peace clubs formed in 12 schools of Jammu region with nearly 420 students as members.
- Celebrated International peace day and held essay writing & poster making competitions in all schools as a build up to the big event.
- Organized 4 exposure visits under community outreach
- 36 student leaders received training on peace clubs.
- 31 teachers were trained to lead peace clubs in their respective schools
- 42 students participated in Go-Green art contest

Operational Areas: Jammu, Samba, Poonch and Rajouri

Rights & Entitlements

Democracy and development require the deepening of the process of participation of people on the one hand and effectiveness of institutions of governance on the other. Participation of people brings in the sense of belongingness and ownership and the second instills a sense of responsibility and urgency about the achievement of developmental objectives.

Institutions like Gram Panchayats play a pivotal role in actualizing the objective and their effectiveness. Strengthening the affirmative action for accountable and transparent governance to

provide fair access for rights and entitlements and raising the voices of the vulnerable and marginal population is one of the key focus of CSSS in all its operational area.



Major Activities:

- Sensitization cum awareness generation on RTI and PSGA
- Capacity building of PRIs
- Regular meeting of PRI with the community based institutions
- Networking with Panchayats and Block Office and DC office.

Achievement in 2016-17

- Organised 30 meetings in 15 villages in Nagrota area where 1121 persons including the PRI members participated. Issues for deliberations included, increased participation in the Gram Sabha, dissemination of information on the available schemes for the villages and promoting fair selection of beneficiaries.
- 15 Sensitization cum awareness camps on Right to Information and Public Service Guarantee act were conducted with the participation of 630 members in Nagrota area.
- SHG members at Harinagar under Smailpur unit mobilized themselves to get their village road macdemised.
- R.S. Pura unit organized 4 trainings on PRI in which 116 persons including panchayats memebtrs participated.
- 8 awareness programmes were organized in R.S. Pura for the benefit of rural women for their access to government schemes and linkages with institutions
- Majority of the SHG members have opened their bank accounts, as a step towards financial inclusion.
- Provided assistance to 35 persons with disability to obtain disability certificate from the Department of Social Welfare.

Operational areas: R S Pura, Nagrota, Nagri and Dansal.



Disability Issues & Rehabilitation

CSSS has been working in the field of disability from the time of its inception. Since 2002, we became associated with Jan Vikas Samiti, Varanasi which has resulted in extension of support to many special children in and around the Jammu city and in the region through institutional and community-based interventions.

Under its institutional support, St. John's Rehabilitation Centre at Mandal became functional from February 2008. 45 students from the nearby areas get support in education, mentoring and therapies at the centre under the supervision of CMC Sisters, doctors and staff. Under community outreach the staff provides support services to the needy at their location. Through community-based intervention, CSSS supports another 42 students in and around Jammu with therapies, assistive devices, nutrition, livelihood and educational support.

We also sensitize families of the differently challenged persons; empower them to integrate them in the family and in the larger community. We are also involved in formation of parents groups; self help groups, capacity building of parents & local staff, awareness on rights & entitlement related to rights of the people with disability.

Ongoing Activities

- Community service and awareness on care of persons with disability
- Medical camps and facilitation for disability certificate
- Speech and Physiotherapy at institution and home
- Sports and cultural activities

- Indoor/outdoor activities and exposure programs
- Child nutritional support

Achievement in 2016-17

- 2 Awareness Programs for persons with disability and their parents
- 3 Medical camps at St. John's Rehabilitation Centre
- Disability Board Camp at Smailpur, Samba district
- 47 Student are supported in institutional ADL training and therapy.
- Provided tailoring equipment for livelihood .
- 15 students have achieved secondary education
- 5 Students have achieved higher education
- 44 students undergo physiotherapy and speech therapy
- 3 students given assistive Devices
- 7 students participated national Special Olympics Bharat, 2016
- 64 students were given nutrition support

Operational Areas: Jammu City, Bishnah, Mandal, Nagrota



Community Health

CSSS focuses on the maintenance, protection and improvement of the health status of population groups and communities as opposed to the health of individual patients. The community health program for the rural communities is a much-felt need for a country like India with limited resources while the population is growing at devastatingly high rates.

Owing to the factors like illiteracy, low socio economic status, economic vulnerability and prevailing of norms pertaining to the gender discrimination and prejudices the women of the rural community are often at high risk for the maternal and reproductive health based problems.

The prevailing unhygienic condition of the community due to the lack of proper garbage disposal facility, poor sewerage system both at the household level and at the community level, and people's inclination towards self-medication makes the community people more vulnerable to diseases.

Recognizing the need for greater awareness on health and hygiene, CSSS has identified this important component as one of the cross-cutting areas of focus in all our project interventions in the villages. It has two-fold intervention with regard to community health promotion:

Institutional care: It caters to the health needs of the individual/communities through its well-established departments that provide primary level health care and referral services.

Community outreach: It includes health awareness campaigns, medical camps, school health programs and capacitating the health volunteers at the community level.

Major activities

- Medical care through St. Joseph's Community Hospital at Smailpur
- Medical camps at the hospital and project locations
- Immunization program and well-baby clinics
- School health awareness campaigns and dental health check-ups
- Training and awareness in villages on health care and hygiene
- Training of village women are organize them into village health monitoring team.

Achievements in 2016-17:

- Introduced new services such as dental and ophthalmology at the hospital.
- Medical camps at the hospital and project locations benefitted 2010 persons.
- School health awareness and training were organized in Smailpur, Akalpur and Nowshera units through which we reached out to 3305 students of government as well as private schools
- Dental health check up and screening camps organized in the network of school under the Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar Education Society in collaboration with Indira Gandhi Govt. Dental College benefitted more than 5000 students.
- Immunization programme at the hospital catered to 417 children
- 1450 women received training and awareness on health and hygiene
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Operational Areas: Jammu, Smailpur, Mandal, Nowshera, Nagrota

Disaster Risk Reduction

CSSS is committed to respond to any man-made or natural disaster that takes place in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. Since its inception, we have played pivotal role in most of the disaster that happened in the state. We are actively involved in various relief and rehabilitation programs to relieve the pain of the victims of natural and man-made disasters. The agency also designs programmes post disaster to prepare the community to reduce the risk and ready to respond to any kind of future disaster. Currently, we are working in 10 villages of Pulwama district in Kashmir to strengthen the communities and improve their resilience to disasters.

Major Activities:

- Orientations, formations and training of groups for of women, youth, farmers and fishermen.
- Formation and capacity building of village monitoring team
- Capacity building of Asha and I.C.D.S. members
- Exposure visits and capacity building of farmers and fisheries club
- Workshop on entrepreneurship, skill up-gradation and career counseling for youth.
- Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA)
- Preparation of participatory social and resource mapping
- Awareness on Disaster Risk reduction (DRR), Grass root governance, mother and child health care, livelihood schemes
- Community School enhancement Program

Achievements in 2016-17:

- 28 community-based groups consisting of 310 members.
- 10 village monitoring teams are formed and 29 are capacitated to respond to disaster situations.
- 52 Asha and I.C.D.S workers capacitated on disaster mitigation
- 100youths were trained on First Aid and Early Warning System and Search and Rescue under village volunteers DRR team
- 62 members from farmers and fisheries club were capacitated on disaster mitigation practices through exposure visit and 27 farmers were given training on crop development and climate change
- 380 people were given awareness on DRR in –villages
- 650 women and adolescents in 10 villages including children were given awareness on mother and child health and precautionary measures during disaster.
- Nearly 200 youth attended awareness on livelihoods, skill up-gradation were offered career counseling.
- Formed very good linkages with government departments and NGO partners.



Exposure visit to Catholic Charities, Jamshedpur

A team of 17 women from Akalpur unit went on a 3-day exposure visit to Catholic Charities, Jamshedpur from 25th to 31st March 2017. The objective of the trip was to gain insight on the functioning of SHGs and how the women have organised the network of SHGs into a formidable banking system. To this end, the women got opportunity to interact with the board of directors and shareholders of two co-operative banks. It enabled women to understand the procedures and administrative mechanisms related to cooperative banking system. The functioning of the SHGs and the efficient networking among them was a new learning experience for the visitors who are only in the initial stages of formation and strengthening of SHGs in the respective villages.

Aside banking system, the women also got a hands-on experience of various income generation initiatives like making popped rice (*mudi*), running public distribution shops and tailoring centres that enhance the financial stability of the group as well as members. Thus, the visit motivated members to take up new initiatives and to learn the process involved in implementing various economic activities in their area. Women also received inputs towards the government schemes for the holistic development of their community where these women can act as the agents for social change.

Development Dynamics Course (DDC)

Fr Premful and Mr. Altaf were among the 35 participants at the 47th Development Dynamics Course (DDC) conducted by Caritas India for the emerging social workers in the country. The training from 2 – 29 June 2016 was aimed at providing inputs to the development workers on social analysis and prepare them to take to the field as professionals. Based on the core theme of the Catholic Social Teachings, the participants helped to understand the focus of the Church in dealing with the social realities of the world and how we must prepare our response that meet the purpose.

The participants were trained to build their capacities to initiate, promote and sustain empowerment of the poor and oppressed. Modules on Disaster Management, Integrated Natural Resource Management, Rights-based



approaches to development, Peace and conflict resolution and Project Cycle Management touched upon the day-to-day requirements in the field.

For Altaf Lone who is part of the community outreach programme for nearly two years with CSSS, the sessions enhanced his skills of micro social analysis and macro economic analysis that is developed with practical experience.

PEACH – Volunteer training for disaster response

In 2015-16, Caritas India was awarded with EU Aid Volunteer Initiative project (better known as PEACH: European-Asian Partnership for Building Capacities in Humanitarian Action). The overall objective of the project is to strengthen organisational and technical competencies of Caritas organisations and their networks in 6 countries in Asia in order to increase their effectiveness and efficiency in working for community resilience and preventing human, economic or environmental losses during disasters. This will be achieved through a training of trainers' scheme, combining up to date training on strategic, operational and administrative aspects of Humanitarian assistance and volunteer management at regional level, which will be re-echoed at national level.

Taking into consideration the vulnerability of Jammu & Kashmir to disasters, Caritas invited CSSS also to be part of this pilot project. Thus, Fr. Premful and Mr. Altaf Lone attended the first phase of volunteer training at Bettiah, Bihar from 2nd – 6th February 2017. Since main results of the project is to enhance understanding of humanitarian principles and concepts, enhancing the skills in needs assessment at a local level, strengthening of volunteer management and local volunteering in local areas, the 5-day training revolved around providing awareness to the participants on various frameworks to disaster response. Further, they received inputs on various emergency response tools, techniques and themes that capacitate them to respond without fear in any disaster situations.

As a follow up to the volunteer training, Fr Premful attended an orientation for all management heads of societies in Delhi on 19th – 20th April.



IGSSS Evaluation visit to Misereor funded Projects



A two member team from IGSSS, Kashmir, Mr. Yasir Qureshi (Senior Programme Manager) and Mr. Imran Shah (Accounts Officer) undertook mid-term evaluation visit to Nagri and RSPura project areas.

The first day of visit included power point presentation by CSSS project coordinators about the project progress so far and thereafter followed with discussion on project achievements and data management.

On the second day, the team visited R.S.Pura and Mandal there they interacted with 40 group members of women Self Help Groups – Khushi, Satnam, Pragati and Jai Gurdev of Balachak village. The group leaders briefed about the working of their groups and trainings undertaken during the course of the project. Later, they visited Nagri block for field assessment and interacted with SHG, health monitoring team, village development committee and youth groups of Padyari and Kisan Nagar villages.

As a final mode of assessment they had group discussion with the project team of both the projects on project objectives achieved so far, future plan and also about the critical questions raised by MISEREOR on how to include poorest of the poor under our project intervention strategy.

The last session of the visit was with the core team of CSSS on the way forward to promote effective local governance at grassroot level in absence of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs). Mr. Yasir suggested that even

though PRI are not functioning we can go ahead with training and capacitating target population on democratic decentralization & people's participation and promoting accountability of local institutions.

Training Programme on Sustainability of SHGs

Self Help Group is most certainly the core area of focus with respect to our activities and is reflected in the most of the activities of the organization.

Keeping in mind the future endeavours of SHGs we organised 2 days training programme in collaboration with Society for social development in Northern region (SSDNR) on SHGs and its sustainability at Matri Bhawan, Barjani on 5th and 6th July 2016.

Mr.Amit Kumar from ASK organization facilitated the programme and discussed on various stages of federation development and role of a facilitating Organization till it reaches the stage of sustainability. During the programme we had group discussion on stages of SHG formation which helped the participants to learn about critical points involved in building a strong SHG.

During the second day of the programme Aman Kalsotra, the officer from NABARD, Jammu took a session on functioning of NABARD with the SHGs, farmers clubs and Joint liability groups; and their support for making groups sustainable and developing Federations. He also highlighted the limitations of banks and assistance from NABARD.





Steps taken to strengthen SHGs

CSSS is constantly thriving towards organizing women for their holistic development and empowerment of women folk through the formation and strengthening of SHGs is the core area of intervention that is being promoted in all of the operational areas. Social leadership and economic empowerment are the two major components where more input are being provided regularly. Accurate and systematic book keeping is essential component to build the capacity and efficiency of SHGs. Fr. Oscar Periera, sj the promoter of Mahila Shakti Kendra in Assam agreed was contacted to assist us in assessing the existing SHGs and develop MIS based on the need and usage of the local community. Thus through a 5-day trip to CSSS from 11th – 16th September 2016,

Fr. Oscar visited our intervention areas in Nagri and Bishnah. After listening to the members, he surveyed the strengths of the groups through a prescribed format and later helped them review their pattern of functioning. He encouraged them to open bank accounts and maintain books in systematically by adhering to regular update in books and trial balances.

One day was set apart for training of SHG leaders from the units. Through the one-day training all SHG leaders were helped to understand the importance of SHG management and how this could be achieved through leadership and proper record keeping. He called upon the staff to motivate the women to engage in income

generation activities for sustainability. The observations, suggestions and inputs have enabled us to prepare an SHG MIS. As an immediate compliance to it, all the SHGs have started preparing their balance sheet every quarter.

Training on CBR

In persuasion of its mission to reach out to the persons with special needs and to build expertise that can contribute towards mainstreaming of such people in the society, CSSS organized a two-day training cum orientation workshop on community-based rehabilitation at Sevaniketan on 7th and 8th June 2016.

The training facilitated by expert team from Hope Disability Centre, Kashmir imparted knowledge to participants on early identification, prevention, referral, and entitlements/schemes for persons with disabilities. The workshop helped in clarifying several myths on disability and highlighted the importance of emphasizing the abilities of such people rather than focusing on their disabilities.

On the first first day of training, the team focused on clarifying the general understanding of definition and types of disabilities besides stages of life during which one Copied from Jammu Links News person can acquire disability. A special session on rights and entitlements helped participants to understand various programs undertaken by by the government for the care



and welfare of persons with disabilities. On the second day of workshop, the facilitators engaged with the participants in clarifying concepts in Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) and how this approach could help in effectively integrating persons with disabilities into the community. As a result, the team worked out a detailed CBR intervention plan for the project areas of Jammu.

Commenting on the success of the workshop, Fr Shaiju Chacko, the Director of CSSS, which is involved in institutional as well as home-based care of children for more than a decade, expressed hope that the training imparted to the staff will help the organization to work efficaciously towards CBR as a sustainable and successful alternative for providing holistic care to the specially-abled people. The expert team from Hope Disability Centre comprised of Shabir Rather, Asrar and Imran Khan who have extensive experience in outreach activities in several districts of J&K particularly Kupwara, Poonch and Rajouri. The workshop organised in association with Jan Vikas Samiti, Varanasi was well attended by coordinators and staff of CSSS besides staff from Sahara Special School, Trikuta Nagar and St. John's Rehabilitation Centre, Mandal.



Orientation for Animators and Student leaders of Peace Clubs

With view to strengthen the functioning of Peace clubs in schools and capacity building of student leaders and animators to conduct the affairs of the club smoothly, CSSS organized separate workshops for the stakeholders. The workshop at St. Peter's High school, BC Road hinged around the theme: "Peace Education for Self Transformation Leading to Social Change"

Fr. Varghese Kunnath, the resource person for the workshop highlighted about the general misconceptions on diversity, behaviour, patriotism, communal hatred and social conflict. He challenged the participants to step out of comfort zones by exposing themselves to the realities, which pose threat to oneself and all over world and further motivated the students to stand up for truth and create a sense of responsibility among them to bring change in the society through their transformation. The workshop also highlighted on the issues and conflict caused due to false rumours or half-truth.

Fr. Varghese stimulated and highlighted the position of a teacher and their importance to make young leaders set the right goals for better future. The role of the teachers in the conduct of peace club meetings in their schools was also discussed at length during the workshop. The program concluded with teachers and students sharing their views and took vows to change their ideas and to become change makers to build a Peaceful Society.





International Day of Peace

CSSS in association with Caritas India and Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar Education Society celebrated the International Day of Peace at Carmel Convent School, Kunjwani, Jammu. The celebration that had participation from several educational institutions in Jammu district, had Sh. Danesh Rana, IPS, IGP Jammu Zone as the Chief Guest while Mrs. Chandra Gupta, KAS was the Guest of Honour.

Welcoming the dignitaries, guests and students from various institutions, Fr Shaiju Chacko presented a historical overview of the origins of International Day of Peace popularly known as Peace Day celebrated across the world on 21st September. The Day thus, provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. A soulful prayer dance set a prayerful atmosphere to the event which was then followed by pledge for peace by all the dignitaries and participants.

Mrs. Chander Gupta, KAS stressed on the need for peace and value education in schools to build the value base of children. Growing intolerance about which we read and hear daily is a threat to the upbringing of children, which thus calls for resolute efforts by teachers to educate the students about the themes of oneness, brotherhood and solidarity, she remarked. In his inspiring message to the students, Sh. Danesh Rana, IPS; IGP Jammu Zone, appreciated the moral values enthused by Convent schools. On occasion of

International Peace Day he said that merely the absence of war does not ensure peace and peace must spring from within. Sh. Rana laid the emphasis on the need to channelize the energies of the youth for constructive upbringing.

The celebration also coincided with the launch of Maitri Abhiyan under the aegis of CSSS. Elaborating on the project, Fr. Shaiju Chacko stated that the project, supported by Caritas India, is part of a campaign to spread message of peace, oneness, solidarity and harmony in the minds of children and thus create a culture of peace. Peace clubs consisting of 30-35 students form the core of this campaign wherein students receive training and mentoring in life skills and leadership skills aimed at improving their understanding of cultural differences and to help them develop trusting relationship and begin friendship across or beyond their ethnicity.

The function witnessed colorful programs including dances, skit and speeches aimed at drawing awareness of our inner value and how we need to adapt to diversity around us. Besides Carmel Convent School, other participating institutions included Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu, St. John's Rehabilitation Centre, Mandal, Holy Cross Convent School, R.S. Pura, St. Peter's High School, B.C. Road Jammu. St. Joseph's School, Arnia, Christ School, Poonch and Nirmala School, Kaleeth.



Women's Day

Like every year, this year too CSSS geared up for the celebration of International Women's day on 8th March, but with a difference! Unlike the previous years, this year we decided to celebrate the big event in all the units with a three-fold objectives; a) to spread the message of this event more powerfully in villages and sensitize people on gender rights, b) to involve local leaders, politicians and social workers to speak for the women and c) for increased visibility of our work in the units.

Nowshera, 8th March: Nowshera unit in Rajouri district was the first to celebrate the event. And they did so in association with the legal cell at Nowshera by organizing a massive rally of women who raised their voice against gender discrimination and female infanticide. The rally coordinated by Sr. Ann Joe CMC and her team concluded with celebrations at Dak Bungalow where women entrepreneurs and SHG leaders were felicitated for their contributions towards the society. Mrs. Sandeep Kour, the Sub-Judge and Mr. Harbans Lal Singh, SDM; Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively helped women become aware of the legal services which are strictly dedicated towards women's protection and security. Other guests included Mr. Deshraj, DDM – NABARD; Bank managers, doctors and social workers.

Dansal, 9th March: Women's health and access to entitlements were the main focus of the celebrations at Dansal where Dr. Shamim, BMO was the Chief Guest of the function. A skit performed by the women highlighted the social realities faced by the women in rural households. It called upon men to create safe spaces for women to grow to full potential. Mr. Angres Singh, the sarpanch applauded the efforts of Sr. Archana in organizing the women in several groups and for giving them training and handholding to help them

become financially independent. Dr Shamim gave away certificates to the trainees of Cutting and Tailoring training conducted in the center for six months.

Akalpur, 15th March: The celebration of International Women's Day was themed on "health and legal rights of women" in which 300 women participated from different villages of Akalpur. The programme started with awareness talks on health and legal rights by followed by a well-acted Nukad nataak (street play) that highlighted the social evils in rural communities especially on dowry system and preference for boys over girls. Awareness songs and dances by animators, children and women brought much cheer to the celebrations. Dr. Geeta Kotwal urges the women to take good care of their needs and give priority to hygiene. Mr. Vikash Choudhary, General Secretary of BJP Youth Wing who was the Chief Guest of the day appreciated the efforts taken by CSSS and Sr. Jessy for helping the women socially and economically empowered through the formation of SHGs, skill training and awareness programs. He congratulated the women who were completing their 6-month training in cutting and tailoring. The event was also an occasion for CSSS to honour 5 women leaders for their leadership in SHGs. The program concluded with distribution of 250 saplings of mango and guava to the guests and participants.

Smailpur, 20th March: The programme began with a massive rally themed on "Gender discrimination" of more than 300 women which started from Kala gate and culminated at Matri Bhawan followed by the cultural function. At this occasion Shri Surjit Singh Slathia, (Ex minister for industries and commerce) was the chief guest and Ms. Saba Shawl (S.P Prison) was the guest of honour. The program began with welcome note by Sr. Ruby and trailed by speeches on gender

equality, women empowerment and domestic violence. While speaking on the occasion Mr. Slathia acknowledged the interventions of CSSS that has brought remarkable positive transformations in the target villages of smailpur unit. Ms. Saba Shawl stressed the need for every woman to assert herself to be heard in this male dominated society. Women entrepreneurs from Smailpur unit also exhibited their self made products like pickles, jam and chutney and sold them during the celebration.



Nagri, 6th April: The International Women's Day was observed as 'Annual Consultation on financial inclusion' in which more than 400 women participated from 35 SHGs and women's groups in Nagri. Fr. Soosai Rajan, the Principal, staff and students supported in organizing the event, which was held at Holy Family Convent School. Cultural programs by women's groups and students of the school were all themed on – 'Be bold for change' to step up the actions for a more gender-neutral world and with the aim to appraise, embolden and promote participation of women in the society.

Applauding the efforts of CSSS in taking up issues of women, Ms. Suninder Kour, KAS BDO, Nagri, highlighted the need for strengthening of these groups to take benefit of government schemes. Mr. Satyam Kumar, Manager, Andhra Bank spoke in detail about ways to avail various schemes and how banks can help the groups finance their income generation initiatives.



Bishop Lumen Monteiro and Caritas Team visit Jammu

Rt. Rev. Lumen Monteiro, Chairman, Caritas India, New Delhi along with Fr. Paul Moonjely and Ms. Kindam Singh undertook a two-day tour of Bishnah and Nagrota projects supported by the agency. This visit was aimed at gathering information about beneficiaries' perception of partners' activities as well as to assess the quality and impact of projects supported by the funding agency in the region.

The team first visited Bishnah where CSSS is involved in programs to facilitate livelihoods of people, particularly women through Self-Help Groups (SHG) and Farmers' Clubs. A vibrant gathering of more than 300 women and men warmly welcomed the visitors and enumerated their stories of self-reliance and economic independence through various income generation programs and organic farming. Several women from the villages narrated the success stories of their association within their communities and how it helped them set up small businesses in their locality which not only helps in productive engagement but also caters to the immediate financial needs of the family.

Speaking on the occasion, Bishop Lumen congratulated the women for their courage to organize themselves in groups in order to build communities that care for each other. "Presence of so many women from different SHGs as well as Federations in the gathering and their success stories of ventures, however small, is a testimony to the power of grass-root mobilization and strengthening of community groups", the Bishop said. Citing success stories of women's group in Kerala, Fr Paul Moonjely, emphasized the need for women to get together and assert themselves to carve a respectable space within the male-dominated society. Ms. Kindam Singh, Manager of North Zone reminded the women that they can make a drastic impact in the society for a positive change.

At Nagrota, the team visited a centre for Beauty Culture, which trains around 40 women to acquire skills for livelihood as well as entrepreneurship. All the candidates at the centre have been enrolled with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), which will further help them in gaining a diploma. Later, the team visited Jari village near Jagti to gain first-hand update on projects undertaken by CSSS through the support of Manos Unidas. Men, women and youth gathered in the village highlighted their issues about lack of basic amenities such as roads, transportation, water, schooling, health care etc. They, appreciated the relentless efforts of CSSS and their animators to reach out in their need through skill training in tailoring, youth clubs, SHGs, medical camps, networking with government to avail rights and entitlements.

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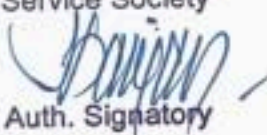
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2017

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Accumulated Fund</u>			<u>Loans & Advances</u>		
Opening Balance	59,74,431.68		Intt. Accured On FDR		5,33,194.00
Add : Surplus	<u>2,85,349.60</u>	62,59,781.28	<u>Cash & Bank Balances</u>		
			Cash at Different Units	1,29,494.91	
			Vijaya Bank A/c - 308	35,09,384.37	
			FDR's	<u>20,87,708.00</u>	57,26,587.28
TOTAL		62,59,781.28	TOTAL		62,59,781.28

We have verified the above Balance Sheet as on 31/03/2017 and the annexed Income & Expenditure and Receipts & Payments Account as on 31/03/2017 with the Books of Accounts, Bank Statements, Vouchers and other information Produced to us for verification.

Place-Jammu
Dated 16.10.2017

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For R C Gupta & Co.,
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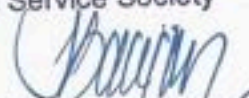

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY, JAMMU, J&K (FOREIGN SOURCE)
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2017

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Opening Balance:-			Inclusive Development for		
Cash at Different Units	2,53,333.31		Children & youngsters with disabilities	6,82,254.00	
			Promotion of Family Income in 15 villages	3,47,518.00	
Vijaya Bank A/c-308	32,41,395.37		Cross Border Peace Building among the young		
			citizen of India & Pakistan	1,45,729.00	
			Self Reliance Bulding & Entrepreneurship		
F.D.R	20,87,708.00	55,82,436.68	Development through Vocational Training		
			among 40 girls	1,00,806.00	
			Strengthening Grassroot Governance &		
			Empowering 15 Villages	5,33,473.00	
Grant Received		96,62,135.00	Promotion of Sustainable Livelihood , Rights &		
			Entitlement in 20 Villages	5,88,713.54	
Interest Income:			Promotion of Self Help Group & Economic		
Saving A/c-308	1,38,820.00		Development in 14 Villages	8,43,784.39	
FDR	1,41,199.00	2,80,019.00	Promotion of Health Standards & Health		
			Networking system in 14 Villages	3,53,965.63	
			St. John's Rehabilitation Centre Mandal	1,50,162.00	
			Strengthening Self Help Groups through income		
			generation activities	1,25,002.00	
			Women Empowerment through inclusive		
			development in 20 villages	4,09,686.00	
			Women Empowerment through right based		
			approach in 10 villages	3,97,281.92	
			Refund to Caritas (Peace / Aman Jyoti)	29,000.00	47,07,375.48
			<u>Administrative Charges</u>		
			Audit Fees	83,694.00	
			Printing & Stationery	51,039.00	
			Bank Charges	2,009.00	
			Salary	42,53,307.00	
			Postage & Telecommunication	30,648.00	
			Travelling & Conveyance	5,28,731.92	49,49,428.92
			Interest Accured On F.D.R		1,41,199.00
			<u>Cash & Bank Balances</u>		
			Cash at Different Units	1,29,494.91	
			Vijay Bank A/c 308	35,09,384.37	
			FDR	20,87,708.00	57,26,587.28
TOTAL	1,55,24,590.68	TOTAL			1,55,24,590.68

Place: - Jammu
Dated:-16-10-2017

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For R C Gupta & Co.,
Chartered Accountants,


(PARDEEP RAINA)
Partner

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY, JAMMU, J&K (FOREIGN SOURCE)
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2017


<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Inclusive Development for				
Children & youngsters with disabilities	6,82,254.00	Grant Received		96,62,135.00
Promotion of Family Income in 15 villages	3,47,518.00			
Cross Border Peace Building among the young citizen of India & Pakistan	1,45,729.00	<u>Interest Income</u>		
Self Reliance Bulding & Entrepreneurship Development through Vocational Training among 40 girls	1,00,806.00	Saving A/c-308	1,38,820.80	
Strengthening Grassroot Governance & Empowering 15 Villages	5,33,473.00	FDR	1,41,199.00	2,80,019.00
Promotion of Sustainable Livelihood , Rights & Entitlement in 20 Villages	5,88,713.54			
Promotion of Self Help Group & Economic Development in 14 Villages	8,43,784.39			
Promotion of Health Standards & Health Networking system in 14 Villages	3,53,965.63			
St. John's Rehabilitation Centre Mandal	1,50,162.00			
Strengthening Self Help Groups through income generation activities	1,25,002.00			
Women Empowerment through inclusive development in 20 villages	4,09,686.00			
Women Empowerment through right based approach in 10 villages	3,97,281.92			
Refund to Caritas (Peace / Aman Jyoti)	29,000.00	47,07,375.48		
<u>Administrative Charges</u>				
Audit Fees	83,694.00			
Printing & Stationery	51,039.00			
Bank Charges	2,009.00			
Salary	42,53,307.00			
Postage & Telecommunication	30,648.00			
Travelling & Conveyance	5,28,731.92	49,49,428.92		
Surplus		2,85,349.60		
TOTAL		99,42,154.00	TOTAL	99,42,154.00

Place-Jammu
Dated 16.10.2017

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For R C Gupta & Co.,
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CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (INDIAN SOURCE)
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31-03-2017

<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Accumulated Fund</u>			<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Opening Balance:-	1,71,70,216.13		As Per Schedule		41,87,647.00 ✓
Less Deficit	<u>10,33,509.68</u>	1,61,36,706.45	<u>Current Assets Loans & Advances</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			Intt. Accured On FDRs		2,15,943.00 ✓
Kashmir Base Line Projects		35,000.00	Programme Advance for Kashmir Shirkat Project		9,334.00 ✓
			<u>Cash & Bank Balances</u>		
			Cash in Hand	18,167.50 ✓	
			Vijay Bank -4893	31,56,496.95 ✓	
			Vijay Bank -5175	2,508.00 ✓	
			Vijay Bank-5313	5,85,671.00 ✓	
			SBI Pulwama	21,765.00 ✓	
			FDRs	<u>79,74,174.00</u> ✓	1,17,58,782.45
TOTAL		<u>1,61,71,706.45</u>	TOTAL		<u>1,61,71,706.45</u>

We have verified the above Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2017 and its annexed Income & Expenditure and Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31-03-2017 with the Books of Accounts, Vouchers, FDRs & Bank Statements produced to us for Verification.

Place-Jammu
Dated: - 23-09-2017

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