

**KERALA SOCIAL
SERVICE FORUM**



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"If an infant or the weak is safe, there Christ is served" : Pope Francis.



"Peace be with you all" : Pope Leo XIV



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WAVES

Wayanad and Vilangad Establishments and Supports



**Catholic Church is with Wayanad and
Vilangad landslide victims**

KERALA SOCIAL SERVICE FORUM (KSSF)

The Kerala Social Service Forum (KSSF), the state-level platform of Social Service Societies of the Catholic Dioceses in Kerala, is recognized as the official body of the Regional Church for promoting, facilitating, and coordinating the social actions of the Diocesan Social Service Societies [DSSS], under the Commission for Justice, Peace, and Development [JPD]. The Chairman of the JPD Commission, KCBC, is regulating the affairs of the organization and the Secretary, appointed by KCBC, is the Chief Executive functionary. The General Body of the Forum is constituted of the Diocesan Directors for Social Action from all the 32 Catholic Dioceses in Kerala as ex-officio members and one lay representative from each of the dioceses as nominated members. This Forum builds the perspectives and sets the horizons of thematic areas for the network's member organizations and evolves the strategies for responding to the emerging socio-economic issues in the state.

VISION

Growing into a vibrant resource centre of excellence for the establishment of a just society.

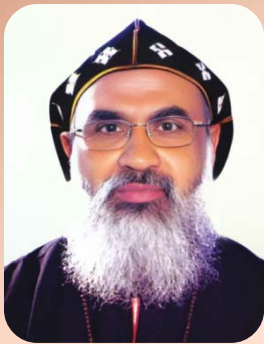
MISSION

Capacitating partner organizations through animation, training, knowledge dissemination, consultancy, networking, advocacy, lobbying and research

THRUST AREAS OF INTERVENTION

- Sustainable Agriculture
- Natural Resource Management
- Empowerment of Women & Children
- Good Governance
- Livelihood & Micro Finance
- People-Centered Health
- Fisheries Development
- Dalits & Tribal Development
- Education

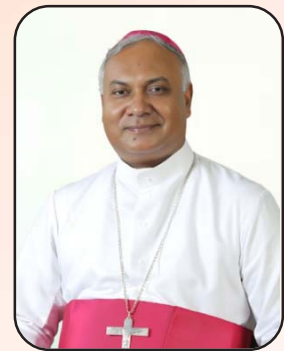
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“Those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.”(1 Corinthians 12:22)

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I reflect on the journey we have taken together over the past year. In the midst of hardships and uncertainties, we have witnessed how love, service, and unity can become powerful instruments of hope.

As the Social Apostolate of the Catholic Church in Kerala, we are called not only to respond to crises but to stand as signs of God's presence among His people. Through your dedication and untiring service, we have

been able to uplift lives, restore dignity, and rebuild communities. I sincerely thank every Diocesan Social Service Society, every volunteer, and every partner who has walked this path with us.

This year, inspired by the Lenten Campaign theme “Journey of Hope: Share to Serve” we have deepened our focus on supporting over 10,000 persons with disabilities and members of poor and marginalized communities in association with Caritas India. This campaign calls us not merely to give, but to walk in solidarity with the suffering, sharing our hearts and hands with those pushed to the margins. In doing so, we reflect the very love of Christ - a love that includes, uplifts, and transforms.

Building on the foundation of past initiatives like Asha Kiranam, which provided compassionate life care for the chronically ill, and the Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign, which has empowered youth and communities to combat substance abuse, we continue to respond to the evolving needs of our society with courage and compassion.

The WAVES project, implemented in the aftermath of the devastating landslides in Wayanad and Kozhikode districts, stands as a testament to this enduring mission. Through the WAVES initiative, we were able to bring not just immediate relief but long-term rehabilitation and empowerment to the most affected families - rekindling hope in places of loss, and rebuilding lives with dignity and purpose.

Let us continue to promote justice, protect creation, support our farmers, combat addiction, and champion the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities through our united efforts.

I invite all of you to remain committed to this journey - a journey of transformative love and compassionate service. May our Forum remain a vibrant sign of Christian witness in society, ever responsive, ever hopeful.

With prayers and blessings,

Mar Jose Pulickal

Chairman, JPD Commission, KCBC



From the Director's Desk...



As we conclude another impactful year of service, I am filled with deep gratitude and humility in presenting the Kerala Social Service Forum's Annual Report for 2024–2025. Amidst challenges and shifting landscapes, our commitment to upholding human dignity, social justice, and compassionate service has remained unwavering.

This year, we were especially moved by the suffering caused by natural calamities in the Wayanad–Vilangad region. The landslides and destruction brought immense loss to hundreds of families, leaving them displaced and vulnerable. In response, our Forum, KCBC, in close collaboration with the Diocesan Social Service Societies, took swift and sustained action to initiate rehabilitation and housing projects for the affected communities. These efforts reflect our shared mission to restore not just homes, but hope, dignity, and belonging to those most in need.

Our initiatives went beyond physical reconstruction. Through psycho-social support, livelihood restoration, and education access for children, we sought to rebuild lives with compassion and resilience. The stories of courage and cooperation from these communities are reminders that, even amid devastation, the human spirit—when guided by faith and solidarity—can rise and flourish.

As we continued our work in areas like drug abuse prevention, climate resilience, sustainable agriculture, and child protection, we also deepened our safeguarding efforts. Inspired by Proverbs 18:10 — “The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe” — our commitment to ensuring safety for all, especially children and vulnerable adults, remains at the heart of our mission. The support of Caritas India through the SAFE Propagation and KSP mainstreaming program has greatly helped us to build stronger structures of accountability, care, and protection within our diocesan networks.

Jesus taught us: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14). These words continue to guide our actions, urging us to create safe spaces where all people—especially the weak, marginalized, and displaced—can find not only shelter but dignity and love.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our Chairman Bishops, the dedicated DSSS family, and every partner who has walked with us. May we continue to be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing healing, justice, and hope to all corners of our land.

With sincere gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Jacob Mavunkal

(Executive Director, JPD Commission, KCBC)

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HUMAN & INSTITUTION BUILDING

01 Regional Forum Accompaniment Programme for mainstreaming the Regional Strategy Plan (RSP) and Key Strategy Pillars (KSP) 22nd and 23rd June 2024 in KROSS Bangalore

Caritas India and CRS jointly organized a two-day learning workshop on mainstreaming strategic plans and safeguarding from June 22 to 23, 2024, at KROSS, Bengaluru. In this phase the Regional Forum Accompaniment Program focused on institutional strengthening, streamlining the Regional Strategic Plan, integrating Caritas India's Key Strategic Priorities (KSPs), and reinforcing safeguarding measures. Accountability check exercises were conducted across all 13 Regional Fora, assessing key achievements and formulating action plans to meet the targets for FY 2023. The workshop aimed to provide guidance, ensure accountability, and enhance strategic planning at the regional level while setting objectives for the next phase. In his opening remarks, Fr. (Dr.) Jolly Puthenpura, Director-in-Charge of Caritas India, emphasized the significance of maintaining strong relationships among the three church tiers Caritas India, Regional Fora, and Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSS) in fostering social spirituality. He highlighted the collective efforts of Caritas India and CRS in promoting the Regional Strategic Plan (RSP) and safeguarding as fundamental priorities, contributing to the creation of a safe and inclusive society. He further underscored the responsibility of Regional Fora to serve as effective agents of change, improve quality of life, and remain accountable in aligning with the workshop's objectives to review progress, reassess the RSP, and refine strategic plans and safeguarding standards at both the forum and DSSS levels.



02 Two days' workshop on Volunteering engagement and management for strategic planning implementation dated 14th & 15th November 2024 in Agra, UP

A two-day workshop was held in Agra from November 14–15, 2024, to emphasize the importance of strategic planning and introduce Corporate Strategic Plan frameworks, safeguarding measures, progress and challenges at the DSSS, and best practices in volunteer engagement. Caritas India, in collaboration



with CRS, has been actively engaging with 13 Regional Fora through the Regional Fora Accompaniment Program, which focuses on mainstreaming strategic planning and safeguarding at both the Forum and Diocesan levels. Fr. Anil Crasta, Assistant Executive Director of Caritas India, contextualized the workshop by addressing the challenges faced by church organizations, underscoring Caritas India's commitment to strategic planning and the nationwide rollout of safeguarding initiatives in partnership with dioceses. He expressed optimism that, over the next five years, Caritas India will prioritize resource

mobilization to financially support and strengthen its partner. Mr. Anand K, Head of Partnerships and Strategic Relations at CRS, reaffirmed CRS's commitment to developing local leadership and enhancing the capacity of Regional Forums and partner dioceses in India. He highlighted CRS's strategic shift towards concentrated support for selected dioceses, with key focus areas including Safeguarding Policy, Fundraising, Volunteerism, and the Empowering Asia initiative.

03 Growing Resilience: Inside the Workshop Shaping Climate-Smart Farming

From March 5–7, 2025, Caritas India, in collaboration with the Karnataka Regional Organisation for Social Service (KROSS), organized a three-day workshop in Bengaluru on Climate-Resilient Farming Systems. A total of 27 participants from Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Assam, and Arunachal Pradesh engaged in intensive sessions led by experts, including Dr. Haridas V.R., Team Lead – Climate Desk, and Mr. Prabal Sen, Technical Lead, Caritas India. The workshop addressed the challenges posed by climate change on agriculture, equipping grassroots leaders with practical strategies to enhance resilience and sustainability in farming. Fr. Antony Raj SJ emphasized the critical role of local communities in adopting climate-resilient agricultural practices. Through expert-led discussions, real-life case studies, and collaborative group work, participants gained valuable insights and developed concrete action plans for implementation within their respective communities. This initiative reinforced Caritas India's commitment to fostering sustainable agricultural practices in response to climate challenges..



04 Challenging the Norm: Empowering Volunteers as Catalysts for Social Change

Caritas India, with the support of CRS, organized a three-day residential Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop from March 19 to 21, 2025, in New Delhi to enhance the capacity of Caritas India and its partner organizations in volunteer management and mobilization. This initiative aimed to extend beyond conventional volunteering by equipping participants with the necessary skills and strategies to leverage volunteerism as a catalyst for social change and sustainable development. The workshop covered key thematic areas, including humanitarian aid, disaster risk reduction (DRR), climate change, disability inclusion, resource mobilization, leadership development, and safeguarding. Through interactive sessions, expert insights, and group exercises, participants were empowered to redefine the role of volunteers in fostering community transformation.



05 Unlocking Project Design Techniques for Development Professionals



The four-day intensive training, held from February 12-15, 2025, at Janvikas Society in Indore, brought together 24 participants across India. The workshop aimed to equip these professionals with strategic tools and methodologies for effective project formulation,

implementation, and evaluation in the social sector. Participants delved into crucial aspects of project management, including Project Cycle Management (PCM), Result-Based Management (RBM), Problem Tree Analysis (PTA), and the Logical Framework Matrix (LFA).

06 Lenten Campaign and 'Chetana' Disability Campaign 2025 @ State Level

The State-Level Launch of the Lenten Campaign and 'Chetana' Disability Campaign 2025, themed "Journey of Hope: Share to serve" took place on 30th March 2025 at Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Cathedral, Alleppey. The Lenten Campaign began with the celebration of the Holy Mass, by Rt. Rev. Dr. James Raphael Anaparambil, Bishop of Alleppey, at Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Cathedral at 7:00 AM. The Mass began with a solemn procession led by parish members, ADC & SWS staff, starting from the church entrance. During his homely, Bishop highlighted the unwavering services and efforts put forth by the Catholic Church for the upliftment of the persons with disability is remarkable. The official launch of the Lenten Campaign and Chetana Disability Campaign was done by the Bishop by unveiling the posters and marked by the facilitation of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from the parish at the end of the mass. Bishop received the Lenten contribution from the Cathedral Vicar Fr. Francis Kodyanad and Fr. Samson Anjiliparampil, Executive Director, ADC & SW Society. This yearlong initiative aims to reach 10,000 individuals, including Persons with Disabilities, economically disadvantaged communities, and survivors of humanitarian crises.



Lenten Campaign and 'Chetana' Disability Campaign 2025 @ DSSS Level



@PSSP Palakkad



@KSSF Kottayam



@WSSS Mananthavady



@CHASS Changanacherry



@KAIROS Kannur



@PSSS Punalur



@PSWS Palai



@HDS Idukki



@SAFI Irinjalakuda



@KSHEMA Parassala



@MSSS Trivandrum



@KSSS Kothamangalam



@TSSS Tellicherry



@QSSS Kollam



@CSSS Cochin



@Chethana Mavelikkara



@Bodhana Thiruvalla

07 Regional Fora Accompaniment Programme for mainstreaming Strategic plan and Safeguarding roll out at DSSS level

07.1 Orientation on Safeguarding Assessment and DSP Framework

Orientation on the Safeguarding Assessment Sheet, Standard 1 Safeguarding Policy, and introduction to Diocesan Strategic Plan

Framework was conducted on May 15th and 16th at AMOS Centre, Kottayam. The two-day session commenced with a prayer, Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Director, KSSF, in his welcome address highlighted the

need for a robust safeguarding policy and strategic plan for the effective functioning of DSSS. KSSF Safeguarding Officer, Mr. Tony Sunny, led the sessions, ensuring active participation and fruitful discussions. Directors and members from 28 DSSSs attended the orientation.



07.2 Governing Board meeting for Safeguarding Standard 1 Approval

The Governing Board meeting for the approval of KSSF Safeguarding Standard 1 was held on 5th April 2024. The session began with a prayer and welcome address by Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Director, KSSF. Mr. Tony Sunny, Safeguarding Officer, presented an overview of Safeguarding Policy Standard 1, highlighting its significance in ensuring the protection of children and vulnerable adults within organizational operations. The draft standard was thoroughly reviewed, followed by active discussions and constructive suggestions from board members. After careful deliberation and clarification, the Board unanimously approved the standard. Emphasis was placed on timely implementation, capacity building at all levels, and progressing with remaining standards. The meeting concluded with appreciation for the committee's efforts and a shared commitment to safeguarding excellence.



07.3 Orientation on FCRM

The Feedback, Complaints, and Response Mechanism (FCRM) orientation for the director was done by the Safeguarding Officer on 28th November 2024. The FCRM at KSSF is a multifaceted system designed to effectively receive, manage, and respond to various forms of feedback, including safeguarding concerns. This mechanism plays a critical role in enhancing program quality by facilitating timely learning and ensuring that insights from feedback are integrated into decision-making processes. Furthermore, it is essential for



safeguarding program participants, as it allows for prompt responses to any allegations, thereby minimizing the risk of harm.

08 VOLUNESIA - The Power of Collective Action- #IF EVERYONE DID

08.1 Workshop Equips to Amplify Social Impact through Volunteer Engagement Strategies

Volunteer engagement has come a long way for Caritas India and its partners in the past. There has been a constant effort from Caritas India to promote and integrate volunteerism in the community and organisations. In this regard, a workshop on Volunteer Engagement and Management was held on January 20-21, 2025, at Shreyas, Bathery, Kerala. The two-day event brought together key representatives from seven partner organisations from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. The workshop aimed to equip partners with practical knowledge and strategies for effective volunteer engagement and resource mobilization.



08.2 Volunteers Day Observation

KSSF Organized Volunteers day in connection with Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign In different DSSS, there were many youth, mothers, children participated in the programmes. We could gather many stakeholders in the meetings. The volunteers can do many things against drug abuse in all over Kerala

Shreyas Bathery

Shreyas Bathery organized volunteers day with the participation Sajeevam task force. Under the leadership of Caritas India and KSSF. The programme was inaugurated by Bishop Dr. Joseph Mar Thomas presiding over the function. Sultan Bathery MLA IC Balakrishnan Inaugurated the Meeting. Mar Baselios College of Education Colleges B.Ed. students conducted flash mob in connection with Sajeevam anti-drug campaign.



Chethana Mavelikkara

On December 20th, the closure of the first phase of the Sajeevam Anti-Drug Program, along with the Christmas Celebration, was held at Chethana, Kayamkulam. The event was organized and hosted by the RJs of Chethana FM. The program commenced with a rally aimed at raise awareness about the volunteer engagement and anti-drug campaign. Students from St. Mary's GHSS and St. Mary Bethany Public School, along with Sajeevam volunteers and community organizers, participated in the rally. Banners, display boards, and floats were highlighted to emphasize the message of the anti-drug campaign.



Jeevana Calicut

The Volunteers' Day celebration, as part of the Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign, took place at the Calicut Kolping Center on December 16th, 2024. The event witnessed the participation of approximately 48 members, who came together to commemorate the occasion and also celebrate Christmas. Fr. Alfred V.C., the director of CDSSS Jeevana, extended his Christmas wishes to all the volunteers present.

ESSS Verapoly

ESSS Verapoly organized volunteer's day with the participation of Sajeevam task force. Sajeevam state coordinator Mr. Sajo Joy took class about volunteerism. There we Christmas celebration in ESSS. KLM beneficiaries also participated in the class.



9. Sajeevam-Anti Drug Campaign, Kerala

9.1 Task Force training-DSSS level

The team Sajeevam encourages the campaign officers to form more task force in DSSS level and Parish level. It is happy to notice that most of the DSSS started and formed task force. The officers understood the importance of task force formation. On behalf of Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign Kerala, State level monitoring and evaluation could be done in DSSS level task force training at 32 DSSS Sajeevam State Coordinator Mr. Saajo Joy represented KSSF in the visits and led the sessions. A guidelines and implementation plans could give in these sessions



9.2 Half yearly Review meeting

On 20th June 2024, a state level review meeting was held at AMOS Centre, Kottayam to analyse the activities done half yearly (September 2023 onwards), its effectiveness, drawbacks, challenges and to plan for the next quarter. The meeting was started with a silent prayer and Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Director of KSSF welcomed the gathering. He also stated the activities coordinated by Kerala Social Service Forum in the past six months and shared gratitude to all hands behind the success of the campaign. It made a clear understanding about the coordination activities put forward by Kerala Social Service Forum in the networking of 32 DSSS, different KCBC commissions and other agencies. Fr. Dr. Jolly Puthenpura, Executive Director of Caritas India delivered the Key Note Address First of all he congratulated the 32 diocesan social service societies for organizing many important programs. He pointed out that Sajeevam is a model programme for all regional forums. He suggested that evaluate the impact of the campaign in future is very important.



9.3 Sajeevam Second Phase

9.3 Planning meeting of the Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign Kerala, Phase II



On December 10th, 2024, a state-level planning meeting for the second phase of the Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign was held at Amos Centre Adichira. The meeting began with a prayer. Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Director of KSSF, delivered the keynote address. He congratulated the five diocesan social service societies (DSSS) for organizing several significant programs and emphasized the

importance of the campaign. He stressed the need to continue the campaign into its second phase, noting the rising number of drug-related cases in various areas of Kerala. Mr. Abeesh Antony, State Program Officer of Caritas India, provided an overview of the activities conducted during the first phase of Sajeevam. He highlighted special programs and those that gained popularity, as well as major initiatives at the DSSS level.

9.4 At DSSS Level Planning Meetings

As part of the Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign, Kerala Phase 2, KSSF conducted meetings at four selected DSSS: SMSSS Sultanpet, PSSS Punalur, KSSS Kothamangalam, and Kshema Parassala. Mr. Sajo Joy, the Sajeevam State Coordinator, represented KSSF during the visits and organized planning meetings with the directors and coordinators of each DSSS. A guide on drug prevention was provided to these DSSS as a resource for training purposes.



9.5 Two-day training program on Volunteer Engagement and Management organized by Caritas India

Caritas India organized two-day training on Volunteer Engagement and Management at Shreyas Bathery on January 20–21, 2025, with participation from five partner organizations. Led by Fr. Anil Crasta, Dr. V.R. Haridas, and Mr. Abeesh Antony, the sessions covered effective volunteer mobilization, in-kind donations, pro bono involvement, and strategies for sustainability and retention. Dr. Haridas emphasized the importance of safeguarding policies and collective responsibility, highlighting protection measures and the use of safeguarding requirement forms for safer volunteer engagement.



9.6 Early Intervention Counselling Training – First session –Malabar Cluster

As part of the second phase of the Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign in Kerala, early intervention counselling training was conducted across five regions to address rising drug abuse. The first session, held at SMSSS, Sultanpet Diocese, involved 10 partner organizations. The program included an inaugural ceremony and insightful sessions led by experts like Ms. Silpa, Counselling Psychologist, who discussed the psychological effects of addiction, and Mr. Abeesh Antony, who highlighted volunteerism. Strategies for implementing diocesan counselling services were shared by Mr. Sajo Joy, and Mr. Manoj Kumar, Sub-Inspector of Police, spoke on root causes and trends. A participant shared that the training helped her gain valuable insights, especially as a mother, enhancing her awareness and ability to identify cases in the community.



Early Intervention Counselling Training – Second Session –Trivandrum Cluster



As part of the second phase of the Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign in Kerala, an early intervention counselling training was held at MSSS Trivandrum Diocese with support from four partner organizations, KHEMA Parassala, MSSS Trivandrum, TSSS Trivandrum, and NIDS Neyattinkara. The session was inaugurated by Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Director, KSSF, and featured a special address by H.E. Most

Rev. Mathews Mar Polycarpus. Key sessions were led by Mr. Ajith, Excise Officer, and Mr. Bristine C. Baby, Director of Horeb Foundation, focusing on root causes, early intervention, and real-life case studies. Fr. George Vettikattil and Mr. Sajo Joy highlighted the role of volunteerism and practical counselling strategies. A participant noted that the training was insightful, helping her become more attentive as a mother and better equipped to identify addiction cases in her community.

Early Intervention Counselling Training – Third Session –Ernakulam Cluster

As part of the second phase of the Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign in Kerala, the third early intervention counselling training session was held at Nestt Pastoral Centre, Muvattupuzha, organized by KSSS Kothamangalam in collaboration with Caritas India, KSSF, and five partner organizations, WSE Ernakulam, ESSS Verapoly, CSSS Cochin, KIDS Kottappuram, and Samruthi Muvattupuzha. The event began with an inaugural session featuring addresses by Fr. George Pottackal, Msgr. Pius Malekandathil, and Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, who emphasized the importance of counselling in anti-drug efforts. Key sessions were led by Mr. Siji Varghese, Excise Inspector, and Dr. Sr. Lince Maria FCC, highlighting real-life cases, root causes of addiction, and early intervention strategies. Mr. Sajo Joy conducted a practical session on implementing counselling techniques, empowering participants to take proactive steps in their communities.



NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

10. Workshop on Integral Ecology

Creating Carbon Neutral Parishes, Dioceses and Institutions: In response to this urgent call for action, the KCBC, Justice Peace and Development Commission in collaboration with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), Office for Environment and Climate Change, organized a two-day workshop titled "Integral Ecology: Caring for Our Common Home" on April 3rd and 4th 2024, at POC, Palarivattom. This workshop provided a platform for stakeholders to gather, discuss, and develop strategic approaches to environmental stewardship and sustainability. The key outcome of the workshop was the formulation of comprehensive guidelines for implementing Net Zero initiatives across the dioceses in Kerala. 2024 June KCBC decided to observe 'Harita Varsham' in Kerala Church, implementing green initiatives at Dioceses, parishes, institutions, and household levels



This workshop emphasized on:

1. Creating net zero / carbon neutral parishes, dioceses, and institutions - in alignment with the Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP).
2. How is Kerala being impacted by Climate Change?
3. How Kerala Church can invite the Government to act on safeguarding the environment and protecting human beings?
4. How can the Church with other religions and civil society organizations work together to care for our common home?
5. Practical and ready-to-serve solutions for lessening emissions - concentrating on water management, waste management, and green energy.

10.2 JPD Commission, KCBC Post Disaster Mitigation Committee Team visit at Wayanad and Vilangad



10.3 Meeting with the government representatives



10.4 Coordination Meeting with the Bishop & Parish Members





KCBC President His Beatitude Basileos Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, Bishops and KCBC Team visited at St. Sebastan Church and prayed for the departed souls during the Wayand landslide. Bishops spoke to Mr. Joshy whose parents are missing.



KCBC JPD COMMISSION President Bishop Jose Pulical Visited Vilangadu Landslide area and said that Kerala Catholic Church is with the affected people and will support them in rehabilitation and livelihood.



KCBC Women's Commission Chairman Bishop Peter Kochupurackal handed over the cheque to KFFS Executive Director Fr. Jacob Mavunkal for Waynad Vilangad rehabilitations. Bishop Dr. Thomas J Netto, Vice-Chairman, KCBC Women inaugurated the workshop.

KCBC Women Commission Visit at Chooralmala



START initiative launch at Shreyas Sultan Bathery by Mr. James Godber, British Deputy High Commissioner. He said that the Catholic Church's relief and rehabilitation efforts are commendable.



WAVES – Office Inauguration

WAVES Office inauguration on 5th @ 9.30 AM, by District Panchayath Present Sri Samshad Marakkur



Mattur St Antony LP School donated cycle handed over to Chooralmala 5th STD girl student - Mehana Meharin, by the British Deputy High Commissioner.

Caritas India released unconditional cash transfers of Rs. 9,500 each, along with NFI and Hygiene kits to 525 affected families in Wayanad, and the programme was inaugurated by Mr. James Godber, British Deputy High Commissioner.





CRS also provided training and its follow up on Psychosocial Support Skills for 150 Barefoot Counselors with Jeevana, Shreyas, and WSSS.

Discussions and Meetings



Wayanad and Vilangad Rehabilitation Mission (WAVES) Stakeholders Review Meeting and Monthly Coordination meetings were conducted periodically to assess and evaluate the progress of the mission.

10.5 Munambam Struggle- solidarity with the people

As part of our commitment to social justice, we expressed our solidarity with the people affected by the Munambam struggle. Standing firmly in support of their rights and well-being, we actively participated to show compassion and raise awareness about their hardships. Our presence aimed to amplify their voices and advocate for fair treatment and dignity. This engagement reflects our ongoing dedication to supporting vulnerable communities and addressing the challenges they face through empathy, advocacy, and meaningful action.

10.6 Meeting on products marketing management through DSSS handholding- KSSF and CADAL



The meeting, led by Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Director of KSSF, highlighted the KCBC's initiative to collaborate with 32 DSSSs across Kerala for efficient product and service marketing, ensuring fair prices for farmers. Fr. Thomas Tharayil emphasized mutual cooperation and regional exchange of goods like fish, spices, tea, and coffee. Experts including Mr. Placid Gregory and Fr. Sabbas Ignatius stressed eliminating middlemen, ensuring

legal compliance, and creating a detailed product catalogue. Joseph Jude proposed exploring diverse markets

and involving farmers directly. Tony Sunny shared initial DSSS product data and past challenges. Key decisions included organizing a strategic meeting, building a product database, integrating small groups, and strengthening partnerships. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks and plans for a follow-up online session.



“Livelihood Initiatives for the Affected Families of Wayanad & Vilangad Landslides” was inaugurated by Meppady Panchayath President Shri. K Babu.



Seminar by Ms. Asha Paul, District Program Manager, Kudumbasree @ Meppadi St Joseph shrine hall.



Seminar by Dr. Haridas VR, Thematic Lead - Climate Justice, Caritas India @ Meppadi St Joseph shrine hall



CRS provided livelihood supports to landslide and flood affected families in Wayanad such as Cow rearing, Buffalo and Goat breeding, Poultry, Mechanic Workshop, Tailoring, Tea Shop, DTP, Petty Shop, Plant Nursery Management and Catering to 972 families.



WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

11.1 DARSHAN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Darshan Executive Meeting was held on 23rd January 2025 at the AMOS Center, Kottayam. The meeting commenced with a prayer and welcome address by Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Director, KSSF. He appreciated the board members for their tremendous service over the past three years. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Rani Chacko, President, Darshan. In her presidential address, she expressed gratitude to all members for their



unwavering support and coordination throughout the shared journey of Darshan. The key agenda for the meeting included the planning of the International Women's Day celebration and the Annual General Body meeting 2025, the selection of a theme and focus areas for the Darshan Award-25, and the election of a new Executive Board. It was decided to host both the International Women's Day 2025 and the AGB at the AMOS Center, Kottayam. The theme for the Darshan Award will focus on "Motivating Women Who Served the Nation through Administrative Systems – Panchayati Raj Institutions – While Serving the Church." The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Premila George, Secretary of Darshan.

11.2- DARSHAN AGB



Darshan is a platform dedicated to empowering and equipping women leaders from our DSSS. For the past 23 years, its members have gathered at KSSF for training sessions and various programs, including the state-level Women's Day observance. The 23rd Annual General Body Meeting at AMOS Centre on March 4, 2025. The event featured a seminar that was both engaging and action-oriented. During the meeting, Darshan members committed to leading a campaign against drug abuse across Kerala, with a particular focus on raising awareness among women.

A new executive board was elected and the members are:

1) Jessy Reji	Kairos Kannur	President
2) Lilly Varghese	Shreyas Bathery	Vice President
3) Soumya James	PSWS Palai	Secretary
4) Pravitha Bensikar	Kshema Parassala	Joint Secretary
5) Achamma Antony	Jeevana Kozhikode	Treasurer
6) Rani Chacko	WSE Ernakulam	Member

7)	Prameela George	VSSS Vijayapuram	Member
8)	Neena Raju	KIDS Kottapuram	Member
9)	Alphonsa Varghese	CHASS Changanacherry	Member
10)	Valsamma Tomy	TSSS Tellicherry	Member
11)	Daisy Joy	COD Thamarassery	Member
12)	Valsamma	PSSP Palakkad	Member

Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Director of KSSF felicitated the new member

11.3 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION -2025

The state-level Women’s Day celebration was jointly organized by the Kerala Social Service Forum (KSSF) and Darshan, with the support of the Kerala Catholic Bishops’ Committee, on March 4, 2025, at KSSF. The event honored “Motivating Women Who Served the Nation through Administrative Systems – Panchayati Raj Institutions – While Serving the Church.” The programme commenced with a prayer and welcome by Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Director, KSSF, who highlighted the power of women’s determination in shaping a brighter future. Mrs. Rani Chacko, President, Darshan, in her presidential address, encouraged women to remain resilient and emphasized a shared mission for a drug-free society. Bishop Mar Jose Pulickal, Chairman, JPD Commission, KCBC, inaugurated the event, stressing the vital role of women in societal development through their natural strength and commitment. They are proven with that power and they need to prove again and again that they can make the future a better place to live. Mrs. Lovely George, Chairperson, Ettumanoor Municipality, in her keynote address, urged more women to engage in Panchayati Raj Institutions for selfless public service.



11.4 SEMINAR

Mr. Dantis Koonanickal, Public Relations Officer, PSWS lead a session on the topic “സമഗ്ര നേതൃത്വം നാളെയുടെ പുളിമാവാകുവാനായി”. In his session he emphasized on the urgent need of becoming a leader for the social reformation by each women. As first step to this every woman in the family should initiate the simple step-start speak- among the family.



43RD ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF KSSF

12- AGB KSSF

The 43rd Annual General Body Meeting of the Kerala Social Service Forum was held at the AMOS Centre on June 20, 2024, commencing at 10:30 AM with a prayer. The meeting was attended by 67 members, including Directors of Diocesan Social Service Societies, Joint Secretaries of the JPD Commission, Executive Directors of Caritas India, Senior Partner Safeguarding Officer, CRS former KSSF Directors, and staff representatives, representing 32 DSSSs. The gathering served as a meaningful platform for reflection, collaboration, and collective decision-making, reaffirming the Forum's continued commitment to its mission, core values, and the strengthening of its network.



Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Secretary welcomed the Chairman, dignitaries, and the annual general board members to the meeting. In his welcome speech he reminded everyone that we should aim at safeguarding our fellow human being's right and dignity. Furthermore, he emphasized the need to protect our Mother Earth and the need of practicing and propagating carbon neutrality in each and every possible ways. He added to it that safe environment should be our prior concern.



In his presidential address, Bishop Mar Jose Pulickal, President, KSSF, emphasized the vital role of the Church in safeguarding and preserving the environment for future generations. He called for collective action to promote environmental safety, underlining the urgency of addressing global warming in alignment with the principles of *Laudato Si'*. He affirmed KSSF's responsibility to coordinate environment-focused initiatives and seminars through the DSSSs ensuring safe

environments and workplaces. Stressing the Church's zero tolerance towards safeguarding violations; he urged the implementation of safeguarding policies across institutions. Bishop Pulickal also highlighted the need for unified action to support communities in high-range and coastal regions while warning against false narratives by insincere environmentalists. He concluded by commending the new Caritas India leadership for their outstanding work in social development.



Archbishop Thomas Mar Koorilos, Vice-Chairman, JPD Commission, KCBC, reflected on the inspiring legacy of Nidhiry Mani Kathanar, encouraging his exemplary life to serve as a model on the day of his commemoration. He acknowledged the commendable social development efforts of various commissions, even in the face of criticism labeling them as 'Failed Christianity'. Emphasizing the value of learning from failure, he advocated for continued progress to drive meaningful

change. He reaffirmed the Church's commitment to the unity and protection of children and vulnerable adults, urging the centralization of facilities under each DSSS to uphold truth and integrity. He also welcomed the newly appointed Directors of Caritas India and DSSS, expressing hope in their contributions to the mission of social transformation.

The Chief Guest, Fr. Jolly Puthenpura, Executive Director, Caritas India during his speech convey the greetings from Sebastian Kallupura, Chairman, Caritas India to all those who are present in the AGB and stated that KSSF and DSSSs are doing a wonderful example to whole church through the successful running of Sajeevam, anti-drug campaign. The reach is tremendous and the whole nation should take it as an example to prevent the drug menace. We should work together to bring the social activities of the church to the mainstream and it has to be our prior concern.



In his special address, Fr. Antony Fernandes, Associate Director, Caritas India, emphasized that as members of the Church's social ministry, we are not merely social workers but bearers of human values for those around us. He stressed that people should always be our first priority, and we must walk alongside them in their journey. Fr. Antony noted that conventional social work is evolving and encouraged the Church in India to inspire people to contribute to society. He advocated for the Church to focus on how our knowledge can be applied to effect positive change in people's lives and highlighted the importance of carefully studying how we organize impactful initiatives within society.





Mrs. Retty George, Senior Partner and Safeguarding Officer, CRS, led the rollout of the SaFE Project among the DSSSs. She conducted informative sessions highlighting the importance of implementing safeguarding policies within the partnering organizations, discussing its relevance and necessity for our organization and the broader social sector. She also detailed the seven safeguarding standards and their respective sub-standards, emphasizing their significance in promoting a safe and secure

environment for all. Her sessions were instrumental in enhancing the understanding and commitment of DSSSs towards effective safeguarding practices.



Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Executive Director, KSSF, led a session on Carbon Neutral Parishes, emphasizing the Catholic Church's strong commitment to environmental sustainability. He urged all parishes and institutions to adopt green protocols and align with the Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) to achieve net-zero or carbon-neutral status. He recommended diocesan-level training, green audits, and eco-friendly practices such as rainwater harvesting, organic farming, and waste management. He stressed the importance of awareness, documentation, and establishing diocesan environmental committees. Tailored action plans and the integration of net-zero goals into catechism were advised, alongside awards to recognize outstanding environmental contributions by parishes.



Bishop Mar Jose Pulickal, President, KSSF, formally released the KSSF Annual Report 2023-24 by presenting it to Archbishop Thomas Mar Koorilos, Vice-Chairman, JPD Commission, KCBC.

APPRECIATION & GRATITUDE

13 BEST ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

The Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregarious Award winner for the Best Annual Report 2022-23 was presented to BODHANA Thiruvalla



14 Special Award for the Annual Report 2022-2023

Special Award for the Annual Report 2022-2023 was presented to Cochin Social Service Society and Vijayapuram Social Service Society.



15 FR. ABRAHAM MUTHOLATH FOUNDATION AWARD - 2024

Fr. Abraham Mutholath Foundation NURTURE ECOLOGY AWARD 2024 was presented to Palai Social Service Society.



AUDIT REPORT

**KERALA SOCIAL SERVICE FORUM
AMOS CENTRE, THELLAKOM, KOTTAYAM, KERALA
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2025**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
To Opening Balance as per Sch I		By Relief to Poor as per Sch VI	1,33,76,519.88
" Interest Received:-		" Administrative Expenses as per Sch VII	11,11,697.56
Local Account:		TDS Payment	5,150.60
SB Interest	7,172.00	Income Tax paid	11,443.00
FD Interest	7,62,174.00	Advance paid	17,158.00
FCRA Account:		" Addition to Fixed Asset:-	
SB Interest	1,314.00	Vehicle	1,72,460.00
" Collection from Main Objects as per Sch II		" Closing Balance as per Sch VIII	10,14,98,882.62
" Earmarked Fund as per Sch III			
" Rental Income as per Sch IV	6,15,245.00		
" Administrative Income as per Sch V	3,000.00		
" TDS Collection	4,763.00		
" Advance refunded	10,866.00		
	11,61,93,311.66		11,61,93,311.66

Notes on accounts and statement on accounting policies attached

As per our report of even date attached.

For Kerala Social Service Forum

For Raju M Kollaveil & Co
Chartered Accountants

Thiruvananthapuram,
13-06-2024

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KERALA SOCIAL SERVICE FORUM
AMOS CENTRE, THELLAKOM, KOTTAYAM, KERALA
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2025

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
LIABILITIES		FIXED ASSET	
CAPITAL FUND		As per schedule IX	47,32,688.50
As per the last Balance Sheet	61,08,036.20	ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS	
Less: Deficit transferred	(9,98,18,132.16)	INCOME TAX	
	10,59,26,168.36	As per the last Balance Sheet	7,892.00
Add: Bridge fund transferred		Add: Paid during the year (FCRA)	
		Add: Paid during the year (Local)	7,892.00
	3,39,908.56	Less: Refunded during the year	7,892.00
Less: Deficit transferred	(776.40)		
	3,40,684.96	LOANS AND ADVANCES	
EARMARKED FUND		As per the last Balance Sheet	35,598.00
FC FUND		Add: Paid during the year	17,158.00
As per the last Balance Sheet	3,39,908.56		52,756.00
Less: Deficit transferred	(776.40)	Less: Refunded during the year	10,866.00
	4,500.00		41,890.00
ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS		CLOSING BALANCE	
RENT SECURITY DEPOSIT		Earmarked Funds:-	
CURRENT LIABILITIES		Cash in Hand	6.40
TDS		Cash at Bank:-	
		SBI 40011473160 (New Delhi)	3,31,973.48
		SBI 32065931595	813.08
		Local Funds:-	
		Cash in Hand	58,954.43
		Cash at Bank:-	
		CSB SB 004701298944100001	2,073.50
		IOB SB 196201000000100	2,41,26,596.91
		IOB SB 196201000001261	31,213.50
		IOB SB 196201000001860	-
		SIB SB 0363053000002595	4,429.52
		FD IOB WAVES Mission	7,58,42,748.00
		FD IOB 196204000000958	10,87,978.00
		FD IOB 1962040000002317	12,096.00
			10,11,66,089.86
			10,62,81,353.32

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HDS Idukki



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TSSS Tellicherry



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COD Thamarassery

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