I am glad to hear that the Social Action Forum Irinjalakuda (SAFI) is publishing its Twenty-Third Annual Activity Report for the year 2005-2006. I appreciate the manifold services rendered by SAFI to thousands of deserving people in and around the Diocese of Irinjalakuda and for whom, in most cases there are no one else to offer love and fellowship to the neglected people of our society. I sincerely congratulate each and every one who contributed their dedicated and meritorious services to the poor and the needy. Indeed, it gives me pleasure to know that SAFI is deepening its commitments to the poor and the deprived category of people of our society. Thank God, that the activities of the Forum proclaimed a powerful message of love towards our less fortunate brethren, belonging to every caste and creed. Let God the almighty provide with strength and energy to fulfill its endeavours in the years to come.

Rt Rev Dr James Pazhayattil
Bishop of Irinjalakuda Diocese
I am delighted to hear that Social Action Forum, the diocesan organization for social concerns, bringing out the 23rd Annual Report, highlighting its multifarious activities for the betterment of the less privileged and the needy people belonging to the lower strata of the society. On this special occasion, do extend my heartfelt gratitude and prayerful wishes to all of you. May God bless every one who had contributed their share towards the cause of the poor and deprived.

Msgr. Jose Kavunkal
President,
Social Action Forum
On this auspicious occasion of the annual demarcation in the continuum of Social Action Forum's social ministry, we pause, once again to account for the last twelve months developmental activities for the alleviation of suffering of our marginalised brethren irrespective of caste, class or creed. We had four-day assembly to celebrate our Silver Jubilee from 18-04-2005 to 21-04-2005 inviting partners at different levels, has definitely catalyzed processes to redefine its objectives and re-dedicate to the cause of the poor and the marginalised people. Of course, its various accomplishments in the past were also reflected and evaluated upon as part of the group exercise with a fair degree of contentment. It has been observed that SAFI could march ahead with significant achievements in social concerns and developmental undertakings, with particular reference to habitat development for the economically backward, care and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, family sponsorship, educational support, agricultural development, relief and rehabilitation of Tsunami victims, promotion of micro credit supported micro enterprises, income generation programs, etc.

Notwithstanding, disparities are mounting up with increased incidence of impoverishment. The denial of human rights and justice have become glaring even in the accessibility of natural resources that are essential for existence. For example, air and water, without which there is no life, has rather become vehicle of diseases in the wake of human made contamination. Obviously, the NGO sector presently stand faced with a large number of new challenges while the conventional ones continue aggravated. However, SAFI stands fully committed to work towards the larger objective of establishing equity for all in the
social capital and each and everyone attain the highest levels of human efficiency and prosperity.

The narrative reporting of SAFI’s programs and activities that follow would clearly show that it brought worthwhile achievements for the partners in development. Simultaneously, at the organizational level also it has internalized tremendous learning and gained substantial experience on subjects of social development. I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the general body, executive committee, parish priests, social action local units, congregations, funding partners and everyone who have extended relentless support in our commitment to the downtrodden through out these years and we expect further support and collaboration.

Our beloved Bishop Mar James Pazhayattil has always stood as a great source of inspiration and strength, besides fulfilling his responsibilities as patron of this organization with absolute devotion and charisma. Our gratitude for him is boundless.

Our president Msgr. Jose Kavunkal, the Vicar General of the diocese and all other former presidents has been very actively guiding in all our efforts, I thank them for their incessant help and guidance.

Our former Executive Director Fr. Wilson Erathara was transferred to Mupliyam as Parish Priest. He was dynamic with enthusiasm and the pioneer in community-based people’s organizations. Women’s emancipation through a steady process of gender awareness and empowerment along with exploring and developing avenues for their productive involvement in the entire spectrum of the socio economic life. We sincerely remember his valuable services for the less privileged and to steer the organization of the path of development.

The success of SAFI was possible only by the dedicated services and exemplary performance of our Associate Directors, Rev. Fr. Benoy Pozholiparambil and Rev. Fr. Saji Ponminisery, who were always in the forefront. I take this opportunity to thank them.

We believe in the unified strength of the people, who are ready to support and help all the activities of SAFI, so that the less privileged and needy group of people capable to live their life with dignity of the children of God. In our noble humanitarian task Jesus Christ is our Master, the source of inspiration and strength. Let us conclude with Jesus Christ’s inspiring words.

“But anyone has world’s goods and see his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide on him? Little children, let us not love in words or speech but in deed and truth”. 1 Jn. 3. 17: 18

I am pleased to present this Annual Report of SAFI for the year 2005-2006

Fr. Jose Palatty
Executive Director
Social Action Forum
Social Action Forum, Irinjalakuda (SAFI) is the official Developmental organization through participatory approach, of the Catholic Diocese of Irinjalakuda, registered in 1983, functions at 127 parishes in an area of 1180 sq. km. to improve the conditions of the less privileged irrespective of any differences in caste or community.

**MISSION**

To serve, to guide, to resource and to catalyze the quietly suffering humanity towards a just, gender balanced and positivistic society that respects and safeguards the environment always keeping in perspective the generations to come.

**VISION**

Establishment of a just and gender harmonious society rich in social capital, warm in human fellowship, concerned about ecosystem: attaining the greatest possible level of self-sufficiency and contentment in human lives.

**About SAFI**

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To propagate participatory approaches towards development, sustained by collective learning and resource mobilization processes.

To form, position and strengthen community based organizations (CBO) as nucleus of community development.

To build up self reliant and value based society through strong family bondage and neighborhood fraternity.

To revive and promote organic agricultural activities of all kinds including agro supplementary product innovations keeping pace with regenerative natural resource management.

To set forth micro finance institutions and people’s banking systems for accelerated rural investment for livelihood development.

To promote partnership towards attainment of holistic health in harmony with the environment, local health traditions and cultural ethos.

To promote and transfer innovative technology as applied in rural community life through research, documentation and dissemination services.

To run special schools and rehabilitation programs for persons with disabilities by involving the community, ensuring full protection of rights and human dignity.

To treat and reform addicts to regain both physical and mental caliber and reintegration into the community with self esteem.

To support incapacitated families through special schemes of sponsored assistance.

To promote and support education of children from back ward families, up to levels of professional courses, through scholarships, arrangement for free coaching classes import job oriented vocational training, conduct of talents search cum pioneer build up sessions, etc.

To provide for basic human infrastructures like housing, sanitation, drinking water, etc. for the impoverished and weaker sections.

To collaborate with government programs and that of the Panchayathi Raj Institutions and play effective intermediary/liaison role that they are implemented in the best interest of the weaker sections.
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

✔ Building an environment friendly society that correctly manages their natural resources

✔ Revival and re-orientation of agricultural sector promoting organic methods of farming

✔ Formation and strengthening of community based organisations for the sustainable development of deprived and under privileged.

✔ Creating a paradigm for supporting the homeless with shelter and providing other basic needs to deprived people and encouraging the replication of this paradigm towards the betterment of society.

✔ Providing financial support to deserving students to acquire higher levels of intellectual and professional excellence in the field of education.

✔ Document and disseminate the findings and concerns that comes from the observation and research and genuinely supporting other development agents in a constructive endeavour for social development.

✔ Home for imparting “in home training” to differently abled children and their parents.

✔ Rehabilitation of drug addicts by providing them treatment and counseling.
Our Core Area of Interventions

H - Human & Institutional Development
H - Housing and Habitat Development
N - Natural Resource Management
A - Agricultural Development
R - Rehabilitation of differently abled and De-addicts
E - Education
C - Coastal Development
D - Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygienic Promotion
F - Family Welfare
Human and Institutional Development

Objectives

- To enhance human capacity for attitude, integrity, competence and orientation to its full potential
- To develop, strengthen and argument aspirations of empowerment and self-reliance towards attaining gender equity
- To develop strong relationship within families for social enrichment

Human Resource Development and Capacity Building

SAFI had realized that highly trained manpower could make an organization efficient and adaptable to the rapidly changing development scenario. With this intention of enhancing the staff capacity, a series of training in specialized area like participatory rural appraisal, environmental protection, result based management in housing and habitat development, gender equity, entrepreneurial development etc.

We had social action local unit strength—

approach for agricultural loans, IGP loans, subsidies, various pension schemes, etc. It will help to them contact the concerned authorities directly and collectively to tackle the governmental resources for their socio economical development. Initially with the help of the trained unit personnel animators could conduct survey and participatory rural appraisal to know the grass root level situations of the area. On the strength of this basic data most suitable developmen-

Year Plan - Kanakamala

Class on woman empowerment

tal schemes were chalk out to alleviate the suffering of the poor and the needy.

Another area we focused was to strengthen the community based organizations at grass root level by conducting awareness seminars and training programs. Two days leadership training was conducted to 180 SHG leaders and the subjects were people’s participatory approach of development; community leadership, various func-

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Awareness Class

Tations & Privileges availed by community organizations, thrift & credit, networking, women empowerment and the role of women in rural development. One-day orientation class for accounting and bookkeeping was arranged for 120 SHGs. EDP training was imparted to 250 prospective entrepreneurs focusing on various sustainable income generation programs.

Self Help Groups are purported to provide the base for development of micro enterprise investing productively the group saving mobilized together with the matching credit to be obtained from the banking institutions under the line of credit provision offered by the National Apex Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). Unlike most other places, the women in this target area work shoulder to shoulder with men in the farming sector that is highly labour intensive.

Institutional Development

Self Help Groups (SHGs) are micro or- ganisms active within the framework of the local units, each SHG consisting of not more than 20 persons in a neighbourly context characterized by similar gender, occupational and social attributes. Social Action Forum became very much active in the recent years in the villages with regard to peoples mobilization for self-reliance. The immediate target of the program has been the rural woman belonging to the backward segments. Even though the program got underway only since a couple of years now, it has come up with accomplishment of 410 SHGs already, dominated by women groups (371). All the self-help groups were formed to improve the knowledge, skills, gender status and access to credit that get manifested in self help group formation & dynamics directed towards women's empowerment and that of the total development of the community.

The activities of self-help groups were

Leader Ship Training Camp at Karalam

"Karshakamithram" Farm Club, Anandapuram

Sneha Gramasree SHG, Kuzikattukonam
mainly focused on the promotion of savings, extending internal loans as micro credit to the members of the group based on the group solidarity, discussing the problems of individual members and issues affecting the community in general and arriving at solu-

Training to Staff

tions. The provision of micro credits to women has supported them to initiate their own micro enterprise, which serves the dual goal of increasing household income and wealth. So far SAFI could succeed in bringing 5600 women under the purview of 371 Gramasree sanghams and 550 men under 39 karshaka sanghams (Farm Clubs) Functioning in its operational area. These 410 sanghams / SHGs by small weekly savings could mobilize a huge amount of Rs. 88.82 lakhs of which 88 lakhs is given as internal loan for secured livelihood activities (individual and group micro enterprises) and other domestic purposes. About 127 SHGs availed bank loans to the tune of Rs. 75 lakhs at a nominal rate of interest to start remu-

Gathering of widows at Moonnumuri

nerative income generation programs. The women are also organized into farm clubs wherein they take fallow and unproductive land on lease for cultivation of plantain, tur-

March 8 Celebrations - Chalakudy Region

meric, ginger, vegetables and paddy. At present 37 women farm clubs are function-

During this year annual day of self-help
groups were celebrated on 8th March, 2006 at three regions namely Irinjalakuda, Chalakudy and Mala. Except Irinjalakuda region procession was arranged from the town to the venue of the meeting participating all the SHG members of that region. The procession started at 9.00 a.m. and after reaching the venue in each region awareness classes were arranged for the SHG members with the help of eminent resource persons to deal with the concerned subjects of the class. In the concluding session, the meeting was presided by dignitaries from various walks of life and in the end there was variety of entertainment performed by the SHG members.

Sustainability of Self Help Groups

Self-help groups primarily consist of rural women who have by now proved well for their endurance once they are organized and brought in a program mode. Further the fundamental attribute of the SHGs being livelihood development through women’s innovation in EDP backed up with micro credit in an ascending order, the indicators are clear enough for the onward march of the groups. The group dynamics and the SHG platforms for effective interaction, learning and transactions would make the system to remain embedded to the life and behaviour of the members.
Addiction to psychoactive substance is the most dreadful epidemic of the 21st century affecting mostly the younger generation who are craving for the pleasure of life. This not only destroys our rich cultural heritage, but also the sanctity and stability of our family relations, since this addiction affects the normal thinking and behavior pattern of an individual. To fight against this social epidemic, Nava chaithanya has started its first rehabilitation centre of 15 bedded hospital at Anadapuram in September 1994.

During the last 11 years of its service, 3659 addicts and their families were given treatment and counselling services. Most of the patients are motivated to this center by our ex-addicts and also from the Navachaitanya De-addiction camps conducted every month by our Drug Awareness Counselling Centre, at Aloor. Thus the demand for treatment and counseling services for alcoholics and drug addicts are increasing day by day. Due to lack of facilities we are forced to convert our 15 bedded hospital to a 30-bedded hospital from September 2000 onwards by taking an adjacent building for rent and also by appointing more staff required.

Following are the activities undergoing at this Centre:

**DE-ADDICTION TREATMENT:** Treatment schedule mainly consist of medicines, counselling awareness programme, therapies and follow-up.

**MEDICINES:** For the betterment of patients we provide the services of Physician, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Gynecologist and Ayurvedic doctor. We give 90 days medi-

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**Sanjo Sadan Ayurvedic De-addiction cum Rehabilitation Centre**

Addiction cum Awareness Centre at Aloor in March 1991. For being in this field for a few years, we understood that the treatment and rehabilitation are the two inevitable stages in the process of De-Addiction. Thus we have started a De-addiction cum Reha-

May 31st 2005 - Non - Tobacco Day Inaugural Ceremony
cines, which consists mainly of ayurvedic packages ie; “Nasyam, Thalam, Pichu and daras”. Ayurvedic treatment includes flare capsules, oil bath, “amalakadi kashayam” for kidney and liver purification, and eladi candi for minimizing the smoking tendency. In order to get a better impact for the given life long follow-up according to each one’s requirement. This center also maintains constant with the ex-patients through letters, telephone, home visits and also through Navachaithanya publications. Occasionally we organize follow-up gatherings besides classes and seminars for their spouses and children.

REFERRAL CAMPS: Most of the ex-patients are referred to one-week de-addiction camps at Navachaithanya Counseling Centre, Aloor. Where they are given rigorous training on almost all aspects of life in order to replant them to the normal stream of life. So far more than 1472 patients were referred to De-addiction camp. Acute psychiatric cases are referred to Sacred Heart Hospital, Pullur.

A.A. GROUPS: The De-addicted persons are made members of their local A.A. Groups. They meet together once in a week to share their experiences, achievements and also the problems they are facing daily. Navachaithanya has already formed about 38 A.A. Groups in between Kozhikode & Ernakulam district for the ex-patients.

REHABILITATION: Even after the treatment, the patients who are neither accepted by their families nor has the courage to face their previous surrounding are allowed to stay for while at the center until they get the confidence to stand on their feet. They are also helped to get a new job. We have so far rehabilitated 192 ex-addicts.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME: Since prevention is better than cure, we also conduct many outreach programmes in and around Thrissur district for students, youths, couples, employees, parents, teachers and family units as well as for the public occasionally. Usually seminars, audiovisual aided classes, skit plays, group discussions, competitions are organized according to their aptitude and age.

Through the monthly publication
“Navachaithanya Bulletin” every day programmes and activities of Navachaithanya is know to its A.A. group members and well wishers. Also various other informative articles on topics of alcoholism drug addiction, its prevention and treatment as well as matters connected with family life are also made available through it.

CONCLUSION: The previous 11 years service of Navachaithanya De-addiction cum Rehabilitation Centre, we have provided treatment to 3659 addicts of alcohol & drugs. We are proud to admit that only with the grace of God and by the united and dedicated teamwork of our staff, resource persons and A.A. group along with the financial aid from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, we could render our service to as much victims of alcohol and substance abuse throughout Kerala.

Dr. V.J. Paul taking class on 31st May 2005 - Non- tobacco Day

Awareness Programme
ACTIVITIES OF NAVACHAITHANYA

Addiction to alcohol and substance abuse is the most dreadful epidemic of this century, which is mostly affecting the younger generations who are always after the pleasures of life. This also destroys our rich cultural heritage, as well as the sanctity and stability of our family relation, since the abuse of alcohol and drugs usually affects the normal thinking and behavior patterns of persons. To fight against this social evil, under Social Action Forum, Navachaithanya drug Awareness Counselling and Assistance centre was started at Aloor in March 1991. After working in this field for few years, we understood the need for a treatment and rehabilitation centre since many complicated cases are reported frequently. Thus we have started Navachaithanya De-addiction cum Rehabilitation centre at Anandapuram in September 1994.

Drug Awareness Counselling & Assistance Centre - Aloor

1. DE-ADDICTION CAMP
Every month, we conduct a one week De-addiction camp for the victims of alcohol and substance abuse. During the last 15 years we have conducted 187 de-addiction camps, in which 8687 addicts and their families had attended irrespective of age, religion or social status from all over Kerala. Here we adapt a holistic programme, to improve their physical, psychological and spiritual lives. We give awareness classes using audio visual aids and also provide spiritual therapy, yoga exercises, individual, family and group counselling sessions for their mental, moral and physical upliftment. After one week's rigorous training programme we help them to get into the normal social stream of life by giving continuous follow-up sessions.

In this previous financial year, we have conducted 12 de-addiction camps, in which 773 addicts and their families have participated. Meanwhile, we have provided 1208 individual counseling sessions, 563 family counseling sessions and 263 group sessions for the above patients, besides this we also conducted 12 follow up seminars, 12 Sunday gatherings, 4 Al-Anon residential camp and 3 Al-Ateen residential camp. The staff of Navachaithanya have visited about 560 houses of ex-campers and also in constant contact with them through telephone & letters occasionally, in order to know about the improvements in their lives after the de-addiction camp. We had 8 meetings of A.A. group leaders & animators and also had 10 staff meetings to evaluate our activities in the last year.

2. A.A. GROUPS
The ex-campers who are keeping sober are made members of their local A.A. groups and they meet together once in a week.
Once in a month our staff visits these groups and encourage them to organize anti drug programmes and awareness classes in their respective places. Various competitions like sports and cultural programmes are also conducted every year at our centre for the A.A. group members and their families, which is a great encouragement and support for the existence of the above groups. So far we have got about 38 A.A. groups throughout Kerala which is the vertebrae of Navachaithanya. Last year we have started 2 more new A.A. groups-Navajeevan A.A. group under Thamarassery Diocese, Nazarath A.A. Group at Marotichal, under Thrissur Diocese for our ex campers. In spite of this, we had conducted a 3 day training programme for the Animators, and A.A. group leaders, in which 70 persons had participated.

3. AWARENESS PROGRAMME
Since prevention is better than cure, we had conducted various outreach programmes in and around Thrissur, Ernakulam and Kozhikode districts for students, youths, couples, employees, parents, teachers, family unit members as well as for the public occasionally through audio visual classes, seminars, public meetings, skit plays, hunger strikes, rallies etc.

We also provide counselling services to problem children in high schools and Higher secondaries. About 650 students so far have made avail this opportunity in the last four years. By these visits we could form DARE clubs (Drug & Alcohol Resistance Education) in various schools to fight against the social evils like drugs, alcohol and other anti social attitudes among the adolescents.

Recently we have taken up mission to render counselling services twice in a month to the children of Juvenile home and observation centre at Thrissur. Since these children have already reached the threshold of criminal world, it is a real need of this era.

4. STAFF ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME:-
We have conducted 2 such programmes for the staff of both the centres in this year, to evaluate all our previous activities and also how to strengthen the team work of both the centres.

5. FESTIVAL GATHERINGS:-
   I. Pookkalamatsaram
In connection with the Onam festival we have conducted a "Pookkalamatsaram" (competition of flower carpets) for the Navachaithanya A.A. Groups. Cash awards and trophies were distributed to the winners. This time Vellarappilly A.A. Group won the 1st prize and the 2nd by the Chully A.A. group and 3rd for the Pulinkara A.A. Group.

   II. Christmas celebrations
This time various A.A.Groups of Navachaithanya had celebrated “Alcohol free X’ mas” in their local A.A. groups for the public awareness and invited all the staff at the center. Since it was celebrated in different dates, it was convenient for us to participate in them. In each group, A.A. members & their families had organized X’mas carols and various cultural programmes which was concluded by a public meeting presided by some well known dignitaries of their locality.

   III. Annual Day Celebration
We had celebrated our 15th Annual Day on 18th March, 2006, Which was presided over by Mar James Pazhayattil, the Bishop of Irinjalakuda Diocese and inaugurated by Superintendent of Police Sri. Jayaprakash I.P.S. Besides our well wishers, animators, A.A. Group leaders, and many of our ex-addicts participated with their families. Meanwhile, the prizes for various competitions like sports, arts etc. were distributed for the winners of A.A. groups. The Irinjalakuda A.A. group has got the overall...
trophy, and Kuttikad A.A. Group got the second prize.

6. NAVACHITHANYA BULLETIN:-

It is a monthly publication through which everyday programmes and activities of this centre is known to its A.A. Group members, well-wishers and other public. Various informative articles on topics of alcoholism, drug addiction, its prevention & treatment and matters connected with family life are also made available in this bulletin.

Conclusion:- In the previous 15 years service of Navachaithanya counseling centre, in 187 de-addiction camps conducted, 8687 addicts and their families have attended irrespective of religion, social status or education from all over Kerala. We are proud to admit that only with the grace of God and by the united and dedicated team work of our staff, resource persons and A.A. groups, we could render our services to so much victims of alcohol & substance abuse throughout Kerala.
Housing and Habitat Development

Objectives

1. To support rural homeless poor with cost effective habitat using appropriate rural technology and to build beneficiary capacity through involvement in planning, implementation, monitoring, thereby establishing self-respect and self-esteem

2. To infuse gender parity in housing and habitat development

Housing and habitat development is a vital human need that helps to enhance the self-esteem and status of an individual in a society. Shelter provides protection to the inhabitants to overcome the difficulties faced from the climatic changes. During this financial year altogether we could complete the construction work of 99 houses and 136 houses construction work is progressing well with the financial support from SAFP’s SPED project, Social Forum general housing and Suraksha Housing with loan from South Indian Bank. We are furnishing below the details of the housing programme.

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Till date SAFI could construct 6092 houses for the homeless poor in our operational area with local resource mobilization and support from various donor agencies from India and abroad.

In the housing sector SAFI made a striking role shifting from fund distributor to facilitator and catalyst. This was experimented by assessing beneficiary's socio-economic background with people's participation, participatory environmental impact assessment through applying PRA tools, involving people in plan, design and estimate, providing support service under bank linkage program, supporting beneficiary in mobilizing its social capital, capacity enhancement in areas of basic construction norms, material procurement and gender induction in housing which were all based under RBM framework.

The Proud house owner - Gracy Palu - Kattoor
REHABILITATION

Objective

To train children with special needs in Activities of Daily Living and in vocations for social adaptability

Mental Retardation can be defined as an intellectual disability wherein the children have inability to function in areas of daily life, such as communication, self-care, and getting along with social situations and schooling activities. Some of the most common known causes of MR are Down syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, and fragile X syndrome, all of which occur before birth.

MR can be classified into 4 categories—Mild Retardation (IQ between 50-75), Moderate Retardation (IQ between 35-60), Severe Retardation (IQ between 20-40) and Profound Retardation (IQ below 20).

Family experiences much stress when a mentally challenged child is born into the family and grows into adulthood. Some parents also feel shame, social rejection and retarded children in the area, SAFI came forward to start training cum rehabilitation centers for them in a suburban village of Irinjalakuda known as Kottanellur, just 6 Km away from the diocesan headquarters. Two separate establishments got on way there to cater the target children—the first one “Ashanilayam” started on 4th July 1998 as a day school and the second institution “Kripa Bhavan” on 10th September 2002 as a residential care and therapeutic center. Both the centers are run in separate double storied buildings in the same compound and provides Activities of Daily Living (ADL) training to children for making them self-help and self-dependent. As far as the present status of the centers in question, 64 children attend the day school in the age group of 6-21 years. 20 out of the above are nurtured housing in the ‘Kripa Bhavan’ (residential center), for their very weak mental and physical disposition added by the poor parents incapability to be around them always as they have to be out for coolie work for family survival. For the non-residential children attending the school, special bus trips are made for conveyance at the expenses of the management.

“Ashanilayam” - A special day care school for Mentally Challenged Children has been recognized by the State Government vide registration No. EDN/TSR/25/2005 dated 27th June 2005. During this reporting year regular PTA meetings, occasional awareness classes and periodical medical checkups were conducted for the benefit of the children and parents. The annual day function of the school was held on 14th March 2006 and the children performed variety entertainment programs.
A Vocational Training Centre (VTC) has been started at “Ashanilayam” special school with the help of Liliane Fonds to impart vocational training to mentally challenged children to make palm dishes. Our beloved Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. James Pazhyattil inaugurated the VTC in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of Social Action Forum on 20th April 2005. A trained teacher employed for the purpose at VTC imparts training to the students in batches. Liliane Fonds also granted assistance to rehabilitate altogether 572 students till date. During this reporting year 195 received assistance amounting to Rs.3,95,552/- depending upon the needs of the disabled some of them got educational help to enroll in special schools, some of the children received assistance to start income generating self employment and other for their medical treatment.

“Kripa Bhavan”-A residential center for 20 mentally challenged children where four qualified Rev. sisters to look after them round the clock training them in behavioural modification, communication and vocational skills always caringly attentive to their needs making them at home in a home away from home. The horticulture nursery in their school premises provides these children with an opportunity to walk about freely among the beautiful flowers. Children spend much of their time in the nursery; watering plants and clearing unwanted bush, which acts as a therapy. Recreational facilities both indoors and outdoors games are also arranged that helped gradual development in children.

UMMI
Unione Medico Missionaria Italiana provides generous financial support for the needy children below 16 years to rectify their physical disorders. Their grant is mainly utilized for the children who are being affected by illness requiring either specific medical, surgical, pharmaceutical treatment or the use of pro-thesis or other supportive devices. During the financial year 2005-06 SAFI could help 18 children for the urgent and acute cases of surgical corrections like heart & kidney medical assistance for Leukemia and support for medical treatments amounting to Rs.4,17,000/-. Moreover as a special case Miss Annie got a huge amount of Rs. 3,09,880/- from UMMI towards the cost of her kidney transplantation. She and her family members are grateful to UMMI for helping her to live a happy life in this world.

Asha Nilayam Assembly
Dr. Francesco Conti of UMMI collecting case history of sick Child Shiyas
Fr. Jose Palatty Exe. Director presenting Cheque to Master Anas Johny, SLF beneficiary

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WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Save A Family Plan

Objectives

- To promote social and economic justice through establishing basic needs for poor families
- To help poor families attain self-reliance and self-esteem through rural secure livelihood programs
- To build local capacity through training and development programs.

Save A Family Plan adopted 429 socio-economically impoverished families as regular beneficiaries and the assistance given to begin income generating self-reliance schemes with the collaboration of bank. 70% of the bank loan will be repaid from SAFP help and 30% from the income derived from their new sustainable livelihood program. The regular monthly assistance to a family is given up to a maximum period of six years within which the family is brought above the poverty and made self-reliant. The main focus was given to attain self reliance and self esteem by the partner families through undertaking rural income generation program, giving thrust on animal husbandry and other related activities.

During the reporting period 2005-2006 SAFI could establish linkage with banks to provide bank loans amounting to Rs. 1,579,000/- for 124 poor families in order to start feasible and viable income generation program. We are furnishing the bank linkage details below:

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Objectives

^ To develop educational talent in children
^ To create conducive environment wherein children attain physical, mental, psychological growth and maturity for holistic development
^ To support academically brilliant students from lower social economic background and to attain higher professional education
^ To impart job oriented training to the students and youth

Nursery School

At Edakulam in the Shanmugham Canal locality “Asha Bhavan” is a beacon of hope for education to the children of economically challenged parents. This academic year, tutored by Rev. Sr. Beatrice, thirty children have completed their nursery schooling and will move to other schools. Many of these children score high ranks in the state talent test every year. Asha Bhavan is dedicated to the cause of instilling the light of education in children.

CASP - RCSS - SAFI - Child Education Program

"Child as the Focus, Family as the Unit and Community as the milieu of Development"- Commemorating the Silver Jubilee of Social Action Forum, a new education program has been launched, to promote the Community Aid & Sponsorship program (CASP) in our Diocese with the collaboration of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS) Kalamassery. During the academic year 2005-2006 SAFI have adopted 400 children from 20 local centers and this association made SAFI to secure the first position in adopting largest number of students in partnership with RCSS.

SAFI under the directions of RCSS drawn up an annual action plan for this educational sponsorship program and all the 20 Social Action units accepted it enthusiastically for the successful implementation. The necessary fund for the program was collected from each local social action units @ Rs. 500/- per child, contribution of Social Action Forum @ Rs.500/- for each child and the remaining Rs.1,000/- per child is contributed by RCSS. The project cost of each year comes to rupees eight lakhs (Rs. 8,00,000) and the scheme is for the duration of eight long years.

CASP program targets brilliant students from standard III to V, who because of abject poverty in family finds difficulty to continue their education. This program helps the children to become academically excellent, physically developed and emotionally mature. Each local units have facilities like; children's library, sports clubs, career guidance, holiday camps, supplementary nutrition program, medical insurance, literary clubs, alumni club and the most innovative one is the establishment of “Bala Panchayath”.

Scholarships for Professional Education

Bright children from rural background of-
ten do not get the privilege to join professional courses owing to their economic limitation and lack of information. During this reporting year with help of scholarship scheme SAFI could newly assist 2 students for medicine, 5 students for engineering, 10 students for B Sc. Nursing and 82 students for general nursing with an amount of Rs. 2,03,500/- Scholarship continuity is maintained for children already studying in professional colleges under this scheme. As soon as they become employed all of them agreed to bear the professional education expenses of another poor deserving student.

Youth Training
Sanjo Industrial Training Centre at Ashtamichira has been active in addressing the important social concern that is giving job oriented vocational training to youth. At Sanjo ITC during this academic year there are eighteen youth under went industrial training in Electronic Mechanic Trade in Central Government N.C.V.T. course and in the non-formal section fifteen trainees have completed their training in carpentry. Good quality wooden furniture is also produced at Sanjo ITC according to the demands of the local populace. Sanjo Computer Academy offers the most advanced computer courses at moderate fees and supports economically challenged students with concessions. During the reporting year 15 students were enrolled for advanced computer courses.

HEALTH INSURANCE
To provide insurance coverage for accidents and to give financial support for hospitalized treatment
Social Action Forum with the cooperation of Government of India and United India Insurance Company Ltd., Thripunithura branch introduced Universal Health Insurance Scheme for the people belongs to Below Poverty Line (BPL) falling under the age group of 3 months to 65 years to meet the expenses of hospitalized treatment upto Rs. 30,000/- and coverage of Rs. 25,000/- for accidental deaths/disability. Another insurance scheme know as Swasthya Bhima Policy for the common people under the age group of 15 to 65 years to meet the expenses of hospitalized treatment up to Rs. 10,000/- with a coverage of Rs.25,000/- for accidental deaths. People often falls victims of debt trap owing to the expensive treatment needed for illness/accident. If an insured individual admitted to a registered hospital for treatment then the name, policy details and the name of the hospital will be informed to the office in order to issue the claim form. After discharge from hospital, on producing the required documents such as claim form duly filled and signed, certificate from the treated doctor, treatment bills, discharge summary from the hospital etc. he/she will be given the expenses incurred from the office after it is sanctioned by the United India Insurance Company Ltd., and cheque issued from their Thripunithura Branch. Altogether 4064 poor and middle class people from 1239 families enrolled to avail the insurance scheme benefit. The duration of the insurance scheme is for one year.
objectives

To protect and conserve soil, water and biodiversity from adverse impact

To propagate ground water recharging techniques

To protect and preserve water bodies like wells, ponds, streams, etc.

Action oriented awareness on appropriate use of water

The level and disposition of natural resources does not offer a safe situation to take care of the basic needs of the inhabitants. Ground water table is scaling down drastically with water scarcity mounting up year after year. The spell of summer has become widened lasting up to half the year at a stretch with not even the sporadic rains that it used to be there in former times. The Drinking water is in extreme crisis that the village people are running between the post and pillar for water during the summer as majority of the wells, which is the only source of the rural population, get dried up as summer sets in.

During 2005-06 Save A Family Plan introduced the program of watershed development and management. The term “watershed” stands to denote the basic unit of land, water and the biodiversity around. As such the recently developed science deals with all the environment factors duly integrated in the social system. Watershed management is a unique development approach, which is holistic and multidisciplinary. It enables the community to consider together various physical, biological, socio-cultural, economic factors operating within the given area and where the natural resources remain inter dependant and inter active with one another. The watershed approach is also justified on the ground that it internalizes various externalities such as soil erosion, silting and pollution that are entailed in the use of land thereby narrows down the hiatus between individual and social interests.

Randukai Micro Watershed Project

During the period 2005-06, Save A Family Plan made an experiment by undertaking a development project at Randukai Desam in Kodassery Panchayath. Randukai is a hilly terrain and the people are experiencing water scarcity for more than 3 months in a year. Major reasons attributed to this water scarcity is forest destruction, conversion of reserved forest into teak plantation measuring about 5000 acres, paddy fields reclamation, mono crop cultivation (rubber plantation), reclamation of water bodies like wells, ponds and destruction of streams.

SAFI partnering with the community of Randukai area made three major interventions focusing on conservation of soil, water and plant diversity.

Community Education

Conscientization seminars were conducted on environmental subjects such as soil conservation techniques, water resource management, organic agriculture, social forestry measures, solid waste management, situation analysis, socio economic cultural date of the community. Over and above the
people of the area made a visit to Attapadi with an objective to learn the effects of the environmental degradation taken place owing to forest destruction.

**Biological Measures:**

With the objective of conserving soil, water and plant diversity several vegetative measures are carried out such as social forestry, forest rejuvenation, forest tree saplings in teak plantation, stream banks protection, percolation pits (water pits) and planting tree saplings in private rubber plantations.

**Structural Interventions:**

In order to solve the water scarcity of Randukai Lower Primary Tribal School we could construct a RWH tank of 5000 litres capacity. Another program is constructing 20 Nos. of well recharging unit for individu-
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Objectives

v A revived organic, but, integrated farming culture in which agriculture take care of the existence of the community as a whole in agreement with regeneration of the natural and other productive resources.

v Mould a perceptional sound and properly equipped farming community

v Empowered women groups having stake in agriculture, resource management and the entire spectrum of socio economic life

v Awareness program to achieve self-reliance through appropriate agricultural interventions, efficient land use and scientific management of natural resources as well as effective coordination of human resources.

v Ensure supply of high yielding varieties of agricultural seeds and seedlings, technical know how, marketing network as well as supply of ornamental plants, medicinal/herbal plants etc. to the farming community.

Serious disorientation and distortion have happened to environment and agriculture raising grave threats to the existence and development of people. Depletion of natural resources has been taking place at alarming speed and velocity. Land has been degraded extensively for want of proper management measures and inappropriate cropping pattern. The abundant rain received gets disappeared within no time under conditions of past run off without helping much for resource regeneration. The adverse effect of the green revolution that invaded the farming sector in 1960 and 1970s took away the agrarian community from the traditional practices of subsistence farming to cash/plantation crops. For instance rubber, cashew, nutmeg, coconut, areca nut etc., came to occupy large portions of the cultivable land and the community has been stolen away their precious natural resources for raising food crops. The mono cropping has totally annihilated the multiple cropping and crop rotation systems of cultivation.

The local agriculture scenario is very much beset with the practice of indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides under the influence of the Green Revo-
olution as well as commercially motivated advertisements. Productivity assessment studies as of now clearly indicate that the soil texture has lost microorganism and the natural growth potentials because of the chemical applications. It may not be out of context to mention here the frightening deliberations going all over the state about the laboratory reports that the milk produced and supplied has contents of chemical substances harmful to the health of the consumers. It is reported that the chemical residues in the soil where from the green fodder is supplied as well as the water which the animals drinks give way to the contamination of the milk produced. The wells in the mono cropping areas are getting dried up faster during summer months as direct consequence of poor soil and water management practices.

‘Prakruthi’ demonstration center and agricultural nursery

The large majority of the people in this area depend on agriculture for their livelihood. One of their main challenges, today, is to overcome the crisis of poor agricultural yields despite their hard labour. Effete soil conditions resulting from the excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides are found to be the primary cause for the low yields. This situation has contributed to great economic hardships to the poor and marginalized farmers. The farm workers are also without employment as a result of this development in the agricultural sector. The diocese if greatly concerned about the plight of these poor farmers and a diocesan social service organization, we, the Social Action Forum, are putting our best efforts to finding solutions that alleviate their sufferings.

A Central Demonstration Farm, Agricultural Nursery and Training center have been developed in two hectares of land at Kottanellur as model farm with all relevant plant diversities appropriate to the agricultural life of the region and putting in application the most suited organic farming methods including soil, water and biomass management system. A rather elaborate agricultural plant nursery with organically produced/multiplied seeds and seedlings, vermi-compost unit etc. add on to the utility and service dimension of the service farm. Considering the immediate accessibility to the farming population frequenting SAFI’s head office, an extension outlet of the plant nursery has been recently established at the office premises. Seedlings in polythene kits and mud pots are transported from the central farm to the extension outlet to meet the demands of the farmers.

“Prakruthi” with in a short period developed to a center of excellence in the field of research and training in organic farming. Regular training program and awareness classes are organized at “Prakruthi” for farmers from various parts of the district. The model farm raised at “Prakruthi” is unique in itself, where in college and school students from various institutions pay visits for project work in organic methods of farming by adopting vermicompost technology. With the support from Vegetable & Fruit Promotion Council and Krishi Bhavan “Prakruthi” could organize seminars and training programs on vermicompost technology, rabbit rearing, budding, grafting technology and layering.

Farmers Day Celebrations at Prakruthy, Kottanellur - Distribution of prizes
Objectives

- To promote housing rehabilitation and livelihood restoration with the sustainable development approach for a section of the fishermen population who has been continuous victims of natural calamities.

After the Tsunami the people in the coastal villages were under acute fear and stress because of their socio-economic factors which were closely related with Sea and fishing. Fishing is purely a seasonal job, in off-season the life of people in coastal areas become quite miserable. Social Action Forum conducted a base line survey in the coastal villages with the support of nine Grama Panchayaths in Thrissur district in order to know actual facts and problems faced by the inhabitants of coastal areas.

Preparation of time line and strategies

At the outset for the smooth and time bound implementation of the project we formed a five members top-level project monitoring team (PMT), consisting of Executive Director - Social Action Forum, Associate Director - Social Action Forum, Project Coordinator - Coastal area Development, Head of Projects Department and Head of Community Development Projects.

The responsibilities of the Project Management Team is
- Policy making
- Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Time bound implementation of the project
- Top level Decision making authority

We had a Project Management Team meeting on 18th March 2006 at Social Action Forum to prepare philosophy, Institutional arrangements, and time line of the Coastal area Development project. After a long and elaborate discussion a three tier structure was formed as an institutional arrangement for smooth and speedy implementation.
This project is based on certain concepts and values:
- Demand Driven
- Participatory
- Result Oriented
- Sustainable
- Pro-poor approach

The Committee approved these concepts as a philosophy of Coastal Area Development.

**Formation of Teera Vikasana Samithies (Coastal Development Councils)**

As a result of five orientation seminars we could form five 13 members village Committees in Kaipamangalam Grama Panchayath, which will become Teera Vikasana Samithies (Coastal Development Councils) in five coastal villages. Each Teera Vikasana Samithies consists of a president, Vice president, Project Coordinator, Secretary, Joint secretary, treasurer and seven committee members. The project coordinator will be a permanent member in all the Teera Vikasana Samithi as an expert. These five Teera Vikasana Samithies are situated in the following villages:
1. Koorikuzhi coastal Village
2. Chappakadavu coastal village
3. Vanchippura coastal village
4. Karadi valavu coastal village
5. Kaipamangalam coastal village

Social Forestry
Preservation of coastal ecosystem is essential and with this intention we have consulted with Department of Forest, Govt. of Kerala for social forestry measures in coastal area and to find a suitable bearing plant. With the help of Teera Vikasana Samithies we could identify public sites for planting fruit trees where watering facility is available.

Housing
The housing program in the coastal villages involves repairing of damaged houses, reconstruction of houses on the existing plots and construction of new houses meant for the temporarily sheltered. We have already completed the construction of ten new houses.

Sanitation
Sanitation and hygiene is another important thrust area for the development of coastal villages and Teera Vikasana Samithies identified the beneficiaries of two pit latrines after direct monitoring. We have already constructed ten double pit sanitary latrines for the deserving beneficiaries.

Junior level painting competition for Children in Coastal Villages
We had conducted a junior level painting competition for the children belonging to these five coastal villages. Altogether 208 children participated in the competition. The subject given for the painting competition was ‘My model Village’. Certificates were given to the three winners of the competition as first, second and third prizes in each coastal village.
KRWSA PROJECT ASSISTED BY WORLD BANK

To assist Government of Kerala in improving the quality of rural water supply and environmental sanitation

Social Action Forum, Irinjalakuda had entrusted with World Bank Aided scheme of Rural Water & Sanitation (Jalanidhi) through the Kerala Rural Water and Sanitation Agency (KRWSA) to coordinate the project implementation at Panjal in Thrissur district. This project with a total outlay of Rs.2,44,00,000/- concerns organizing the local communities for sustainable drinking water and sanitation. SAFI as a supporting organization of the ‘Jalanidhi’ project started work on 10th May 2003 and it progressed well with a team of twenty-three staff members. It was a bold step to take up this community project outside the diocesan operational area towards the supply and conservation of water bodies throug micro water supply schemes operated and managed by the people of each locality.

SAFI in Panjal Grama Panchayath with the wholehearted involvement of the community successfully commissioned 25 water supply schemes distributing water to 1127 house holds under the efficient management of 25 beneficiary groups. In order to have hygienic promotion activities we also undertook the construction of 813 new two pit latrines, conversion 400 deep pot latrines to two pit latrines, made 800 soak pit, constructed drainages, conducted 93 awareness seminars/cluster meeting and supported for the infrastructure development of Panjal Grama Panchayath Office. Different types of training also imparted to the beneficiary group in leadership, maintenance of accounts, entrepreneurship development program, groundwater recharge and rainwater harvesting. As part of the women strengthening program we could form four women self help groups and interested women could get training in masonry and plumbing works. SAFI could complete the sanitation and watershed components during this period under report.

In addition to the above, responding to the special request from District Project Management Unit, SAFI also undertook groundwater recharge programs with a cost of Rs.27,00,000/- in order to improve the sources of water. The project measures includes cleaning and protecting the public ponds, recharge the wells by the construction of single rain water harvesting unit with filtering facilities, construction of new cheeps and maintenance of existing ones. The ground recharge program is progressing well.

Technical Survey - KRWSA Jalanidhi Project Panjal GP
Our Funding Partners

+ Kerala State Housing Board
+ Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
+ Council for Advancement of People’s Action and Rural Technology
+ Caritas India
+ Housing Development Finance Corporation
+ Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd
+ Catholic Relief Services
+ Canadian International Development Agency
+ Save A Family Plan (India)
+ Manos Unidas
+ Conferenza Episcopale Italiana
+ Kindermissionswerk
+ Kolpingsfamilie Unterfohring
+ Verband Der Diozesen Deutschlands
+ Generalaat Societéit Van J.M.J.
+ Andheri-Hilfe Bonn e.V.
+ Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver
+ MISEREOR
+ SELAVIP
+ Stichting Liliane Fonds
+ Unione Medico Missionaria Italiana
+ Raskob Foundation
+ Indo German Social Service Society
+ Community Aid Sponsorship Program (CASP)
+ RCSS Kalamassery, Cochin
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