

# TRIVANDRUM DON BOSCO VEEDU SOCIETY

Annual Report- 2017- 18

## PROTECT ENRICH EMPOWER

Safeguarding the Children  
at Risk Since 1991

### LOCATION

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Thampanoor, Thycaud,  
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# *Our Inspiration*



**1815**

**DON BOSCO**

**1888**

**| Saint | Father | Teacher | Friend |**

Don Bosco was an Italian Roman Catholic Priest, Educator and Writer of the 19th century. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the 'Salesian Preventive System'.



# TRIVANDRUM DON BOSCO VEEDU SOCIETY

As a part of the International Don Bosco Network, the Trivandrum Don Bosco Veedu Society is a Registered Charitable Society based in the State of Kerala, primarily operating in the District of Trivandrum to support and assist street children and youth; child labourers; child beggars; unaccompanied and lost children; children in conflict with the law; abused children; abandoned children; runaways; and children from dysfunctional family environments (children and youth at Risk).

## History

In May, 1991, we started as a night shelter for street children and youth in rented facilities at Bishop Pereira Hall, Shankumugham, and later on in Chalai Market. A society was registered on 9th December 1991 as, 'The Trivandrum Don Bosco Veedu Society'. In 1994, a building was bought at Manacaud and the shelter home was named 'Don Bosco Veedu'. Later on, in collaboration with Latin Arch Diocese of Trivandrum, Don Bosco Centre, Manacaud was constructed and in 1999 a property was bought near railway station, Thampanoor, and a shelter home was built for children at risk, named as Don Bosco Nivas and it was inaugurated on January 31st, 2002.

# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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“Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chess board of humanity” Pope Francis.

Genuine social work requires adaptation and reinventing in order to stay alive and relevant. Issues faced by every society changes with changes in the socio-economic and demographic conditions. An authentic social work institution needs to be open to new challenges and requires intervening effectively to address such challenges with creative solutions.

During this year, Trivandrum Don Bosco Veedu Society has entered into a new area of intervention which we feel is a relevant and burning issue in Kerala society. In the past few years, Kerala’s manual labour force has been migrants from other states of India. As people of Kerala have migrated to other countries and the socio-economic conditions have improved, there has been a dearth of unskilled as well as skilled labourers in the State. This has resulted in a great inflow of migrant labourers in every field of work. As the payments for every field of work in Kerala is much higher compared to other states, there have been lots of migrant labourers in every industry as well as in the unorganised sector. It is estimated that about 10% of the population are migrant labourers.

Migration is fundamentally the story of the human race from its origins to the present. Migration is an integral aspect of life on this planet. People move to survive. They move in search of food. They move away from danger and death. They move towards opportunities for life. Such movement affects the communities migrants leave and the communities that receive these migrants. There needs to be a mutual give and take in this process but unfortunately there are lots of issues of rights violations and exploitations in this process.

The interstate migrant are a vulnerable group who require assistance in living a dignified life free from exploitations, help in social integration and aid to improve their living conditions among many other needs. We have decided to pitch in with interventions to address these issues so that proper solutions can be found in unison with major stake holders.

Requesting every reader’s attention to this focus, I would like to present before you this year’s annual report.

**Fr. Thomas PD**

Director



# A Guide to

## TRIVANDRUM DON BOSCO VEEDU SOCIETY



### A GUIDE TO TRIVANDRUM DON BOSCO VEEDU SOCIETY

01

Don Bosco Nivas open  
Shelter Home  
(Boys)

Estd. 1995

02

CHILDLINE

1098

Estd. 2000

03

Railway CHD

(Child Help Desk)

Estd. 2018

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Migrant Desk

KISMAT

05

KEEN

(Karimadom Education &  
Empowerment Network)

Started on: January 2018  
Ends on: January 2020

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DREAM

(Drugs Rehabilitation  
Education & Mentoring)

Started on: April 2018  
Ends on: March 2019

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WEDGE

(Women Empowerment  
Drive & Gender Equality)

Started on: April 2018  
Ends on: March 2020



# PROTECTING CHILDHOOD

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHILDHOOD

“It's Never too Late to Have a Happy Childhood”  
- Berkeley Breathed

Don Bosco Nivas is an open shelter home for rescued children from streets and other dangerous circumstances. Some of the services made available to the beneficiaries here are:  
Food, shelter, clothing, medical care, advocacy, therapeutic/vocational training, basic education, recreational and talent development programmes, counseling, home and institutional placement.

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# DON BOSCO NIVAS OPEN SHELTER HOME



Our Impact  
In Numbers



## No. of Children Given Shelter

- Institutionalization - 14
- In Contact - 23
- Restored - 275

## Age Wise Details



6-10 Years- 23 Children

11-14 Years - 131 Children

15-18 Years - 158 Children



## State Wise Details of Children Sheltered

- Kerala - 201
- Andra Pradesh - 10
- Assam - 06
- Bihar - 5
- Chattisgarh - 2
- Hariyana - 1
- Jharkhand - 8
- Orissa - 2
- Karnataka - 7
- Madhya Pradesh - 2
- Maharashtra - 3
- Rajasthan - 1
- Tamil Nadu - 55
- Uttar Pradesh - 1
- West Bengal - 8

“ Every single minute matters, every single child matters, every single childhood matters - Kailash Satyarthi ”



Cherished Moments



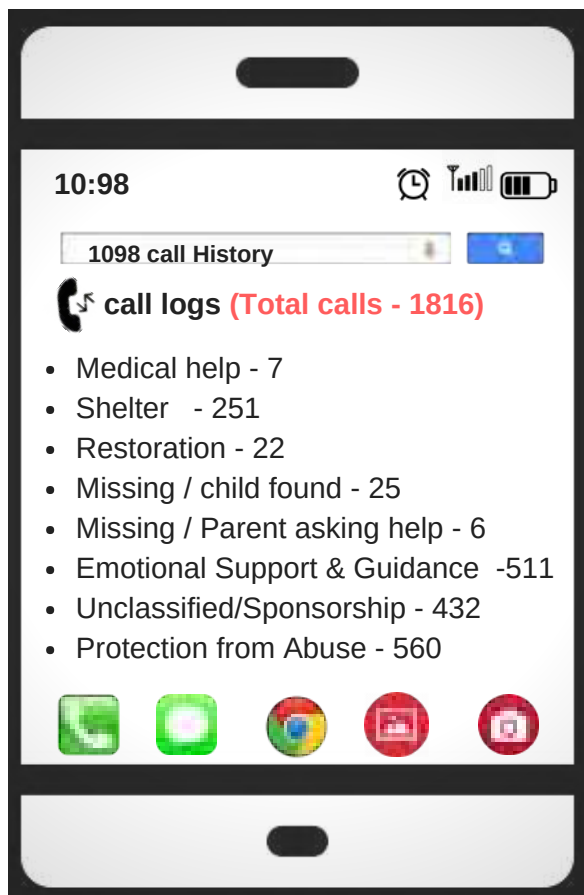




We would have shown  
you a picture of her crying.  
But she doesn't  
do that any more.



Dial 1098. Help us help children in distress.



### WE VOW TO PROTECT CHILDREN

CHILDLINE is a toll free, 24 hour emergency telephone service for children in distress under the ministry of women and child development in collaboration with NGOs, academic institutions, the corporate sector & concerned individuals. The service is run by Don Bosco Veedu Society in Trivandrum district since its inception in the year 2000 when CHILDLINE was first adopted in Kerala. The Society has taken great efforts to reach CHILDLINE to all districts of Kerala. CHILDLINE is the tool through which we reach out to every child in need of care and protection in the district of Trivandrum.



Child/ Concerned  
Adult dials 1098



Connected to a  
CHILDLINE centre



CHILDLINE team rushes  
to child within 60 minutes



Child provided rehabilitation  
constant follow up.



# STOP CHILD ABUSE

EVERY CHILD HAS A RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM VIOLENCE

## Diligently Protecting Children from Abuse



**Child Sexual Abuse**  
101 cases



**Child Labour**  
(Shelter/Restoration) 10 cases



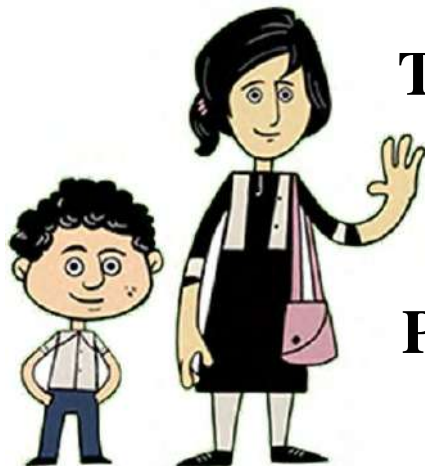
**Corporal Punishment**  
16 cases



**Child Begging**  
(Shelter/ Restoration) 7 cases



**Child Marriage**  
17 cases



**Total Number  
of  
Children  
Protected 560**



**Physical Abuse**  
192 cases



**Emotional Abuse**  
56 cases



**Substance Abuse**  
59 cases



**Neglect/Abandoned**  
64 cases



**Neglected Education**  
38 cases

**1098**





# TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



- Top : Bharat Yatra Programme; Aug 2017.
- Middle : Anti-Child labour Day (12th June 2017)
- Down : International Missing Child day; Poster release 25th May 2017



Hand washing day observance



Outreach / Awareness - Attukal Pongala



**Dosti Week**  
14th - 22nd November, 2017



Swachh Bharat Abhiyan



Open House

# SUCCESS STORIES

## DON BOSCO VEEDU SOCIETY



### Brighter Tomorrow

Behavioral Issues in children are fairly commonplace and is rectified as they grow older and more sensible. But a very important step in this process is identifying and addressing these undesirable traits, which the adults have to be on the lookout for. One such incident, duly identified by a reputed school in the district was reported to CHILDLINE Thiruvananthapuram. A 7 year old girl was exhibiting questionable behavior and was seen having talks unsuitable for her young age. Acting upon the same, when the CHILDLINE team reached the school, they were greeted with the familiar face of Saaya. About two years before the reported incident, Saaya's grandmother had reached out to CHILDLINE reporting the girl's mother's death, which was believed to have been committed by her father. Although, she stated how that wasn't the case and explained how she wished to take responsibility of the child's custody but relatives from her mother's side were demanding for the same. The grandmother was deemed fit for the child's safe upbringing by CHILDLINE and the child was handed over to the grandmother after the completion of the legal proceedings with the Child Welfare Committee. Subsequent counseling sessions with the girl proved otherwise, the girl was subject to abuse by the grandmother's second husband and his friends who often used to come over to their house and get drunk. The grandmother's house invariably was seen unsafe for the child, she was shifted to Hindu Mahila Mandiram at Panchavadi after she was rescued by the CHILDLINE team right from the school. There, she were to be greeted by good education, a safe social environment but most importantly a life free of abuse. But what found her was something more wholesome. Chirag and his wife were waiting with open hands and hearts since 15 years, for a child that never came along. They were trying in all ways they could for a child they could call their own and had kept aside a part of them, laden with love. Adoption seemed to be the last resort but they were continually let down by it as years had passed after they had registered but nothing was coming along. That is when they met Saaya. Talk about meant to be's, through the provision for foster care, they brought home Saaya to light, love and a safe and nurturing environment.

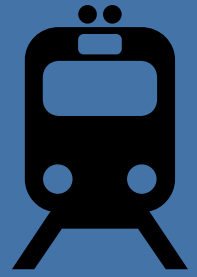
### Aman Ki Asha

Bloating the country's map with big black stains even today, are the evils of Child Labor. More often than not, it's the child's own family or family members that push them into the vicious cycle of vulnerability, exploitation and abuse. Asha too had one such family. Orphaned at a young age, Asha from Orissa, soon turned into a liability for her two elder brothers. She was sent to a household where she had to do domestic chores in return for money. The money though, was not handed to her, it was paid to her brothers. Disappointing enough in itself, Asha's story becomes more surprising as she was later trafficked to Kerala by her employer through an agent catering human workforce. Known or unknown to her insensitive brothers, Asha was now working at a certain someone's household in Thiruvananthapuram from where she was further sent to his son's house, where his daughter in law had just delivered a baby and Asha was to help her with household chores and in taking care of the newborn baby. Away from home and family, Asha found it difficult working in this unknown land for unknown people and requested the family to send her back home. Instead, fearing getting called out by the girl and getting arrested for illegally employing the minor, they locked her up in one of the rooms. Asha escaped from the house and was spotted dazed and lost on the streets by a Samaritan who went on to inform the same to CHILDLINE. Informed of the same by CHILDLINE, the girl was brought to the local police station following which her statement was taken. The CHILDLINE team produced Asha before the Child Welfare Committee and immediate measures were taken to shift her to Hindu Mahila Mandiram at Poojappura. The case was further transferred to the Child Welfare Committee in Orrisa and Asha was transported to her home state with police escort. The girl was safely handed over to them who went on to house her at an after care home there.

"Success Does Not Lie in Results, but in Efforts"

# RAILWAY CHILD HELP DESK

CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION, THAMPANOR, KERALA



## Child Help Desk

Child Help Desk is a 24 hour free emergency outreach service for children in distress found in railway station premises. This project is under the ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with the ministry of railways and non-profits. Every unaccompanied child who comes to Trivandrum Central Railway station is provided short stay facility, counselling and restoration/rehabilitation services through this project.

## Our Impact in numbers

Children rescued through CHD

### State Wise

Kerala  
144

Tamil Nadu  
77

Bihar  
11

Jharkhand  
8

other Indian states  
63

Total  
Cases  
303

Male  
271

female  
32



# Programs of Railway CHD



## Stakeholder meeting

Railway CHD conducted a stake holder meeting with the Railway officials. The meeting helped the unit to perform better in rescue and rehabilitation of unaccompanied children who appeared in the central station. With the stake holder meeting railway officials started to hand over the children who is need of help



## Observation of Important Days

The CHD team used to observe the important days related to children in the railway station such as international child helpline day, missing childrens day, world day against child labour etc.



## Poster exhibitions

The CHD team on a monthly basis, organizing poster exhibition at the train station in order to generate awareness for the passengers



## DOSTI Week Celebration

Organizes various events as part of the DOSTI week in the train station such as distributing dosti band to the passengers, poster exhibition, general public awareness etc.



# MIGRANTS HELP DESK

*Reaching Out to Migrant Young at Risk.*



## Don Bosco Veedu in Service to Inter-state Migrant Workers

*Anupam Das (Project Coordinator)*

On 21st April 2017, Don Bosco Veedu Society took up the mantle to support and provide advocacy services to inter-state migrant workers coming to the city of Trivandrum to earn their bread and butter. We were among the first to realize the perceived needs of ISM workers in Kerala and hence Sramik Kalyan Kendra (Migrant Help Desk) was born.

**Sramik Kalyan Kendra (SKK)** is a new initiative to reach out to the large migrant population in the city of Trivandrum. It is part of a network of 7 other “Migrants’ Help Desks” recently launched by the Salesians of Don Bosco in Dimapur, Guwahati, Panjim, Tiruppur, Vijayawada and Chennai. SKK’s objective is to *provide “Rights Based” advocacy services to the marginal section of Migrant Laborers working in Kerala. The Vision of SKK is to give the marginalized migrant Labour class; a voice and enhance their standard of living.*

WHAT YOU'LL FIND INSIDE:

- KEY INTERVENTIONS
- ACTIVITIES
- SUCCESS STORIES





## Advocating Equal Rights

*"Our Modus Operandi at SKK is to give voice to the voiceless ISM workers, so that they can regain their rights they are entitled to."*

**If the 'dream' of a peaceful world is shared by all, if the refugees' & migrants' contribution is properly evaluated, then humanity can become more and more of a universal family and our earth a true 'common home'**  
**- Pope John Paul II**

## Key Interventions



Sramik Kalyan Kendra has been successful in building a strong presence among the community of Migrant Labourers who ply their trade in the city of Trivandrum. We were also successful in establishing strong alliances with other NGOs and CBOs and other stakeholders and the formation of the forum called "PRISM" – People's Rights for Interstate Migrants is a glaring example of the success we had. We also have been successful in building a good rapport with the State Government departments, specially the department of Labour and Skill, and essentially have been able to establish Sramik Kalyan Kendra as a resource center with the ability to provide expertise in the field of dealing with interstate migrant issues when called for. We have been sharing the responsibilities of reaching out to interstate migrant Labourers on behalf of the State Government.





Milap 2018 - "Sramik Kalyan Mela"

## Key Activities

As of 21st April 2017 - 31st March 2018



- left 1: Training programme for police cadets on handling ISM workers, specially children.
- left 2: Awareness Programme on Labour Rights.
- Top : "Milap 2018" - Sramik Kalyan Mela
- Right 1: Aawaz Registration Camp at Thampanoor.
- Right 2: Construction site safety awareness, at Cordial and Artech site.
- Right 3: Launch of interstate migrants' forum "PRISM"

## Success Story: Leaving no one behind

On 29th November 2017, a very severe cyclonic storm Ockhi formed in the Arabian Sea. It caused havoc and destruction in the southernmost districts of Tamilnadu and Kerala, particularly Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu and Thiruvananthapuram District of Kerala. Among the affected population none bore the most number of casualties than the fishing community. However, during this process of finding missing personnel, SKK team had come in contact with Coast Guard officials and it was intimated to us that among the missing persons there were also several Interstate Migrant Labourers who were part of the fishing industry. 16 people working in "Jibin" fishing boat, went to the sea in the morning of 29th November 2017, the boat capsized and all lost their lives. SKK team member Mr. Jerone received two photos of Migrant Labourers along with their names; Mr. Hori Lal and Mr. Arvind Kumar. Allegedly they were also members of "Jibin's Crew" and were missing. No details of their family whereabouts could be found from the boat owner or anywhere else. SKK team painstakingly labored to identify the family members. After a month of strenuous efforts, we procured the phone number of Mr. Arvind Kumar, the brother of Mr. Hori Lal. Contact with the family of both were made during end of December. SKK made arrangement for the families to travel to Trivandrum, and take the DNA tests. DNA tests matched with bodies recovered from sea, and the families were able to complete the last rights. SKK also labored to ensure the families get compensation from Government, which was duly received by them.



**I am extremely saddened by the loss of my husband, but I am content that at least I was able do last rights for him, and also receive compensation from Government. This saved my family from a very difficult situation we could have been in, because my husband was the only earning member in our family. I thank Sramik Kalyan Kendra for their support - Smt. Gangotri (late Hori Lal's wife)**



## ഓഖി: യു.പി. സ്വദേശികളുടെ കുടുംബാംഗങ്ങൾ മന്ത്രിയെ കാണാനെത്തി

**ഇവർ പോയത് കൊല്ലത്തു നിന്നുള്ള ബോട്ടിൽ**

തിരുവനന്തപുരം ▶ ഓഖി ദുരന്തത്തിൽ കാണാതായ യു.പി. സ്വദേശികളായ അരവിന്ദകുമാർ, ഹൊറിലാൽ എന്നിവരുടെ കുടുംബാംഗങ്ങൾ സഹായം അഭ്യർഥിച്ച് മന്ത്രി ജെ.മെഴ്സിക്ക് കയ്യെത്തിയ കണ്ടു. അരവിന്ദകുമാറിന്റെ അമ്മയ്ക്ക് മെയ്വാല, ഹൊറിലാലിന്റെ ഭാര്യ ഗംഗോത്രി, സഹോദരൻ അനിൽ എന്നിവരാണ് കഴിഞ്ഞ ദിവസം മന്ത്രിയുടെ ഔദ്യോഗിക വസതിയിലെത്തിയത്.

കാണാതായവരുടെ വിവരങ്ങൾ ഇവർ മന്ത്രിക്ക് കൈമാറി.

ഡി.എൻ.എ. ടെസ്റ്റ് ഫലം വേഗത്തിൽ ലഭ്യമാക്കാൻ നടപടി സ്വീകരിക്കുമെന്ന് മന്ത്രി അറിയിച്ചു.

കൊല്ലത്തുനിന്നുള്ള ബോട്ടിലാണ് അരവിന്ദകുമാറും കുട്ടരും പോയത്. 16 പേരുണ്ടായിരുന്ന ബോട്ടിലെ മൂന്നു പേരെ നാവികസേന രക്ഷപ്പെടുത്തിയിരുന്നു.

യു.പി. സ്വദേശികളെ കാണാതായ വിവരം ലഭിച്ചതിനെ തുടർന്ന് മരുന്നടൻ തൊഴിലാളികളെ സഹായിക്കുന്നതിനായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന ശ്രമി കല്യാൺ കേന്ദ്ര നടത്തിയ അന്വേഷണത്തിലാണ് കുടുംബാംഗങ്ങളെ കണ്ടെത്തിയത്. ശ്രമി കല്യാൺ കേന്ദ്ര കോ-ഓർഡിനേറ്റർ ജെറോൺ ബി. പെരേരയ്ക്കൊപ്പമാണ് ഇവർ മന്ത്രിയെ കാണാനെത്തിയത്.

മാതൃഭൂമി 2018 ജനുവരി 19 • വെള്ളിയാഴ്ച



# K I S M A T



## “APNI KISMAT APNI HAT”

Large numbers of young people migrate to unorganized sectors in Kerala and they are unskilled, poor, exploited and their rights are grossly violated. Such poor and young migrants moving from one state to another are not a vote bank and so, no political parties want them at the migrated destinations. They do not know the language of the place, face alienation from the local society, are unable to access their rightful entitlements such as food, shelter, medical care, bank services, education, skill training, legal support and other services. KISMAT is an integrated network of 12 Migrants help desks set up in Don Bosco Salesian houses across 11 districts in Kerala, being headed by Don Bosco Veedu Society at Trivandrum.

## Project Goals

- Set up 12 Migrants' Desks in 11 districts of Kerala state and provide support services through a rights-based approach.
- Make the Don Bosco community an address/place/home where migrants can come in for any emergency or for urgent services and support.
- Build a network of persons and organizations committed to supporting the rights of migrants and empowering them to access them.
- Motivate, accompany and empower migrants to overcome the constraints and deprivations they face.
- Advocate with the state and others for the rights of migrants, and for creation of better options at the source areas in order to reduce “forced” migration.

## IMPACT IN NUMBERS

**PROTECTION FROM WAGE THEFT**

14

**SUPPORT IN FINDING SHELTER**

16

**PROTECTION FROM ABUSE**

31

## STATISTICS:

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2018

## Visit to the work site



# OutReach District Wise

Alapuzha: 250  
 Angamaly: 250  
 Ernakulam: 250  
 Kannur: 275  
 Kasargode: 250  
 Kollam: 250  
 Kottayam: 250  
 Kozhikode: 303  
 Palakkad: 176  
 Thrissur: 252  
 Waynad: 254  
 Trivandrum: 500

Number denotes: Migrants

Source: Quarterly Report August- October  
 2018



Awareness  
Generation

  
**Helpline**

Right based  
Education

Support

Advocacy



01

01

Awareness  
classes

Conducted classes in 11 district

**Topic Covered:**

Basic rights, Labour laws, Personal hygiene, Work site safety

**No.of migrants participated:** 2430



02

02

Medical camp &  
AAWAZ  
registration

Conducted Camps in 11 districts

**No.of migrants participated:** 2480



03

03

Official Launch  
KISMAT

Hon. Minister Smt. J Mercy Kuttyamma (Minister of Fisheries, Kerala) launched KISMAT

# slum development Program



## KARIMADOM EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT NETWORK

DON BOSCO KEEN

This project started in January 2018, with the main objective of empowering the children and Women of Karimadom Colony through education and skill development.

As part of the KEEN project Don Bosco Veedu Society is conducting Free Evening tuition's for the children from the colony. Don Bosco also identified Drop out children from the colony and helped them to learn Chenda (an Indian percussion instrument)

The women folk from the colony were provided with skill training in catering allied services, Food processing, paper/cloth bag making training

One day motivational camps were also conducted for children, youth, women and men folk of the colony.

Leadership training was also conducted for the women SHG members of Don Bosco



# Karimadom Education & Empowerment Network AT A GLANCE



## 1. Free Evening Tuition

Activity chart- Tuition centre @ DB Veedu		
Days	Staff involved/Volunteers involved	Topics covered
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Volunteers from Baton Hill Engineering College	Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Biology
Tuesday, Thursday	Volunteer- Life Skill educator (Dviri Foundation)	Life Skill modules: self regulation, self management, decision making & problem solving, interpersonal relationship, social awareness
Monday- Friday	KEEN Tuition teachers	Organize basic literacy classes for the children who are not able to read and write English and Malayalam Alphabets

## 2. DB KEEN Naturals

The KEEN Naturals is an autonomous society consists of the producers as top level management & Don Bosco as a partner in networking with the market. KEEN naturals is formed as a result of the food processing training. There are 15 women registered with naturals and are supplying Jam, Squash etc

## 3. KEEN Services

Women from the slum were provided with training in catering and allied services. Under the guidance of Don Bosco the women group started a laundry unit on November 2018 stationed at Don Bosco Veedu Manacaud.

About 15 women from the slum are involved in the laundry service unit and are earning a living.

## 4. Free Chenda classes

About 17 school Dropout children from the slum, who are interested in chenda are identified and provided them training in Chenda. Now the children who are participating in chenda classes are attending the school regularly. Their school attendance is monitored effectively by the KEEN Staff.

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CHILDREN  
FREE EVENING TUITION

15

WOMEN  
KEEN NATURALS

15

WOMEN  
KEEN SERVICES

17

DROP-OUT CHILDREN  
CHENDA CLASSES



# DREAM

DRUGS REHABILITATION EDUCATION & MENTORING



## ABOUT DREAM

Kerala is second in India with largest number of cases related to drug abuse. Ernakulum and Thiruvananthapuram are the two Districts in Kerala having the most number of drug related cases. A survey done among school going children in Trivandrum district by Don Bosco Veedu depicts that about 30 % of children are using drugs. This calls for urgent intervention and we have begun a yearlong campaign to thwart this menace by educating children, counseling, intervening with teachers, excise department and networked efforts to stop this increasing menace that threatens the life and future of children of Kerala Society.

## Programs Delivered

### DARE- DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

An Exclusive awareness program conducted among the school children on the harmful effects of using drugs. The DARE session was conducted in 35 schools and covered 3663 high school children. Every DARE session includes visual aid presentation, Quiz Program and group activity.



### GENERAL PUBLIC AWARENESS

The team designed attractive leaflets, posters, flip charts and vinyl charts, and organized exhibition in the central train station. They also distributed leaflets in the public area such as museum, central bus station etc.



### INTER SCHOOL POSTER COMPETITION

About 45 high school students from schools of Trivandrum district participated in the poster competition with the topic "Substance Use". The best posters were awarded and ideas of the children was used in preparing the IEC materials for the project.



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## STATE LEVEL STAKEHOLDERS MEETING



A state level stake holders meeting was conducted as part of the DREAM project, in order to formulate a state level action plan for the prevention of drug use among the children. Members from CWC, Child rights commission, Excise, CHILDLINE, DCPU, Education department, Health Department, police, Souhrda teachers from the 14 district of Kerala participated in the meeting. The participants were divided into six groups and had a fruitful discussion for formulating an action plan

No. of Participants: **95**

## YOUTH AWARENESS PROGRAM



"The main hope of a nation lies in the proper education of its Youth". With this objective Don Bosco Veedu Society conducted DARE awareness program in 3 colleges in Trivandrum District . Around 350 youth attended the program. The session includes Role play by Excise department named "Pativare Kakaruthe", Quiz competition and poster exhibition

## TRAINING FOR TRAINERS (COUNSELORS/ MENTORS)



"A two days of workshop was conducted for the school counselors and mentors in the district of Trivandrum. Experts working in the field were invited to lead the training. The counselors were taught how to deal with the children using drugs.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING



A two day of leadership training was conducted for the selected student leaders from 50 school in Trivandrum District. The main objectives of the program was to prepare them as the leaders and mentors of their different locations to pass information on the suppliers, guide and support to their peer, organize programmes and campaigns and do-pro active roles for the prevention of drug abuse among children.



# WEDGE

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT DRIVE & GENDER EQUALITY  
TARGET GROUP OF WEDGE



**WOMEN/  
LEADER**  
**200 WOMEN**

Beneficiaries  
as of December 2018



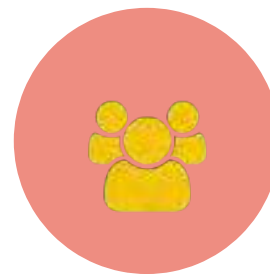
**YOUTH/  
STUDENTS**  
**250**

Beneficiaries  
as of December 2018



**GOVERNMENT  
/NGO**  
**129**

Beneficiaries  
as of December 2018



**GENERAL  
PUBLIC**  
**880**

Beneficiaries  
as of December 2018

## WEDGE

Start Date: July 2018  
Duration: 2 Years

## ABOUT WEDGE

The intention of the project is capacity building of vulnerable women against abuse and violence and to empower them to stand up for their rights.

Promotion of gender equality through trainings, workshops, campaigning against gender based violence; confidence building and skills development are also envisaged through this program.

## STUDENTS CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

- Collaborated with Vanchiyoor Police and Nirbhaya cell, Trivandrum conducted a Self Defence training for 90 girl children



## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- Conducted leadership training for the members of student police cadets (SPC) from 30 different schools of Trivandrum, in order to spread awareness on the importance of Gender equality



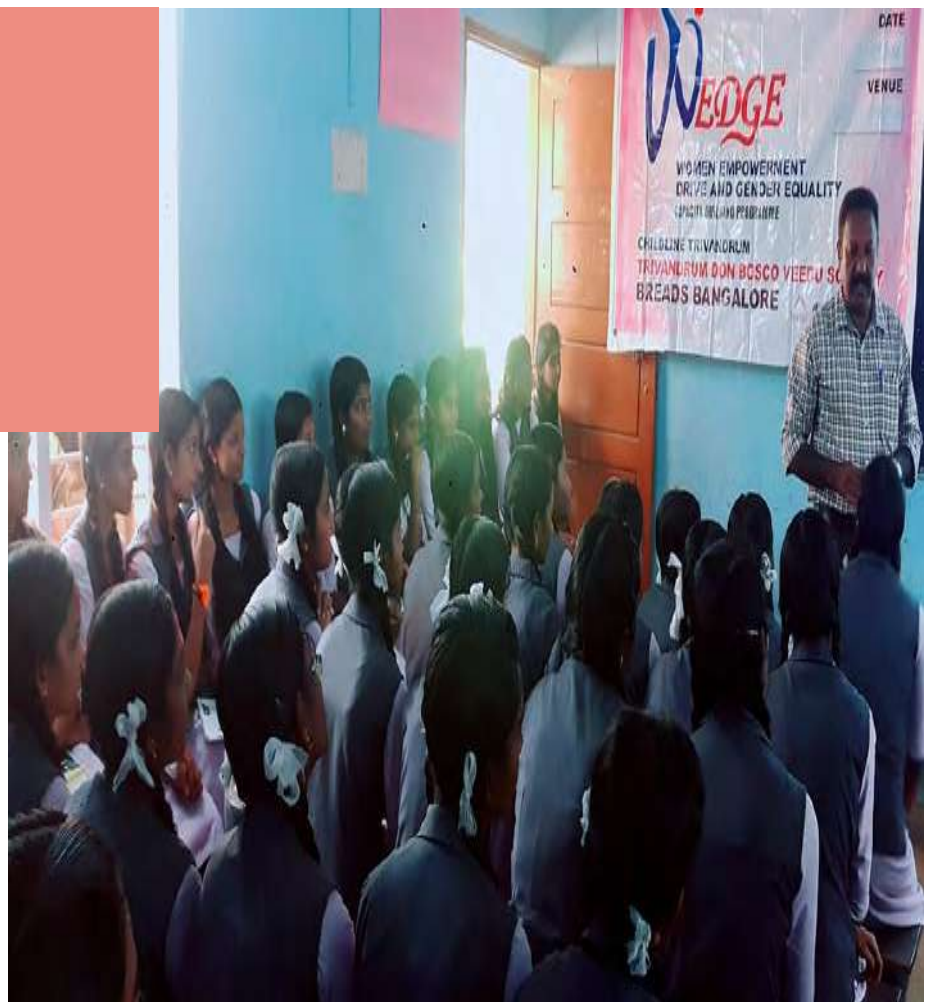
## TRAINING FOR YOUTH/STUDENTS

- Covered 250 children/youth from 3 different schools on the topic " Violence against women & its prevention

MANU KRISHNAN  
VOCATIONAL HIGHER  
SECONDARY SCHOOL,  
PARASALA

NOW WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING CHANGES BY BEING SUPPORTIVE TO WOMEN, CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO END GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND TO END GENDER STEREOTYPING

## FEEDBACK





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