



Salesians of Don Bosco

COVID-19
365 DAYS

26 March 2020 - 25 March 2021

SALESIAN PROVINCE OF HYDERABAD (INH)

LET US SAVE LIVES



OUR REACHOUT
7,20,083



BSK

Touching Lives for Better Future

BOSCO SEVA KENDRA

Planning and Development Office of the Salesian Province of Hyderabad

Don Bosco Provincial House, Don Bosco Nagar Post, Himayatsagar Road
Hyderabad - 500 086, Telangana, INDIA

94400 53219 | bskhyd1993@gmail.com | www.boscosevakendra.org



PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

Greetings to you from Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad.

The year 2020 had been a challenging year for all of us. Covid -19 pandemic has uprooted and disrupted our way of life and taken away securities we took for granted. This is a report of the yearlong battle that we as a Province have fought against the first wave of Covid. Considering the enormity of the crisis, this certainly is a drop in the ocean. We believe that every drop counts, and we were able to reach out to the poorest and most in need during these extremely distressing times.

In spite of our meagre resources, largely due to the generosity of several individuals, funding partners and agencies (Salesian and non-Salesian), we were able to reach out to a significant number of people. I thank every single Don Bosco institution in Andhra, Telangana and in South Odisha for your indefatigable service in providing food, health and hygiene kits and in offering our spaces during the lockdown. The various Don Bosco institutions in the Province were efficiently coordinated by Bosco Seva Kendra, the PDO of the province in preparing various project proposals and in implementing them successfully through the cooperation of each of our institutions. As a province we have reached out to over 720,000 people. I thank each of you for your commitment in spite of the risks involved of the possible contagion. My sincere gratitude to Fr Sudhakar Bellamkonda, the executive director of BSK, Fr Sarath Parri, the assistant director, and all the staff of BSK for their selfless service and leadership in this moment of global crisis. We have been able to collaborate and network with governments and with several CSOs.

After a very strenuous yearlong battle we are confronted with the second wave, which is proving to be deadlier than the first. It is time for us to roll up our sleeves again and respond to this emergency and work towards alleviating the insurmountable pain and loss. Let us pray that God may grant healing to our virus infected country and the world.

Yours in St. John Bosco,

**Fr. Thathireddy Vijaya Bhaskar SDB
Provincial**

C VID-19

COVID-19: INH - BSK'S RESPONSE

Message

Dear Readers

Greetings from Bosco Seva Kendra (BSK), Planning and Development Office of the Salesian Province of Hyderabad.

This report is an outline of all the activities we have undertaken to support the efforts by various institutions in our province (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and South Odisha) to support people affected by the pandemic. Thanks to the grace of God, we have been able to provide food essentials, hand sanitizers, face masks and essential medicines to over 720,000 people from March, 2020 till the end of April, 2021. All 31 of Salesian Institutions have mobilized to engage in relief efforts to support poor families living in slum areas, the homeless, the elderly, essential workers and poor youth across our region.

In August, 2020, Development Office was recognized by the Governor of Telangana for our efforts in supporting the fight against COVID-19. We have received recognition from the press, independent organisations, members of civil services and beneficiaries of our various outreach programs. However, despite our best efforts, it is highly unlikely that we are going to learn from this pandemic, the violation of natural law and the lack of integrity in our culture is the root cause of this pandemic. This is rooted in the nature of man, as clearly illustrated by Socrates in the Republic – The Cave.

We live in an age of postmodernism, reason in a constructed ideology of phenomenology and prescribe ourselves to a set of beliefs rooted in nominalism. This is the real cancer of our time and from the looks of it, where we are trapped in a circle of blissful ignorance. COVID-19 must be a turning point in our generation to change our attitude and be witness to life and Truth. If not, perhaps only suffering and death is the way forward for those who are slaves to themselves. Matthew 13 - The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat.

I thank all our partners who have generously contributed to reach out to the poor and disadvantaged people during first wave of Covid-19 Pandemic.

Sincerely

**Fr Sudhakar Bellamkonda sdb
Executive Director - BSK**



SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

Worldwide

The Salesians of Don Bosco was founded by St John Bosco to uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life, to minister and serve those who live on the peripheries of the culture. Salesians are working in 134 countries and are dedicated to serve those who are marginalized and abandoned.

Province of Hyderabad

The Salesian Province of Hyderabad was established in 1992 to serve people in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and South Odisha. The Province is one of 12 Salesian Provinces in South Asia. The Salesians have had a presence in this region of India since 1964 where the first Salesian Home was established in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

Since then, the presence of the congregation in the region has grown to 201 active members with 32 Salesian Institutions as on date. These institutions consist of schools, colleges, faith oriented associations, youth animation centres, technical schools/skill training centres, orphanages, safe homes, women empowerment groups, career guidance and job placement network. The Province is dedicated and committed in making a positive difference by upholding the dignity and sanctity of human life in a region where millions of families live in extreme poverty.



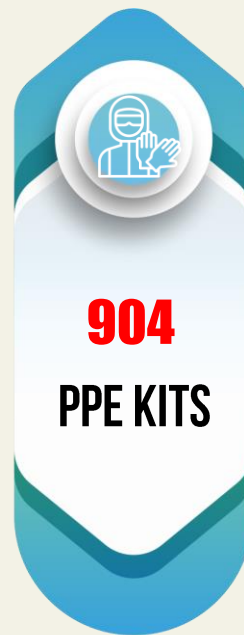
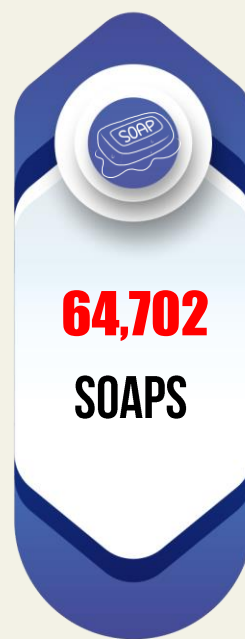
BOSCO SEVA KENDRA *Planning and Development Office*

Bosco Seva Kendra (BSK) strives for the Social Development through network of 32 Don Bosco institutions in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and South Odisha. BSK has always been on the forefront during any natural calamities, disasters, epidemics and pandemics to reach out to the neediest in our region. Here, now, BSK is on the wheels to reach out and help those affected, poor migrant families, daily and agricultural labourers, marginalized women, the elderly and orphan children to combat Covid-19. BSK has provided tens of thousands of poor families across the region with food and essentials during the lockdown. This was possible only with the generous support of independent benefactors and partners who committed in making a positive difference.

C VID-19

COVID-19: INH - BSK'S RESPONSE

OUR IMPACT



TOTAL 7,20,083

* As on 31st March 2021

TARGET GROUPS / BENEFICIARIES

In the last one-year Bosco Seva Kendra has reached out to the several groups of people who lost their work due to corona virus. Bosco Seva Kendra supported migrants, daily/agricultural labourers, tribals, elderly, street children, differently abled, nomads, transgenders, destitutes etc., in collaboration with Civil Society Organizations in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and South Odisha.



Migrant Labourers



**Daily /
Agricultural Labourers**



Transgenders



**Orphan/Street
Children**



**Persons with
HIV / AIDS**



Elderly



Nomads



**Pregnant
Women**



**Tuition/Scholarship/
Human Rights
Clubs Children**

**Destitutes /
Homeless**



Widows

Differently Abled





WE NETWORK





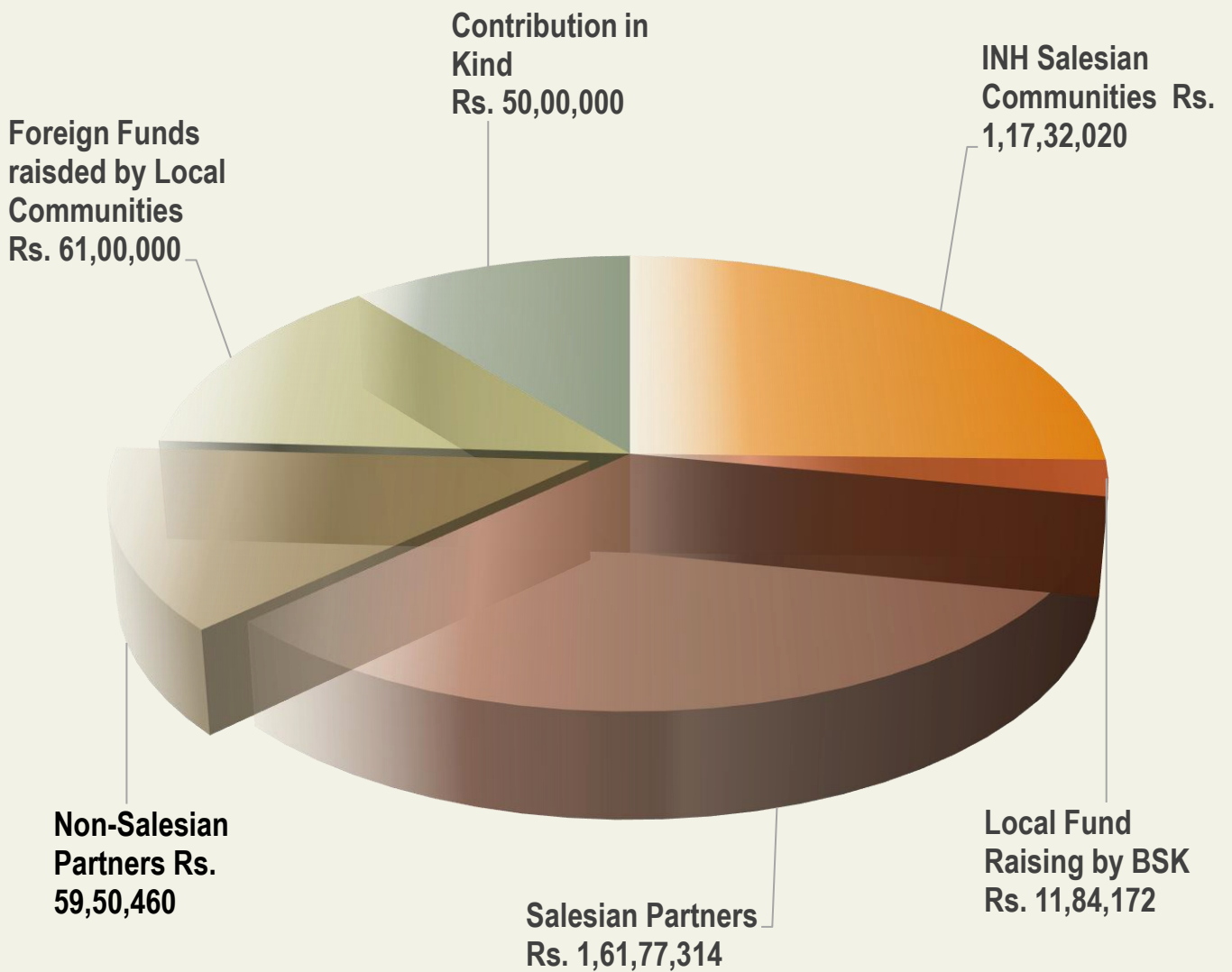
Digital Local Resource Mobilization

- ➡ **Tele-Call**
- ➡ **WhatsApp**
- ➡ **Facebook**
- ➡ **Website**
- ➡ **YouTube Channel**
- ➡ **Individual Contacts**
- ➡ **Email**
- ➡ **Print Media**
- ➡ **Mobile Messaging**
- ➡ **E-Brochures**





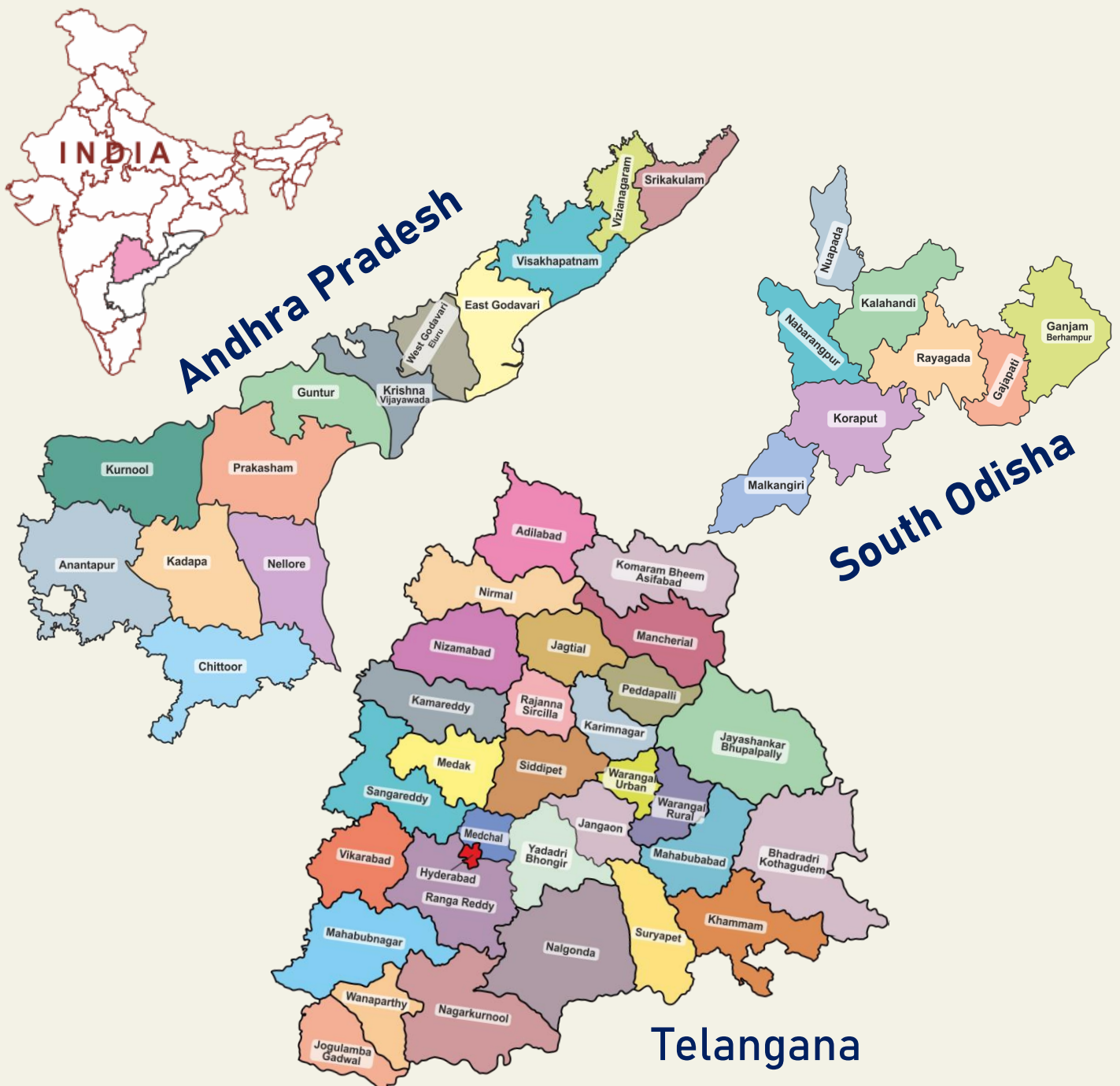
COVID-19 FINANCIAL SYNOPSIS





AREAS OF OPERATION & OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

Comprehensive report of saving lives, instill, hope during Covid-19 by bosco seva kendra and Salesian Province of Hyderabad



C 365 days VID-19

COVID-19: INH - BSK'S RESPONSE

The Covid-19 pandemic is an ongoing public health crisis that has undermined the political and economic stability around the world. The outbreak was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei, China, in November 2019, and was recognized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 11 March 2020. The first case of the coronavirus in India was reported on 30th January 2020.

Covid-19 have been reported in over 221 countries, with confirmed cases of 1,16,86,976 resulting in the deaths of more than 1,60,200 human beings as on 22nd March 2021. Covid-19 outbreak in India, as in any other large country, displays large state-level variations. India is currently at the third position in the world ranking. The numbers are growing exponentially every day. India is in crisis and needs combined efforts to safeguard the vulnerable population.

Source : www.worldmeters.info/coronavirus according to <https://www.mohfw.gov.in>

On 24th of March 2020, the Government of India issued a nationwide lockdown, around 90% of India's economy works in the informal sector with thousands of families being dependent on daily wages for survival. COVID-19 has created much distress in India. While the lockdown has helped to control the spread of the virus, it has also turned out to be a misery for some. The poor migrant workers with no means of livelihood in cities have returned back to their villages. This mass migration has not only made them susceptible to the deadly viral infection but also risked community transmission in their villages.



Bosco Seva Kendra, along with its 32 partners, have been working directly with the vulnerable sector and have assumed the responsibility to spread awareness among the communities and provided them with required support to come out with the vicious cycle of poverty. Bosco Seva Kendra has taken this mission to reach out to the isolated marginalized communities with dry food ration kits, hygiene kits comprising of hand sanitizers, soaps, and face masks. Communities were also capacitated on hygiene practices to avert the spread of Covid-19.

C **365** days COVID-19

COVID-19: INH - BSK'S RESPONSE

The COVID 19 pandemic has taken a great toll on the life of all. Comparatively, the poor people have been affected on a large scale. Millions of migrant workers faced the unprecedented burden of job loss, food shortage, and uncertain future. The daily wage laborers, cab drivers, domestic support workers, homeless, rickshaw drivers are greatly affected by this disease. They have been struggling to earn their livelihood, moreover, had greater exposure to this pandemic. The novel Coronavirus pandemic has affected the rich and poor, but it's the poor who has suffered more due to this contagious disease.

During the worried environment, there was a high need for promoting and building trust and upholding peace in order to control further panic and fear. The Ecomer General of the Salesians of Don Bosco / Society of St Francis De Sales, Brother Jean Paul Muller, has issued a timely circular with recommendations, suggestions and possible preventive measures to confront the Covid-19 pandemic across the Salesian Don Bosco institutions around the world.

Bosco Seva Kendra Under the umbrella of Salesian province of Hyderabad are united to work together as one human family to face the outbreak, expressing compassion and solidarity.

The responsive approach adopted by BSK and the Salesian partners.

As part of the COVID-19 outbreak response, the response approach is guided by humanitarian principles as well as by inclusivity, gender, protection and community engagement principles. BSK along with Salesian partners has launched a humanitarian appeal to support the Nation's Fight against COVID-19. As a response to the lockdown, the Salesian Province of Hyderabad, through its social wing of BSK has ventured and accompanied all the Salesian Communities in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and South Odisha with the motto "Let us Save Lives". The BSK has initiated several partnership campaigns with Salesian partners, corporates, and individual donors to fight against the virus spread in India.



METHODOLOGY & WORKFLOW

Bosco Seva Kendra Under the umbrella of Salesian province of Hyderabad are united to work together as one human family to face the outbreak, expressing compassion and solidarity was the need of the hour. BSK engaged in dialogue with Rectors of the Local communities, staff, Planning and Development Offices Network, South Asia, donor agencies, Civil Society Organizations, and volunteers on the effective mechanisms to implement to move forward. These were the processes BSK adopted to begin outreach effort

Need Assessment

The Bosco Seva Kendra and 32 Salesian partners visited the nearby location in the operational areas of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Southern Odisha to do the need analysis of the affected areas and came out with the specific needs and the plan for the vulnerable population in providing humanitarian relief services in the form of distribution of food Kits.

Target Area identification

34 location identified for the COVID-19 relief work in the operational state of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and southern Odisha, Emergency support were executed. through direct physical distribution of food kits as it was identified as an immediate requirement in that situation. by our Ground Team.

Target Beneficiaries

The target beneficiaries includes street beggars, coolie workers, below poverty line migrant labourers, tribal population people who had no means of livelihood as it will take really long time for them to bring back their lives to normal after this Pandemic



C 365 days VID-19

COVID-19: INH - BSK'S RESPONSE

PHASE 1 : INITIATIVES BY BSK

- Outreach efforts undertaken by BSK and the Province were featured in local media both print and digital. The Executive Director of BSK was felicitated by the Governor of Telangana for their efforts to support the fight against the virus. The Minister for Health of the Government of Telangana thanked the Provincial and members of the Provincial Council for their work
- Distributed essential food item and health kits to the construction workers stuck at construction sites in the operational areas of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and southern Odisha
- Supporting poor migrant workers who have returned to their native villages and are in urgent need of food items, quarantine facilities and awareness generation activities
- Supported sanitation workers by providing preventive kits
- Direct money transfer for those affected by this pandemic
- Provided Personal Protective Gears to the sanitation workers susceptible to the deadly virus in Hyderabad and other parts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- keeping communities informed and engaged: to mitigate the impact of covid-19 protection BSK and the partners have increased communication with communities and leveraged existing community-based structures to maintain two-way communication. Community and religious leaders, outreach volunteers, members of women's and youth groups have disseminated information, assembling in small groups, distributing IEC materials. Thirty-two Salesian partners have undertaken information campaigns reaching remote and hard-to-reach areas.
- The Parishes, Educational , Technical Schools, Navajeevan Centers (Homes for Street Involved Children), Youth centers and Civil society organisation both in urban and rural areas provided cooked meals to homeless people, poor families and migrants returning home on foot. The Province mobilized its training centers to stitch face masks and cloth bags to pack food and health essentials for the poor.
- The PDO office published weekly reports and uploaded photographs, videos across various social media platforms to reflect the values of our organization that our commitment of being present to those who live on the peripheries. Thus, BSK reached more than seven lakh beneficiaries in saving lives from Covid-19
- Over, 720,000 people have benefitted from the relief work operation undertaken by BSK with the support of Salesian communities and the Provincial Council.



C **365** days COVID-19

COVID-19: INH - BSK'S RESPONSE

The relentless contribution by BSK and the partners in Combatting the pandemic and Post lockdown

The lockdown might be over but the pandemic and the impact of the lockdown continues. BSK and the Salesian partners are moving from the immediate response to the intermediate phase where we continue to provide the essential needy dry food items for the most deserving migrant population, we have started providing training to adolescent girls and women on income generating activities. We have reached over 100 women in Hyderabad and other parts of Telangana training them in, tailoring, beautician course, and the needy educational support for the underprivileged children and set up a migrant desk to provide extended services for the construction workers.

Distribution of food kits to the poor and the disadvantaged families those affected by Coronavirus

As the number of Covid-19 cases are on its rise in our region, BSK, the planning and development, once again initiated to reach out to these poor people with families who are dependent on daily wages, working population of these areas comprises mainly of males who are daily wagers, construction workers, and small petty shop owners and auto drivers with only half of the female population working as domestic helpers in the nearby apartments, migrants returned to their livelihoods through all the 34 Salesian Institutions of the Province of Hyderabad, with the support of Salesian partners and other agencies in Europe and in India.



C **365** days COVID-19

COVID-19: INH - BSK'S RESPONSE

PHASE 2 : LONG TERM SKILL TRAINING AND EMPLOYABILITY

The Education support for very poor vulnerable girls and the needy children at Don Bosco Schools, Navajeevan Centre

Bosco Seva Kendra, which has adopted around 16 schools in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Southern Odisha has been providing students with education supplies, including two sets of uniforms, a school bag with all the necessary stationery supplies, and a new pair of shoes around 240 children benefitted. The sponsorship for the education of the underprivileged girls and to safeguard that these children are enrolled in the school as well as provide the needy support and help them receive a good education. The extended educational support by the donors helped us in our mission of making a real concrete difference in the field of education for the poor and the vulnerable children.

Sustainable Livelihood for the Underprivileged Members (SLUM)

In the current scenario, it is extremely important to support the livelihood of those who lost their source of income during these testing times. Hence, Bosco Seva Kendra has come up with a project called 'Sustainable livelihood for the underprivileged members, and is reaching out to adolescent group to enhance their sources of income and support their families. The project Sustainable Livelihood for the Underprivileged Members (**SLUMs**) initiated by Bosco Seva Kendra from the groundwork laid by the current ILO activities allowing to immediately commencing interventions aimed at restoring and improving livelihoods and increasing employment and income generation for vulnerable people through this programme in skill development training in tailoring course. we have trained around 50 Underprivileged girls in the age group of 17-25 years.

Integrated management and Prevention against coronavirus Threats (IMPACTs) in Don Bosco Schools.

The School awareness programme is to provide clear and actionable guidance for safe operations of the Salesian Province of INH schools, to make sure that children and their families remain protected and informed, to ensure this Bosco Seva Kendra Planning and Development Office of the Salesian Province of Hyderabad along with the involvement of the 16 school management calls for actions with set of objectives which includes Increasing the active involvement of the school authorities, Teachers and the students in COVID-19 campaigns and education and improve on school safety measure. To capacitate, school authorities, teachers from 16 schools and equip them with skills to impart school safety measures in the respective schools. To reach out to an estimated 8999 students through an ongoing school safety measures against COVID-19 and safety measures for the preventive action to take up for the welfare of the smooth running of schools



C 365 days VID-19

COVID-19: INH - BSK'S RESPONSE

Enhancing Employability through Vocational and Skill Development Training in Beautician and Hair dressing among underprivileged Girls

The proposed interventions target at least 40 direct beneficiaries, who will benefit from new or upgraded employment through skills training in the field of Beautician and hair dressing course, who desire more sustainable and socially constructive livelihood pathways.

Sustained Migrants Livelihood and Empowerment (SMILE)

There are an estimated 139 million migrants in the country, according to the World Economic Forum. Most majority of the Migrant workers are daily-wage labourers working in the manufacturing and construction industries. This Project on right of action in Migrants will focus on the following aspects, setting up a migrant desk to enhance the access of migrants to public social services through advocacy, dialogue with the public authorities by Providing direct protection, assistance and other services to migrants and their families pertaining to healthcare, training, legal and psychological assistance, creating awareness of fundamental rights of migrants and prevention of abuses and risks, such as those posed by labour exploitation and different forms of human trafficking; fighting against racism, and discrimination. Advocacy for concrete improvement and development of human rights-based policy and legislative frameworks in the area of migration, labour, and anti-trafficking policies.

The Migrant desk program was developed to support the collective vision of the National Youth at Risk Commission of Don Bosco Network, India which has made it an institutional priority for all Don Bosco institutions to provide migrant ministry services for migrants across the country. The program officially began its field work in January, 2021. Staff members have undertaken a survey in several migrant hotspots in Hyderabad, to enrol migrants into various social welfare programs and the migrant desk is engaged with over 200 migrants and 8 contractors in the city. The Staff members established a networking and collaboration with various government department which includes civil service and the police department to share with them the various outreach programs and impact we intend to achieve in Hyderabad. We will be reaching out to 300 migrants directly and they in turn will reach out to 4500 Migrant workers in the City of Hyderabad through this project in a year.





Testimonials

Rashmita

I am Rashmita, 17-year-old resident of Vemula Narva Village, Vatsavai Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. Agriculture is the main source of my family's income. Due to lack of opportunities in the village, I have joined the skill development training programme in DBHRDC. I have gained a lot from the tailoring course. I have learnt so many valuable techniques from the tailoring instructor, such as making a skirt, dress, blouse and the basic steps for achieving high quality garment details about buttonholes, fine stitching, etc. I have gained confidence and was motivated to do well in my designs, learning basic computers. The training tutor Mr Srinivas who has hands-on experience, taught us to be more independent with discovering and practising techniques. This course has greatly helped me as I can stand on my own feet and for my future career and in my livelihood.



Balasubramanyam

Balasubramanyam is an auto driver who lives in Yanadi Colony. He has the responsibility of looking after his parents, wife, two daughters and son. Before the spread of the corona virus, he was able to meet the expenses of the family from his daily income. But now since his daily income is much less than before, and all the family members are always in the house without going anywhere, he finds it very tough to provide food and essential items for everyone in the family.

His wife Anjali and family are grateful to Don Bosco for the timely assistance. "It is difficult to make children understand the complexity of the situation caused by the pandemic, the unemployment and our limited resources," said Balasubramanyam.



CONCLUSION

Unlike single-event disasters, The COVID-19 pandemic is and will continue to be an ongoing global crisis. The Bosco Seva Kendra and Salesian partners continues to raise funds for both immediate needs in heavily impacted operational areas and mid- to long-term programmes to help communities to recover from the crisis through education and improving the livelihood through the intervention of different developmental programmes for the poor and the marginalized.



Thank you

We fondly remember and
Thank you dearly beloved

**Salesians,
Funding Agencies, Donors, Friends
Benefactors, Well-wishers**

for your continuous support to
**Salesian Province of Hyderabad (INH),
Bosco Seva Kendra (BSK)**
in fighting against Covid-19

C365 daysVID-19

COVID-19: INH - BSK'S RESPONSE





Touching Lives for Better Future

BOSCO SEVA KENDRA (BSK)

Planning and Development Office of the Salesian Province of Hyderabad

Don Bosco Nagar Post, Bandlaguda Jagir

Hyderabad - 500 086, Telangana, INDIA

bskhyd1993@gmail.com, www.boscosevakendra.org