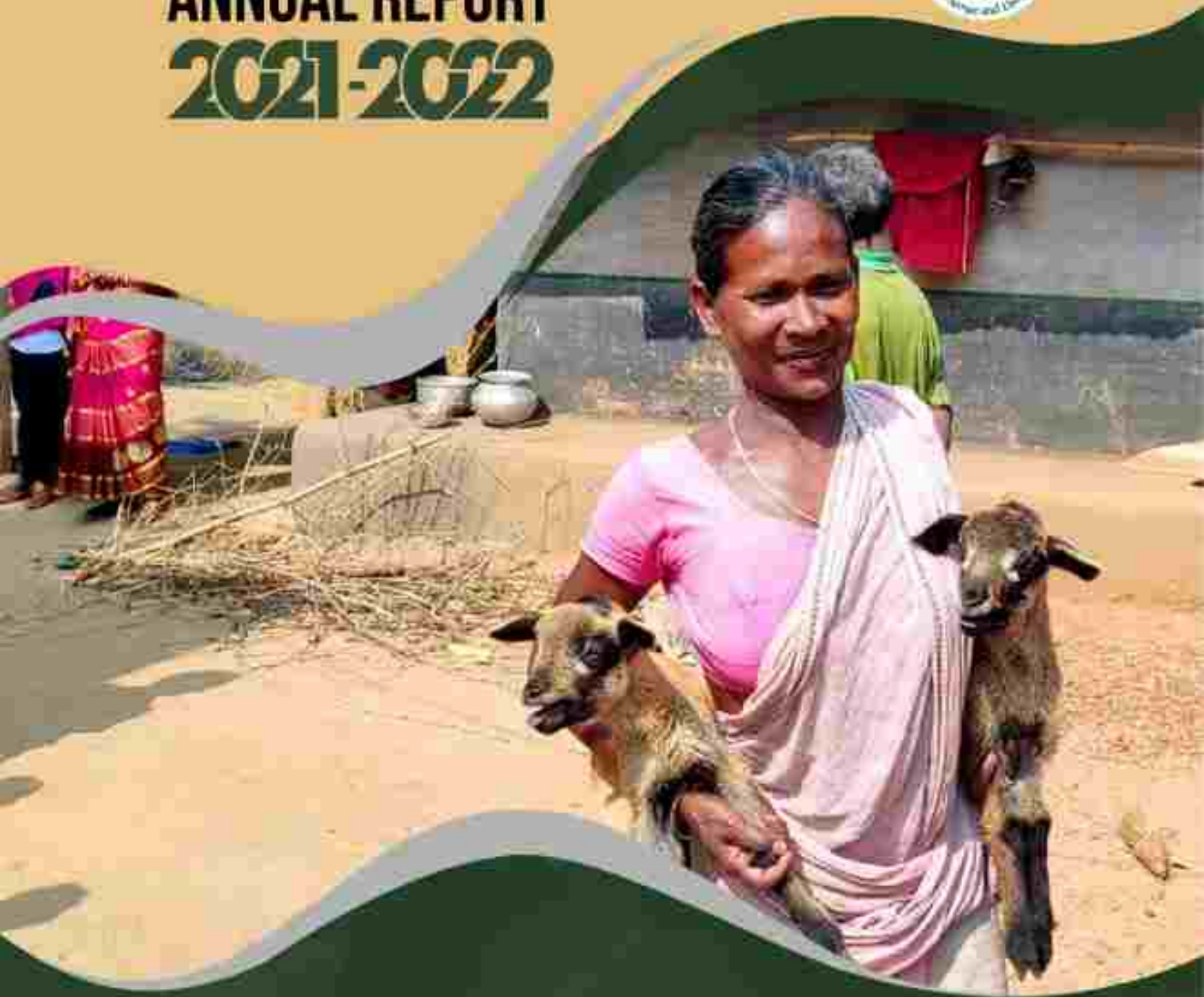


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**BALASORE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY**

AN ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEOPLE



## VISION

We envisage a transformed society where love, peace and justice prevail

## MISSION

We undertake the mandate of promoting, facilitating and enabling sustainable human development of all, especially the poor and the marginalised by fighting poverty, diseases, enhancing quality education, ensuring livelihood, food security and addressing emergencies.



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# BALASORE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY



Balasore Social Service Society is the social service wing of Balasore Diocese. It primarily works in the four districts of Odisha, namely: Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Balasore and Bhadrak.

Between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, it has touched the lives of 54,000 people in 12,400 households across these four districts.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Balasore Social Service Society (BSSS) is completing three decades of service and consistently creating a better future for the poor and marginalized especially for the farming community, women, children and the people in distress by making the best use of local and global means available. I would like to express my immense gratitude to my leadership team, management and our employees who not only helped BSSS stay resilient in the face of the pandemic but becoming all things to all people, by taking up the great challenge of reaching out to them. It is through your sheer determination and passion to serve humanity that we have come this far.

It is my pleasure to place before you the Annual Report of BSSS for the Year 2021-22 and the detailed account of performance and initiatives taken up. The response to the second wave of the pandemic and the Cyclone Yaas has been remarkable and with great fortitude unitedly and relentlessly made difference in thousands of helpless people.

BSSS has been always true to its vision and mission of building a just society and carrying out developmental works for all irrespective of caste, creed and gender. In all its intervention among the people of 4 districts of Odisha namely Balasore, Bhadrak, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj the vulnerable



people and the community has been the centre of the focus. The developmental works carried out among the people have brought laurels from all quarters.

In every way, BSSS is becoming a more future-ready institute and is determined to keep formulating robust strategies and means to combat the challenges of the people we serve. I am especially proud of the way in which BSSS members are committed to the cause of suffering humanity. I am indebted to each one of them for having stood solidly behind us supporting and guiding us. I express my sincerest gratitude to funding agencies, government officials, and partners for believing in our abilities to navigate change supporting us wholeheartedly and looking forward to a similar partnership and accompaniment in the coming year too. Invoking God's blessings on each one who is part of BSSS and wishing you all the best.

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Fr. Isaac Puthenangady  
Administrator, Diocese of Balasore

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The year 2022 marks the 30th anniversary of Balasore Social Service Society (BSSSS). Back in 1992, we were established with a mission to promote, facilitate and enable sustainable human development of all, especially the poor and the marginalized by fighting poverty, malnutrition and diseases, enhancing quality education, ensuring livelihood, and food security and addressing emergencies. True to its mission BSSSS has always set sustainability at the heart of its intervention approach. Effectively carrying out this mandate and bringing smiles to the thousands of poor people of 4 districts of Odisha specially Balasore, Bhadrak, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj speak of our commitment. Over the past 30 years, BSSSS has reached out to the people with improved agricultural practices, resilience models, integrated farming, sustainable livelihood options, quality education facilities, skill development, healthcare support, and empowering the vulnerable to stand for their rights, especially women and children. The relentless commitment and dedication of every member of the BSSSS family helped to overcome many challenges in the past years.

The emergencies like COVID second wave, the cyclone Yaas and the growing economic crisis had a great impact on the people. BSSSS was there collaborating with the government authorities and like-minded NGOs to ease the pain of the people. BSSSS provided food, skill development training, and



monetary help to adversely affected people. The people in the villages were encouraged to take up agriculture and other income-generating activities as an option for sustainable livelihood. The women and the children were educated to assert their rights at all levels and special emphasis was given to children and their right to quality education and dignity of life. BSSSS believed that knowledge is power hence the people were made aware of their rights and obligations for development. The community-based organizations like Self Help Groups, Farmers' Club and Farmers' Federation were capacitated to be part of the decision-making and take up the program forward.

It is pertinent to mention here that without the support of the Governing Body members, our funding agencies, government officials, BSSSS staff, all the collaborators and the well-wishers it would not have been possible to accomplish much. BSSSS family is indebted to all of you dear partners.

Fr. Lijo George  
Director

## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



Balasore Social Service Society serves humanity and provides sustainable solutions for our communities on livelihood, education and community development. Human dignity is the centre of all activities of BSSS. I am happy to be part of this journey and render my service to the people of 4 districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj of Odisha.

I am indeed glad to express my sentiments and admiration for this family where everyone is united for the development of the people. The activities in the interior villages of the 4 districts were possible because of the cooperation of the people and their

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**Fr. Cheria Kizhikandayil**  
Asst. Director

leaders. Various CBOs extended their support and became part of the program.

BSSS has brought smiles to many families by ensuring food security, providing quality education, breaking down the division of gender, caste, religion and status and ensuring sustainable livelihood. The programs introduced and carried out were in collaboration with the line department, other NGOs and the CBOs of the place.

A word of appreciation to the BSSS staff and all the animators who tirelessly plan, execute and monitor the programs. I acknowledge the support of the managing committee and their guidance in all the undertakings of the BSSS. I admit that the work done was not possible without the help of the donor agencies who supported all of our programs.

I wish all the best to the BSSS family for the days ahead that they will truly be the agents of change and brighten the lives of people.

## BSSS AN AGENCY OF DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

BSSS true to its vision of creating a society of brotherhood and with a mission to empower the poor and the marginalized implemented various programs. The programs were aimed at eradicating poverty, providing sustainable livelihood, ensuring food security, capacitating the people to encounter disasters and other emergencies tactfully and alleviating the suffering of the masses.

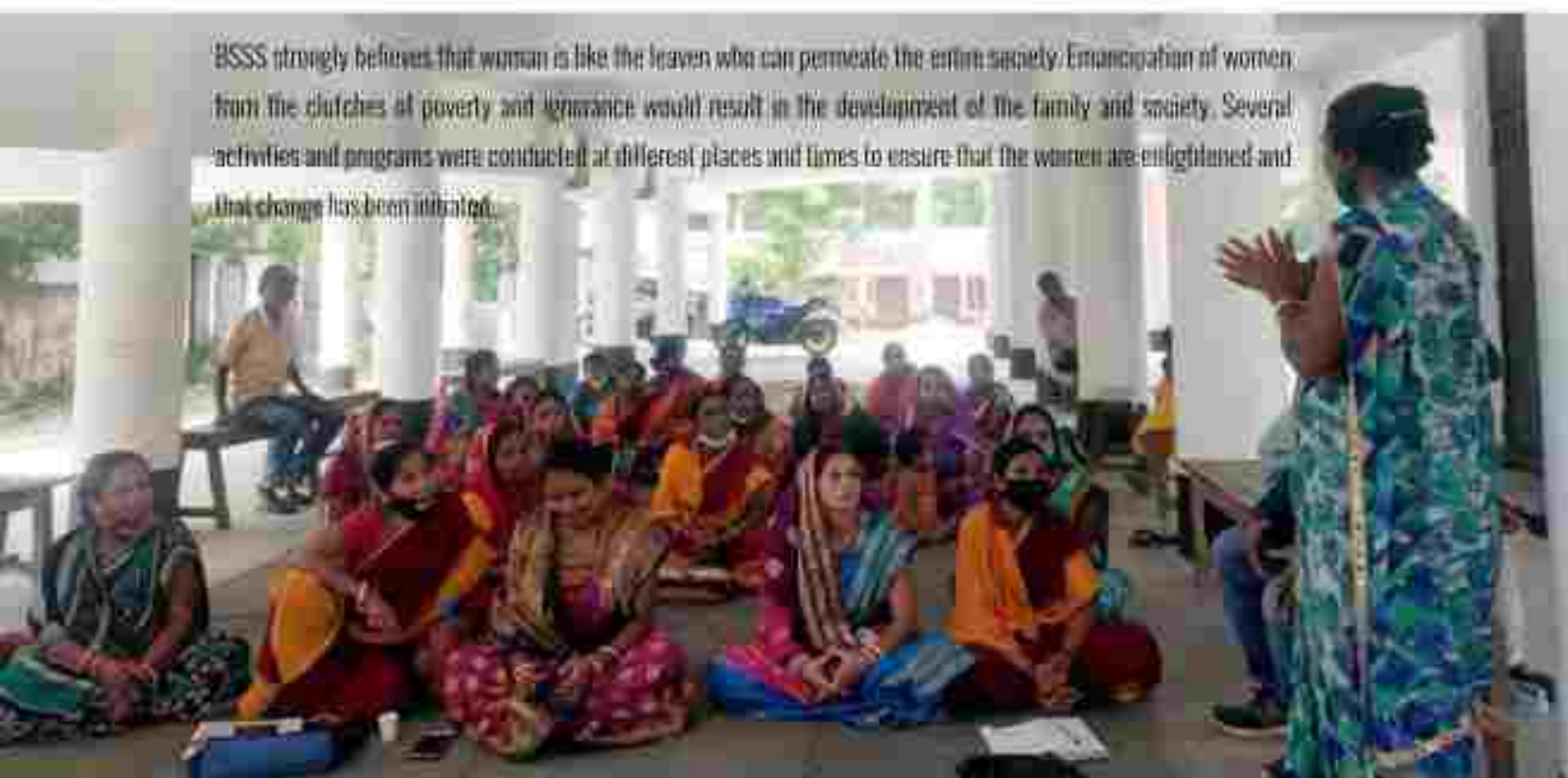
The targets of these programs and activities are mainly women, youth, children, marginalized farmers, Tribals and Scheduled Castes. Some of the major programs that were carried out in the year 2021-2022 are Sustainable transformation of Tribals through Empowerment, Education and Economic Reforms, (STEER), Social Welfare through Agriculture and Allied Development (SWAAD), Sustainable and Participatory Rural Empowerment through Agri-based livelihood Development (SPREAD), Mainstreaming the low performing Tribal Students through Bridge up Center (BuC), Surakya: A joint venture to safeguard the Right and dignity of the children of Mayurbhanj, COVID 19 Emergency Relief Support, and Poverty Reduction and Food Security, Promoting Social Inclusion of Particularly Marginalized Groups, and Increasing Resilience to Disasters in High Risk Areas.





## BSSS MAKING THE WOMAN THE CENTRE OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE

BSSS strongly believes that woman is like the leaven who can permeate the entire society. Emancipation of women from the clutches of poverty and ignorance would result in the development of the family and society. Several activities and programs were conducted at different places and times to ensure that the women are enlightened and that change has been initiated.



## WOMEN SELF-HELP GROUP

BSSS plays an important catalyst role across 4 districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj to unite women in the villages to make them a mighty force to withstand all the hurdles and guide them towards their sustainability. Every village covered under various programs of BSSS has an SHG and most of them are vibrant. Some of the women from the SHGs participate in decision-making at the village level, manage the financial affairs at the household level and are confident that they can change things for the better. BSSS is working with and monitoring 284 SHGs this year.



## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

BSSS promotes women's leadership as they are multi-tasking, creative, responsible and loyal to the objectives. In the BSSS project area, women led the Women Self Help Groups and the Farmers' Clubs, which were found to be progressing. There are few FCs where women are at the helm and in their leadership, roles are found to be more effective, democratic, communicative and courageous to face any hurdles that may come.



## WOMEN PRINCIPAL AGENTS OF DEVELOPMENT



BSSS observed that women combat social crises in an effective way and made them their partners in bringing about desired change. Women are the backbone of all the programs and interventions of BSSS. Most of the CBOs like CCPC, GPCPC, Education Committees, BoC teachers, SHGs, FCs, and FFs have them as members and it is the women who are monitoring the safe migration in their villages. Women Anganwadi and Asha workers play a significant role in the success stories of intervention.

NAME OF CBO	PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN MEMBERS
GPCPC	50
CCPC	44
Education Committee	60
BoC Teachers	80
SHGs	100
FCs	35
FFs	20
ERC teachers	100

## CASE STORY

### UNITY IS OUR STRENGTH



Pregati Maa Basanti SHG, Khuntapal, decided on one of its monthly meetings that it will do everything to bring about the economic well-being of the group. The group strengthened the unity among the members and helped each other in any need. They regularly conducted the meetings and documented well their activities and maintained transparency in all matters. Witnessing their unity and interest in IGP, the veterinary department granted ₹ 230,000 to purchase 30 goats and rear them for their livelihood. The goats are taken care and many of the goats have littered and have increased the number of goats. The group is grateful for the intervention of BSSS in uniting them and training them to take up IGP and they stated 'Unity is our strength'

## WOMEN AS LEAD FARMERS AND RESOURCE PERSONS

BSSS encouraged women to learn new methods of farming as they make up almost half of the farmers. Most of the work in the agriculture sector is being done by women. The women understand the process and communicate with others with ease. Around 200 women are capacitated as lead farmers who will be the resource persons in the village. They are equipped with the knowledge and can transmit it to their children and others.



## GENDER EQUALITY TODAY FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW

The theme was celebrated extensively in the project area of BSSS on 8 March 2022 and the day was marked with programs of awareness on gender equality and other activities. In different places, the women gathered and expressed their unity and they were honoured for their contribution to the family, society and country. Cultural programs and competitions were held and dignitaries from the line departments were part of the programs.



## WOMEN SHARE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOUSEHOLD



BSSS envisages a society of gender equality and encouraged women to engage in different income-generating activities. It is observed that the majority of them are engaged in income-generating activities like livestock rearing - Figs, goats, poultry, fishery, organic manure producing, pheryl production, soap powder making, pickles and snacks preparation, mushroom cultivation, nursery for vegetables and fruit trees, grocery

shop, Sabai grass rope production, incense stick production, tailoring, and beauty parfour. These activities have raised 45% of the income of the families.



## BSSS ENSURES THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS AND QUALITY EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are limitless potential and priceless resources for the progress of society. Hence BSSS took up the primary responsibility for creating a good social environment and opportunities for quality education.

### STREET PLAYS TO EDUCATE THE MASSES ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN



BSSS organised a street play in 25 clusters targeting the 85 villages of the Mayurbhanj District which made a huge impact on the people. It vividly conveyed the message of the evils of child marriage and child labour. It also educated them on the pros and cons of migration and the process they need to follow while they set out to a new place for work.

## CASE STORY

### CHILDREN ARE THE MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE

Meera and Anil (names changed) are siblings whose parents shared a hostile relationship as a result their mother lost her life at the hands of their father and he was sentenced to life term imprisonment. The children were in the custody of their uncle who did not care for their education. With the intervention of BSSS, the guardians were counselled and the children were admitted to the school in Khuntapal UG ME Schools Khuntapal and Khandikhal UP School, Khandikhal. Both the siblings are attending school and the Education centres regularly and doing well in their studies. Meera expressed her gratitude to BSSS and said she will study well and help others.



## CHILD PROTECTION WARRIORS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

BSSS organises students, girls, women, parents and the leaders of the community at various levels to safeguard the dignity of the children. They educate the masses and ensure that every child is protected.

## ADOLESCENT GIRLS GROUPS (AGG)



In each village of Brahmangaon, Chakidi, Sonapal, Keuniman and Saragachhida GPs of Mayurbhanj district Adolescents Girls Groups (AGG) are functional and consist of 7 to 18-year-old girls. 10 to 15 members of this group visit the families in their village and meet every month under the leadership of the Anganwadi worker to discuss the issues faced by the children and the girls mainly abuse by parents/guardians, child labour, early marriage, sexual abuse, trafficking, etc. The AGG members are determined to fight for their rights and dignity and communicate with CCPC every month for further guidance. In fourteen blocks of the Mayurbhanj district, AGGs are active and functioning for the welfare of the children and ensuring that the girl children are protected from all mishaps.

NAME OF THE PANCHAYAT	NO. OF AGG	ISSUES SOLVED
Brahmanganon	21	2 dropouts readmitted
Chalodi	13	3 dropouts readmitted
Sorisipal	11	3 dropouts readmitted
Keulunman	18	2 dropouts readmitted
Saragachhida	17	3 dropouts readmitted
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>16 DROPOUTS READMITTED</b>

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/ HOSTELS WITH AGG	ISSUES SOLVED/ PROGRAM CONDUCTED
14 hostels from 5 panchayats	Toilets were constructed in 5 schools, water facilities have been created in 4 schools, library issues have been identified and the process is on.

## COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (CCPC)

CCPCs are active in 80 villages of Mayurbhanj and work to make the villages child-friendly and safe villages. The CCPC members identify the child abuse cases and resolve them in the communities themselves with the help of the village leaders. CCPC members are capacitated with child rights and legal education which enables them to take up certificates with the ODPO, DPO, police and CWC. The CCPC members conduct awareness programs on children's rights in the community.



NAME OF THE PANCHAYAT	NO. OF CCPC	ISSUES SOLVED
Brahmanganon	21	5 Child labour 1 Child marriage 14 School dropout
Chakodi	13	1 Child marriage 12 School Dropout
Sarisagal	11	1 Child marriage 12 School Dropout
Keotunman	18	1 Child labour 4 Child marriage 21 School Dropout
Saragachhida	17	1 Child labour 4 Child marriage 19 School Dropout
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	

## SCHOOL VIGILANT COMMITTEE (SVC)



School Vigilant Committees in the schools are an ambassador for the rights and dignity of adolescent girls. Students and teachers together have monthly meetings and discuss different issues of child abuse, torture, harassment, legal provisions, report mechanisms for addressing such issues, and sensitizing all the students of the schools and hostellers about the importance of child rights and its protection measures.

NO. OF SCHOOLS/HOSTELS WITH SVC	ISSUES SOLVED/PROGRAM CONDUCTED
45	Lack of library, need for a playground, need for more classrooms, need for the tube wells, toilets were constructed, classrooms were constructed, water problem solved



## GRAM PANCHAYAT CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (GPCPC)



GPCPC members are oriented towards the protection rights of the children and made them vigilant leaders of the community to check child labour, child marriage, sexual abuse and unsafe migration. CCPC members refer the cases of child marriage and child labour to them and actions are taken and children are rescued.

NAME OF THE PANCHAYAT	NO. OF GPCPC	ISSUES SOLVED/ PROGRAM CONDUCTED
Brahmangaon	12	2 child marriage, 3 dropouts
Chakudi	12	1 child marriage, 4 dropout students
Sorisapal	12	1 child marriage, 3 dropouts
Keutuniman	12	2 child marriage, 4 dropouts
Saraguchhida	12	2 child marriage, 2 dropouts
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	

### CASE STORY

#### CCPC SAVED ME FROM BONDAGE

Singo Hansdha belongs to Hatimoda village in the Mayurbhanj District. Her father is an alcoholic and there is always unrest in her family. At the very young age of 13, she fell in love with a man of 20 years from her village. Both of them eloped and the parents of the girl brought the girl back. But the pain of separation and the embarrassment were so



much that both of them tried to commit suicide. But they were rescued by the villagers. The case was registered as an attempt to suicide and the police investigated the case. The parents of Singo decided to hand over the child to the man and finalize their marriage. This came to the information of the Anganwadi worker and the matter was taken up at a village CCPC and the animator of Surakhya. A meeting was held and the parents and the girl were counselled. After a series of counselling, Singo agreed to wait till she attained marriageable age, and her parents agreed to keep her at home instead of getting them married. She is grateful for the intervention of CCPC and BSSS and for saving her from child marriage.

## CAPACITATING THE SURVIVORS

BSSS supports the survivors and victims of abuse with legal processes, education and livelihood and empowers them to lead a dignified life. The Surakya Warriors have helped 2 students with educational support and 4 with legal support and 2 people with livelihood options.



## INITIATING CHILD-FRIENDLY POLICE STATION



BSSS to make the children comfortable while approaching the police and consider the police as the agents of protection and lodge complaints without fear and feasible to curb child abuse, initiated meetings to introduce a child-friendly police station at Chandua.

The authorities of the Police station welcomed the initiative and assured all support to materialise the plan.

## EXPOSURE VISITS TO THE CHILD PROTECTION LINE DEPARTMENTS



BSSS facilitated rapport with the Childline departments and organised a visit to the Child Welfare Committee(CWC), Childline, Child Care Institute(CCI), and District Child Protection Unit (DCPU)of Mayurbhanj. 100 Members of the Gram Panchayat Child Protection Committee and Community Child Protection Committee learned the procedure and system followed at Childline Department in addressing the cases related to child issues and providing them protection and rehabilitation.

## INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



BSSSS facilitated a series of awareness programs to commemorate International Child Day at the village and school levels. 1,236 AGG members, 200 CCPC & GPCPC members and 50 teachers participated in the meetings. The Child Protection Department authorities appraised the members and all took the pledge to oppose child marriage.

## INTERFACE MEET WITH DIFFERENT LINE DEPARTMENTS

BSSSS to capacitate the CCPC members facilitated meetings with the different line departments. 230 members of CCPC attended the meeting and established rapport and were enlightened on the measures for ending crime against children and the government schemes programs available to address the issues.



## SHARING OF EXPERIENCES AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

BSSS created platforms for CCPC and GPCPC to discuss their issues and experiences related to child protection at the GP level and district level. The concerned authorities were present at the sharing and appreciated the role played by the CCPC and GPCPC. GP level program was attended by the 600 CCPC members at 5 Gram Panchayat Office of 2 blocks. District level program was organised between the Govt. Stakeholders and the 180 selected CCPC/GPCPC members.



## CHILD RIGHT WEEK

BSSS as a champion of Child rights, in collaboration with the District administration of Mayurbhanj, observed Child Right Week from November 14th to 20th. A series of activities and programs were conducted in different panchayats to inculcate a sense of responsibility to protect the rights of children.



### CASE STORY

#### MY LIFE WAS SAVED FROM BEING CHAINED

Jitu Hembram is a 13 years old boy from Saragachhida Grama Panchayat of Mayurbhanj District. He came across some people who had migrated to other states for work and he was allured seeing the money in their hands and decided to leave the village to make his own money. While he was planning with them to leave the place one of the members of CCPC came to know about it and alerted others. The village CCPC along with the team of Surakhya sat together and proposed a meeting at Jitu's house to sensitize him about child labour. On 7th Sep, a

meeting was held at Iitu's house where the village CCPC members, AWW worker, Head of the village and Surakhya team convinced the small child to continue his studies rather than indulging in child labour. After counselling, Iitu was convinced to study instead of going to work at a such tender age for a better future. He is grateful for the timely intervention of CCPC.



## BRIDGE UP CENTRES (BUC)/ EDUCATION CENTRES

BSSS through Learning centres Ensures quality education to the children of the interior villages and creates a way for their enlightened future. During the COVID Lockdown, the 43 centres catered to the educational needs of 640 tribal children across the operational area when all the schools were shut down and these centres were the only hubs of activities for the children which prevented them from child labour, trafficking, child marriage and dropouts. The children of classes 1 to 5 gather together and a teacher is appointed who takes care of



the studies of the children. A syllabus has been drawn at the beginning of the academic year and is followed. The teacher marks the attendants of the children and conducts monthly tests and extracurricular activities every Saturday.

## CASE STORY

### PUJA'S FUTURE IS ENLIGHTENED



Kabita a widow, and a daily wage earner had to cater for the needs of her family of 3 after the death of her husband. Her daughter Puja, aged 10 was weak in studies and Kabita could not afford tuition classes nor she herself could guide her in her studies. When the BuC was introduced in her village, Madhapur she enrolled her and send her daily to the centre. Under the centre facilitator, Mr. Ashok Kumar Khiller Puja started improving her performance in her studies so much so that she secured 80.2% marks in standard 5th. She also passed the entrance test for accommodation in the Girls Hostel, Talagoda-Badsahi where she will be taken care of without cost. Kabita is grateful that her daughter was part of BuC.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEES



BSSS entrusted all 43 Bridge Up Centres and educational centres to 43 education committees formed by the parents who supervise the systematic functioning of the centres. The education committees are capacitated

through different awareness programs to carry out their roles. They conscientize the parents to send their children daily to the centres.

## JOYFUL LEARNING METHODS

BSSS trains the trainers with the methods of winning over the children and makes teaching and learning a joyful experience. The teachers use lectures, dancing and singing, storytelling, group exercise, narrating pictures, and learning through games methods to teach children.



## CASE STORY

### BUC HELPED TO TAKE A LEAP INTO CLASS 3

Sanjit Marandi is a poor boy aged about 12 from village Salampur, Balasore who entered the school at the age of 12. He was ashamed of himself and reluctant to go to school as all the other children were younger than him in his class. Meanwhile, BuC was introduced in his village and his parents enrolled him there. Within a few months, Sanjit picked up the basics and his parents admitted him to class 3. Sanjit is enthusiastic about his studies and along with his parents grateful to BSSS and BuC for making this happen.



## CHILDREN'S FAIR AND EXHIBITION AT THE CLUSTER LEVEL

BSSS champions the rights of children and their dignified living. Children's fair is an opportunity for children to develop their hidden talents and exhibit them before the other children, parents and eminent personalities of the community. Group dance, singing, drawing, speech, and quiz competitions are held on the day. Children put up an exhibition of crafts and a few scientific models that they have learned and created by themselves. At the end of the program winners of various competitions are felicitated and a trophy is handed over to the centre that puts up a fabulous performance.



## CHILDREN'S CLUB

BSSS promotes the integral development of rural children. Children's Clubs are opportunities for children to nurture their talents. Along with studies students conduct monthly meetings to discuss education, health, hygiene, the right to education, the right to participation, and the right to development. Various competitions for the children of CC are conducted and prizes are distributed.



NAME OF THE PANCHAYAT	NUMBER OF CHILDREN'S CLUB
Khuntapal	13
Srirampur	2
Madhapur	6
Keulimmar	2
Chakiri	2
Brahmarigopal	3
Khuntapal	3
Jhatrioda	3
Rasagovindpur	1
Devsole	1
Bethna	3
Sorisapal	1
Bagdapha	1
Sadangi	1
Kathakata	1
Gahardhan	2
Datika	1
Gumra	1
Nischintour	1

## CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT

BSSS to raise the children as future leaders and responsible members of society facilitated the children towards formation and strengthening of the Children's Parliament (CFP). Children head various departments as ministers and a sense of responsibility towards their panchayat and villages is cultivated. The children are guided and capacitated to maintain unity among



themselves and raise their voices against the injustice done to them and their community. They meet regularly every month and discuss the important issues of their community. Children take care of the sanitation of their village, quality education facilities, easement rights, plantation drive, children's rights and other developmental activities.



## SUPPLIES TO ENHANCE STUDY SESSIONS



BSSS learned that the students attending the education centre are poor and lack the resources to purchase basic educational materials. Hence to encourage the children to attend the centres daily and help them in their education provided each child with educational materials Slate, Slate pencil, Odia basic foundation book, Pencil, Drawing book, Practice book, Practice book (Irng), and ballpoint pen.

## AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND THEIR PROTECTION



BSSS organised the parents to ensure children's rights in the family, community and society. The parents were enlightened with discussions and awareness programs on their role and obligations as parents and as elders in society to nurture every child. They were made to believe that they are caretakers of their children and that it is their duty to see that their children are educated, provided balanced food and protected from all abuse.



## BSSS AN AGENT OF SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROVIDER

BSSS mostly caters to the needs of the poor, agricultural peasants of 4 districts of Odisha. The farmers depended on the rain and usually cultivated only one crop and left the land unused. BSSS organised them and introduced sustainable agriculture and allied livelihood options. The promotion of organic and climate-smart cultivation and the introduction of the Integrated Farming System for increasing the number of livelihood options have not only ensured the economic stability of a huge number of farmers but it has reduced malnutrition, migration, unemployment and financial crisis among the people.

### BLEND OF SCIENTIFIC AND **TRADITIONAL** METHODS OF AGRICULTURE



## INTEGRATED FARMING SYSTEM (IFS)



BSSS promoted IFS a system of farming that integrates various agricultural enterprises viz. cropping, animal husbandry, fishery, forestry etc. which have great potential in the agricultural economy. These enterprises not only supplement the income of the farmers but also help in increasing family labour employment. Training and input support have been given to the farmers and IFS models are created. Most households have a combination of 4 or more components.

NO. OF IFS MODELS CREATED	NO. OF FARMERS PRACTISING IFS AND IMPACT FARMERS	RAISE OF INCOME IN %
97	1,275	45

### CASE STORY

#### FROM SEASONAL FARMING TO ALL-SEASON FARMING



Anipa Soren from the village of Astabeda, in the Mayurbhanj district, gained skills and knowledge about farming techniques and decided to adopt the IFS model. He constructed the pond for fish and also installed a vermicompost pit, azolla, and naded to use as fertilizers for the crops. He cultivated vegetables like brinjal, garlic, chillies, cauliflower, tomato, cabbage, ginger, turmeric, onion, etc. which were sold in the market and also consumed. From which he had a profit of more than Rs. 10,000. in a month. With better financial conditions Anipa purchased a power tiller machine and now he has employment round the year and fresh vegetables for consumption.

His IFS model is visited by nearby farmers and NGOs for gaining knowledge and experience. He is grateful to BSSS and SPREAD project for the new life he and his family has received. He always acclaim: "It is a gift from Manos Unidas and I am indebted".

## KHARIF AND RABI CROPS TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY



BSSS encouraged farmers to cultivate both Kharif and Rabi crops. Most of the farmers generally cultivated Kharif and left the land unused. With the intervention of BSSS, which provided them with training and seed support most of the farmers cultivated not only paddy but also other cereals, pulses, cash crops and vegetables which increased their production and provided them with food security and financial stability.

### KHARIF AND RABI PADDY CULTIVATION



BSSS to ensure the adoption of stress-tolerant quality paddy seeds by the farmers and to adopt a package of improved cropping practices supported the farmers with Kharif and Rabi paddy seed support. This increased their production by 65% and income by 45% which increased their confidence in Agriculture.

### CEREALS, PULSES AND CASH CROPS

BSSS introduced cereals, pulses and cash crops in all its areas of intervention. There is a remarkable change in some operational areas of BSSS, where the land that remained barren years altogether was brought under cultivation with available water. Pulses like Black gram, Green gram, Bengal gram, and oil seeds - Mustard, Groundnut, Sunflower and

Wheat were cultivated in many areas which reduced food scarcity and increased income. The farmers were trained and seed support was provided. Today most of the land is occupied and cereals, pulses and cash crops are grown which need less water. This has seen an increase of 40% in the production of Cereals, Pulses and Cash crops.



CEREALS, PULSES AND CASH CROPS	NO. OF FARMERS ADAPTED	INCREASE OF INCOME
Ginger, Turmeric, Arum, Ground Nut, Pulses: Maize, Millet, Black gram, Green gram, Bengal gram, Wheat, Mustard, sunflower.	1356	40%

## CASE STORY

### BREAKING THE DARKNESS OF BLIND BELIEF

58 Households of Baghuashol village were resettled around the replands of Deuli Dam after being evacuated by the Deuli Irrigation Project. They have lost their homestead land under the catchment area. Their newly settled land was suitable for cash crop (Turmeric and Arum)



cultivation. But they were not aware of it. Further, they had the belief that only Brahmins can cultivate such crops and if they go for such crops it will bring them bad omens. BSSS was in a process of introducing cash crop cultivation in shaly and unused lands of the project area. It sensitized the WSHG members about the benefit of cash crop (ginger) cultivation and educated and informed the reason for blind belief. Finally, they agreed and took it as a challenge against traditional beliefs. SHG members cultivated 25 kgs of ginger and produced 75 kg of ginger. This has motivated them to cultivate ginger and other crops and overcome their superstitious beliefs. Sunita Malakani of Srabari SHG says, "We have broken the traditional belief on ginger cultivation and it makes us free,

## INTRODUCTION OF ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDEN



BSSS encouraged the farmers to cultivate vegetables in their backyards to have a nutritious diet and to earn some income. The community was given training and required seed support. Almost 54% of the increase in the production of vegetables like bitter gourd, brinjal, cauliflower, cabbage, chilli, okra, cucumber, cowpea, pumpkin, greens, ridge gourd, potato, tomato and provided the households vegetables for their consumption and an increase of 35% of income.

## SEED VILLAGE



BSSS made the farmers producers of the seeds they require for the cultivation of paddy and other crops. The seed village is a patch of land where the paddy is cultivated and harvested considering the process of quality seed production.

NAME OF SEED VILLAGE	FARMERS INVOLVED	ACRES OF LAND	QUALITY SEEDS COLLECTED FOR DISTRIBUTION
Bhagesathipur, Bautia and Kanchhinda	20	18	2,700 Kgs
Chakulia	14	5	1,700 Kgs
Badatala	3	5	3,000 Kgs
Saragachhinda	4	6	2,800 Kgs

## PROMOTION OF NURSERY FOR VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

BSSS encouraged to grow their own seedlings for vegetables and fruit trees and inspired the SHGs to grow nurseries. SHGs were given training and adequate skills, to begin with. Vegetables like cabbage, cauliflower, tomato, chilly, brinjal and mango, litchi, guava, lemon, jack fruit, and bay leaves tree plants are available at the nursery. There are total of 5 nurseries and 2,560 farmers have availed the seedlings from these nurseries.



## DIFFERENT PADDY MODELS



BSSS encouraged 3 different paddy models to be created on 230 acres of land by 285 farmers to explore for themselves the differences.

## COMPARISON OF MODELS

SL. NO.	MODELS	COVERAGE OF ACRES		MODEL WISE EXPENSES		YIELD RECEIVED	
	Local seeds vs high yielding seeds	Local seeds	High yielding	Local seeds	High yielding	Local seeds	High yielding
		160	160	80,000	112,000	1,280	2,080
	Wild plantation vs fine plantation	Wild plantation	Fine plantation	Wild plantation	Fine plantation	Wild plantation	Fine plantation
		60	60	15,000	18,000	480	780
	Bio-compost vs chemical fertilisers	Bio-compost	Chemical fertilisers	Bio-compost	Chemical fertilisers	Bio-compost	Chemical fertilisers
		10	10	20,000	30,000	70	130

## INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES (IGA)



BSSS encouraged the SHGs and individuals to adopt IGAs to increase their income and to have employment throughout the year. Various training and input support were provided for the SHGs according to their interest and need. Most of the SHGs have adopted one or the other trade and have been successful. The SHGs and individuals were also taught bookkeeping, tactics of marketing and other components of trading.

SL.NO	TYPE OF IGP	NO. OF SHG	% OF THE INCOME RAISED
1	Phonyl	8	45
2	Packaging of Turmeric	1	30
3	Mushroom	27	35
4	Siberi Rope	26	55
5	Piggery	19	60
6	Mohua flower	7	30
7	Sai leaves	6	40
8	Goat rearing	25	50



SLNO	TYPE OF IGP	NO. OF SHG	% OF THE INCOME RAISED
9	Incense stick	2	40
10	Pickle making	4	20
11	Grocery shop	5	35
12	Washing powder	2	30
13	Vegetable Nursery	5	70
14	Chicks Rearing	25	60
15	Vermi Composting	26	40

## EXPOSURE PROGRAMS FOR THE FARMERS AND SHGS

BSSS enhanced the capacities of the selected 305 farmers and the SHG women by providing an opportunity to visit and interact with the scientist at the KVK Baripada, KVK - Joshipur, Go Green Nursery Farm, Model Mushroom Unit, Udala, Patta farms, Udala, GO GREEN FARM, Karadiba, Sityamakhunta, Model Nursery Karadiba and other successful agriculture models and Income Generating Activities. It increased their knowledge and encouraged them to replicate similar practices and methods in their farming.



## FARMERS' HUB



BSSS realized the need for farming machinery and encouraged the creation of farmers' hubs wherever possible. The farmers' hub is equipped with machines needed for cultivation like pump sets, delivery pipes, sprayers, weeders, single row seed drillers, manual weeders, MB Plough, paddy threshers, and power tillers. The farmers' hubs not only help the farmers in agriculture but they fetched income which is deposited in the FC account as the machines were given out on rent.

NAME OF THE PANCHAYAT	NUMBER OF HUBS
Khantapal	1
Saragachhida	16
Brahmangam	1
Chakidi	1
Srisopal	1

## WATER STRUCTURES FOR MORE PRODUCTIVITY



BSSS created water structures to check soil erosion, and crop destruction and to retain water in the ground. 65 structures like 30-40 muddels, 5% muddels, gully plugs, and trenches were constructed. Besides water canals are renovated and 790 acres of land have been brought under irrigation and 1,425 farmers have water for cultivation.

NO. OF MODELS CREATED	NO OF THE FARMERS BENEFITED	% OF CROPS SAVED
67	1,425	65

## BORE WELLS

BSSS to address the water scarcity of upland crops due to insufficient and ill-timed rain, bore wells are drilled in different villages of the project areas. With the help of the bore wells, different crops are grown around the year and it has increased production and secured livelihood. 54 farmers have benefited from 3 bore wells in the last year and 32 acres of land have been brought under irrigation in the last year.



## CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE, AGRO-ADVISORIES AND CONTINGENCY PLAN

BSSS conscientized the community on the impact of climate change which has a bad effect on our lives, agriculture and allied sectors too. Especially due to irregular, untimely rain followed by pest and diseases attack has brought severe loss in the farming sectors. BSSS advocated organic methods of cultivation and trained people on climate-smart agricultural practices. As a result, hundreds of farmers are adopting climate-smart agriculture practices.



CLIMATE-SMART PRACTICES	
Non-tillage farming process	90 farmers from 44 villages have adopted
Stubble burning	Stopped completely in all the 45 villages
Reduced use of chemical fertilizers	1536 farmers have reduced 47% in their farming practices
Agricultural Conservative Practices (ACP)	232 farmers of 49 villages have utilized it for crop, pests and disease management
Flooded cultivation promotes Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ) in the atmosphere	95% of farmers have stopped
Agro advisories from KVK and District Agriculture Office	1,380 farmers receive in their registered mobile numbers.

## PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIO FERTILIZERS



BSSS taught the people production and use of organic manures. It changed people's outlook towards waste management. Training programs were conducted to train people to produce Vermin, Nadel, Azolla and Matihandi compost. Most of the farmers used these organic manures to cultivate vegetables. Every family has adopted one or the other ways of producing organic manure. Few of the SHGs have taken up organic farming as income generative activity to earn income for their group. Nearly 80% of farmers are using bio-fertilizers in their vegetable cultivation.

VERMIN COMPOST		AZOLLA PITS		NABEF		MATIHANDI COMPOST		Reduction of chemical fertilizers
No. of pits	Quantity	No. of pits	Quantity	No. of pits	Quantity	No. of pits	Quantity	
104	306 Qntl	37	402 Qntl	1207	7410 Qntl	17	80.5 Qntl	40%

## BAMBOO PLANTATION DRIVE

BSSS to protect the forest from deforestation, protect the land from soil erosion and protect the universe from the green gas effect, encouraged the people to protect vegetation and plant trees. varieties of plants including fruit bearing plants and bamboo plants are grown in the barren land. Bamboo plantation alone stands on 82.24



acres of land which will also fetch additional income for the farmers at the end of 5 years.

## DEVELOPMENT OF IEC MATERIALS

BSSS has developed IEC Materials on various issues pertaining to Agriculture, IGPs, various Crop cultivation, different Govt. schemes and the rearing of animals. IEC materials are made available to the people and it is a ready reference to them. Leaflets, Brochures, painting on the walls, and video shows are some of the methods used to impart information to the people.



## MUTUAL TRUST AND SUPPORT THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

BSSS envisaged Community development through organizations at the grassroots. CBOs are formed and strengthened in all the villages. Training programs to impart skills of leadership, accounting, transparency, goal setting, economic development and record keeping are organised to capacitate them for a smooth functioning towards the achievement of the goals. Most of the CBOs have their regular meetings, maintain their records and are accountable to each other.



### FARMERS' CLUB

BSSS organises the community people to advocate for their social issues, justice and economic growth through the farmers' club. They are the linkage between PFI, Govt & allied departments for the overall development of the community. Various skill development programs are being organised to capacitate the FCs. Regular monthly meetings are held to discuss sustainable livelihood, social problems, regular savings, collection and linkage with Govt. departments.



NAME OF THE PANCHAYAT	NO. OF FARMER'S CLUBS	LINKAGE ESTABLISHED	TRAINING PROVIDED
Khuntapal	13	Block agriculture department KVK Horticulture department	Training program for extension personnel at KVK
Saraguchhida	17	KVK AAD	Bookkeeping, Leadership, IGP Training, Exposure visit -cum- Training on IAP, Climate Smart Agriculture, Water and Soil management, Organic Farming, IFS, Seed village
Buhamangari	22	KVK & Irrigation Department	Seedling, Green gram Bore-well
Chakiri	13	KVK & Irrigation Department	Seedling, Chicks, Green gram
Sarsopal	11	KVK & Irrigation Department	Nutrition garden training and Mushroom Cultivation training, Seedling, Chicks, Green gram

## CASE STORY

### WALKING TOGETHER WILL TAKE US TO PROSPERITY

Madan Hasda is from the village of Baskitala, in the district of Mayurbhanj and he was not convinced of the Farmers' Club and the different methods of cultivation in the beginning. He only believed in his hard work and his land.

In the first 2 years of the project, he was very sceptical of BSSS programs but then he saw many of the farmers who adopted IFS were reaping profit and he remained where he was. He was sorry for not attending regular meetings of the FC and not implementing IFS. He then approached the project staff and expressed his desire to implement IFS. He attended the training and visited other farmers and discussed it in the FC and he received constant guidance from the project staff.

Today he is a lead farmer who can guide and advise others on any components of IFS.



## WOMEN SELF-HELP GROUPS (SHGS)



BSSS a strong proponent of women's emancipation through equal opportunities organized them and supported them throughout. Most of the SHGs are active and linked with banks and they have been supported for Income Generation Activities. Regular monthly meetings, monthly savings, updating of records and discussion on their development are held. Training programs on various skill development and IGA are held periodically. There is accountability and transparency among the

members and have created a linkage with Govt. and other CSOs.

NAME OF THE PANCHAYAT	NO. OF SHGS	LINKAGE ESTABLISHED	TRAINING PROVIDED
Khulapal	29	Mission Shakti KVK Veterinary department	SHG Strengthening training, Mushroom cultivation training, Tailoring training
Saragachhinda	34	KVK, GP	Bookkeeping, Leadership, IGP Training, Organic Farming, IFS
Chakri	13	KVK / mission Sakti	Nutrition garden training
Brahmangan	25	KVK / mission Sakti	Nutrition garden
Sodopal	12	KVK / mission Sakti	Nutrition garden training and Mushroom Cultivation training

### CASE STORY

#### A RAY OF HOPE

Kuili Chapeyar (68) after the death of her husband lived alone, as her son separated himself from his mother after his father's death. Kuili managed her life with her Old Age Pension of ₹ 500 and 5 kgs of rice per month. To make a living in her old age began to pluck sal leaves from the nearby forest, stitch two leaves with sticks and



sell them to vendors @ ₹40 per bundle (1,000 stitched leaves). The Bindia Women SHG of Chahama was working for the development of the village and wanted to help the poor women so approached BSSS to provide goats through individual support. Considering the situation, BSSS offered 3 goats to Kailu along with orientation on the care and management of goats. Kailu took care of the 3 goats properly and she got 3 kids (total 6 goats). Now Kailu is happy and appreciates the BSSS for the support. These goats have been her "Ray of Hope" to live on.



## FARMERS' FEDERATION



BSSS encouraged the establishment of the Farmers' Federation to bring all the farmers under one umbrella in the Grama Panchayat and to make them a powerful force to fight for their rights and dignity. BSSS organised training programs to explain the objectives, rules and regulations of the federation, bye-laws of governance, office management and maintenance of books, accounts and measures for sustaining the federation. The federation includes either all the farmers' clubs within the panchayat or a number of them and is managed by the executive committee. A yearly strategic plan is drawn by the federation members and the activities to be carried out are discussed in detail. Initial support and guidance towards certain sustainable income generation programs, training on managerial and leadership skills, marketing of the product, linkage with marketing avenues, and government schemes/facilities are provided.

NAME OF THE BLOCK	NAME OF THE FF	TOTAL MEMBERS	SUPPORT PROVIDED	FINANCIAL STATUS	ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT
Risgobindpur	Chanda Taras FF	51	Power tiller, Computer Centre	3,18,511	Seed supplying, power tiller, computer centre
Kojima	Sri Jagannath Krushak Mahasangh	248	Training, Power tiller, Agriculture equipment	600,000	Power tiller, seed marketing
Bangripoddi	Jai Bidhaganam	72	Power tiller, cash crops, hand holding support	200,000	Sal leaf and Mascha Flower business

## FARMERS' PRODUCERS COMPANY

BSSS helped to create two companies for the farmers in the District of Mayurbhanj, Marangburi Farmers' Producer Company Ltd, Kentumitan and Anchalika Goshti Unnayana Farmer's Producers Company Ltd, Betna were registered with the Companies Act 2013.



NAME OF THE COMPANY	ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT
Marangburi Farmers' Producer Company	Paddy Procurement and selling to FC Sal leaf collection and supply to Vendors Liaising with different stakeholders and tapping the govt schemes
Anchalika Goshti Unnayana Farmer's Producers Company	Liaising with different stakeholders and tapping the govt schemes Rapport with local vendors and suppliers to vendor agri-products at an appropriate rate.

## BSSS - LIFELINE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT

### RISK REDUCTION AND VILLAGE DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLANS (VDMP)

BSSS together with the people of 15 villages of Andola and Balmati Grama Panchayats and 100 villages of Ballajal which are some of the disaster-prone villages, prepared risk reduction and Village disaster management plans. PRI members, Sarpanch and the community together discussed the risk reduction plans and present the risk reduction plans at Pali Sabha and Gram Sabha. Some of the risk reduction plans are undertaken through the MNRGES project and GPDP, like the drinking water supply system, drainage system and plantation etc. Side by side also developed the Risk reduction action plan of the Gram Panchayats of Andola and Balmati GPs, and Ballajal block. There were block level workshops for the integration of Gram Panchayats Risk Reduction action plans into Block level Disaster Management plans. The whole community participated in assessing the past hazards and present vulnerabilities and prepared a plan to prevent loss of life, livelihoods and property in case of a disaster. This makes the households of the above-said villages prepared to face the future disaster with minimal loss to their life, livelihood and property.



NAME OF THE BLOCK	NO. OF VILLAGES WITH VDMP
Ballajal	100
Basudevpur	15

### EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT SUPPORT

BSSS comprehended that the few villages are most vulnerable to the disaster and needed support. Hence 10 sets of emergency equipment were provided to the 10 villages.



## FORMATION OF TASK FORCE AND TRAINING



BSSS educated the communities about the need for a task force and invited youngsters to join various groups. The volunteers were divided into different groups and different groups were trained in the use of equipment, search, rescue, first aid and early warning dissemination. Trainings were conducted for different groups in two rounds. This will help them to remain prepared at all times and will reduce destruction to their life, property and livelihood.

## MOCK DRILLS



BSSS to get a fair idea of the kind of problems that need to be tackled at disaster time conducted mock drills in different villages. The mock drills build up confidence in the local communities to respond effectively during an emergency. It also helped in testing the workability of the emergency response plan and aware of their role and responsibilities. The volunteers also participate in the annual mock drills conducted by the state.

## DISASTER RESILIENT AGRICULTURE

BSSS introduced disaster-resilient agriculture to save crops from destruction during the disaster. Training programs were carried out in different villages for the farmers through KVK Ranital and 65 farmers of Andola and Bairameda were supported with climate-resilient paddy seeds.



## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS IN AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE – IFS & IGP

BSSS introduced Integrated Farming System in the target districts, particularly in vulnerable households to increase resilience to disasters. Fifty models of Integrated Farming Systems are developed with paddy cultivation, vegetable cultivation, poultry and goat rearing.

### CASE STORY

### STEPS TOWARDS FINANCIAL STABILITY



Kaushalya Biswal aged about 45 years lived with her family in the Apartipur village of Bhadrak District. The agrarian family was struggling to make their daily ends meet. With the intervention of the BMZ Global Program, Kaushalya received the support of 20 chicks and she bought the other five.

Within 3 months the chicks were grown to 2 kgs each and she sold them for ₹ 120 per kg. This boosted her spirit and she collected all the money from the sale and invested again. Now she is the proud owner of poultry and she states that BSSS has eased her burden of running the family.

## #WE4RESILIENCE CAMPAIGN



BSSS launched the to generate #We4Resilience Campaign to reach out to vulnerable households to educate and remain prepared at all times to face any disasters. This campaign aimed at capacity building of the marginalised community towards resilience.

## RESTORING LIFE AFTER YAAS



The very severe cyclonic storm, Yaas, with an estimated wind speed of 130-140 kmph gusting to 155 kmph hit Balasore on 26.05.2021, and 6.5 lakh people were shifted to safer places. Hundreds of villagers in the Blocks of Bahanaga, Remona, Ballapal, Bhogral, Basta, Som and Balasore Sadar of Balasore districts were marooned following the ingestion of seawater and the kuccha houses which are submerged in the water were damaged either partially or fully and were not in a livable condition.

## RAPID NEED ASSESSMENT/ JRNA AND IDENTIFICATION OF VICTIMS OF CYCLONE YAAS

BSSS set out on the very next day to take stock of the situation in the affected parts of the districts of Bhadrak and Balasore.



## PROVISION FOR DRINKING WATER



## DRY FOOD & HYGIENE KIT

BSSS provided the people who were affected by the cyclone with dry food and hygiene kits in both the districts of Bhadrak and Balasore. The dry kit contained wheat flour -5kgs, lentils -1 kg, refined oil- 1kg, Biscuit -2 pkts, semolina- 1kg, soybean chunks-1kg, sugar- 1kg, mask 5 pieces per family and soaps- 4 pcs.



LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION IN BHADRAK & BALASORE BLOCKS	NUMBER OF FAMILIES
Himma	555
Soni	145
Andola	200
Halimed	200
Jaganmihprasad	100
Bhogarai	200
<b>TOTAL FAMILIES</b>	<b>1400</b>

## TEMPORARY SHELTER KITS



LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION	NUMBER OF FAMILIES
Romuna	155
Soni	145
Bhogarai	300
<b>TOTAL FAMILIES</b>	<b>600</b>

BSSS helped the people whose houses were damaged with temporary shelter kits. The shelter kit contained HOPE tarpaulin-1 pc, plastic mat- 2 pcs, and plastic rope of 10 mtr- 1 bundle

## CASH TRANSFER FOR LIVELIHOOD WITH SHELTER KIT

BSSS reached out to the people of Bhogarai and Balasore Sadar who were worse affected by Yaas to revive their livelihood and renovate their shelters. After the survey families were categorised as in need of shelter and livelihood and accordingly cash transfer, and shelter kit was provided.



BENEFICIARY HOUSEHOLDS	SHELTER KITS	CASH TRANSFER
1,100 HHs		₹ 4,500
300 HHs	Shelter kit (tarpaulin & wash - Hygiene kits)	₹ 2,100





## COVID II WAVE - SAVING LIVES

### MEALS FOR THE STREET DWELLERS



### COOKED FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND COMMUNITY KITCHEN

BSSS reached out to the 6,000 people on weekly shutdown at the District Head Quarter COVID Hospital, Balasore with 11,950 food packets. 2000 meals were served to the people of slums in Balasore and Mayurbhanj and 3,950 food packets to the street dwellers and inmates of the leprosy colony at Balasore.



## ASSISTANCE TO THE 4,000 FAMILIES OF INFECTED & HOME QUARANTINE PEOPLE

BSSS went out to the covid infected and home quarantined 4000 families of Balasore, Mayurbhanj, and Keonjhar with a Dry ration (5 Kg wheat, 1 kg each Sugar, Puffed Rice, oil, Soyabean Chunks, Lentils and salt) enough for 10 to 14 days and Hygiene kits (Mask and soaps).



## RELIEF SUPPORT TO TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY



BSSS cared for the 130 members of the transgender community in the districts of Balasore, Bhadrak and Mayurbhanj with dry food (5 Kg wheat, 1 kg each of sugar, puffed rice, oil, soya bean chunks, lentils and salt) enough for two weeks and hygiene kit (mask and soaps).

## CARING FOR THE TRIBAL CHILDREN



BSSS provided tuition classes for the 560 children of classes 1 to Vin the villages of Balasore, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj and distributed dry food and hygiene kits.

## SPECIAL HYGIENE KIT FOR THE FRONTLINE COVID WORKERS



BSSS provided personal safety equipment to 50 frontline covid warriors like volunteers, ASHA and Anganwadi workers. The hygiene kit contained 5 Masks (KN95), Oximeter, 1 vaporizer Steamer and a sanitizer.

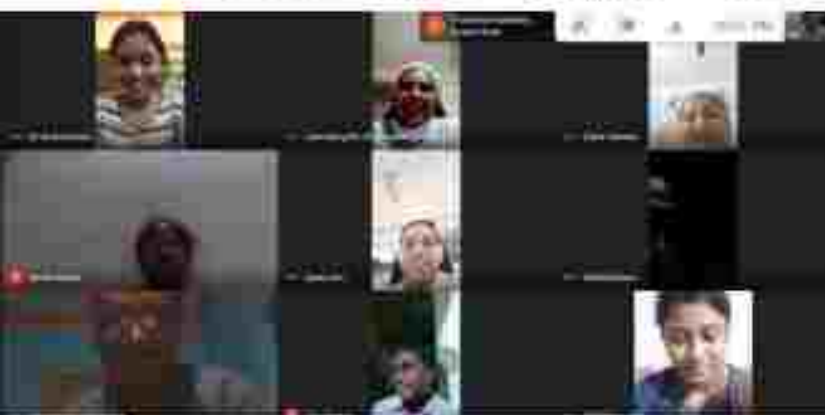
## HELP DESK JYOTI HOSPITAL, DISTRICT COVID HOSPITAL, BALASORE

BSSS at the request of the District authorities set up a help desk with a dedicated phone number to communicate the updates of the patients admitted at Jyoti Hospital to their kin twice a day. BSSS offered this service for 71 Days and made 4,613 phone calls.



## TELE-PSYCHO-SOCIAL COUNSELLING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION

BSSS reached out to the hundreds of people who were hesitant to get medical help due to fear, those with mild symptoms and those who could not avail of the medical facility with Tele Psycho-Social Counseling and Medical Consultation.



## SANITIZATION OF COVID-INFECTED PLACES



## MAKING AND DISTRIBUTING MASKS



## REGISTRATION FOR VACCINATION AND SUPERVISION AT THE VACCINATION CENTRES

BSSS at the request of the authority helped the people to register themselves for the vaccination and the BSSS staff supported the vaccination team at Gandhi Smriti Bhavan to maintain Covid-appropriate behaviour and discipline during the vaccination camp.



## VACCINATION DRIVE FOR 61 STREET DWELLERS

BSSS in collaboration with the district authority undertook the challenge of vaccinating the street dwellers and the beggars of Balasore town and vaccinated 61 street dwellers.



## MEDICAL KITS FOR INFECTED FAMILIES

BSSS provided to the families of more than 120 people at the home quarantine with medical kits which contained 1 Oximeter, 1 Thermometer and 1 Inhaler at 4 different centres with a nurse to supervise the use of the kit and the health of the patient. BSSS made available 2 Oxygen concentrators for the people to use on request in an emergency.



## COVID AWARENESS AND IEC MATERIALS

BSSS to educate the people in towns, villages, schools and other educational institutions of Balasore, Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj & Keonjhar on COVID and its appropriate behaviour developed IEC materials in banners, posters, flyers, leaflets, and brochures and Public announcing system. In more than 90 centres more than 6500 people have been educated on COVID.



## CARITAS SAMARITAN

BSSS continued 60 youth volunteers to be trained to disseminate proper Covid information to more than 380 families regularly. They are part of a huge number of Caritas Samaritans from all over the nation.



## BEST COVID SAMARITAN AWARD

BSSS is proud of its staff who truly are the pillars and tender selfless service to humanity. Caritas India honoured one of its Staff Ms. Jayashrita Das who showed her concern for the suffering brethren and went out to serve them at their needs without even counting the loss of one's life. We salute the humanitarian spirit of our staff.



## COLLABORATION AND LINKAGE



BSSS to amplify their intervention over the social and economic development of the people works hand in hand with the Government and other like-minded Civil Society Organisations. A rapport is built at the beginning of the program with the concerned line department and the programs are carried out with the necessary information and their involvement in the programs. Most of the programs are inaugurated in the presence of the people and the authorities.

BSSS has been influencing the line departments of protection of children's rights, agriculture, Women and Child department and Disaster Management Department. Most of the people in intervention areas are introduced to the concerned departments and have easy access to the different schemes of the government.



Balasure Social Service Society is one of the twenty four partners of BMZ global program across four states such as Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar and Assam, being guided and monitored by Caritas India. There is a strong collaboration and cross learning among the four Odisha partners focusing on the core areas of Disaster Risk Reduction, Nutrition, Inclusion and Civil Society Learning.

DEPARTMENT	TYPE OF SUPPORT RECEIVED IN KIND/ TRAINING	QUANTITY / NO	ECONOMIC BENEFIT
OLM	Drumstick & Papaya seedlings	1400	₹ 14,000
KVK	Training program for extension personnel	1	12 persons
	Kitchen Garden, Govt Schemes, IFS Promotion Training	1	60 farmers
	Cashew cultivation training	1	10 persons
	GG	200 kgs	₹ 16,000 ave.
	Vegetable & fruit plants	10 cashew plants	₹ 300
		3,500 vegetable seedlings	₹ 9,500
	Chicks	300 Pcs.	₹ 30,000 ave.
Horticulture department	Mushroom cultivation	200 beds	₹ 20,000
	Vegetable seed support	30 Farmers	-
Mission Shakti	Goats	30	₹ 230,000
	Dress for Anganwadi Children	26Ps, 22 Anganwadis, 1,070 sets of dress	₹ 107,000
Veterinary department	Chicks	100 Pcs	₹ 10,000
Rasgobindpur Block from NRCS	Trees plantation	150 trees	₹ 300,000
CTCRI	Tuber crops	30 farmers	₹ 3,000
	Training on Tuber Cultivation and value addition	1	40 farmers
AAO	Incentives for Lime plantation	100 farmers	₹ 5,000

## NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NABARD)

NABARD empowers women, strengthens their ability to work together for their mutual benefit, and provides them with capacity building mainly the skills and tools they need to define existing challenges and





issues and formulate relevant solutions. Under the guidance of NABARD, BSSS took up many programmes such as GRLTP on Phenyi making, Detergent powder making and marketing, books and accounts keeping MEDP on Paddy Craft Making and Phenyi making.

## GRASS ROOT LEVEL TRAINING PROGRAM (GRLTP)



BSSS facilitated GRLTP an initiative by NABARD to empower women in various viable income generation activities and to encourage them to create and establish a platform for influencing different financial institutions like NABARD and other bankers in initiating and strengthening their economic initiatives undertaken.

NAME OF THE PROGRAM	NAME OF THE GRAM PANCHAYAT	SHGS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	TRAINING GIVEN
GRLTP	Chakajagamathpur	7	49	Phenyi making Detergent powder making & books and accounts keeping
	Sagarh	6	43	Phenyi making Detergent powder making & books and accounts keeping

## MICRO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MEDP)

BSSS collaborated with NABARD, to organize need-based skill development programmes for matured SHGs which already have access to finance from Banks. On-location skill development training programmes for the SHGs facilitated the optimisation of production activities already pursued by the SHG members.



NAME OF THE PROGRAM	NAME OF THE GRAM PANCHAYAT	SHGS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	TRAINING GIVEN	DURATION
MEDP	Shyamsundarpur	6	30	Paddy Craft making, marketing, books and accounts keeping	30 days
	Mantri	10	30	Pheryl making & books and accounts keeping	3 months

## LIVELIHOOD AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (LEDP)

BSSS facilitated the NABARD - LEDP program which conducts livelihood promotion programmes in clusters. The intensive training for skill building, refresher training, backwards-forward linkages and handholding & escort supports empowers women and their initiatives.



NAME OF THE PROGRAM	NAME OF THE GRAM PANCHAYAT	SHGS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	TRAINING GIVEN	DURATION
LEDP	Anantapur	8	43	Washing soap making, Hand wash, detergent powder making, books and accounts keeping, leadership and managerial skill development and marketing	2 years
	Chittala	9	47		

## CAPACITATING THE STAKEHOLDERS TO CURB HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Human trafficking takes place for multiple purposes, foremost amongst these being trafficking for forced labour, debt bondage, domestic servitude, sexual exploitation etc. Trafficking is an extreme violation of human rights & human dignity of victims who may be women, men or children. Prajwala in collaboration with BSSS and IIM conducted trainings to capacitate all the relevant duty bearers (i.e., Judicial Officers, Prosecutors, CWC and CSOs) to understand the law, their respective roles and responsibilities and the importance of coordination and cooperation of different line departments including civil society organizations for successfully fighting against human trafficking through the virtual platform. After the training sample survey was undertaken and 40 Trainees were interviewed representing the judiciary, prosecutors, CWC and CSOs. They stated training as being fully relevant and the training increased their knowledge and skill and helped them in deliberating justice for the victims.

DUTY BEARERS	DATES	TRAINED
CWC	16th & 23rd April	89
CSO	26th April	141
Prosecuting officers	25th April & 2nd May	141
Judiciary	5th September	112
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>483</b>

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS



### BSSS DAY

Balasore Social Service Society (BSSS), honours St. Teresa of Kolkata, as its patron saint, and on 5th September BSSS celebrates its annual day. Every year BSSS has different ways of commemorating this special day. This year BSSS decided to celebrate its annual day in the midst of leprosy patients and inmates of the leprosy colony at Bamapada, Balasore. Speaking at the gathering Mrs Rizwana Kawkab, Emergency Officer, Balasore, appreciated the developmental works done by BSSS. She said the work of BSSS is truly inspired by Mother Theresa. She further said she is edified by the readiness of BSSS to serve the people at any time in emergencies. She further stated that Mother Theresa is living forever through BSSS who are inspired by her life and living out her values of serving the poorest of the poor in society.

Speaking on the occasion Fr. Isaac Puthenangady, president of the BSSS, stated that leaving the luxury of the auditorium, and celebrating the annual day among the leprosy patients speaks volumes of their love for the poor and disadvantaged.

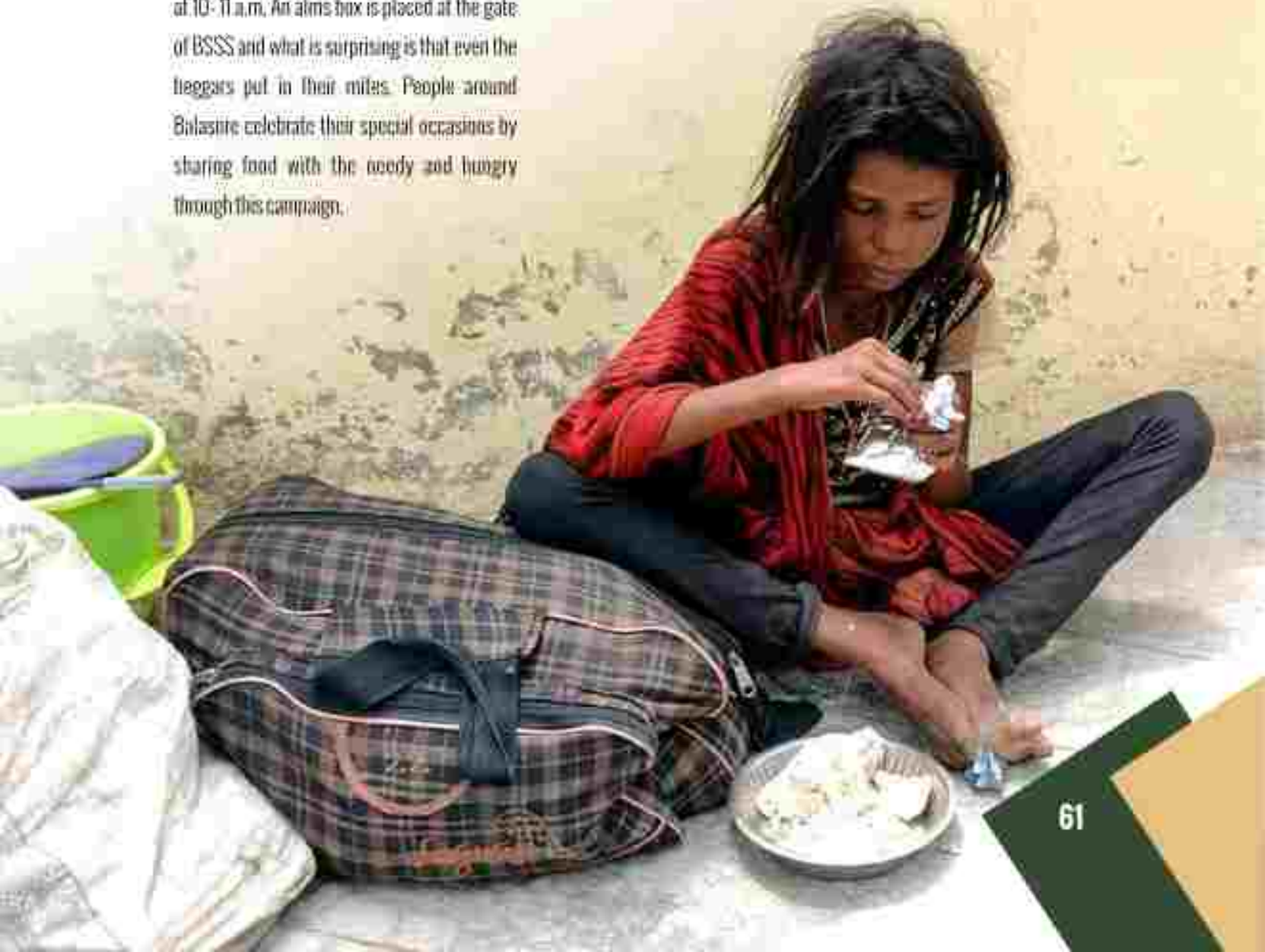
BSSS staff organized an awareness program on COVID and emphasized the importance of following appropriate behaviour even after receiving the required dose of vaccine.

The staff of BSSS and the staff of the colony together planted 12 trees in the Colony to mark BSSS day. 35 families of the colony were distributed dry ration kits consisting of Wheat flour (5kg), Lentils, Soybean chunks, sugar, puffed rice, salt and oil (1kg each) and hygiene kits of soaps and masks. At the end of the program, 400 people of the colony were fed with a festive meal.

## SHARING TO CARE

BSSS to end hunger and to provide food to the starving in the streets of Balasore initiated Sharing to Care campaign. Under this campaign, BSSS distributes 30 to 35 cooked food packets daily to street dwellers. This initiative was inspired by the Sustainable Developmental Goals and the pillars of Caritas India which calls for establishing an initiative to help the poor out of the local resources.

This campaign has been reaching out to the beggars and homeless of Balasore town with cooked food since 2019. The food is prepared with utmost care and delivered to the deprived at 10-11 a.m. An alms box is placed at the gate of BSSS and what is surprising is that even the teggars put in their mites. People around Balasore celebrate their special occasions by sharing food with the needy and hungry through this campaign.



## TAILORING & COMPUTER COURSE

BSSS promotes the welfare of women and the less privileged in society. Training centres in 7 different places are established to cater to the needs of the women. A computer course is being organised at the centre itself to impart basic computer knowledge to the poor youth of Balasore. The BuC teachers and other animators who aspired for skill in computer or tailoring were also given a special opportunity to join the training.

NAME OF CENTRE	PRESENT STRENGTH
Bholbeda	11
Nagarshil	10
Tangashil	12
Laxanyadipur	13
Gopalganj	16
Ghattaduba	13
Khandapal	13



## FAREWELL WITH GRATITUDE

BSSS family is indebted to Fr. Jose Aresseril and Sr. Vinita CMC for their contribution as executive body members. They have been serving for the last 4 years and have participated in all the activities of the institute. BSSS also bids farewell to Fr. Cherian Kizhikandayil, the Assistant Director. BSSS expresses the deepest gratitude for the support and wishes all the best for future endeavours.



## WELCOME TO BSSS FAMILY

Fr. George Plackyl and Fr. Sunil Mirz has joined the BSSS family as executive body member and Assistant Director respectively. BSSS extends a warm welcome to be a part of the BSSS family.



## OBSERVATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



### REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



## NATIONAL DISASTER DAY



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



## DR. SUNITA KRISHNAN'S VISIT





**LIGHT UP THE WORLD – CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER IN COLLABORATION WITH MANOS UNIDAS**



**DISTRICT HOSPITAL CAMPUS CLEANING**



**PLANET PLEDGE WITH FR. PRASANT PALAKKAPPILLI,  
ONE WHO TRAVELLED WHOLE INDIA BY A BIKE  
SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF A GREEN EARTH**



**PEACE MISSION NAGALAND TO KERALA –  
JOINING IN THE COVID 19 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**



## BSSS STAFF MEETING



### SURAKHYA TEAM



### SPREAD TEAM



### SWAAD TEAM



### STEER TEAM



## BUC TEAM



## BMZ GLOBAL PROGRAM TEAM



## YAAS TEAM



## COVID 19 - BSSS TEAM



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# BSSS AT A GLANCE

DETAIL STATUS OF DISTRICT/GP/VILLAGE/HHS OF EACH PROJECT

## PROJECTS IN MAYURBHANJ

SPTSAO BANDHPUR BLOCK		SYAHO KILANA BLOCK		STEER BUDHUPUR BLOCK		SILAO KULANA & BANGPADA SADAR BLOCK		SALAO BANDHPUR & KILANA BLOCK		BLOCK		BC	
3	GPS	1	GPS	1	GPS	2	GPS	5	GPS	11	GPS	10	
45	VILLS	17	VILLS	13	VILLS	26	VILLS	80	VILLS	43	VILLS	43	
2,291	HHS	1,100	HHS	1,534	HHS	2,882	HHS	6,163	HHS	609	HHS	609	
11,126	POPULATION	4,627	POPULATION	6,797	POPULATION	14,200	POPULATION	24,957	POPULATION	2,745	POPULATION	2,745	

## PROJECTS IN BALASORE

SPT BALAPAL BLOCK		MPT NANDA & DOPPA BLOCK		LPT REMINA & RUMARA BLOCK		BC	
28	GPS	2	GPS	2	GPS	2	GPS
100	VILLS	2	VILLS	2	VILLS	2	VILLS
3,014	HHS	316	HHS	30	HHS	42	HHS
14,360	POPULATION	1,578	POPULATION	102	POPULATION	100	POPULATION

YEARLY RELIEF  
BHOJARAI, BALASORE SADAR,  
REMINA, G-SORO

8	GPS
2,405	HHS
12,475	POPULATION

## PROJECTS IN BHADRAK

SPT BANDHPUR BLOCK		SPT BANDHPUR BLOCK	
2	GPS	2	GPS
15	VILLS	-	VILLS
-	HHS	500	HHS
20,463	POPULATION	2,500	POPULATION

## PROJECTS IN KEONJHAR

BC	
3	BLOCK
0	GPS
0	VILLS
131	HHS
978	POPULATION

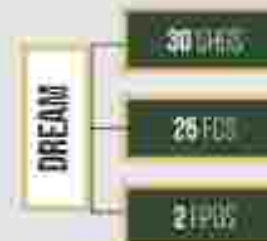
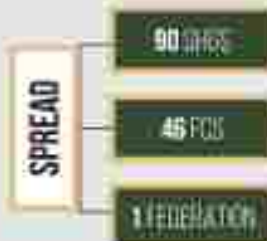
## PROJECTS ACROSS 4 DISTRICTS

COVID- ASSISTANCE

42,110	HHS
100,580	POPULATION



## PROJECTS AND CBOS



BMZ Global Program	Taskforce	15
VDMP	Taskforce	100
MEDP (NABARD)	SHGs	16
GRLTP	SHGs	13
LEDP	SHGs	17

TOTAL	
Self-Help Groups	229
Farmers' Clubs	100
Farmers' Federation	5
Adolescent Girls Groups (AGG)	94
Community Child Protection Committee (CCPC)	80
School Vigilant Committee (SVC)	46
Gram Panchayat Child Protection Committee (GPOPC)	5
Children's Club	48
Children's Parliament	13
Task Force	115

## OUR ESTEEMED DONORS



HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL OUR WELL WISHERS WHO DONATED GENEROUSLY FOR A MEANINGFUL INTERVENTION IN THE FOUR DISTRICTS OF ODISHA DURING THE YEAR 2021 TO 2022

## APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

BSSS is a non-profitable organization that continues to render its services with passion in society through financial support of individual donors, national & international organizations that shares a common mission of working for the marginalized. Without their support we would have not been able to transform the lives of thousands of people and enable them with the decent living conditions.

To remain committed & keep continued its services to community, BSSS seeks the help of people like you. You too can bring smile to the little faces of the vulnerable children, empower the women, reduce the food insecurity in the region and above all prepare the community for natural calamities. We assure you your little actions, in whatever form will be taken note of and appreciated. BSSS promises to account your smallest of the donations and utilize it positively for the improvement of the lives of the poor.

### BSSS GENERAL (LOCAL) ACCOUNT DETAILS:

NAME: BALASORE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

BANK: BANK OF BARODA, BRANCH: CHURCH COMPOUND, BALASORE

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 7829010008807

IFSC: BARBO01BSR (With character is Zero)

All your donations would be exempted from Income Tax under 80G.

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SUNITA KUMARI SWAIN

BINSEN JOSEPH

JULI GOMES

PUJA MARANDI

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BINITA SINGH

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FIELD STAFF

73

EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

43

VOLUNTEERS

320

## BSSS FAMILY



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