

Annual Report of Sangli Mission Society (SMS) 2013-14

Sangli Mission Society, ever since its registration as a charitable society in 1993, has made impressive strides in the field of general education, special education, rehabilitation, health care, women empowerment, vocational training and agro- based innovations. Sangli Mission Society is working in the four civil districts of Maharashtra namely, Sangli and Kolhapur in Western Maharashtra region and Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg in the Konkan region. Total geographical area is spread out in 29,675 sq. Kms. In 2011, Sangli had population of 2,822,143, Kolhapur 3,876,001, Ratnagiri 1,615,069 and Sindhudurg 849,651 respectively.

Vision: Sangli Mission Society envisions having the life in fullness to all human beings.

Mission: Enabling the sustainable development of humanity through a process of empowering the less privileged, exploited, weak, marginalized and down trodden of the society.

Goal: Welfare of all sections of humanity irrespective of caste, creed, race or other discriminating factors.

Objectives

01. Make accessible quality education to all through educational institutions and non formal education.
02. Empower the disabled to live a full life with equal rights and opportunities.
03. Improve the life situation of the HIV/AIDS infected and affected people and stigma eradication and prevention of HIV/AIDS.
04. Enabling the people to be the primary decision makers and executers through decentralized governance.
05. Enabling women to come into the main stream of the Society for its integral development safeguarding the dignity and integrity of women.
06. Enabling the exploited and weaker sections of society for justice, dignity and integrity and address the issues of social evils and problems
07. Preservation and promotion of healthy environment.
08. Integrated and sustainable development through organic farming and allied activities.
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Strategies of Sangli Mission Society

01. Conducting baseline survey
02. Developing natural and human resources
03. Establishing rapport with the beneficiaries
04. Integrated, Targeted, Result oriented and Right based approach
05. Establishing formal and non formal Institutions
06. Conducting Awareness Programs and Health Camps
07. Community Based Rehabilitation and Disaster Management
08. Production, Consumption and marketing of organic products
09. Strengthening Community Organizations
10. Creation of Healthy and Productive assets through collective action
11. Net working with Governmental and Non Governmental Organizations
12. Strengthening Participatory Democracy
13. Development of demonstration centers
14. Ongoing participatory inbuilt reporting, monitoring and evaluation system

Various activities undertaken by the organization are the following:

1. General Education:

There are nine schools to provide value based quality education to the children. These quality educational institutions are spread out in the districts of Sangli, Kolhapur, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg. Out of them one is a Residential School. It is at Banda, Savantwadi, in Sindhudurg district for the education of poor children.

2. Special Education

Sangli Mission Society has been involved in education and rehabilitation of children with disabilities especially the mentally challenged children since 1996. Besides the above beneficiaries a large number of people have benefitted from it by distribution of aids and appliances, corrective surgeries, income generating programs, etc.

Samanvaya is the wing of Sangli Mission Society (SMS) for education and rehabilitation of children/persons with disabilities. It tries to make them independent and socially productive citizens and thus catapult them to the main stream of the society.

For this purpose at present Sangli Mission Society has seven programmes / centres for education/training/rehabilitation of persons with disabilities; namely, Jeevdan Residential Special School, Zarap; Anugraha Special School, Khed; Pratiksha Residential Special School, Vilavade; Ashadeep Special school, Sangli; Shanti Nivas Care Home for the severely disabled children, Khutalwadi; CHERISH Vocational Training / Rehabilitation Centre, Nirmalgiri, Amberi and Aastha CBR Programme, Sangli. Besides these, community/home based rehabilitation programmes are going on in different areas in the four districts of Sangli, Kolhapur, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg.

2.1 ACTIVITIES / PROGRAMMES

A. Jeevdan Special School, Zarap, Kudal, Sindhudurg

Jeevdan is the first special school established by Sangli Mission Society. It was started on July 17, 2000. The felt need of the locality was to start a residential special school because of the scattered population in the Konkan area.

B. Anugraha Special School, Khed, Ratnagiri

Anugraha Special School was started in August, 17th, 2000. Since Anugraha could procure a school bus in the beginning a day-school was the need of the locality. At present there is enough infra structure for the special school.

C. Pratiksha Special School, Vilavade, Ratnagiri

Pratiksha Residential Special School for children with mental retardation had a humble beginning on the first of August, 2003 at Rajapur 22 kms from Vilavade. 12 children took admission in a rented room but all of them did not come to the school regularly. Because of practical reasons special school was shifted to Vilavade on 19th of October, 2004. A residential school was the only option and with the financial assistance from SLF a small dormitory, a dining hall and finally a big dormitory for girls were constructed. At present 46 children reside and receive special education and necessary therapies.

D. Ashadeep Special School, Sangli

Ashadeep Special School had a humble beginning at Miraj as Alphonsa School's Centre for Autism and Hyper Active Disorders in 2003. It was shifted to Ashadeep, Balaji Nagar, Sangli, in 2008 for better functioning. At present there are 70 children with autism, mental retardation, hyper active disorders and multiple disabilities.

E. CHERISH Vocational Training Centre, Amberi, Kudal, Sindhudurg

CHERISH at Amberi was established in 2004 to provide vocational training and life-long rehabilitation to adult male mentally challenged persons, whom there is nobody to take care. At present 25 adult male who stay there are trained for economic independence in one or other trades/ activities like making of vermi-compost, managing dairy farms and poultry farm, cattle rearing, goat rearing, farming and cultivation.

F. Shanti Nivas Care Home, Khutalwadi, Kolhapur

Bed ridden children with profound and multiple disabilities very often were locked in by parents while going for earning to sustain life. Sangli Mission Society witnessed a few situations. Shanti Nivas Care Home was started in 2007 to take care of such children. At present its maximum facility is utilized, that is ten to twelve children.

G. CBR/ HBR Programmes in different Centres

Samanvaya is supporting a number of children through CBR /HBR Community/ Home Based Rehabilitation Programs. It gives stress on rehabilitating the special children/persons in own community. They live a maximum integrated life with the family/community. With this aim in mind they are given special education, necessary therapies, vocational training and even provided loans for income generation programs. Around 125 children/persons have been benefitting from this program.

With the intension of strengthening CBR/ HBR programs Samanvaya conducts a number of programs for prevention of disability and awareness like rallies, capacity building workshops for staff and parents, medical camps, parents meetings, formation of self help groups and promotion of micro insurance programs, sustainable agriculture, fund raising programs, income generation programs etc.

H. AASTHA CBR/HBR in Sangli District

AASTHA Rehabilitation of the Disabled and Prevention of Disability Project was started in January 2010 in 10 villages of Sangli district, Maharashtra. In the first phase the project made good rapport in these villages and Community Based Rehabilitation Centres were established where the differently abled children come together for training and these centres organize programmes for the prevention of the disabilities and the total development of the villages. The project has identified 1048 differently abled persons in the target villages. Out of them 553 are children.

S. No.	Centers	Direct Beneficiaries	Hostellers	Teaching Staff	N T Staff
01	Jeevdan Special School, Zarap	62	46	10	8
02	Anugraha Special School, Khed	60	0	9	4
03	Pratiksha Special School, Vilavade	46	46	6	8
04	Ashadeep Special School, Sangli	70	0	10	5
05	CHERISH Vocational Training Centre, Amberi	25	25	3	3
06	Shanti Nivas Care Home, Khutalwadi	12	12	3	1
07	CBR/ HBR Programmes in different Centres	125	-	08	-
08	Aastha CBR/HBR in Sangli District	1048	0	29	10
	Total	1448	129	78	39

3. Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR)

Rehabilitation of the disabled and prevention of disability is the main objective of CBR. In CBR disabled children get educational support, medical support, corrective surgeries, nutritional support, and vocational training.

3.1 'Aastha' Rehabilitation of the Disabled and Prevention of Disability

The project is located in Sangli district. The project area consists of 10 villages, out of these 05 villages are in Miraj taluka, 03 in Tasgaon taluka, 1 in Kavathe Mahankal taluka of Sangli district. We have identified 1071 disabled persons in these villages.

Following are the objectives of Aastha Program.

- To rehabilitate the disabled children
- To improve economic status of the families with disabled persons
- To promote rights of the disabled
- To prevent occurrence of disability
- To promote the rights of the poorest

Some of the key activities are the following:

- **Education**

We could admit almost 85% of disabled children in Government Schools with the help of right to education policy. All the 10 CBR centers are provided with adequate teaching materials like charts, shape blocks, models of fruits, birds, animals etc. and also gave children sufficient leaning materials like slate, pencils, note books etc. other activities like Social Development – Cultural Show, Picnic and exposure visit for the children are organized together with Sports & Games.

- **Health & Nutrition**

Nutritional and Medical Care are given prime importance for the disabled children.

- **Medical Camp & Corrective Surgery**

Several Medical Camps are conducted at Dilasa Bhavan, Miraj with the help of the Doctors from St John's Hospital Bangalore.

DETAILS OF CORRECTIVE SURGERY

Sr. No.	Month of Corrective Surgery	No. of Patients for Corrective Surgery
1	April – May 2012	10
2	October – 2012	17
3	March – 2013	21
TOTAL		48

Physiotherapy

Physiotherapy is regularly provided to **94** children.

LIST OF ORTHOTIC AID PROVIDED

SR.NO	NAME OF ORTHOTIC AID	QUANTITY
1	Wheel Chair with commode	01
2	Wheel Chair	08
3	Walker with wheels	04
4	Walker	01
5	Crutches	02
6	Elbow Crutches	04
7	Special Coat	06
TOTAL		26

- **Nutritional Support for Pregnant Ladies and Nursing Mothers**

Poor pregnant ladies were given nutritional support so that there would not be the occurrence of disability. We are happy to say that this year no children have born with disability in our project area.

- **COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

Regular meetings of Self Help Groups, Youth Groups, Children's Parliament, Groups of Adolescent Boys and Girls, Farmers Clubs etc are conducted. Different activities were organized to strengthen these CBOs. The members of Children's Parliament were empowered to sensitize the community on common issues.

- **Awareness programs**

Two public rallies were conducted in all the 10 villages to mark World Disabled day and World women's Day. Members of CBOs parents and children participated in the rally with enthusiasm.

DETAILS OF CBOS

Youth Group		Group Of Adolescents		Farmers Club		Children's Parliament		Village Development Committee		SHGs		SHG Federation	
No	Members	No	Members	No	Members	No	Members	No	Members	No	Members	No	Members
12	169	11	221	11	241	28	640	10	108	112	1432	11	107

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- **Training on Entrepreneurship Development**

The project has also conducted various trainings for the entrepreneurship development in the targeted villages.

- **Financial Support for Starting IGAs to the poorest families, families of the disabled and disabled youth**

The project has supported **51** beneficiaries to begin some income generating activities by helping them to purchase, buffalo, cow, goat, tailoring machines, vegetables and fruits and items for petty shop etc.

DETAILS OF IGAS

Sr No	Income Generating Activity	Number
1	Dairy farming	28
2	Goat Raring	08
3	Tailoring	07
3	Wheat flouring/Chilly Pounding	02
4	Dry Fruit Selling	01
5	Craft Work	01
6	Phenol Manufacturing and Sale	01
7	Noodle Making and Sale	01
8	Auto Rickshaw	01
9	Agriculture	01
	Total	51

- **Sustainability**

Different activities are organized to make the project sustainable. Village development committee is formed in every village and all the programs regarding the project discussed and planned during the VDC meetings. They are very well informed that the project has to be continued by the community. Support of the Gram Panchayat, Health department, Education Department, agriculture Department etc is availed.

- **Number of beneficiaries of govt. Scheme for the period**

552 various government schemes have been received by the beneficiaries with the help of this project.

4. Vocational Training Programs

There is also a vocational rehabilitation centre for the mentally challenged male adults in Amberi, Sindhudurg. At every special school children above 18 years are given training in different trades.

5. Women empowerment Programs

Formation women SHGs,

In tehsils like Khanapur, Kavate mahankal, shirala, valve, miraj of Sangli district and Shirol and Karveer of Kolhapur district, we have made 140 SHGs in the last financial year. SHGs have received around 15 lakhs rupees of loan to meet their various needs. We have around 500 active SHGs in four districts. Around 50 register trainings have been conducted and a number of meetings and 'mahila melavas' have been organized in the villages on various occasions. A survey was conducted in 105 villages of Sangli district and 29 villages of Kolhapur district to learn about needed social work interventions.

- **Micro credit and Micro Insurance for women**

LIC insurance policy has been reached to hundreds of poor people as it has been aimed. There are more than 5000 policy holders and collect about 3.5 lakhs premium. A handful of policy holders could receive claims due to accident or death.

6. Health Care

6.1 HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention, Care Centres for HIV/AIDS patients and Lifelong Care and protection of the HIV infected and affected

There are two Community Care Centres (CCCs) where Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART), counseling, Nutritional food and medical support are provided to Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHAs). It includes Educational and nutritional support, Counseling, Medical support, Awareness programme and stigma eradication. Sangli Mission Society has already reached out to

more than 3000 HIV infected /affected children and to more than 6000 adults in its operational area of four districts. There is hostel facility for HIV affected/ infected children both for boys and girls. Sixty five HIV infected boys and 20 HIV affected girls are taken care in the hostels. They are educated in normal schools.

Various services provided	Number of beneficiaries (Children/Caretakers)
Nutrition, education, dress	143
Pediatric ART initiation	24
Home Visit	400
Balsangopan Submitted	107
Sanjay Gandhi Submitted (parents)	12
Sanjay Gandhi Pension Received (parents)	32
Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandai Yojana	21
Shravanbal Submitted (grandparents)	21

*This data belongs to DILASA Counseling & Support Centre, Kolhapur

There are still new HIV cases reported in new born babies and children even now. Home visit of children was conducted to find out the present situation of children after the completion of care and support project and to know the status about Balsangopan Scheme. Those children and parents who have not received any scheme were guided and motivated to collect the documents and helped them for submission.

6.2 Care and Protection of the Aged.

Alphonsa old age home at Lanja, Ratnagiri, shelters the aged people whom nobody is there to care.

6.3 Psychiatric Assistance and Facility for Half- way Homes for Persons with mental Illness.

Dilasa Bhavan, Miraj serves as a home for the mentally ill people who are ostracized from the society. They are provided with Psychiatric assistance, treatment and peaceful environment to live in.

7 Children in need of care and protection

CHILDLINE is a project supported by the ministry of Women And Child development (GOI) in partnership with state government, NGOs, International organization, the corporate sector, concerned individuals and children.

CHILDLINE is India's first 24 hour, toll free, emergency phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection linking them to long term services for their care and rehabilitation. Any child and concerned adult can call 1098 and access the Childline service any time of the day or night.

Activities under the project-:

1. Out Reach and Awareness

School Awareness Programme

Mass awareness program during Social, religious programs (pilgrims, Dashara, Ganesh festival) and other occasions like exhibitions, melavas, etc.

2. **Open House** – Conducted once in a month with children in a field area.

3. **Childline Se Dosti** – celebrated from 14th Nov to 22nd Nov 2013. During the celebration of week Childline Team visited various allied systems, arranged activities with children, distributed food grains and arranged a rally with school going children which was inaugurated by Hon- DSP of kolhapur.

4. **Childline Advisory Board (CAB)** – CAB was formed on 22/10/2013 under the chairmanship of Dist. Collector and HOD of other departments who are working for children. The response was very overwhelming.

5. **Liaison with NGOs** – Meetings were conducted with various NGOs who are working on Child Rights.

6. **Visit from Childline India Foundation (CIF)**- CIF visits Childline Kolhapur twice a year. They have very good appreciation about the program. This year we have to renew the agreement for another three years.

Cases handled by Childline KOLHAPUR

Types of Cases	Number of Cases
Medical	37
Shelter	19
Sponsorship	144
Missing	52
E.S.G.	16
Abuse	15
Child Labour,Begger	25
Did not find	2
Child marriage	2
Parent Asking help	2
Unclassified	1
Total	315

8. Family Counseling and Child Guidance Ashadeep Counselling Centre, Sangli

The activities are the following:

- I Q Assessment and guidance
- Parental counselling on behaviour problem of children and family issues
- School counselling on regular basis to 2 Sangli Mission Schools (Alphonsa school, Miraj and Santhome School Sangli)
- Teacher Training Programs
- Awareness Programs (Mental health, Autism and disability, learning issues, Child development)
- Training Programs for health workers and related personnel
- Aptitude testing and related guidance
- Seminars

Events and data for the year 2013 to 2014

- Individual I Q Tests at Guidance centre, Sangli: 161
- CBR Project I Q Tests: 50
- **Aptitude test and parental guidance:** Total number of students who were tested for aptitude test: 240 (Miraj, Ichalkaranji, Ankali, Shahuwadi)
- Reports were given to the parents individually of above students.
- Individual Aptitude tests: 20
- Personal counselling with various issues: 50

Workshops arranged by Ashadeep

- Parent's workshop to observe world Autism week (2013) with Ashadeep special school:
- Beneficiaries: Parents of special school (total number of parents who attended the program: 50)
- Expert: Ashadeep guidance centre resource
- Learning Disability awareness workshop
- Expert: Psychologist and special educators from Navi Mumbai
- Beneficiaries: Normal school teachers, Psychology Students, counsellors, Special educator, health workers, collage teachers) (Total number of participants: 45)
- Workshops addressed by Ashadeep resource
- Autism awareness workshop at Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical college campus arranged by Bharati Paediatric department,
- Beneficiaries: Medical students, Doctors, Parents, and community (Total number: 200)
- Workshop on Prudent Parenting at Cambridge school (Miraj)
- Beneficiaries: Parents from KG to 4th std (No of participants: 200)
- Lecture on Mental Health on World Mental Health Day at SIBER, Kolhapur.
- Beneficiaries: (MSW students and professors) No: 100
- Prudent parenting workshop at Kolhapur (Alphonsa School)
- Beneficiaries: Parents from KG to 4 (No. 40)
- Learning disability awareness workshop for normal school teachers
- Alphonsa School Miraj: No of Teachers: 20
- Santhome School Ankali: No. of Teachers: 20
- Alphonsa School Shahuwadi : No. of Teachers: 12

A screening list was prepared by Ashadeep resource with help from expert in pune to screen the children with learning problems. This list was made for 3rd STD students. This list with instruction manual was sent to 7 Sangli mission schools. Around 300 children from these schools were screened for the same. List of "High risk" students and some solutions to their learning problems were conveyed to the respective school management.

Follow up sessions in this regard were done at Alphonsa school Miraj and Santhome school, Ankali. Parents and teachers cooperated well in this venture. (No. of counseling sessions in this regard: 20)

9. Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture through Organic Farming and of Eco-friendly Agro-based innovations

9.1 Promotion of organic farming

Organic farming is promoted and encouraged in several centers of Sangli Mission Society. It is promoted through integrated and sustainable organic agriculture. Trainings, camps and exposures are arranged for SHGs to learn, sustain and promote organic farming. Preparation of vermin compost, organic pesticides and organic cultivation are given great importance.

9.2 Formation and strengthening of farmers' clubs

Under the Aastha CBR program and in other rural areas we have formed several Farmers' Clubs to guide the farmers to train them on various aspects related to effective and productive agriculture, challenges in the field of agriculture, new innovations in various crops, advantages of crop cultivation, seasonal and mixed cultivations, various government schemes for the farmers, loans for the farmers available from government and non government agencies, organic farming, vermi compost, bio gas plant, etc.

9.3 Training in Income Generating Programs (IGPs)

The members of the SHGs, HIV affected people, widows, low income group are given training on various IGP programs and are given loans to begin various IGPs and are linked with several agencies to promote IGPs. IGPs have really helped hundreds of women to run their family and are moving ahead towards a stable economy.

Institutions of Sangli Mission Society

1. Educational Institutions	Numbers
Nursery	11
L P School	9
U P School	9
High School	7
Special School	4
2. Hostels	
Hostel for Special Children	2
Rehabilitation Centre for Special Children	1
Respite Home	1
Hostel for school children	1
Hostel for HIV affected Girls	1
Hostel for HIV infected children	1
Home for the Aged	1
3. Health Centres	
Dispensary	1
CCC	1
4. Counseling Centre	4
5. Rehabilitation Centre	1
6. Vocational Training Centre	4

Number of People in direct contact with Sangli Mission Society

Institutions	No. of institution	Total No. Beneficiaries	No. of Families benefited	No. of people Directly benefited
Nursery	2	124	124	540
Schools	9	4755	3861	23166
Special Schools	4	227	196	1568
Self Help Groups (SHGs)	461	6915	6915	34575
Hostels mentally challenged children	4	114	108	756
Respite Home	1	14	14	96
Hostel for school children	1	38	38	380
Hostel for HIV affected Girls	1	14	14	120
Hostel for HIV infected children	1	11	11	65
Home for the Aged	1	8	8	140
Community Care Centres (CCCs) for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS	2	520	442	3500
Drop –in- Centres for PLHAS	20	912	650	3800
Counseling Centre	4	712		712
Rehabilitation Centre	1		1	
Vocational Training Centre	4	160	160	550
Total	421	14524	12542	69968

‘A’ Grade for Community Care Centers at Sangli and Ratnagiri by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and Rally conducted on World AIDS Day, 2008 was declared BEST by UNAIDS.

Conclusion

Sangli Mission Society is looking for the holistic growth of the people through all its activities. It is giving prime importance to community development with the vision of sustainable development.