



PROPOSED VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE BUILDING (FOR FIDES)
OF SACRED HEART SALESIAN SISTERS AT BANDAPURA, BANGALORE.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF FIDES VTC
- ✚ FEED A MOUTH
- ✚ WOMEN INITIATIVES

DIRECTORS' NOTE

The year 2021 - a fresh start during the corona crisis ... finding out its own vaccine to fight corona – “India’s pride”, Sacred Heart Province Bangalore discovering new avenues to alleviate the suffering of the poor.

At this point of time, I like to quote the message given by Sr. Celine Jacob our Provincial on the occasion of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of the VTC Building for FIDES. She highlighted that the Laying the foundation stone for FIDES is a moment of great joy that testifies God’s divine intervention and never failing providential care and love. She connected this great work to the 24th General Chapter theme *“Communities that generate life in the heart of contemporaneity”*. As Don Bosco enabled street urchins to transform their lives and generated a new life to be blossomed, so let this be the aim of this building that is going to come up. May it bring forth new life for the poor and needy youth who are helpless, the marginalized, the least, the lost and the last. She urged all who were present to support this noble endeavour with prayers and sought the blessings from St. Joseph the Divine Provider to whose name the year is dedicated.

In fact it was also a coincidence that FIDES launched into a new activity: “Feed a Mouth” programme.

I am happy to present to you in this issue, CDEWs’ interventions in the life of women.

St. Rosy Lopez.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR SKILL TRAINING CENTRE FOR FIDES



31st of January is an unforgettable day for all the members of Salesian family in the world. And this year 2021, 31st of January was indeed something different, remarkable and very significant day for the FMA Sacred Heart Province of Bangalore where a long cherished dream of having a *Skill Training Centre for FIDES* was being unfolded with the laying of the foundation stone at Sacred Heart Convent, Avalahalli, Bandapura, Bangalore. *Rev. Fr. Alex Kalathikattil SDB, the Rector of Viswadeep blessed the foundation stone and Provincial Rev. Sr. Celine Jacob FMA laid the foundation stone* in the presence of Provincial Councilors, Sisters, Novices, FIDES Staff, Friends and Well wishers of our Parish Community, Shri. Adithya Varma the Architect, M/S Alphonse Associates Architect and Interior Designers and Mr. Thankchan of JJC Engineering Pvt. Ltd. the main contractor and his team.



“The start of something new brings HOPE for Something GREAT”

FEED A MOUTH



Rev. Sr. Celine Jacob, the Provincial inaugurating the FEED A MOUTH Programme at FIDES

Inauguration of “Feed a Mouth Programme” by FIDES. Moved by the plight of the poor people especially the old, sick and bed ridden, the handicapped and the elderly widows for food, we courageously stepped into this new venture by mobilizing the resources locally from the philanthropic people and friends. Provincial Sr. Celine Jacob FMA and Community Animator Sr. Monica Thomas FMA inaugurated the programme invoking God’s blessings by lighting the Kuthuvillaku along with other NGO representatives, Police Inspector Mr. Devadass and Panchayat members.

Fifteen aged people were brought from the nearby village. They were happy to be present for the inauguration which was followed by the meal at FIDES. The Sisters, teachers and other staff and friends were involved in preparing and packing of 120 food packets. It was then taken to six villages and Kaverinagar slum for the distribution. Seeing the joy of the beneficiaries our happiness knew no bounds. It spurs our enthusiasm to work ever harder to tap more resources to continue this programme on everyday basis and not for a day in a week.



We thank everyone who has in one way or other contributed or supported this enterprise.



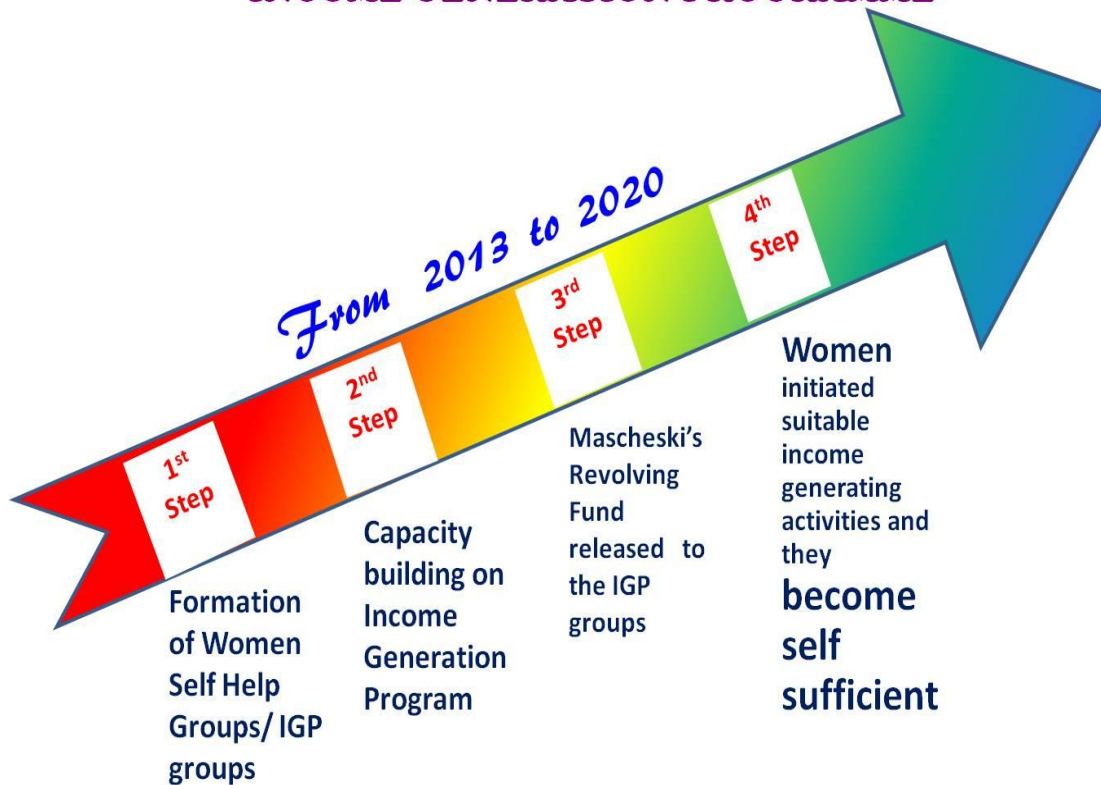
MASCHESKI FOUNDATION - INCOME GENERATION PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED AT KANAKAKUNNU, MARADIYUR, PUTHIYATHURA AND THOPE

Income Generation Programme was launched with an objective to improve the status of the socio-economically backward women in our operational area with the support from Mascheski Foundation .

A look back at the achievements of these Empowered Women:

- + Food security to the families
- + Quality education to the children
- + Improved family bonds
- + Access to Government schemes and Bank linkages
- + Self reliant women
- + Reduced gender discrimination
- + Contributing towards social change and human promotion in society

MILESTONES OF INCOME GENERATION PROGRAMME



IGP PROJECT AREAS & DETAILS

Centre	No .of SHGs	No. of Beneficiaries	Revolving Fund from M.F
Puthiyathura	33	253	573,000.00
Kanakakunnu	12	170	200,000.00
Thope, Kollam	10	145	335,000.00
Maradiyur	32	470	425,000.00
Total	87	1038	1533000.00

IGP GROUPS



Kanakakunnu



Maradiy



Thope, Kollam



Puthiyathu

MONITORING VISIT FROM MASCHESKI FOUNDATION



ACHIEVEMENTS

- * Unorganized become organized
- * Improved self confidence and decision making power
- * Status of women changed from economically dependent to contributing members
- * Became aware of their rights and are able to demand for the same.
- * Learnt budgeting and financial management
- * A great sense of health and hygiene has taken shape in them and they encourage one another to do the same.
- * Motivating members to take up social responsibilities.
- * Contest in elections, participate in ward sabha and grama sabha to raise matters related to women development

IGPS INITIATED BY WOMEN IN COASTAL VILLAGES



INCOME GENERATION - INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE



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