

It's a mission station of St Joseph Sevika Sanstha, Indore which covers 10 villages, 3 panchayats and 2 blocks. The mission is located at Ponkodihi in Sundergarh district, Odisha.

The project began in the year 2019 with the monitoring visit of Thea Didi and Robert bro. by being present in the location while interacting with the local people we could observe together was based on SJS main 5 components; *(Education, Health, Livelihood, Community development and Environment)*

Education

It was seen that most of the children are enrolled in schools but children come just for namesake, some even do not come regular school, still some are asked by parents to take care of their small ones. Few children after 8th class stop going because according to govt. rule students are promoted till 8th class. Thus, for further studies becomes difficult to read and understand subjects. Therefore, sisters give tuition classes to all who come willingly to our centre 50-150 regularly.

Summer Camp

Sisters summer camp is centre of attraction of the mission. It's a kind of vocational skill development camps where children are given various opportunities to know their inner potentials, interests and languages by following learn by fun methods. The camp is organized only for 15-20 days during school holidays of 1st to 10th grade. Every time 80 to 280 children benefits out of it. We tried to conduct during this winter as well. Children waits for this camp and says thank you for supporting them to become change maker.

Handwashing and self-management during covid-19

During the tough time in life when someone in great need social distancing was isolating being away from our own. People of our target group were mostly safe, because by the time they were aware of importance of handwashing. We could support them practically by provide them soaps, sanitizers, masks, awareness talks and basic needed things in their emergency. All 10 villages are covered and so people seems to be healthy and happy for our services.

Main activities in Ponkodihi

- Tuition
- Summer camp
- Handwashing
- Self-management during covid-19
- Distribution of Solar Lamps
- Saving for further study
- Sanitation
- Vocational boarding school
- Agriculture and solar pump for irrigation
- Women and child development



“Educate a woman; educate a generation.”
“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page.” “Education is the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world.” Better education, resulting in better jobs. Improved income would bring transformation to build a just and harmonious society.



“Without you difficult to reach out these many people in need”



Saving Account for further studies

The scheme originated from the statements of people during community meeting at Kusumdihi village that **“they wish to educate children but because of poor economic conditions on time flop to do so”** therefore it was suggested to save small amounts for the study purpose to get admission on time and of their choice’s institutions. It was advised also to begin to save for other purposes like health and professional studies etc. 87 girls and boys are motivated and convinced through innovative ideas and guidance of sisters and taken up to grow ahead in their career something different. Children who regularly saves are happy and looks confident to build apt career in their future life.



Distribution of solar lamps

Solar lamp distribution falls under the category of educational help. Since before November 2020, whole village was in the dark after the sunset. And so, children were not able to do extra-studies and completing their home-works. This led them to score very less percentage in their annual progress cards.

Thus, the solar lamp project arose through the self-help process. Though our target was to give 660 children and families but with the great efforts of sisters and villagers electric grid was connected to powerhouse and now they have lights at home. Yet during electric fluctuations in rainy seasons, they need it thus 291 are distributed and children with their families are benefitted in many ways. Especial thanks to both the Foundation Wilde Ganzen and Dutch Foundation.

Vocational boarding school

It is necessary to be able to receive an education from early on in life and indicate the benefits of following vocational education in order to learn a trade. This way, there definitely is a future in which people are able to save money to become independent and happy, in contrary to remaining in poverty and acquiesce in it.

Construction work almost done and interior designing, painting and furniture furnishing is going on. At present 15 children are residing in the boarding. It’s like a dream coming true for the brighter future of rural children of our target



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022



Dear friends,

Thank you so much for giving your generous support. Because of you, our organization is able to raise the dignity of life to those who need us most in our community.

WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE BECAUSE OF YOU

Every act of love matter's, especially yours, as we work every day to ensure a brighter future for our community. Thank you. Together, we're able to do so much more.

Your help is giving young people a chance to achieve their potential, empowering people of all ages to lead healthier lives and strengthening the bonds of our community.



May the Light of Christ shine in your life, in your work and in the lives of your near and dear ones. As you celebrate Christmas with your dear ones, please do not cease to remember us.

Sanitation



It’s a part of health and hygiene promotion. People knowing and understanding its effects and side effects in life came forward to build latrine attached bathrooms. Though we had target for whole village Kusumdihi to make a model one but because of covid effects could not achieve. Importance of this work is today they themselves are asking for the help to have independently for social reputation and self-esteem. 5 of them completed and using, feel better about it and says thanks for the funding and encouragement. Another 3 are on the process, 2 have begun it.

Agriculture and solar pump for irrigation



Agriculture and solar pump for irrigation is to support them become self-reliance by cultivating extra crops for income generations. Because it’s the back bone for all the progress in life. In 2020 one farmer was given as pilot phase and outcome was better. This year November 2021 another 2 pumps with panel is given through the same process of easy term loan, that the farmer has to repay 50% of the total expense. Out of 3 solar pumps 10 farmers are profiting and says thanks to the scheme for extra income. Big thanks to both the foundations. We are happy and grateful to be supported by you.

