



RESILIENCE UNVEILED



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2022-2023

Caritas India is a national organisation of the Catholic Church in India that works for social concern and human development. Founded in 1962, Caritas India is a member of the Caritas confederation, the second-largest humanitarian network in the world. Caritas India has a wide range of interventions across the country, such as humanitarian aid and disaster risk reduction, livelihood security, climate change adaptation, good governance, anti-human trafficking, peace building, health care and community based rehabilitation. Caritas India has contributed significantly to nation-building by supporting billions of people over its 60 years of service. It has a unique strategic responsiveness to emerging social challenges and commitment to preserve the dignity and sacredness of human personality. Caritas India is not just an organisation, but a movement of love in action.

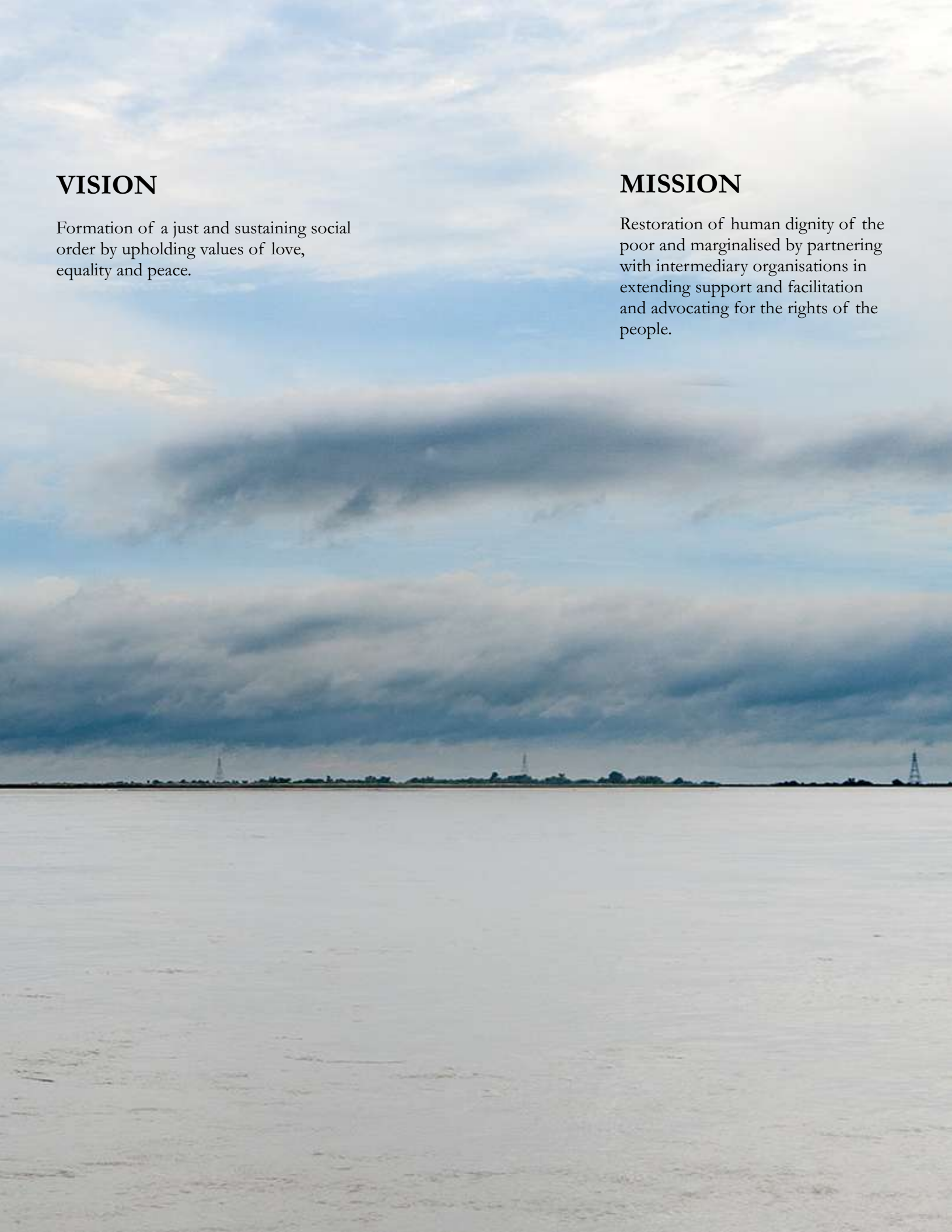


VISION

Formation of a just and sustaining social order by upholding values of love, equality and peace.

MISSION

Restoration of human dignity of the poor and marginalised by partnering with intermediary organisations in extending support and facilitation and advocating for the rights of the people.



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Executive Director's Message

It is with great joy and gratitude that I present to you the annual report of Caritas India for the year 2022-2023. This year marks the 60th anniversary of our organisation, which was founded in 1962 as the social development arm of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India. As we celebrate our diamond jubilee, we look back at our journey of six decades, passing several milestones in the service of the people, especially the poor and marginalized.

Despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, Caritas India continued to respond to the needs of the affected communities with compassion and solidarity. We reached out to over 2.5 crore people with our humanitarian support, including food, hygiene kits, medical supplies, livelihood assistance, psychosocial care, and awareness generation. We also collaborated with various stakeholders, such as government agencies, civil society organisations, faith-based groups, media, and academia, to enhance our impact and sustainability.

In addition to our emergency response, we also implemented several long-term development programmes in the areas of climate adaptive agriculture and food sovereignty, community health, and humanitarian aid and disaster risk reduction. We adopted a multi-hazard approach and integrated nature-based solutions in our interventions. We also promoted participatory and community-driven processes to empower the local people to take charge of their own development.

This year was also a year of recognition and achievement for Caritas India, as we gained the UN ECOSOC special consultative status¹, which will enable us to participate more actively in the global policy dialogue and advocacy on issues related to

social concern and human development. We also received several awards from government and non-government organisations for our excellence and innovation in disaster risk reduction and resilience building. These include the Asian Local Leaders For Disaster Resilience (ALL4DR) Award 2022, the WCDM-DRR Excellence Award 2022, and the second-best film on early warning system at NPDRR 2023.

At this moment I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing CBCI President, Oswald Cardinal Gracias, for his invaluable guidance and support. We are deeply grateful to Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios and Archbishop George Njaralakatt for their roles as the first and second Vice Presidents, respectively. Your leadership has been instrumental in steering Caritas India towards new horizons.

This Diamond Jubilee is not just a celebration of the past but a promise for the future. Together, we will continue to write the story of compassion, resilience, and hope for India's marginalized and vulnerable communities.

As we enter into a new year, we remain committed to our vision of forming a just and sustaining social order by upholding values of love, equality and peace. We thank all our donors, partners, staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries for their trust and support in our mission.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and here's to the next 60 years of making a positive impact.

Fr. (Dr.) Paul Moonjely
Executive Director



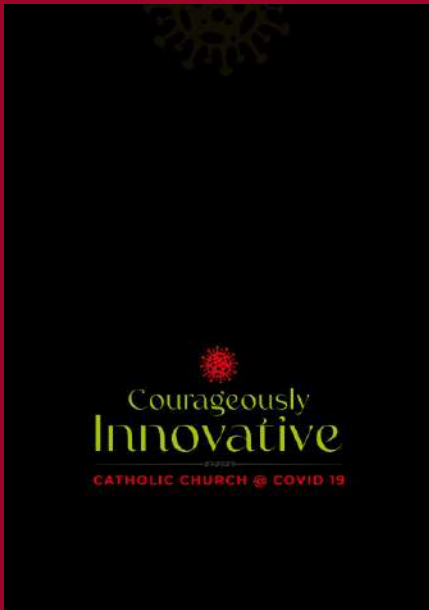
DIAMOND JUBILEE *Celebration*

Caritas India proudly celebrated a momentous milestone - its Diamond Jubilee on October 1st, 2022. The foundation day of the organisation was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. This remarkable journey began 60 years ago, marked by humble origins, and has since burgeoned into a vast family united by a singular motto - "The joy of service."

The jubilee celebrations began with a Mass led by Archbishop Sebastian Kallupura of Patna, chairman of Caritas India. He was assisted by Father Varghese Vinayanand, vicar general of Gurgaon diocese, Father Jervis D'Souza, CBCI deputy secretary general and other priests heading Caritas India.

Caritas India's trajectory in serving the less fortunate has been marked by pragmatic and paradigmatic shifts. From its origins as a charitable organization fostering inclusive and equitable development, Caritas India has evolved into a powerhouse of transformation, embodying adaptability, inclusivity, and innovation. A host of programmes planned to commemorate the diamond jubilee celebrations during the year including, diamond jubilee celebrations with the local communities through all cluster programmes, etc.





The Diamond Jubilee celebration of Caritas India at the CBCI Plenary was highly praised by all the attending Bishops. The event included the launch of a Coffee Table Book titled "Courageously Innovative: Catholic Church @ Covid-19," showcasing the outstanding contributions of various Catholic Church institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Caritas is the heart of CBCI, the face of the CBCI and apostolate of Church in India,” shared Oswald Cardinal Gracias, President of CBCI in his message and recalled his association and inspiration behind this Coffee Table Book. He appreciated Caritas India and wished to be the compassionate face of Jesus.

Cardinal George Alencherry, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church quoted Cardinal Gracias words about Caritas as a Crown and glory of the Church in India. He further added, “Caritas has become the heritage of Church in India”. He said we are witnessing God's love through the activities of Caritas India.



In a heartfelt encounter, Fr. (Dr.) Paul Moonjely, the Executive Director of Caritas India, shared a significant embrace with His Holiness Pope Francis. During this exceptional meeting, Fr. Paul presented the thoughtfully crafted Coffee Table Book titled “Courageously Innovative: Catholic Church @ Covid-19,” providing a comprehensive glimpse into the Church in India's unwavering response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This meeting serves as the embodiment of the tireless work undertaken by Caritas India in collaboration with the Church in India since 2020.



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MILLETS

Caritas India has a long history of promoting sustainable agriculture and food security in rural communities and has recognized the potential of millets as a nutritious and sustainable crop that can help to address food insecurity and malnutrition in India. Caritas India has been working closely with smallholder farmers in rural India to promote millet-based farming practices, providing seeds, training, and technical support to promote millet cultivation.

Caritas India is actively engaged in promoting the International Year of Millets (IoYM) in India through its development programs to work towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of SDG 2, SDG 3, SDG 13, and SDG 15. Caritas India aims to advocate for policies and programs that support the cultivation and consumption of millets at the national level to achieve sustainable agriculture and food systems. Caritas India's efforts will focus on raising awareness about the benefits of millet-based farming and the significance of preserving this traditional crop. By promoting millets, Caritas India will demonstrate the potential of this crop in addressing food security, malnutrition, and climate change in India.



Farmers' meetings on "Kadan" Utsav

Caritas India has proactively undertaken efforts to champion the cause of millet promotion during the KADAN UTSAV (Millet Conclave) held in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. This significant gathering was strategically aligned with the International Year of Millets 2023 and was dedicated to deliberations on sustainable millet production. Furthermore, it aimed to foster multi-stakeholders collaboration for the integration of millets into the local food systems.



Caritas India Joins Forces with Amravati District Administration for Farmers Festival

Caritas India and Amravati district administration jointly organised a five-day district level Krishi Mahotsav, an agriculture festival to celebrate the innovations, wisdom and the success of farmers, from 1 to 5 March 2023. The festival marked the commencement of the district level campaign to promote millets as a solution to achieve food and nutrition security for the district.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Asian Local Leaders For Disaster Resilience (ALL4DR) Award 2022



Caritas India received the Asian Local Leaders for Disaster Resilience (ALL4DR), 2022 Award on 20th September 2022 in Brisbane, Australia. The award was presented by the UN Representative for DRR to Fr. (Dr.) Paul Moonjely, the Executive Director of Caritas India in a public function. The award is given to the local champions who are working towards reducing risk in their communities. The objective aims towards recognising, linking and enhancing the power of local leadership”.

Award for the Second-Best Film on Early Warning System at NPDRR 2023



WCDM-DRR Excellence Award 2022



Caritas India has been awarded with the WCDM-DRR Excellence Awards 2022 for working in the field of Humanitarian Aid & Disaster Risk Reduction, Community Health, and Climate Adaptive Agriculture & Food Sovereignty.

Fr. (Dr.) Jolly Puthenpura, the Assistant Executive Director and Fr. Sushil Modi, Administrator of Caritas India received the award from Shri G Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region of India. The award was given under the Development of Risk Resilient Infrastructure sub-category Disaster Preparedness for Effective and Efficient Disaster Risk Management (DRM).

Caritas India's film on community early warning won the second-best short film award at the 3rd session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) 2023 organised at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi by the Government of India on March 11, 2023. The award was received by Fr. (Dr.) Paul Moonjely, the Executive Director of Caritas India, by Dr. P.K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India; Shri Nityanand Rai, Minister of State for Home Affairs of India; Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs of India; Shri Kamal Kishore, Member & Secretary (I/C) NDMA; Atul Karwal, Director General, NDRF; Shri Hitesh Kumar Makwana, Additional Secretary, Department of Home, Ministry of Home Affairs; and Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jindal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.



CARITAS INDIA AT A GLANCE

We worked with 197 partners in 2022-23 and supported multiple programs in 32 States & Union Territories under Climate Adaptive Agriculture and Food sovereignty, Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Risk Reduction, Livelihood and Skill Development, Health and Nutrition, Anti-Human Trafficking and Migration, Child Development, Community Based Rehabilitation, and Peace Building. These thematic priorities help in scaling up our reach to 49,12,476 population through our direct, indirect, and campaigns.

4.2 MILLION



32

STATES & UTs

206

DISTRICTS

2921

GRAM PANCHAYATS



PARTNERSHIP

162

DIOCESES

14

REGIONAL FORUMS

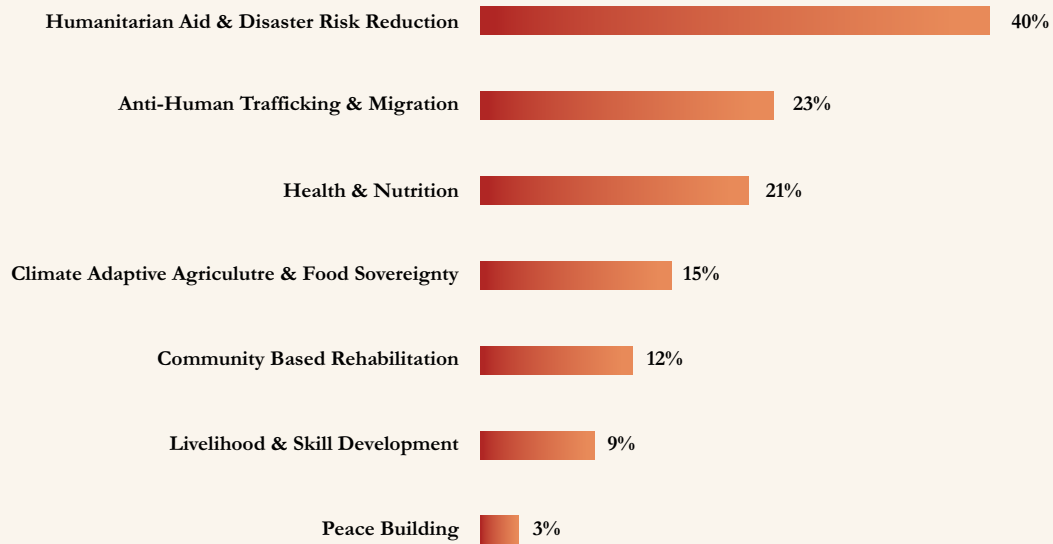
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CONGREGATIONS

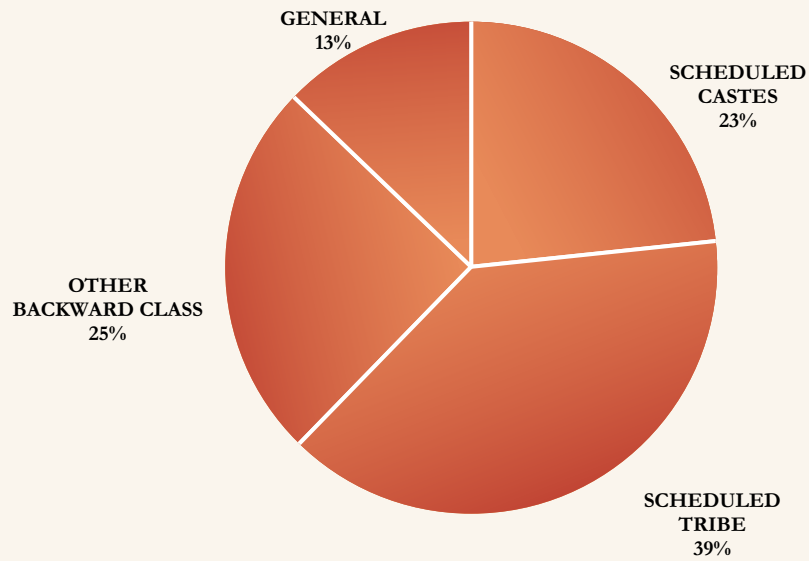
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NGOS

THEMATIC DIRECT REACH



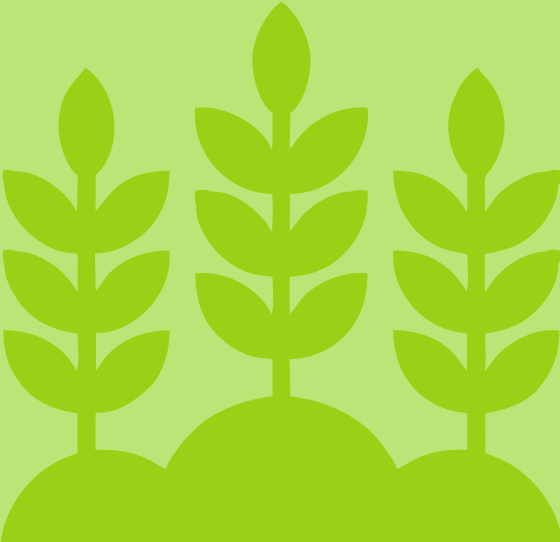
SOCIAL COMPOSITION



RESILIENT AGROECOSYSTEMS FOR FOOD SECURITY

Climate Adaptive Agriculture & Food Sovereignty

Caritas India is committed to empowering smallholder farmers to ensure greater control of the farming system and local governance. All the programs aim towards ensuring food, nutrition, and livelihood security through a community-led approach. Farmers are capacitated to mitigate and adapt to climate vulnerabilities and build better self-reliance. The process has helped in developing successful models by the community at the grassroots level for increased production. Caritas India focused on introducing mitigative and adaptative measures to continue the momentum of safeguarding livelihoods and securing food sovereignty through cluster programs. Most of these programs contribute to strengthening on-farm agriculture-based practices of the smallholder farming communities. The programs covered the issues of food availability, access, and utilization for maximum health benefits and social economic development.



161

SPECIAL GRAM
SABHA MEETINGS
ORGANIZED AT
COMMUNITY'S
DEMAND



16698

HOUSEHOLDS
STARTED
SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE
PRACTICES



10027

HOUSEHOLDS
STARTED
NUTRITION
GARDENS



3745

ACTIVE WOMEN
FARMERS/WOMEN
LEAD FARMERS



The Climate Adaptive Agriculture and Food Sovereignty programs succeeded in establishing the missing link between agriculture and tradition. Several traditional crops and seeds were revived or reintroduced which are climate resilient and nutritious. The traditional wisdom, knowledge, and practices are being restored through farmer interactions and exchange programs.

A deliberate effort is taken to integrate nutrition in all agriculture development programs to improve food and nutrition security. The farming families are greatly benefited from the backyard nutrition garden which has increased access to and consumption of diversified foods from their own production. The efforts have increased the items in the food basket which not only increase the quantity but quality of food.

The program has complemented the United Nations International Year of Millet by promoting millet in all the climate adaptive agriculture programs. All the programs will be promoting millet promotion in the target areas to revive and integrate this superfood into our food system.

To better address the food and nutrition challenges, Caritas India promoted an integrated farming system (IFS) to ensure farm production, income, nutrition, resilience, and farmers' control by strengthening the capacity of the targeted small farm families for adaptation to climate change.



RISK RESILIENCE

Humanitarian Aid & Disaster Risk Resilience

Caritas India has been responding to humanitarian emergencies since its inception and created an edge in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction with a wide network of partners across the country. Apart from relief assistance, Caritas India works on prevention, mitigation, climate change adaptation and building community resilience. In 2022, India witnessed nearly every type of natural hazard, except a major earthquake and related events. Floods, droughts, heat and cold waves, lightning strikes, cyclones, and even hailstorms, a wide range of disasters impacted most of the country, including the humanitarian crisis of forcibly displaced population. One of the key highlights of the year was our focus on localisation. We worked tirelessly to empower local communities by providing them with the necessary tools, resources, and capacity building to respond to emergencies. This approach has helped in building resilience and sustainability in our programs, ensuring that the affected populations are actively involved in the response and recovery process.



4441

HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED WITH SAFE SHELTER



6317

HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED WITH NUTRITION



11428

PEOPLE ADOPTED SAFE HYGIENE BEHAVIOUR



154

PUBLIC WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATED



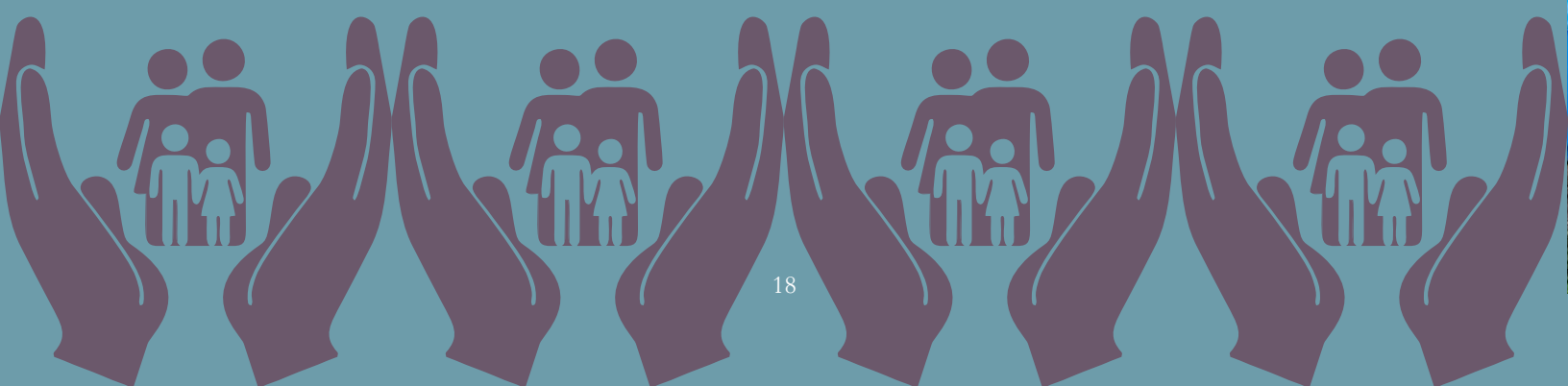
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HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED SAFE WATER



460

HYGIENE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPED AND REPAIRED



We also made significant progress in system strengthening by developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for disaster management. These SOPs have helped us in streamlining our response efforts, ensuring that we are able to provide timely and effective support to those in need.

Protection mainstreaming was another key focus area for us in the year 2022-2023. We ensured that protection was an integral part of all our programs, and we worked closely with our partners to develop protection strategies that are tailored to the needs of the communities we serve. This helped in promoting the safety and dignity of the affected population.

We forged new networks with UNICEF, START, and new CSRs, which has helped us in expanding our reach and providing more support to those in need. These partnerships have enabled us to develop joint programs and initiatives that are making a real difference in the lives of people affected by disasters.

Innovation was a key focus area in the year 2022-2023. We developed new approaches to address the emerging challenges of heat waves, forcefully displaced people, climate change migration, and other complex issues. These interventions were designed to be sustainable and scalable, and we believe they will make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

Our timely and effective response to emergencies helped in saving lives and reducing the impact of disasters on the affected population. We ensured that our response efforts were coordinated, and we worked closely with the local authorities to ensure that the affected population received the necessary support.



RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS AND SKILL-BUILDING

Livelihood and Skill Development

Caritas India's Livelihood and Skill Development Programmes are enabling marginalized communities with technical and vocational skills to find productive employment and have access to fulfilling livelihood possibilities. The programs are designed to upscale innovative and diversified livelihood opportunities across sectors to enable sustainable socio-economic growth for a dignified living. Our approach has been sectoral, aimed at providing livelihood support in animal husbandry, horticulture management, kitchen gardens, agriculture, and vocational training. The focus has been on building capacity and providing technical assistance to communities to ensure that they can sustain their livelihoods in the long run. The desk has pursued new linkages and collaboration with different stakeholders to safeguard the livelihood of the marginalized population.



3300

ACRES OF LAND CONVERTED INTO ORGANIC FARMING



1,425

SMALLHOLDERS ENROLLED AS SHAREHOLDERS IN FIVE FPOS



1,351

HOUSEHOLDS ADDED NEW ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD OPTIONS AND INCREASED THEIR INCOME



730

FARMERS INITIATED TRADITIONAL CROPPING METHODS



2640

FARMERS INITIATED INTEGRATED AGRI MANAGEMENT METHODS



We have been able to provide support to various target populations, including small and marginal farmers, landless laborers, women, and youth. Our strategy has been to ensure that communities have access to diversified livelihood options, which can help them overcome the challenges posed by climate change, market fluctuations, and other external factors.

One of our key strategies has been to organize and empower communities into viable self-resourced functional institutions. We have been able to create self-help groups, farmers' clubs, and other community-based organizations that help in the management and marketing of produce. This has not only improved the economic status of communities but has also helped in building social capital and promoting gender equality.

Through our Livelihood and Skill Development program, we have been able to provide short-term livelihood support, which has paved the way for long-term impact in the lives of the community. We have been able to create models of sustainable livelihood options, which can be replicated in other areas, ensuring sustainable development.

Our support in the field of animal husbandry has been aimed at improving livestock productivity, providing animal health care, and promoting value addition. We have been able to provide support to small and marginal farmers, helping them to improve their income and livelihoods.

In horticulture management, we have been able to provide support in the form of technical assistance, improving productivity, and providing market linkages. Our support in kitchen gardens has been aimed at promoting food security, improving nutrition, and generating income for small and marginal farmers.

In agriculture, we have been able to provide support in the form of seed distribution, irrigation facilities, and technical assistance. Our support in vocational training has been aimed at providing skill development and employment opportunities to youth and women, improving their economic status and livelihoods.



RESILIENT HUMAN MOBILITY

Anti-Human Trafficking and Migration

Caritas India's top priorities are protecting children and women from human trafficking and solving the issues of unsafe migration. The Anti-Human Trafficking and Migration thematic area has been working towards creating public awareness, building networks, protecting survivors of human trafficking, and ensuring safe and informed migration. We have embraced the 4 Ps approach (Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, and Partnership) and are actively working along the Indo-Nepal borders, as well as in Uttar Pradesh, Assam, and Arunachal to combat this horrible crime against humanity.



243

**CHILDREN AND
 ADULTS
 RESCUED**



38

**TRAFFICKING
 SURVIVORS
 REHABILITATED**



9932

**INTERNAL MIGRANT
 WORKERS ACCESSED
 GOVERNMENT SCHEMES**



The efforts have been aimed at promoting sustainable development and addressing multiple SDGs, including SDG 4: Education, SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all, SDG 16.2: End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture against children, and SDG 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

We have been involved in ensuring safe and informed migration, involving full respect for human rights, safety, and humane treatment of internal and overseas migrants, regardless of their migratory status. Our efforts have been aimed at promoting safe migration and protecting the rights of migrants.

Through our Anti-Human Trafficking and Migration thematic area, we have been able to create public awareness about the dangers of human trafficking and the importance of protecting the rights of women and children. We have been able to build networks of civil society organizations, government agencies, and community-based organizations to address the issue of human trafficking.

Considering the vulnerable situation of migrants during Covid-19, Caritas India has developed a migrant-friendly program to provide legal assistance and counselling services to migrants facing issues related to employment, immigration, and other legal matters such as non-payment of wages, exploitation etc. It is also made to ensure that migrants are aware of their rights and are able to access the necessary support when needed.

Our thematic desk helps irregular migrants in their reintegration to their home countries with the support of European Government agencies and local organizations. The program offers socio-economic reintegration assistance to migrants in the form of counselling and referral and/or reintegration assistance to migrants who return mostly voluntarily and non-voluntarily to the country of origin.



CHILDREN'S RESILIENCE

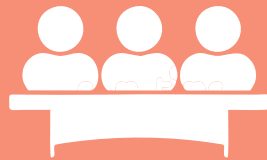
Child Development

We are committed to promoting child development and ensuring the rights of children are protected and promoted. Our Child Development thematic area has been working towards the abolition of child labor in all forms by establishing effective child protection systems, and promoting children's right to education, inclusive development, and social participation. Our program works in partnership with different stakeholders, including government agencies, civil society organizations, and community-based organizations, to ensure that the rights of children are protected and promoted. Our focus has been on ensuring that children have access to their basic needs, including the right to health, education, protection, and freedom of expression.



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CHILDREN
 RESCUED FROM
 CHILD LABOUR



57

VILLAGE LEVEL
 CHILD PROTECTION
 COMMITTEE
 FORMED



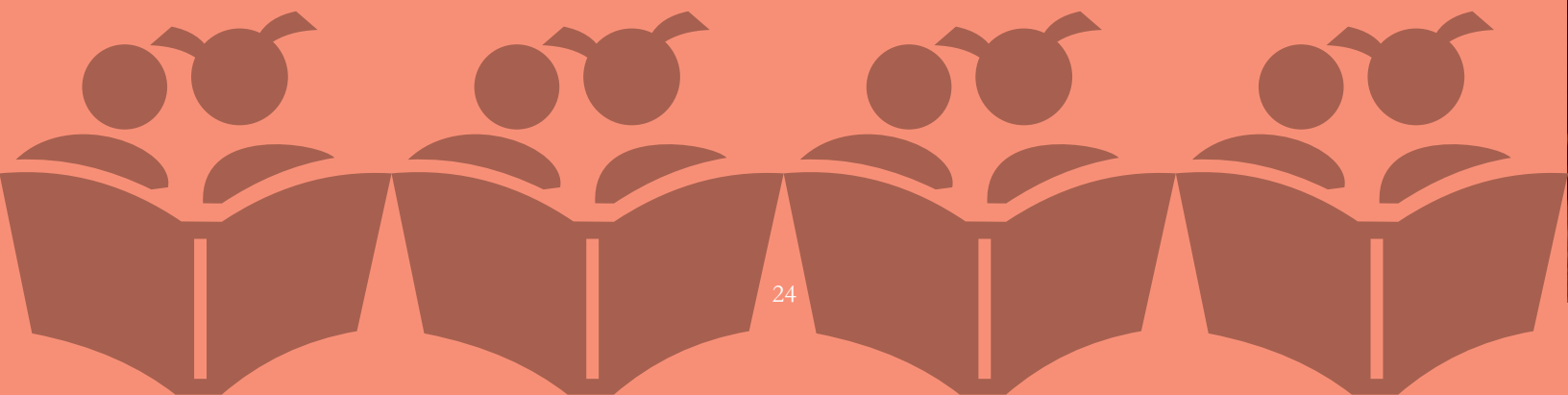
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COLLECTIVE
 ACTIONS
 TAKEN FOR
 CHILD PROTECTION



585

ENTERPRISES
 FREED FROM
 CHILD LABOUR



The rights of the children are protected by addressing the challenge of child labor, child abuse, and child marriage. Our efforts have been aimed at creating awareness about the dangers of child labor and promoting children's right to education. We have been able to establish effective child protection systems, which have helped in preventing child abuse and child marriage.

Our program has been focused on ensuring that children have access to quality education, which can help in breaking the cycle of poverty and promoting inclusive development. We have been able to provide support to children from marginalized communities and help them to overcome the barriers to education and achieve their full potential.

The thematic area has also been focused on promoting social participation among children, including their right to freedom of expression and identity. We have been able to create safe spaces for children to express themselves and participate in decision-making processes that affect their lives.

Our programs are bringing positive changes in the lives of children by working closely with these families and making sure all children grow to their full potential. The goal is to establish an atmosphere that is supportive of children, therefore efforts include close collaboration with the legal community and an attempt to increase the legal community's ability in relation to child protection laws like the juvenile justice act and POCSO.

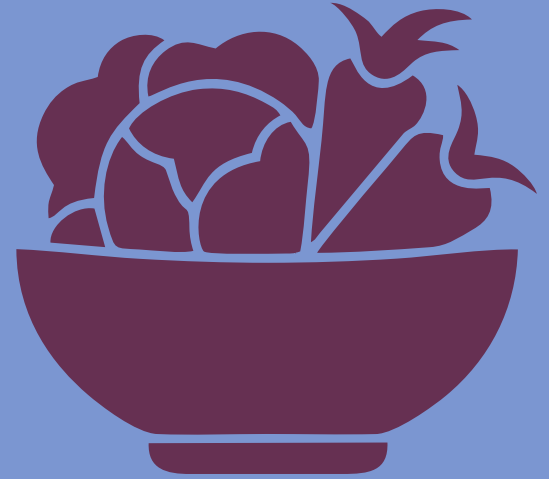


RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION SECURITY

Health & Nutrition

Caritas India is dedicated to tackling the health-related concerns of the vulnerable and marginalised population and strengthening the connections between those seeking health care and the system for delivering public health services. Our Health and Nutrition thematic area works both in the programmatic and campaign mode, and we have achieved significant milestones in the past year.

Caritas India has taken the initiative to provide curative, mitigative, and preventive measures to address health-related issues in the country. We have focused on awareness building, capacity enhancement, community mobilization, linking the community with the public health service delivery system, and advocacy. Our overall aim has been to complement the government systems and structures towards improving the linkages between the health seekers and the public health service delivery system without creating parallel structures.



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HOUSEHOLDS INCREASED THEIR FOOD SECURITY



20095

NUTRITION GARDEN ESTABLISHED



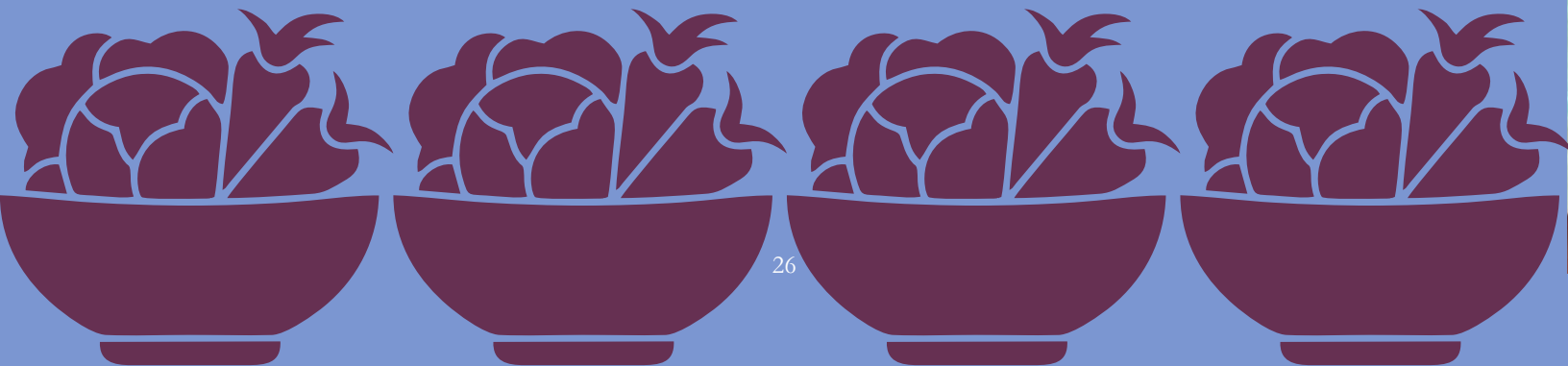
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CANCER DETECTION CAMPS CONDUCTED



13381

CANCER TESTING CONDUCTED



Our efforts have been aimed at reducing morbidity and preventable mortality from non-communicable diseases such as cancer. We have also been working towards cross-sectoral goals related to health, including access to safe water and sanitation for all by 2020 through the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Through our campaign mode, we have covered the whole of South India. The campaign is now soaked into the community and touching every section of society. Cancer care and drug abuse have been taken very seriously by the campaigners. The Health and Nutrition thematic area is successfully addressing the challenges posed by climate change, hazardous chemicals, water, and soil pollution, and contamination. We have been able to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses caused by these hazards, promoting SDG 3.9.

We have also been able to achieve significant progress towards SDG 3.1 by reducing the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births. Our efforts have been aimed at improving maternal health and reducing the risks associated with childbirth.

Our program has also been focused on achieving SDG 6.1 by ensuring universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all. We have been able to provide access to safe drinking water to communities in need, promoting health and well-being.



DISABILITY AND RESILIENCE

Community Based Rehabilitation

Community based rehabilitation (CBR) is a strategy that aims to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities by enhancing their access to services, opportunities and rights. CBR also promotes the participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society, and empowers them to advocate for their own needs and interests.

Caritas India works with persons with disabilities, local communities and the Government to bring about the desired changes in the lives of persons with disabilities. We adopt a holistic and inclusive approach that addresses the needs and aspirations of persons with disabilities in a comprehensive and sustainable manner. Our program focuses on women, children, and those with severe disabilities, who are often the most marginalized and vulnerable groups in society. We ensure that they are given priority attention and support in our interventions.



73301

PERSON LIVING WITH DISABILITIES SUPPORTED



11321

PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH HOME BASED CARE



23225

PLWDs SUPPORTED WITH VOCATIONAL TRAINING



3371

VILLAGE LEVEL PLWD SHGs PROMOTED



In 2023, we implemented several initiatives to support persons with disabilities in five core areas: education, health, livelihood, social inclusion, and empowerment. We provided inclusive education opportunities for children with disabilities. We enrolled them in mainstream schools, provided them with assistive devices and learning materials, trained teachers and parents on inclusive pedagogy and disability awareness, and monitored their academic progress and well-being.

We improved the health status and access to health care for persons with disabilities. We conducted health camps, screenings, and referrals, provided medical treatment and rehabilitation services, distributed medicines and aids and appliances, and educated persons with disabilities and their families on health issues and prevention.

We enhanced the livelihood skills and income generation opportunities for persons with disabilities. We provided vocational training, job placement, micro-credit and entrepreneurship support, linked them with government schemes and programs, and facilitated their participation in local markets and value chains.

We promoted the social inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in their communities. We organized cultural events, sports activities, exposure visits and exchange programs, sensitized community members and leaders on disability rights and inclusion, and fostered positive attitudes and relationships among different groups.

We empowered persons with disabilities to become self-reliant and confident individuals. We formed self-help groups (SHGs) of persons with disabilities to promote self-help and all-around development. We trained them on leadership skills, group management, advocacy strategies and legal rights. We also supported them to form federations at village-level, block-level, district-level and state-level organizations for persons with disabilities.



SUSTAINABLE RESILIENCE FOR PEACE

Peace Building

Peace and security are indispensable pillars for sustained development. Peacebuilding calls for cooperation and coherence among actors and focuses on three crucial areas- context, partnership, and accountability. Educating people and making them conscious and concerned about peace for social justice, cooperation and self-reliance is the crux.

Our Peace Building program has been working towards developing strategies to ensure peace in conflict areas, involving multiple stakeholders to bring cohesiveness. Our efforts have been aimed at creating awareness about the importance of peace and promoting the involvement of major stakeholders in peacebuilding initiatives. We have focused on bringing people together on common issues and making children groups ambassadors of peace.



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PEACE CLUBS
FUNCTIONING



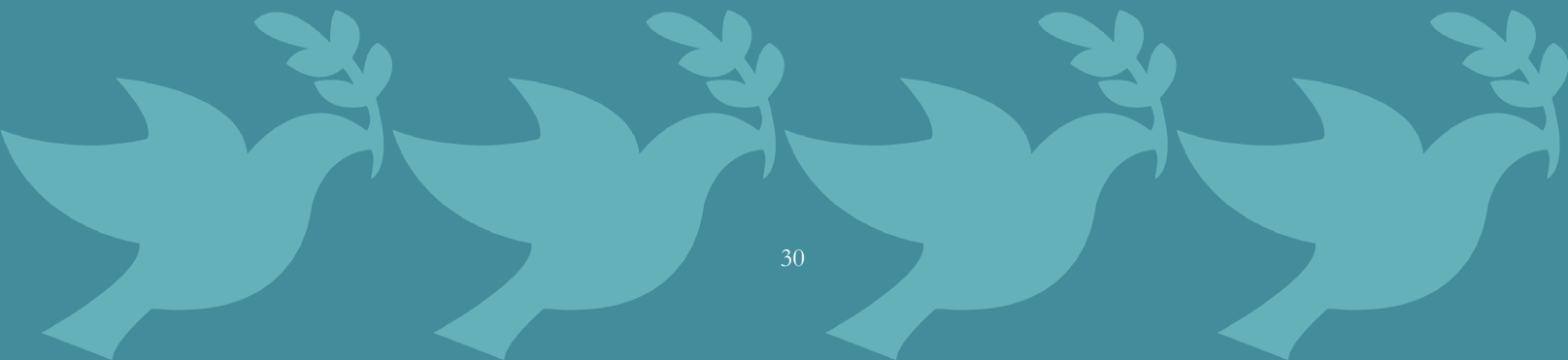
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YOUTH & KEY
STAKEHOLDERS
CONNECTED



50+

INTERFAITH LEADER
CONNECTED TO
THE PROGRAM



Caritas India has strategized her interventions to focus on changes that are required in conflict mediation ranging from peace-making to peace enforcement and peacebuilding. Our programs focus on the most vulnerable groups like, children, youth, women especially widows, physically challenged, old aged and victims of disasters, conflict survivors, political refugees and excluded communities as they are in dire need of external support during and after conflict.

Through our Peace Building program, we have been able to create a platform for dialogue and engagement between communities, government agencies, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders. Our approach has been participatory, aimed at ensuring that all stakeholders have a voice in the peacebuilding process.

We have been able to develop strategies to ensure peace in conflict areas, including conflict resolution, mediation, and reconciliation. Our efforts have been aimed at promoting a culture of peace, tolerance, and understanding, which can help in reducing the risks of conflict and promoting sustainable development.

Our Peace Building program has also been focused on involving children in peacebuilding initiatives, promoting their role as ambassadors of peace. We have been able to create safe spaces for children to express themselves and participate in peacebuilding activities, helping them to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to promote peace in their communities.

This theme addresses following SDGs- SDG 16.1: Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere; SDG 16.5: Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all its forms; SDG 16.6: Develop effective, accountable, and transparent institutions at all levels; and 16.7: Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.



CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER AND DISEASE



CARING HUMANITY BUILDING PEACE

मानवीय सेवा शांति निर्माण

Caritas India through its Annual Lenten Campaign 2023, focussing on the theme 'Caring Humanity Building Peace' invites everyone to join hands and come together to spread Pope Francis' message of Peace. The theme holds significance in the current situation when the basic needs of the people are compromised due to human arrogance and climate crisis. Peacebuilding can pave the way where everyone will have fair and equal access to justice and an atmosphere to live in security.

Caritas India's commitment to integrated human development have facilitated people's liberation from inequities and helped transform their deplorable conditions as befits human dignity. In its totality, Caritas India (CI) reaches out and works with 2,61,28,937 population, largely hailing from the most vulnerable sections such as Dalits, small

holder farmers, unorganized sectors, migrants and displaced people of concern. During Covid alone, Caritas India reached out to 25 million distressed population with care and support to uphold peace within such troubled times. We have engaged with the communities in conflict to safeguard the identities of the communities through mutual dialogue and regular interface. Caritas India has harnessed the concept of inclusiveness in all our programs and engagement. Taking insights from the Church Social Teachings and the Papal Encyclicals, Caritas India promotes in all her programs, the approach of "Love thy Neighbour." The renewed approach of journeying and caring for nature, solidarity through campaigns, volunteering for a cause and sharing communities, are some of the offshoots of our strategic orientation of Transforming lives through a culture of care.

PEACEMAKERS

We, being the Peacemakers can promote participatory governance supporting peace. A culture of tolerance and consensus-building needs to be highlighted by the government and civil society in general. It is more crucial to promote inter-country, intercultural communication, and civic education, to build a culture of peace and social harmony. Good governance and peacebuilding initiatives can play a crucial role in ensuring people-oriented development, demanding all citizens and groups to articulate their interests, needs, and concerns. The need for making the governance more participatory and interactive is done through the animation process of mobilizing and facilitating communities to participate in the active functioning of the local governance.

YEAR'S HIGHLIGHT



Khushhaal Bachpan, a joint initiative of Caritas India and Caritas Australia, was launched after careful and meticulous research on the needs of children in India in the setting of the new socio-economic scenario created following the COVID-19 epidemic.



World Cancer Day

World Cancer Day

This year's theme, "Close the Care Gap," enables more people to seek and receive the care they need and deserve. It helped in building stronger alliances and innovative new collaborations with our friends, coworkers, and communities to fight cancer. The cancer care programmes played an important role in the health-related activities of Caritas India across the nation.



Strengthening partnership with new social apostolate leaders

The orientation programme for the new Diocesan Directors of Social Apostolate was organized by Caritas India from 25-27 August 2022 at Caritas India Head Office, New Delhi. The objective of the orientation was to familiarize the newly appointed Diocesan Director of Social Apostolate (DDSWs) with Caritas India as an organization, her core values and principles, her structure, systems, policies, function, partnership and thematic interventions across the



52nd Development Dynamics Course

During the Diamond Jubilee year, Caritas India has concluded its 52nd DDC to transfer knowledge and skills to aspiring social workers in the field of social development. So far, Caritas India has trained 3000 professionals under its flagship Development Dynamic Course. The participants were able to imbibe the spirit of Catholic Social Teaching and equipped to put this into practice in their social apostolate.

Caritas India has taken the initiative to promote millet at the KADAN UTSAV (Millet Conclave) in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. The event coincided with the International Year of Millets 2023 and served to discuss the sustainable production of millets and bring multistakeholder collaboration and extension services for mainstreaming in local food systems.



SAJEEVAM' anti-drug abuse campaign launch

To address the rising drug abuse cases in Kerala, an anti-drug abuse campaign Sajeevam was launched to create awareness, and strengthen community resilience through church networks and restore the physical, mental, economic and social functioning of the families affected by drug abuse.



A National Conference on “#We4Resilience – A Tool for Empowering Community and Strengthening Networks” was jointly organized by Caritas India along with UNICEF and the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) to reflect upon Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), systems strengthening approach in POSHAN ABHIYAAN and community-based resilient practices.



Volunesia

The annual event of Caritas India to motivate Caritas Samaritans was organised in Kerala to acknowledge and appreciate their contributions. Being one of the strategic pillar, volunteerism has changed the traditional way of operationalizing programmes and mainstream the strategic approach to create an ecosystem for sustainability.



World AIDS Day

Apart from rigorous awareness generation activities and social inclusion efforts Caritas India has reached out to PLHIV-infected and affected families by facilitating ART to local hospitals, basic psychotherapy, home-based care, and providing them with opportunities for income generation so that they can live a dignified life.



National Conference on Migration

Caritas India had organized a National Conference on Migration on 25th May at Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru with the theme “Building lives of migrants today for a sustainable tomorrow: Migration and SDGs”. The discussion focused on access to health, employment, decent living and working conditions and creating safe pathways for migration from gender perspective.



Regional Inclusive Children Parliament

Caritas India’s partners Anugyalaya Darjeeling Diocese Social Service Society and Seva Kendra Siliguri, organised the Regional Inclusive Children Parliament (RICP) for Darjeeling and Siliguri Subdivision in West Bengal, on 20th May 2022. The event attempted to draw attention to various issues affecting younger

generations including child labour, child abuse, child marriage, girl child education, child trafficking and so on. Using Theatre in Education (TiE) as a platform, the participant children provoked critical ideas of questioning the authority and demanding accountability.



European Return and Reintegration Network visit

Caritas India hosted the European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN) donors and collaborators’ visit from Europe to India for a stock-taking interaction of the ERRIN programme through interface meetings with local partners and returnees and onsite visits in Delhi and Haryana. There were four ERRIN PMU representatives in the delegation: two from BMI Germany, one each from BMI Austria and the Netherlands, and two from Caritas International Belgium.

Light for the World (LFTW), Austria visit

Light for the World (LFTW), Austria is one of the donor agencies of Caritas India supporting Caritas India Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programmes in the northeast region. The northeast region partners’ meeting of LFTW was organized at Bosco Reach Out, Guwahati on August 8-9, 2022. The objective was to facilitate an exchange on their partners’ achievements, challenges and innovative practices.





Cardinal Oswald Gracias Launches Jeevan-III

Cardinal Oswald Gracias inaugurated Jeevan-III programme by unveiling the logo at a function held in Mumbai on 13 July 2022. The inauguration was organized on the margins of the assembly of the Regional Bishops' Conference of the western region comprising Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa.



EMPOWER Asia

The 2nd Phase of EMPOWER Asia programme was launched on 19th January 2023 for the selected Dioceses of West Bengal and Odisha, particularly on human resources and to build their capacities in responding to emergencies. The programme was rolled out as a pilot with the support of CRS.

European Return and Reintegration Network visit

Caritas India launched the multi-state Child Rights Programme 'Surokshit Shaishav – Promoting Safe Childhood' for the promotion and protection of children's rights. In the next phase of the program, the official programme launching and celebration of 60 years of Caritas India's journey was done symbolically by inaugurating a banner and a clay plaque designed with the 60-year logo of Caritas India by His Grace Archbishop, Fr. Dr. Paul, Smt. Bhattacharya, and participants from selected child club members.



Bihar Diwas 2022

As part of Caritas India's Global Program, this year Bihar Diwas was marked as a joint initiative with Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA) to strengthen the state and national levels networks of civil society towards educating community on resilience building. Caritas India has put up an exhibition stall in the Bihar State Disaster Management Authority pavilion to showcase various Disaster Risk Reduction initiatives under the flood preparedness theme.

SAJEEVAM

Anti-Drug Campaign



The Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign, led by Caritas India, is a vital response to the escalating drug issue in Kerala. Launched on December 5, 2022, with Cardinal George Alencherry's presence, it's a partnership with KCBC and the Kerala Social Service Forum. The campaign's focus is clear: raise awareness about the harm caused by drug abuse within families and communities.

But it's not just talk; they're building a powerful community defense system, uniting churches and institutions to heal the

physical, mental, and social well-being of families affected by drugs. Their ultimate goal is to free Kerala from drug abuse's grip.

Imagine a team of 32 Diocesan partners working like heroes. They spread awareness, create special teams, support families, and help individuals recover. The Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign isn't just a campaign; it's a movement, working tirelessly to rescue Kerala from drug addiction's chains and create a brighter, drug-free future for all.





The cancer care campaign of Caritas India is one of the flagship campaign running in Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Goa to prevent and control cancer. The campaign is helping to improve the quality of life of the cancer-affected people and reduce their pain and suffering. The campaign also strives to create a supportive environment for the patients and their caregivers, by facilitating access to health services, counselling, legal aid, social security schemes and spiritual accompaniment. Multi-faced activities are conducted to create awareness on cancer prevention and control in schools, colleges, churches and communities. The campaign is part of Caritas India's efforts to bring compassion and love to humanity, especially the poor and marginalized who suffer from cancer.



CARITAS INDIA
Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	For the year ended March 31, 2023	For the year ended March 31, 2022
OPENING BALANCE:		
Cash in Hand	66,516	1,10,078
Stamp in Hand	25,047	25,047
Bank Balance at Head Office	3,65,02,376	2,36,37,332
Bank Balance at State Offices	10,16,845	10,82,625
Investments	61,59,00,103	60,88,58,647
	65,35,10,887	63,37,13,729
Receipts During the Year:		
Foreign Contributions	39,28,02,375	55,86,76,138
Local Contributions	7,36,66,988	5,42,44,794
Refund from Charitable Institutions	57,101	3,500
Interest Income	4,42,71,051	4,41,61,742
General Donations	19,69,974	19,39,696
Proceeds from disposal of Scraps	60,000	32,870
Other Receipts	1,450	1,29,294
	51,28,28,939	65,91,88,034
Total	1,16,63,39,826	1,29,29,01,764
Payments during the year:		
Programme Expenses		
Relief of the Poor/Medical Relief Programmes	10,58,21,508	43,93,53,729
Relief of the Poor (Emergencies & Rehab. Prog.)	12,07,84,001	3,57,03,834
Education / Skill Training Programmes	5,01,67,516	3,79,46,165
Capacity Building & Development Programmes	1,58,25,749	50,28,603
Health Programmes	-	3,37,000
Environmental Programmes	4,05,85,155	4,16,22,986
Grant to Charitable Institutions	4,72,31,398	4,61,74,436
Refund to Donor Agencies	18,45,726	
Administrative Expenses	6,46,93,512	3,91,75,341
Addition to Fixed Assets	47,90,692	55,73,116
Account Receivable / Payable (Net)	5,56,600	-1,15,24,333
	45,23,01,857	63,93,90,877
Closing Balance:		
Cash in Hand	58,181	66,516
Stamp in Hand	-	25,047
Bank Balance at Head Office	4,44,27,909	3,65,02,376
Bank Balance at State Offices	6,74,233	10,16,845
Investments	66,88,77,646	61,59,00,103
	71,40,37,969	65,35,10,887
Total	1,16,63,39,826	1,29,29,01,764

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For J C Bhalla & Co.
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Rajesh Sethi
(Partner)
M. No. 085669
Place : New Delhi
Dated : Sept. 22, 2023



PRESIDENT: *Andrews Thangath*

CHAIRMAN: *J. Bhalla*



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: *[Signature]*

CARITAS INDIA
Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2023

Particulars	Schedule	As at 31st March, 2023	Amount in Rs. As at 31st March, 2022
Source of Funds			
Capital Fund (representing Fixed Assets)	1	15,18,46,589	15,29,43,203
Corpus Fund	2	12,54,42,566	12,54,42,566
General Fund	3	15,96,46,639	14,58,13,834
Endowment Fund	4	13,21,08,363	12,56,71,445
Designated Fund	5	33,98,90,563	29,59,86,718
Total		90,89,34,720	84,58,57,766
Application of Funds			
Fixed Assets			
Gross Block	6	20,93,05,372	20,52,55,826
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		5,74,58,783	5,23,12,623
		15,18,46,589	15,29,43,203
Investments	7	66,88,77,646	61,59,00,103
Current Assets			
Cash and Bank Balances	8	4,51,60,323	3,76,10,784
Amount Receivables	9	4,92,80,415	4,67,31,613
		9,44,40,738	8,43,42,397
Less: Current Liabilities:			
Amount Payable	10	62,30,253	73,27,937
Net Current Assets		8,82,10,485	7,70,14,460
Total		90,89,34,720	84,58,57,766

Significant Accounting Policies & Notes to Accounts
Schedules 1 to 17 form an integral part of the Accounts

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CARITAS INDIA
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended as at 31st march 2023

Particulars	Schedule	For the year ended 31st March, 2023	For the year ended 31st March, 2022
INCOME			
Allocation from Foreign Contributions	11	34,68,62,608	54,86,55,782
Allocation from Local Contributions	11	7,06,41,960	7,44,36,816
Donation in Kind	11	-	2,03,24,995
Sub Total (A)		41,75,04,568	64,34,17,593
Interest Income	12	3,77,11,605	3,77,68,610
General Donation	13	19,69,974	19,39,696
Other Income	13	61,450	1,62,164
Sub Total (B)		3,97,43,029	3,98,70,471
Total (A+B)		45,72,47,598	68,32,88,064
EXPENDITURE			
Programme Expenditure:			
Relief of Poor / Medical Relief Programmes	14	10,58,21,508	43,93,53,729
Relief of Poor (Emergencies & Rehab. Prog.)	14	12,07,84,001	3,57,03,834
Education / Skill Training Programmes	14	5,01,67,516	3,79,46,165
Capacity Building & Development Programmes	14	1,58,25,749	50,28,603
Health Programmes	14	-	3,37,000
Environmental Programmes	14	4,05,85,155	4,16,22,986
Medical Relief in Kind	14		2,03,24,995
Grant to Charitable Institutions	15	4,72,31,398	4,61,74,436
Sub Total (C)		38,04,15,327	62,64,91,748
Administrative Expenditure	16	6,46,93,512	3,91,75,341
Sub Total (D)		6,46,93,512	3,91,75,341
Total (C+D)		44,51,08,839	66,56,67,089
Surplus for the Period transferred to General Fund		1,21,38,759	1,76,20,975

Significant Accounting Policies & Notes to Accounts 17

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