



Enriching Lives. Enabling Economy

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Vision

Sustainable and holistic transformation of the poor and the marginalised for a just and fair society.

Mission

To empower the poor and the marginalised, especially women and children, by providing them access to education, finance, health services, natural resources, marketing and technology, and to create opportunities for their sustainable development and holistic transformation.

Core Values

Accountability
Transparency
Empathy
Participation
Innovation
Trust in God



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FOUNDER'S NOTE

COVID-19 has become the largest crisis that the world has encountered in modern times. The scale of devastation is unprecedented. As the battle against the disease wages on, there is another devastation that looms over us. The economic fallout has been enormous and it has affected the most vulnerable populations the hardest. We are facing a tragedy that our generation has never faced before. It is a time of uncertainty, fear, and confusion. It is also a time when the people we serve need us the most.

It is during turbulent times that human mettle and the strength of our values and belief systems are truly tested. 2020 was a year of turbulence and human tragedy unlike any other in the recent past. We saw a virus wreck unprecedented havoc shaking the very foundations of many of our systems, but at the same time bringing us together in ways we never thought possible.

As in all Crises, we have a choice. A choice to succumb, survive, or thrive. While we cannot control what happens in the world around us, we can determine our response to it. It takes a strong moral resolve and conviction of thought to go beyond that, and work towards the upliftment of the fellow man, empowering the poor and the marginalized.

For the past 28 years, ESAF has taken on complex development issues and worked at the grass roots. The unwavering faith and trust in God has helped us endure the challenges through the years and create an institution that has become the guardian of the poor and the underserved in the most backward regions of our country.

Our ethos has always been enshrined in the service of our society. Since its inception, ESAF has always responded to crises in the communities we serve. From career guidance to unemployed youth, education, skill development, social security, micro enterprise development and disaster relief, our organization has been at the forefront of social response in diverse sectors. I am glad that we have been able to respond to the COVID-19 crisis as well, providing essential and timely services to those in need through our various group enterprises.

As the Founder of ESAF GROUP of Social Enterprises, going through this annual report gives me immense pleasure, as the original vision of ESAF is clearly depicted across the pages. Our commitment to the welfare and development of our great nation, remains unchanged. It brings me much joy to see that ESAF is impacting many lives in several remote geographies. Let me heartfully congratulate the Honorary Executive Director, the Directors, and all the team members, for ensuring the vision and mission of the organization remains intact, even in the midst of a very different and tough terrain in the entire history of human race. I'm sure the staff and management of ESAF will continue to work towards bridging the gap of inequalities, trusting in God, during these times when we are surmounted by challenges on all sides.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all success to ESAF and its eminent Board of Directors. Let us be the true inheritors of the virtues which ESAF stands for, and we will together be successful in our fight against the partiality of prosperity.

Joyfully Yours,

K. Paul Thomas

Founder, ESAF Group of Social Enterprises



Prof. Elizabeth John

President

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Faithful to the Vision

We are now living in a defining moment in world history. The Covid 19 pandemic is spreading exponentially in a number of countries, India being one of the most affected. At this juncture, it is our responsibility to follow the instructions of the Government, like maintaining physical distance, wearing mask, using sanitizers etc. and following the Covid protocol in all activities. It is not a mark of faith to ignore the medical wisdom we have gained over the centuries. But we have a hope beyond the immediate and dire circumstances we face. We remember that we are ultimately dependent upon God for guidance now and in the days to come.

'Trust in God' is one of the core value of ESAF. ESAF came into being in response to a divine vision. The founders of ESAF began with nothing in their hands, but trusted God to help them to fulfill the vision that God gave them. Over the years we experienced God's guidance in finding opportunities for growth and diversifying its activities. We acknowledge that it is God who led ESAF thus far. Let us continue to trust in God to guide us through this difficult times too.

Over the last 28 years, ESAF has grown to be a group of over 20 social enterprises. Definitely it is a commendable achievement. Each entity has its own aims and objectives. But all are expected to fulfill one vision i.e. sustainable and holistic transformation of the poor and the marginalized. In this context, the role of ESAF SOCIETY is crucial. We should lift up the banner of ESAF VISION and make sure that all the entities are doing their role in fulfilling that vision.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate the management team, the staff team and all the other stake holders for their sacrificial involvement in fulfilling the ESAF VISION.

Elizabeth John

President



Mrs Mereena Paul
Secretary

Dear friends,

It gives me immense pleasure in presenting to you this year's Annual Report. I'm sure you will be excited to see the strides we're making together in creating opportunities for the poor and the marginalised. This achievement would have been impossible without you - our valued partners, donors and well-wishers.

Our work this year reflects the theme 'Enriching Lives. Enabling Economy'. Through our efforts, 5,38,183 people in 11 states of India were directly benefited. I would like to highlight that 3,60,590 of them were women and 43,566 of them were farmers in different parts of India. While the agriculture sector has been facing prolonged deficiencies, it is heartening to see that our efforts have helped raise the income of rural farmers by 30-45%. We are glad that our efforts have added to reviving the farm sector, which is of top priority to the government. Along with building the capacity of farmers, our focus on skill-building and employability has caused the local economy to thrive. It has to be said that the activities of all the strategic areas of intervention has its bearing on enriching lives and strengthening the local economy.

This year we had a couple of unique recognitions. ESAF was the recipient of Energy Excellence Award-2019 instituted by the Energy Management Centre, Government of Kerala. The award recognises ESAF's outstanding performance in organising Urja Kiran campaigns from 2016 to 2019. ESAF's Urban Agriculture initiative got featured in the United Nations Global Registry of Best Practices towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals. ESAF's advocacy efforts with the Government of Kerala helped Thrissur city win the 'Accessible Tourism Destination Special Mention' award. We received an institutional rating of 99.98% in the carbon audit carried out by an UN-accredited agency. In our efforts to safeguard the environment, we have replaced 4,30,445 tonnes of Carbon through various clean energy initiatives.

ESAF's work is helping close the inequalities gap in India by aligning our activities with the National Development Agenda. We believe concerted efforts from various stakeholders are needed to set our country on the path of progress without leaving anyone behind. Our activities in 11 states are bringing India closer to achieve its SDG targets. On page 20 you can see how our activities are helping achieve the SDGs.

At this juncture, let me express my sincere gratitude to all our bankers, funders and partners like NABARD, Godrej Agrovet, Development Commissioner of Handicrafts, Health Bridge, and others, and various departments of the Government of India and State Governments. We are especially grateful to ESAF SMALL FINANCE BANK for accepting us a CSR partner which has enabled us to implement various projects aimed at community transformation. Also my special thanks to the Board of Directors, Society members, the dedicated staff team and their families without whose support and involvement nothing could have been achieved.

While we celebrate these achievements as an organisation, we are convinced we have a long way to go to reach our vision. ESAF's mandate is to work till we witness a just and fair society for the poor and the marginalised. We hope and pray that you will continue to support us in our efforts to empower the poor and the marginalised and to create opportunities for their sustainable development and holistic transformation. Thank you for believing in us and in our vision.

Mrs Mereena Paul

Secretary



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Enriching Lives. Enabling Economy.

Enriching lives, enabling rural economic growth for the past 28 years as we march closer to see a just and fair society. Impacting the lives of poor and marginalised and enabling the local economy to thrive in 11 states of India including the backward districts of Jharkhand to the furthestmost islands of Majuli.

Enriching lives by creating opportunities for basic growth and development of individuals - who otherwise do not have access to education, skill training, employability and access to health services.

Enabling the rural economy by providing market linkages, access to finance, creating a value chain for products. Livelihood interventions in flood-affected villages and in rural areas have pumped life into the local economy. Skill training and employment opportunities for women have resulted in the transformation of rural businesses and the economic well-being of many households. While reviving the farm sector has set the economic cycle running in many villages.

The two components adhere to environment-friendly practices and are designed to safeguard the environment. As lives cannot thrive and the economy cannot be sustainable without an environment-sensitive society.

24 Projects, 8 Strategic Areas of Intervention, 19 Project Partners
5,38,183 people directly reached in 11 states

Resource Institution for



Member of



Project Partner of

Disaster Preparedness and Management - 5 Projects, 2 States



Education, Child, and Youth Development - 5 Projects, 2 States



Environment - 2 Projects, 7 States



Farm Sector Initiative - 3 Projects, 5 States



Skilling and Livelihood - 3 Projects, 3 States



Sustainable Tribal And Rural Development - 4 Projects, 4 States



Urban Initiatives - 2 Projects, 4 States

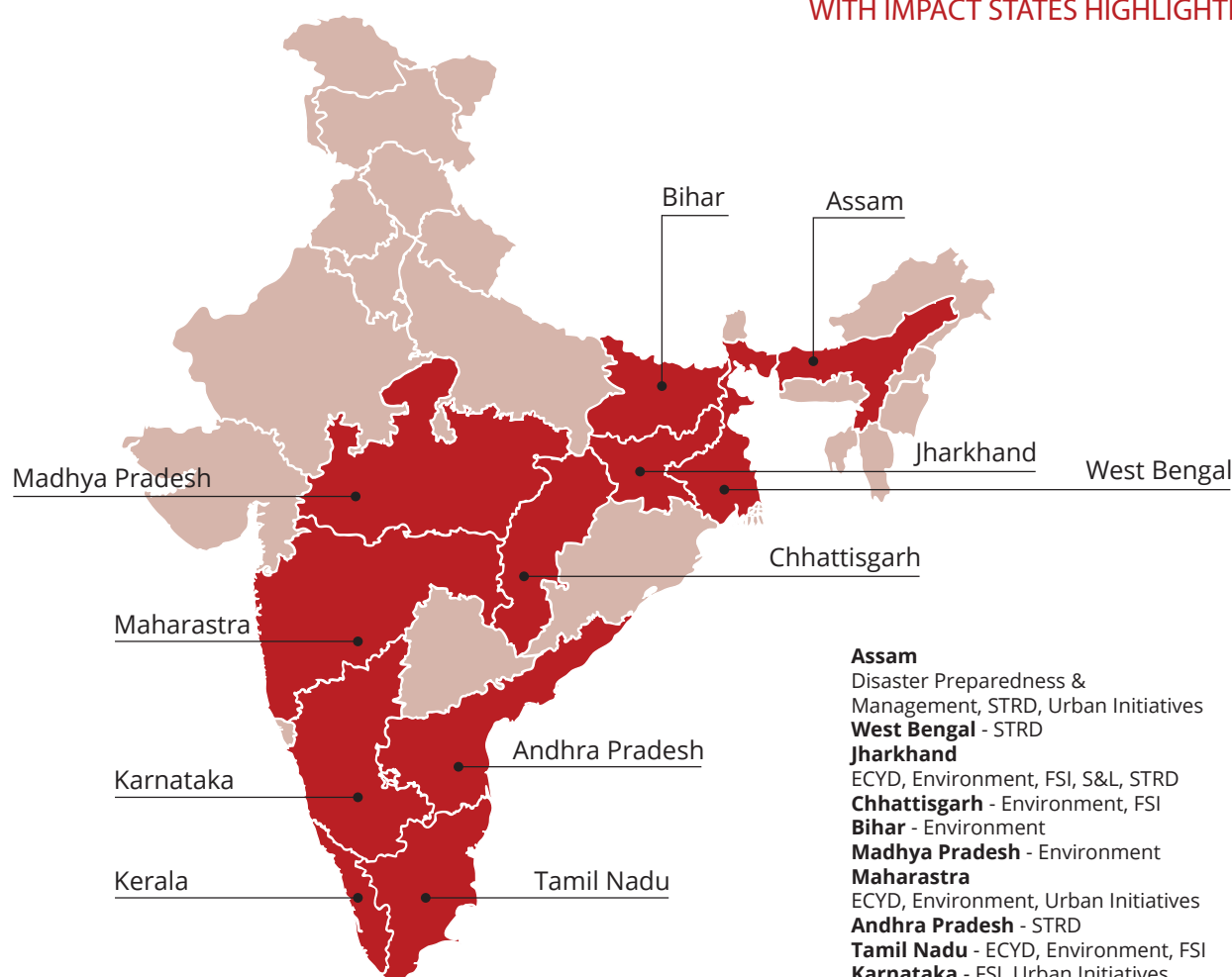


Health



ESAF MAP 2019-20

WITH IMPACT STATES HIGHLIGHTED



Assam

Disaster Preparedness & Management, STRD, Urban Initiatives
West Bengal - STRD

Jharkhand

ECYD, Environment, FSI, S&L, STRD

Chhattisgarh - Environment, FSI

Bihar - Environment

Madhya Pradesh - Environment

Maharashtra

ECYD, Environment, Urban Initiatives

Andhra Pradesh - STRD

Tamil Nadu - ECYD, Environment, FSI

Karnataka - FSI, Urban Initiatives

Kerala

Disaster Preparedness, ECYD, Environment, FSI, S&L, Urban Initiatives



Disaster Preparedness & Management



Education, Child and Youth Development



Environment



Farm Sector Initiatives



Skilling and Livelihood



Sustainable Tribal & Rural Development



Urban Initiatives



Healthcare

Achievements






5,38,183 Poor and marginalised people reached with opportunities for sustainable and holistic transformation	55 Districts reached	11 States	42,54,814 Families benefitted as a result of our interventions across various sectors
1,225 Local governance forums formed to ensure sustainability and community ownership	86 Public institutions impacted with research and advocacy initiatives	73,404 Children benefitted with education, vocational training, arts and sports	3,60,590 Women get access to better livelihood options, health services, education and skill training
30-45% Increase in income of farmers	₹ 4,96,99,945 Business turn over of FPCs	84 Disaster resilient houses built in flood-affected areas	87,408 Families reached with clean energy products
99.98% Institutional rating for ESAF in carbon audit by UN-accredited agency	4,30,445 Tonnes of Carbon replaced through various clean energy initiatives	21,600 Kg Total kg of agricultural produce from schools in 4 states	15,347 People from indigenous people groups reached with skill training

Closing the Inequalities Gap

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The 17 Global Goals aim at closing the gaps of poverty, inequality and discrimination, with the pledge to Leave No One Behind. India's National Development Agenda is mirrored in the SDGs. The progress of the world to meet the SDGs largely depends on India's progress.

ESAF's interventions in 11 states are bringing India closer to achieve its SDG targets

SDG	ESAF's intervention	Closing the gap
1 NO POVERTY 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disaster Preparedness & Management 2. Farm Sector Initiative 3. Skilling & Livelihood 4. Sustainable Tribal & Rural Development 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing project, Livelihood restoration projects 2. Farmer Produce Companies 3. Multiple skill training and employability, Access to finance, DDU-GKY 4. Skilling and employability, craft-based livelihood, rural livelihood
2 ZERO HUNGER 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Farm Sector Initiative 2. Urban Initiatives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promotion of farmer collectives, Organic farming 2. Urban agriculture
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable Tribal & Rural Development 2. Farm Sector Initiative 3. Urban Initiatives 4. Health 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community health initiatives 2. Market linkages 3. Promoting local produce, healthy lifestyle, open gyms 4. ESAF hospital, rural medical camps

<p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education, Child, & Youth Development 2. Skilling & Livelihood 3. Sustainable Tribal & Rural Development 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community schools, career & life guidance, Balajyothi clubs & study centres 2. Vocational courses, Community skill park 3. Community-based education, primary and higher education
<p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disaster Preparedness & Management 2. Education, Child, & Youth Development 3. Farm Sector Initiative 4. Skilling & Livelihood 5. Sustainable Tribal & Rural Development 6. Urban Initiatives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Livelihood opportunities for women 2. Awareness classes, Educating the girl child through Balajyothi centres 3. Promoting women-led farmer collectives 4. Skilling, employability and entrepreneurial development for women 5. Craft-based livelihood interventions for women, educating the girl child 6. Making public spaces and open gyms accessible for women
<p>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environment 2. Sustainable Tribal & Rural Development 3. Urban Initiatives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promoting water purifiers 2. RO water plant in rural villages 3. Waste management

<p>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environment 2. Farm Sector Initiative 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solar lamps to households, improved cookstoves, community-based solar powered equipment 2. Solar-powered dehuller, solar-powered mill
<p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disaster Preparedness & Management 2. Farm Sector Initiative 3. Skilling & Livelihood 4. Sustainable Tribal & Rural Development 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Livelihood opportunities for flood-affected families 2. Increase in farmers' income 3. Placements after skill training, entrepreneurship development 4. Rural livelihood opportunities
<p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disaster Preparedness & Management 2. Urban Initiatives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building disaster resilient communities 2. Inclusive built environments
<p>13 CLIMATE ACTION</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education, Child, & Youth Development 2. Environment 3. Urban Initiatives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awareness classes, tree planting drive 2. Clean energy products, training and awareness, Carbon audit 3. Curbing air pollution, restoring natural resources

Strategic Areas of Intervention

- 1. Disaster Preparedness & Management**
- 2. Education, Child & Youth Development**
- 3. Environment**
- 4. Farm Sector Initiatives**
- 5. Skilling & Livelihood**
- 6. Sustainable Tribal & Rural Development**
- 7. Urban Initiatives**
- 8. Healthcare**



Disaster Preparedness and Management

A. Vision

ESAF envisions a well-equipped relief team ready to be deployed, a well-prepared community who will respond immediately and effectively during an emergency, and a close-knitted network that is prepared to respond at relief, recovery and rehabilitation phases of a disaster. This is done through a systematic disaster preparedness and by developing partnerships with various agencies.

B. Thematic Areas

► Relief Operations ► Disaster Rehabilitation ► Disaster preparedness



Picture 1&2
Distributing relief kits as
part of Assam flood relief
mission

C. 2019-20: At a glance

1. Demographic Reach



2. Operational Reach

▶ States	2
▶ Districts	6
▶ Villages	10

1. Relief Operations

▶ Relief kits distributed	1,000
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ESAF founders **Mr K Paul Thomas** and **Mrs Mereena Paul** flagging-off flood relief activities in Kerala



2. Disaster Preparedness

Building disaster resilient communities

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| ▶ Disaster risk reduction committees formed | 17 |
| ▶ People aware of risk reduction and mitigation measures | 2,720 |
| ▶ Evacuation maps prepared with the participation of public institutions | 15 |
| ▶ School students reached with disaster management awareness | 6,750 |



Equipping community to prepare for anticipated hazards, respond and recover from the impact of disasters.

3. Disaster Rehabilitation

▶ Public institutions renovated	26
▶ Disaster-resilient houses built	25
▶ Houses renovated	59
▶ Families reached with livelihood support	65
▶ Villages reached with street lighting	10
▶ Families get solar lamp	200



New houses constructed for flood-affected families as part of ESAF's disaster rehabilitation efforts



Renovating public institutions destroyed in the flood





Picture 1&2

Disaster response training in schools

Picture 3,4&5

New houses built as part of ESAF's flood response.

Picture 6,7,8&9

Providing livelihood opportunities to those who lost their source of income due to the flood.

D. Impact Stories and Case Studies

Reaching out to the marginalised

Padmodhar Patgiri, 85, is a small-scale farmer at Majuli island in Assam. Farming was his only means of livelihood. When the River Brahmaputra flooded in July 2019, it washed away Padmodhar's hard labour. During a flood, the island remains totally cut-off from the mainland and it is impossible for people to get their daily provisions. With no means to survive, Padmodhar struggled. It was at that point of time, ESAF carried out distribution of food kits in the island. Padmodhar got enough food supplies for a month and returned home happy and relaxed.



Padmodhar Patgiri

Illuminating a flood-hit island!

Lying between two channels of the mighty Brahmaputra in the state of Assam in north-east India is Majuli island, India's largest river island. This picturesque watery idyll could easily appear as tranquility captured on a frame. Further inside Majuli is Bakelimobherguri, a village-island with 45 families in it.



Bakelimobherguri

Bakelimobherguri is home for Noyonika Pegu, a student of standard III, and her sister Bikash Pegu, a student of standard II. Bakelimobherguri is not as tranquil as it appears to be, especially when Brahmaputra is not at peace. It is such nights that Noyonika and Bikash dread the most. Their parents put them to bed in their little hut quite early during such nights. They try hard to sleep between the engulfing howl of the river and the intense darkness around. The flickering candlelight is not strong enough to allay their fears.

Noyonika's grandfather often comforts them saying the darkness and the howl are part of the island life. It has been so during his lifetime and during his forefathers. Their grandfather knows well there is more to what Noyonika and Bikash have to get used to.

Bakelimobherguri island in 2020 is without electricity, school, medical centre, clean drinking water among other basic facilities. On any normal day, the villagers have to come outside the island to meet their basic needs. When the floods come, the island is totally cut-off for about 2 months. The village remains in isolation till the flood waters recede.

It was a new experience for Noyonika and Bikash when ESAF staff reached their village. The day is going to remain in the collective memory of the village for long. When the river is angry, they now have to worry less about the darkness around. Light has come into the village! For the first time.



ESAF staff explaining how to use the solar lamps



ESAF staff reached Bakelimobherguri by crossing 2 branches of Brahmaputra and traversing through a jungle. Our staff crossed the Subansiri by ferry, waded across a stretch of Brahmaputra, walked kilometres across a large stretch of land, travelled on bike, crossed another stretch of Brahmaputra by boat, and made the final stretch by foot to the village, all this by carrying large boxes of solar lamps to lighten Bakelimobherguri island.



After travelling through various terrains, our staff reached the village

Noyonika and Bikash are happy they don't have to sleep in fear anymore. Sure hope was reflected in the eyes of the villagers at the thought that even if the flood waters rage, the island is going to remain bright.



There was rejoicing at Bakelimobherguri that day for light had come to an island for the first time! The ESAF staff returned with their hearts full least bothered about the arduous journey back to the mainland. There is light everywhere.

The joy of having a place called “home”!

“On that day all our dreams were shattered. The continuous downpour not only destroyed our dreams but it also took away the happiness of having a home of our own,” says 35-year-old Fousia.

Fousia’s house in Chavakkad is close to the river where she stays with her husband and two children. The memory of the floodwaters gushing in is still vivid in her mind. Before the waters started coming, they erected a makeshift shed, but it was too weak to withstand the force of the gushing waters. Fousia along with her husband, who is a heart patient, and her children moved to the nearby relief camp. Later, their house got completely destroyed as the floodwaters rose. “I was totally depressed because of our plight. I could not take anything, even some important documents, as we had to leave everything and rush to the relief camp,” Fousia says.

As the waters washed away everything they had, the family had no idea how to survive without a roof over their head. The housing project carried out as part of ESAF’s relief and rehabilitation efforts helped provide a roof over the head for Fousia and many others who lost their homes.

“It was definitely God’s hand that brought us help through ESAF, Habitat For Humanity in India, and CISCO. If they had not helped us, we would have been homeless. I still remember the sight of our house...the only wealth we had.... now, this is a great blessing for us,” said Fousia’s husband unable to hold back his tears. “The support and help we got from ESAF, Habitat For Humanity in India, and CISCO was indeed a turning point in our lives. I can never forget this blessing from God,” Fousia said.

Lighting up the flood-hit hilly villages



Solar street light established in Mariyapuram, Idukki district

Idukki district in Kerala was badly-hit in the floods. Along with the loss of life and property, public infrastructure was also destroyed in the floods and landslides in this hilly region. Street lights, for example, were destroyed in many of the villages. As electric lines were broken many of them remained functionless.

ESAF in partnership with Philip Lights implemented Street Light projects in 10 villages in flood-affected Idukki district. These solar-powered lights came as a major relief for the people here as they ensure uninterrupted light even when there is a power failure. Being a disaster-prone region, lack of proper lighting is a major hindrance in the face of rescue operations. With the installation of the street lights, the residents of these villages have a lot less worry on their minds. The community provided an overwhelming response to the streetlight project. Some of the major benefits the communities highlighted are:

- ▶ Safe commute to homes after work
- ▶ Shops could remain open after sunset. This helped revive the local economy
- ▶ Check on untoward incidents. No cases of eve-teasing, theft or robbery
- ▶ Protected farmlands close to the roadside from animal attacks
- ▶ People can travel in emergency situations without much trouble
- ▶ Thanks to solar-powered lights, now no worry of dangers during power cuts

Testimonials



Annakutty, Kuthirakallu, Mariyapuram, Kerala

For Annakutty, the street lights provided protection to her livelihood. "During nights, wild animals come and destroy my crops. After the streetlights were installed, the attacks from animals are less. It was really heartbreaking to see my hard work destroyed by the animals during the night," said 75-year-old Annakutty, whose farmlands were destroyed in the flood. Her farmland is on the roadside where the streetlight is installed. "As it is solar-powered, I don't have to worry when the power goes," she said. "The streetlight also helps about 100 families who stay uphill. It gives sufficient light when they have to walk downhill," she said.



Benny, Narakakaanam, Kerala

The streetlight here is installed close to Benny's shop, near the junction. It is a place where local residents usually gather together. "The streetlight has helped my business to pick up. Our livelihood options were badly hit during the flood. Now, I can keep my shop open late as people can visit because of the streetlights. As it is solar-powered, there is no fear of power failure during the rainy season," he said.



Education, Child and Youth Development

A. Vision

Happy and healthy children and youths who have access to quality education, proper career guidance, who are able to make informed choices, and lives in an empowered and conducive community - consisting of parents, teachers, community leaders - that is adequately informed in the areas of education, health and hygiene, and child and youth development.

B. Thematic Areas

- ▶ Scholastic support
- ▶ Career and life guidance
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Community schools
- ▶ Campaigns-Child sexual abuse, substance abuse, responsible internet usage

C. 2019-AT A GLANCE



Balajyothi club members in Nagpur

1. Demographic reach



Health camp in progress for children as part of Balajyothi project



2. Operational reach

▶ States	4
▶ Districts	12
▶ Villages	313
▶ Local Governance Forum constituted	117
▶ Educational support centres developed	52
▶ Children enrolled in Balajyothi clubs	5,250
▶ Children enrolled in Balajyothi study centre	1,223
▶ Schools reached with sports equipment and facilities	13
▶ Community-based sports activities facilitated	25
▶ Children participate in district-level sports competitions	45



ESAF sponsored sports jersey to Sahridaya Club at Asarikad in Thrissur



D. Impact stories

1. Komal's commitment solves a cross-border issue!

In Maharashtra's Nilje Gaon, many children are deprived of their right to education. For many of them, the Balajyothi Study Centre is the only window to knowledge and education that they have access to. When Komal Dathathrey, our coordinator, realised that more than half of the students who attend BJSC are left out of formal education, she took it upon herself to change things around. Parents here, most of them who are daily wage labourers, are ignorant of the need to educate their children. It took many house visits and separate sessions with 17 children, to convince them of the importance of school education. The children were more than excited to start going to school. However, Komal and the 17 children were hit with a major roadblock. As these families are migrants from Nepal, the children could not get admission to the local school due to lack of any official documents proving their identity. Komal took up the issue with the municipality and arranged a meeting with the principal of the school, municipal councillor, and parents. Understanding the universal right to education, the principal and the municipal councillor agreed to admit the children to the school from the next academic year. Thanks to Komal's relentless efforts, these children now get an opportunity to give wings to their dreams.



2. Transforming a community by educating a girl child!

There were multiple hindrances that came in the way of Meghi Kumari's desire to learn. Belonging to a tribal community in Jharkhand, Meghi Kumari could not continue her studies owing to her gender and the economic hardship of the family. Her parents are daily wage labourers who do not understand the importance of educating their children, especially girls. The parents' attention was focused on two sons in the hope that they will look after them in their old age. She was asked to attend the household chores before and after school hours.

When ESAF Balajyothi study centre started functioning at Kendpani Dumka area, things started changing in Megha Kumari's life. As the study centre was free of cost, her parents were willing to send her after she finished the household works. She learned to read and write quickly. Though she had gone to the government school earlier she had not learned to read and write. At the study centre, she started learning English, Hindi and Mathematics. Through the weekend activities in the centre, she got an opportunity to develop her talents in drawing. This enabled her to take part in a school-level competition. The inputs that Meghi Kumari got at the study centre gave her the power to dream beyond the limitations of her circumstances. She now dreams of becoming a teacher to teach the children in her own community.

CYRC

Sport for all

For many children playing a sport is a luxury. With rural schools lacking any infrastructure for sports and games, the next option for children would be the local sports clubs - which would not be viable for children from underprivileged backgrounds. Understanding the importance of sports, and the reality that it is a luxury for many children, ESAF constructed a basketball court and a badminton court at CA School at Vadakkenchery in Palakkad. The facilities are built to train and develop young talents from poor and rural backgrounds. The court will be used by other schools in the region and will be a sports resource centre for the youth. Training for basketball and badminton are usually affordable only by the rich, but this facility will lessen the 'sports gap' by making these sports available for the children from underprivileged backgrounds.





Picture 1&2 - Basketball court and badminton court constructed at CA High School, Ayakkad, Kerala
Picture 3 - Football court constructed as part of CYRC project

Changing lives through sports

In our pursuit to provide better opportunities for education, we seldom give importance to the character development of the individual. Our focus is usually limited to the various pedagogical systems that we develop. In the process, we miss out considering the holistic growth of an individual. Through the Child and Youth Resource Centre (CYRC), we've been blessed to see a visible transformation in the lives of many kids. More than honing their skills in art, music, dance and sports, CYRC has helped these kids in behavioural change and character development. Akash is one among the many who had a transformational change after coming to CYRC. Here is his story in brief.



Students undergoing football coaching



ESAF-sponsored team with the U-10 GSA Baby League runners-up trophy

Akash* is a 7th standard student at a government-aided school at Mukkattukara. He is a participant of CYRC football coaching which he attends along with his younger brother. Within days into the programme, he started creating a lot of trouble. The football coach had identified Akash's behavioural problems at the onset. Akash created issues with other children and showed defiance to the coach. The CYRC coordinator and the coach did not want to leave him at that. When they enquired with his family and friends, they realised Akash was a menace to all. He was seen beating his brother, shouting at elders, etc. However, he showed a deep interest in football and other sports. The coach and the coordinator constantly mentored and guided him. The loving intervention by the coach and coordinator had a lasting impact on Akash's life. During the course of the next months, there were visible changes in Akash's behaviour. He was no more the brash boy he used to be. His parents, friends, and the football team observed a positive change in his life.

Later, he went on to play 11 games in the u-12 GSA Baby League at Guruvayur. He also got selected in the first list of FC Parappur football club. If he clears the final round, it will land him an opportunity to undergo a residential football training with scholarship.

CYRC is playing an important role in the nation-building process by providing opportunities for the holistic development of Akash and many others like him.

*Name changed



Summer camp activities as part of CYRC



Environment

A. Vision




An environment-sensitive society and stakeholders, including employees, customers, and SHG members, who are well aware of environmental protection, climate action, and are equipped to adopt an environment-friendly lifestyle by facilitating access to clean energy and natural resources for everyone - especially the economically deprived and the marginalised communities - by providing appropriate financial services and training, thus responding to climate action.

B. Thematic Areas

- ▶ Awareness creation
- ▶ Promotion of clean energy
- ▶ Climate action
- ▶ Agroforestry
- ▶ Water and sanitation
- ▶ Carbon credit
- ▶ Environment equity

C. 2019-AT A GLANCE

1. Demographic reach

		
Government staff	Women	Families
521	2,76,247	2,76,768

2. Operational Reach

▶ States	7
▶ Districts	30
▶ Women SHGs sensitised	11,782
▶ Workshops conducted with government partnership	13
▶ Families reached with clean energy products awareness	87,408



A seminar on energy conservation to organised for the Thrissur District police officers as part of the Urja Kiran campaign

Best Practices

1. Urja Kiran Campaign

a. ECD Signature Campaign

ESAF organised an Energy Conservation Day signature campaign as part of the Urjakiran Campaign. The campaign was conducted in Irinjalakuda municipality and Pudukkad Panchayat with an overall participation of 555 people. Mrs Nimya Shiju (Chairperson, Irinjalakuda) and Mrs Jolly Thomas (Standing Committee Chairperson, Pudukkad Grama Panchayat) were the chief guests at the respective locations. Dr Jacob Samuel (Director – ESAF) attended the event at both locations along with several municipal and panchayat representatives. The program was preceded by flash mobs organized by Christ College at Irinjalakuda and Prajyothi Nikethan at Pudukkad.



Signature campaign carried out as part of Energy Conservation Day programmes

b. Awareness Program

The Environment department conducted awareness programs in 13 government offices with a participation of 521 officers. Apart from government officers, elected members, general public and students also participated in a few programs. The programs were inaugurated by the heads of the concerned institutions/departments. All of them appreciated ESAF for the meticulous effort carried out in the energy management sector.

EMC Resource person Mr. P J Mathew led the energy awareness classes in all 13 programs. The session covered various topics like global energy status, energy conservation activities carried out in the state, judicious use of electricity and the benefits provided by KSEB for minimal electrical consumption. A video about energy management was also shown as part of the program.

An awareness programme was conducted for women to empower them on energy conservation and consumption at Pazhayyannur grama panchayat. The programme was inaugurated by Mr U.R. Pradeep MLA. As many as 196 women participated in the programme.

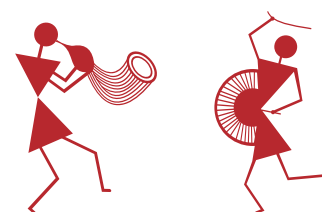


Awareness on energy conservation



c. EMC Excellence Award – 2019

ESAF received the Excellence Award – 2019, instituted by the Government of Kerala's Energy Management Centre. The award is in recognition of the outstanding performance of ESAF in organizing Urja Kiran campaigns from 2016 to 2019.



Mr K.V. Christudas (Director - ESAF) receiving the award from Mr. M.M. Mani, Minister for Electricity.

2. FMO Project

a. Clean energy product awareness training

ESAF's clean energy product awareness training is implemented in partnership with FMO with the objective of creating awareness about clean energy products and services. Various demonstrations/awareness were conducted for sangam members in 6 states across India. More than 2.6 lakh sangam members were reached through 11,782 SHG Meetings. 5 Audiovisual documents on clean energy products were produced in 6 languages such as Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Hindi, Marathi, English.

b. Clean Energy Product Promotion

Micro energy products like solar lantern, cookstove, and water purifier were promoted through ESAF RETAIL Pvt Ltd across all regions and 87,408 families were benefited. Technical guidance on product, design and installation of rooftop systems have been given to various institutions/individuals during the reporting period.

86,836 families were benefited with solar lights during 2019-20, with the direct replacement of 10.40 lakh litres of Kerosene annually. The total capacity of the solar lanterns promoted in 2018-19 was estimated as 43.44 KW.

514 families were benefited with pure drinking water through water purifiers promoted by ESAF and approximately 142-kilo litres of drinking water is being filtered daily which caters 2,056 people. 13 families have started using improved cookstove in 2019-20, with an annual reduction of 11.65 tonnes of firewood for cooking. 2 solar inverters were piloted with sangam members with the technical support of JRR Solar Tech.

30 rooftop solar rooftop/inverter systems (132.67 KW) and 5 solar water heaters (1350 Litres per day) were commissioned partnering with ESAF Homes and Infrastructure Pvt Ltd and ESAF Retail Pvt Ltd. Clean energy products worth 123.31 million were promoted during the reporting period.





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Picture 1 & 2

Clean energy product awareness and promotion at the community-level

Picture 3,4 & 5

Promoting clean energy cookstove to households



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c. Carbon Audit (2019 -2020)

ESAF partners with Micro Energy Credits Corporation for a carbon credit programme under UNFCCC. Micro energy products promoted through ESAF is registered for carbon audit and an UN-accredited agency conducts audits on a regular basis. In the carbon audits carried out during 2019-20, ESAF received an 88.54% project rating and 99.98% institutional rating for the monitoring period 9 (MP9).

4,30,445 tonnes of carbon have been replaced cumulatively through various clean energy activities of ESAF till March 2020.



A UN-accredited agency carrying out Carbon audit on micro-energy products promoted by ESAF

d. World Environment Day

World Environment Day was observed across all institutions under ESAF Group of Social Enterprises. Mrs. Mereena Paul, ESAF Cooperative Chairperson, inaugurated the Environment Day observance. ESAF Green Protocol - a set of guidelines to employees on responsible stewardship of environment - was released on the occasion. 179 awareness sessions were organized for women SHG members across Kerala as part of the observance. 11,366 women SHG members were reached through the sessions. 8,055 tree saplings were also distributed as part of the observance.



3. Success Story – Sulfath Sudheer – Pullazhy

ESAF installed a solar inverter (1 kVA solar inverter 250 W solar panel) at the residence of Mrs Sulfath, a local street vendor at Pullazhy in Thrissur. The inverter is connected to all the essential energy loads such as 2 tube lights, 2 fans, 4 LED bulbs and a TV. She used to pay an average of INR 400 as her electricity bill. The solar inverter is capable of powering all connected loads for a whole day. Sulfath has no worry about losing study time during power failures for her 2 children who are school students. She does not have to worry about escalating electricity bills as the inverter uses only 30 units of electricity, which is equivalent to INR 180.

Sulfath Sudheer with her family



Farm Sector Initiatives

A. Vision

To develop farming as a sustainable and profitable livelihood option by introducing agrotechnology, environment-friendly farming methods through farmer collectives, creating market linkages, and a strong agricultural value chain.

B. Thematic Areas

- ▶ Promotion of farmer collectives
- ▶ Organic farming practices
- ▶ Access to finance
- ▶ Creation of value chain



Picture 1 & 2

Sale of
Vegetables by
FPCLs

Picture 3

Interaction with
members of
Sontham FPC,
Tamil Nadu

C. AT A GLANCE

1. Demographic reach



Women
15,320



Tribal and
Indigenous
people
9,570



Farmers
42,226



Families
42,226



Picture 1 & 2

Women FPC
members in Balod,
Chattisgarh engaged
in Mushroom
cultivation

Picture 3 & 4

Farmers engaged in
maize procurement
in Usilampatti, Tamil
Nadu

Picture 5

Poultry farming is
an activity of FPCL in
Gudalur

2. Operational Outreach

▶ States	5
▶ Districts	19
▶ Villages	20
▶ Local Governance Forums	1,056
▶ Farmers benefitted through FPCs	28,838
▶ Farmers turned into organic farming	662
▶ Farmers availed bank loan	941
▶ INR Business turn over of FPCs	4,96,99,945



d. Major Activities of Projects

1. Krushakmithra

- ▶ Conducted baseline analysis of farmer interest groups to identify their needs and challenges
- ▶ Built capacity of lead farmers and office bearers of Farmer Collectives
- ▶ Facilitated sales and provided benefits to the farmers



Picture 1

Sontham FPCL uses solar oil expeller for oil extraction

Picture 2 & 3

Capacity building programmes for farmers in Chhattisgarh



2. Agri Sector Initiatives

- ▶ Mobilized farmers and registered FPCs across 5 states
- ▶ Built the capacity of FPCs
- ▶ Digitized FPC Data
- ▶ Facilitated business and provided benefits to the member farmers



Skilling and Livelihood

Vision

Members, especially youths from marginalised and underprivileged communities, achieving their fullest potential in life with enhanced skills and capacities, becoming more employable, and taking creative initiatives towards socio-economic growth and effectively contributing to the sustainable transformation of their community.

B. Thematic Areas

- ▶ Multiple skill training
- ▶ Skill enhancement and employability
- ▶ Access to finance
- ▶ Market linkages
- ▶ Entrepreneurship development
- ▶ Cluster development






Picture 1 & 2
Dumka District Collector Smt Rajeshwari B after inaugurating the skill training programme at LIMS, Jharkhand

Picture 3
Awareness drive on skill training

C. AT A GLANCE

1. Demographic Reach

		
Women	Youth	Families
1,086	2,617	450



Picture 4
Participants engaged in stitching cloth bags

Picture 5 & 6
Bamboo artisans with their products

2. Operational Reach

▶ States	3
▶ District	5
▶ Villages	5
▶ School drop outs from marginalised communities receive skill training	12
▶ Students from marginalised communities trained in diploma courses	1,629
▶ Girls placed after completion of diploma courses	280
▶ Boys placed after completion of diploma courses	33



4. Impact Stories

a. Lahanti Institute of Multiple Skills (LIMS)

Lahanti Institute of Multiple Skills (LIMS) is a skill training institute initiated by ESAF for imparting skill education and training among the tribal youths of Dumka, Jharkhand. The centre has proved to be a vital cog in the development of the locality, as several students have passed out from the institution and have been placed in various jobs.



Picture 1

LIMS Jharkhand

Picture 2

Training class in progress

Picture 3

Participants after completing skill training

Picture 4

Making water hyacinth-based products

Picture 5

A team from Norway visiting LIMS

Rahul Soren

"My name is Rahul Soren, and I am 22 years old. I am from Dumka. I came to know about LIMS through friends, and then I joined the Diploma in Computer Applications course. After successfully completing the course, now I am working as a laser engraving machine operator. I got a lot of exposure during my part time work at LIMS. I gained self-confidence, which I lacked earlier. Now that I am working, I am able to support my family members. I am very grateful to LIMS."

Asim Kumar Dey

"My name is Asim Kumar Dey. I am 29 years old. I am from Dumka. I came to know about LIMS through friends. I took admission in the two-months Banking course. After successfully completing the course, I got a job in the micro banking firm Lahanti Last Mile Services. I feel happy working here. It has been 10 months since I started working with the company. I got exposure to field work, which helped me to build self-confidence."

b. Empowering rural households through bamboo cultivation and craft

Lakhanpur Village

In India, bamboo plays a major role in rural livelihoods especially for Mohli Tribes of Jharkhand. Bamboo is a fast growing plant. It is a natural renewable resource that grows twice as fast as a tree and matures within an average span of 3 years. When harvested, it need not be replanted, because it will grow a new shoot from its extensive root system. Certain species can grow up to 1 meter per day. Jharkhand is home to some unique bamboo craft traditions which have survived and has been preserved over many generations. There are many artisan families of "Mohli Tribes", who work relentlessly in sustaining these handicrafts.



Artisans at work



Using bamboo for construction

Lakhanpur is a tribal populated village located in Jama block of Dumka district situated at a distance of 20 km away from the district headquarters. 22 Households of Lakhanpur village practise traditional bamboo craft as a primary source of livelihood. Mostly women are engaged in weaving and men participate in collection of raw-material from nearby villages and pre-processing activities. Traditional products are sold in the weekly village markets. The order for the products significantly increases during traditional festival seasons.

Mukesh Mohli: The Master Craftsman!

Jharkhand is home to very unique bamboo craft traditions which have been preserved over many generations. There are many artisan families who have worked relentlessly in sustaining these handicrafts and presenting them to the world. One such story is that of Mr. Mukesh Mohli.

Mukesh's family had been working with bamboo craft for many generations. Mukesh Mohli continued this tradition and started working with bamboo craft at a very young age.

He was a Master Trainer for bamboo craft training programmes under JHARCRAFT and Mukhyamantri Laghu Evam Kutir Udyam Vikas Board (MMLKUVB) in various villages in Deoghar & Dumka District. He brings work order of traditional bamboo products & bamboo lifestyle products from ESAF SWASRAYA PRODUCER COMPANY LTD (ESPCL) Dumka, as well as from other producer companies. More than 30 households are involved with him and they work together as a unit.

Mukesh is now a master trainer and trains many other such groups.

c. DDU-GKY

ESAF is one of the implementing partners of DDU GKY project in Kerala and Karnataka. ESAF through this project aims to address the challenges faced by the marginalized youths which include unemployment, absence of development opportunities, and lack of proper information regarding jobs. Through this project, ESAF is creating an atmosphere of planned learning where youth can do their best to succeed in life, thus resulting in the empowerment of themselves and their families.

Abhilash G

Abhilash G hails from Kollam district. He was born in a poor family and lost his parents in his childhood itself. His grandmother raised Abhilash and his younger brother. After completion of his +2 and TTC, he started working as a bus conductor due to financial constraints. It was during this time he came to know about ESAF DDU-GKY training in banking courses. He attended the entrance exam and successfully joined the course. After completing his course, he got placed in ESSCO, Kottarakkara as Officer Member Relations (OMR) from June 2019 onwards.



Sustainable Tribal and Rural Development

A. Vision

Holistic transformation of the tribal community anchored in sustainable economic upliftment, social and psychological empowerment, through an integrated livelihood intervention, community-based education, child and youth development interventions, etc.

B. Thematic areas

- ▶ Community-based education, child & youth development programs
- ▶ Skilling and employability
- ▶ Craft-based livelihood interventions
- ▶ Rural livelihood
- ▶ Infrastructure development
- ▶ Community health
- ▶ Primary and higher education



Skill development centre







Imparting education



Foundation stone laying for RO water plant

B. AT A GLANCE

1. Demographic reach

			
Families	Women	Children	Farmers
2,538	2,184	2,932	300



Capacity building programme

2. Operational reach

▶ States	4
▶ Districts	5
▶ Villages	7
▶ Local Governance Forums	3
▶ Tribal children receive primary education	918
▶ Women and youth get employed	179
▶ Livestock provided treatment	1,649
▶ Bridge schools imparting education to tribal children	10



Assessing the need of the community



C. Impact stories

Livelihood through Skill training

Rajesh Soren belongs to Langopahari village of Shikaripara Block, in Dumka Jharkhand. After completing class 12th, he was pursuing a hotel management course in Chennai. However, he had to drop his studies midway as his father passed away. The responsibility of caring for the family consisting of his mother, wife, one and half-year-old son and younger brother fell upon Rajesh's shoulders.

After returning back from Chennai he started working in a crusher to make ends meet. During an awareness program organised by ESAF, one of our field coordinators met Rajesh and encouraged him to learn bamboo furniture making course under the alternate livelihood program. Rajesh joined the course and excelled in it. He started manufacturing bamboo-based products. These were sold to different producer companies. Now Rajesh is able to earn Rs 6000 per month. He is able to support his family and does not have to be worried about working in a hazardous environment as that of a crusher.



ESAF founders Mr. Paul Thomas and Mrs. Mereena Paul with the students of Lahanti Community School, Jharkhand

Primary education to Santhal Parganas: A Jharkhand Model

ESAF's Lahanti Community Schools are transforming the primary education scenario among the tribal community of Jharkhand's Dumka. Unlike other schools, community schools are established within the tribal communities. The schools function on a special syllabus designed for the tribal community, while incorporating technology-based learning methods. They are also trained to nurture their creative and artistic skills. Around 1,000 students are enrolled in the schools.



School building



Teachers training



A student displaying her artwork



Teachers training



Manisha Murmu

My name is Manisha Murmu. I am a student of Lahanti Community School at Bokuwa village. I am six years old and I started my studies in LCS in 2017. My parents are daily wage labourers and they are happy to send me to school every day. I walk to school regularly and I don't want to miss any class. LCS has helped to develop my talents. I received several opportunities for public speaking and singing. It has helped me gain confidence and motivated me to study more."



Churka Kisku:

My name is Churka Kisku. I am a class V student of Lahanti Community school situated at Basko village in Jharkhand. My father passed away two years back and I'm staying with my mother and sibling. I came to know about the school in the awareness programme conducted by LCS in the nearby village. I was eager to join LCS. Earlier, I had to feed the cattle and collect woods. After joining the school, I make sure I attend the classes regularly and work hard at my studies. My family is also really happy that I'm able to attend classes."

Testimonials from students of Lahanti Community Schools

Rural Livelihood through Livestock management

Seethanagaram, Chintampallii, MV Palem are 3 villages in Chintalpudi block of West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh. Nearly 2,000 families are residing in these villages. Agriculture and livestock rearing are the major livelihood option for most of these families. Paddy, maize, sugar cane, banana, vegetables and oil palms are the major crops grown here. Nearly 60% of the farmers have got their own land while others grow their crops in leased land. Apart from that majority of the people from these villages have livestock such as buffalo, cow, goat sheep etc and backyard poultry as their secondary livelihood option. Chintalpalli village has the highest number of dairy farmers. They also sell eggs and meat for income generation. Some households also raise fighting cocks which are worth rupees 3,000- 20,000.



Veterinary camp in progress at Seethanagaram in Andhra Pradesh

ESAF identified fodder development, localized veterinary care, localized collection and marketing as potential areas of livelihood development for the villagers.

Three veterinary camps were completed in these villages in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry Department and local panchayat.



The camp is held in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry department



The camp is held in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry department

As part of the camp, training classes were arranged for dairy farmers on dairy-related activities. Since the veterinary camps were organized locally, many people were able to avail the services. Awareness classes conducted as part of the camps benefited the community to understand the regular care for the animals. Earlier, villagers had to travel a minimum of 35 km to get medicines, but these camps helped them to avail medicines especially nutrition packs locally. They were also able to learn about the Animal Husbandry Department's animal insurance scheme. 450 beneficiaries availed the animal insurance as the result of this intervention.



Urban Initiatives

A. Vision

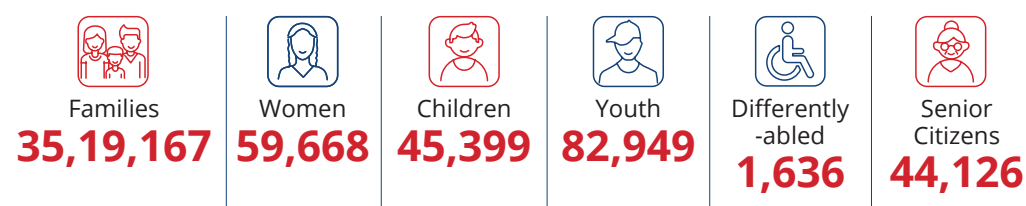
Cities with affordable and appropriate housing, supportive community features and services, and adequate mobility options, which together facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life.

B. Thematic Areas

- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Inclusive built environments
- ▶ Air quality
- ▶ Urban farming and access to healthy food
- ▶ Solid waste management
- ▶ Urban livelihood
- ▶ Walkability and healthy transportation
- ▶ Urban observatories

C. AT A GLANCE

Demographic reach



2. Operational reach:

▶ States	4
▶ Districts	11
▶ Cities	13
▶ Local Governance Forums	49
▶ Government Officials	230
▶ Educational institutions	48
▶ researches conducted	5
▶ Policies Impacted	79
▶ 6,352 kg of crops and vegetables produced through urban farming	
▶ Facilitated the building of public spaces	19
▶ Streets in 6 cities made pedestrian and cycle-friendly	88



Observing Road Safety Week in partnership with the Police department and Student Police Cadets

E. Impact Stories/Case Studies

Liveable Cities

ESAF Liveable cities, is a research and advocacy project initiated by ESAF, with the technical support of Health Bridge Foundation, Canada. The project exclusively aims to reframe the urban development of India, focussing on inclusive and accessible development of streets, open spaces and markets. Currently, the project operates across 8 cities in 4 states of India. It has been bestowed with numerous accolades and awards since its inception which includes Walk21 award and Smart Cities Award. ESAF Liveable Cities is partner organization of Bangalore Coalition for Open Streets (BCOS), the coalition which pioneered the famous Bangalore Cycle Day. ESAF is also the pioneer organization to conduct the first World Car Free Day observance in Thrissur, under the auspices of the project.

Major Impacts and Achievements

Development of Inclusive Public Spaces in India

The Livable Cities Project, implemented by ESAF with the technical and financial support of HealthBridge Foundation, Canada acts as a platform to address the accessibility issues of public spaces in India. The project operates by lobbying with the government to include barrier-free features that would make it easier for the disabled, and families to access public space. It also built capacities of administrations, municipalities and regions in decision making for future investments in making public spaces accessible.



Networking with urban local bodis and civic society

From 2008, ESAF has been carrying out policy-level intervention with the Urban Local Bodies (ULB), Local Self Government Departments (LSGD) and Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala, by organizing design charette workshops with stakeholders to add inclusive and barrier-free infrastructure in the project design of parks and beaches to support people of all abilities. With various departments pitching in under different schemes, a total of Rs. 32,61,95,752/- was allocated by Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala and various city administrations to ensure that children with disability have access to public spaces.

Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and Nagpur Improvement Trust (NIT), the two authorities in charge of public spaces in Nagpur, India have adopted barrier-free design to develop parks in the city. In 2011, when NMC inaugurated the first Inclusive play space in Lendra Park, nearly 25 children with disabilities got an opportunity to be in a public space for the first time in their lifetime! Thereafter, the city has decided in principle to design public spaces that encourage people with disabilities to visit parks often which were not the case earlier. Currently the city is planning to develop four Sensory Gardens in 4 zones of NMC with an approximate budget of Rs 3,51,67,729/-.



Celebrating International Day of Persons With Disabilities in Nagpur



Picture 1 & 2 Open gyms in Nagpur and Malappuram



Picture 3 & 4 Beach For All campaign in Kochi and Calicut

The efforts in promoting inclusive play spaces in Nagpur and Thrissur bagged us UN-Habitat' Global Public Space Development Grant, 2018 for two cities in Kerala. This has helped us to develop an accessible wheelchair ramp to one of the beaches in Kochi which is among the first-of-its-kind infrastructure in Kerala. While the other city, Calicut, got its first inclusive play spaces. The response received post the development of this public space has encouraged the policymakers to add more infrastructures and develop public spaces in a more comprehensive way. This included addition of open gyms, walk ways, and seating facilities that would encourage more families to spend more time or visit more often to the public space.

One of the strategies of ESAF has been introducing this concept to different cities at various capacities. The Barrier-free model implemented by District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC), Thrissur at various public spaces in the district, helped in getting the attention of policy makers to replicate the concept in other districts of Kerala. ESAF provided technical support to DTPC, Thrissur to implement barrier-free and accessible features at major parks and beaches in the district and in many public spaces, the development works are ongoing. The state government has adopted the barrier-free model following its success, and is now being replicated at all major tourist destinations in the state.



ESAF's advocacy efforts with the Government of Kerala helped Thrissur city win the "Accessible Tourism Destination Special Mention" Award.

The barrier-free project implemented in Thrissur by DTPC has also won "Accessible Tourism Destination 2019 Special Mention", an international recognition by United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and Fundación Once. The practice of ESAF in making Accessible and Barrier-free Public Spaces was featured in the Global Registry of Voluntary Commitments & Multi Stakeholder Partnerships (UN Partnerships for SDGs Platform).

The project is operational at five major cities in Kerala and the city of Nagpur in Maharashtra. It created safe and inclusive play spaces of recreation and opportunities for children to connect in the cities. So far, 24 parks and 8 beaches in five cities across Kerala (Kochi, Kozhikode, Thrissur, Malappuram) and Nagpur were made accessible and barrier-free for the disabled. The major work components of the project comprised accessible & barrier-free infrastructure, inclusive play space, sensory parks, open gymnasiums and digital work including audio/video guides, braille site guides and public information system etc.

The Local Self Government Departments (LSGD), Urban Local Body (ULB), Department of Harbor Engineering, Kerala State Nirmithi Kendra (KESNIK), FACT (Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd.), RCF (Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited), Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation (KELTRON), Kerala State Industrial Enterprise (KSIE), Kerala State Housing Board (KSHB), Steel Industries Limited Kerala (SILK), and Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala are the major stakeholders of the project. The school students, women and children, senior citizens, local community and children with disabilities are the major beneficiaries of the project.



ESAF Volunteers cleaning Kamburam beach in Calicut

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URBAN AGRICULTURE

The urban agriculture project implemented at educational institutions and government offices across 4 states of India helped to bring changes at the policy level. The program is operational in 4 states of India: Kerala, Assam, Maharashtra and Karnataka. Urban agriculture is one of the major components of Livable Cities India Project, implemented by ESAF with the technical support of HealthBridge, Canada. It's a school and community based program that encourages the stakeholders to ensure access to healthy food, nutrition education opportunities, and supporting the low income community with affordability and access. The project helped to pilot and explore further as one of the best practices to ensure the nutrition of children who are otherwise addicted and attracted to the junk foods that look more "cooler" in the advertisements.

The involvement of government institutions, schools and farming communities have made this project sustainable. Institutions that were responsible for implementing the project included Local Self Government Departments (LSGD), Urban Local Bodies (ULB), Department of General Education, selected schools, and low income communities in four states were the major stakeholders of the project. The intervention with stakeholders included identifying schools that have space and support, awareness sessions on the importance of organic farming in educational institutions and in the low income communities, soil-bed preparation, seed distribution, sowing, seedling replantation, regular monitoring, and sale of the produce/ adding into the Mid-Day Meals. The organic produce resulted from school farming for the period from 2016 to 2019 are given below;

Produce	Quantity (In KG)	Produce	Quantity (In KG)
Rice	5552	Bitter gourd	130
Tapioca	4724	Chilli	707
Spinach	517.8	Ginger	246
Plectranthus rotundi-folius	295	Tomato	287.6
Lady Finger	392.5	Brinjal	343.5
Banana	7494	Yam	164
Beans	371.75	Cabbage	1
Cauliflower	76	Radish	19.5
Ash gourd	52	Amaranthus	18
Pumpkin	204	Fenugreek	3.3
Coriander	1		

Last year, the students from 3 schools sold the surplus vegetables at an exhibition for an amount of Rs.7817. The amount was used for expanding agriculture practice at the respective schools. The urban agriculture project of ESAF has also received Smart Cities India Award 2018, instituted by India Trade Promotion Organization (A Government of India Enterprise, Department of Commerce), Center of Excellence - IoT (A joint initiative of MeitY, ERNET, NASSCOM supported by Government of Karnataka) and Exhibitions India Group. The project is also featured in the Global Registry of Voluntary Commitments & Multi Stakeholder Partnerships (UN Partnerships for SDGs Platform).



The Urban Agriculture initiative got featured in the **United Nations Global Registry** of best practices towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals

School-based farming in 6 cities in India



Banglore



Calicut



Kochi



Malappuram



Malappuram



Thrissur



Thrissur



Nagpur

Observing WORLD CAR-FREE DAY in Thrissur







Healthcare

ESAF is committed to create health awareness and provide affordable healthcare practices to the communities. Through our interventions, we strive to create happy and healthy families who have access to various levels of training in healthcare management and are well aware of health issues. We focus on equipping members of the community with the knowledge and training in preventive methods, treatment modalities, with access to responsive and innovative frontline health service in primary care, mental health, personal health, disability support services, and palliative support.



Thematic areas

- ▶ Health awareness and preventive measures
- ▶ Non-communicable diseases
- ▶ Community-based health interventions
- ▶ Promotion of indigenous practices
- ▶ Institutional care
- ▶ Health management education
- ▶ Community-based palliative care

Deenabandhu School of Nursing, Thachampara

Deenabandhu School of Nursing shapes nursing professionals adept at providing unmatched healthcare services. All the students of the 17th batch passed the Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council Examination with flying colours. The students gain their precise clinical exposure from ESAF Hospital at Thachampara. The nursing school is also connected with various speciality hospitals like New Alma Hospital, Mannarkkad, Co-operative Hospital, Palakkad and Shalom Care N Cure psychiatric hospital, Mundur. As part of community health nursing training, the students were posted in areas under Taluk Hospital, Mannarkkad and were sent to various anganwadi at Nellipuzha, Thorappuram, Andippadam, and Parappuram.



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Picture 1

Medical camp organised at Faith India Special School, Viyyakurussi

Picture 2&3

Community-level medical camps organised by ESAF

Picture 4

Medical team at the ESAF National Sports Meet



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ESAF Hospital & Research Centre

ESAF Hospital situated in Thachampara, Palakkad, is a multi-speciality hospital serving the rural population in five panchayats in Palakkad district. The 120 bedded hospital has a full-fledged General Medicine, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, Ophthalmology and Dental Surgery departments. Paediatrics and Ophthalmology departments are the latest additions. An average of 300 patients visit the Out-Patient department and an average of 25 patients avail the IP facility each day. The hospital also has a fully computerised clinical laboratory that is equipped to conduct all the tests ordered by the doctors.



Computerised clinical laboratory at ESAF Hospital



Financial Statements

EVANGELICAL SOCIAL ACTION FORUM

MANNUTHY, THRISSUR, KERALA

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH, 2020

UDIN: 20023082AAAAQU8598

Particulars	Annexures	31.03.2020	31.03.2019
SOURCES OF FUNDS:			
CAPITAL FUND			
Donated capital fund	1	1,05,94,255	1,05,94,255
Surplus/ (-) Deficit	2	12,46,15,437	10,97,55,716
Revaluation Reserve		9,99,55,350	9,99,55,350
BORROWED FUND			
Long term loans-Commercial Rates	3	9,16,541	24,56,969
Other Short term Liabilities	4	6,81,79,360	5,90,08,862
		30,42,60,943.00	28,17,71,152
APPLICATION OF FUNDS:			
Property Plant and Equipment	6	18,89,39,793	18,66,79,142
CURRENT ASSETS			
Deposits and Advances	7	6,39,29,001	5,50,48,518
Cash and Bank balances	8	7,77,63,060	8,13,94,585
		14,16,92,061	13,64,43,103
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS	5	2,63,70,910	4,13,51,093
NET CURRENT ASSETS		11,53,21,150	9,50,92,009
Total		30,42,60,943.00	28,17,71,152
By order of the board.		Vide our separate report of even date. For A.JOHN MORIS & Co., Chartered Accountants FRN.:007220S	
Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
Prof. Elizabeth John President Place: Thrissur Date: 07/12/2020	Mereena Paul Secretary	Christudas KV Treasurer	G. Kumar Partner M. No. 023082

EVANGELICAL SOCIAL ACTION FORUM
MANNUTHY, THRISSUR, KERALA
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2020

UDIN: 20023082AAAAQU8598

Particulars	Annexures	31.03.2020	31.03.2019
REVENUE:			
Funds received Domestic	9	12,18,44,943	8,13,58,840
Funds received Foreign (FCRA 2010 covered)	10	3,28,44,125	3,67,73,687
Donations received	11	3,70,859	1,08,99,949
Income from Investments	12	57,62,341	32,54,071
General Projects	13	1,39,07,413	67,58,107
ESAF Medical Mission	14	7,02,30,379	6,26,15,781
		24,49,60,060	20,16,60,435
EXPENDITURE:			
Financial Cost	15	1,76,864	1,66,036
Inland Projects Expenses	16	12,65,49,590	8,09,69,457
Foreign Donation Project Expenses	17	2,44,36,340	3,73,21,288
ESAF Medical Mission Expenses	18	7,06,03,998	6,42,68,192
Depreciation	6	83,33,545	76,65,111
		23,01,00,338	19,03,90,084
Excess/Deficit (-) of Income over expenditure		1,48,59,721	1,12,70,351
Less: Prior Period Item			
Excess of income over expenditure after adjustments of prior period items		1,48,59,721	1,12,70,351

By order of the board.

Vide our separate report of even date.

For **A. JOHN MORIS & Co.,**

Chartered Accountants

FRN.:007220S

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Prof. Elizabeth John

President

Place: Thrissur

Date: 07/12/2020

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