

# *President's Message*



Whenever I think of Social work, I always remember the words of Jesus: 'Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me'. These words give a purpose to our service and also bring in a sense of fulfilment in our work. I am glad you are publishing the annual report of all your activities of ORBIT. May God bless you and your staff for whatever they do in God's name!

There was a time when it was difficult for us to motivate people to saving habit and own responsibility for their own development. People were poor and most of them in debt. They would say they have nothing to save, and it was so. But we did not give up. Instead, persisted, motivated them and taught them the method of Self-Help and brought them out of the clutches of the money lenders.

We have passed that stage. Our people today have sources to start a small business of their own for a supplementary income. Difficulty now is to find a viable alternative income generating work. ORBIT is well known for its contribution to development of the people especially the women, Persons with Disability, farmers Persons with Mental Illness, Cancer patient, HIV/ AIDS, children with developmental delay and also affected people with pandemic specially during the pandemic COVID -19 by distributing food kits and by promotion of vaccination. Praise the Lord!

I think, today we are called to fight along with our people against evil forces in the society which keep or make the majority poor people poor. I must tell you, it was much easier to organize the poor, suffering innocent and simple people for their development. They cooperated well. But to meet the present challenges it is going to be difficult. The challenge is to deal with the problem of corruption that has been accepted as a way of life in all the government departments including the Public Distribution System, the growing communalism, fundamentalism, the caste and religion-based politics and the media not voicing the truth. It is going to be difficult and risky to fight these evils in the society we live. But we cannot but take up this role of cleansing the system and bring to fulfilment the aspiration of our revered Constitution. We need to make people aware of these evil forces in the present-day society and organize them to claim their rights, for equality before the law and for upholding the rights enshrined in the Constitution. Let's together with all the service we give to the society, not lose sight of these challenges. Instead, take up this challenge joining hands with like-minded NGOs and people's Organizations. People are the strength. Let's keep the 'fire' burning in our hearts and in all people, serve as we yearn for that heaven of freedom of which Rabindranath Tagore wrote the immortal lines: "Into that heaven of Freedom my Father, Let my country awake..."

God bless you and all our staff cooperating with us in our struggle of eradicating poverty and all evils and work together to bring in equality, liberty, justice and fraternity in the society where we live and in the nation at large.

Yours sincerely

**+ Robert Miranda**  
Bishop of Gulbarga

## *Director's Message*



We are pleased to present the Annual Report for the financial year 2020-21. This has been an eventful year for all of us in ORBIT, as we take up the strategic change of increasing focus on creating greater awareness of the rights of the people and undertaking a higher level of advocacy on their behalf.

Social Change is constant, continuous, unavoidable and inevitable. Social transformation is the result of positive actions to improve the environment in which marginalized/afflicted/affected are assisted to progress. ORBIT is a Change Maker and the communities which benefit are Change recipients.

Women who were muzzled of their voice, dependent and restricted have become better informed, independent, self-reliant, freely interacting in public and emerged as decision makers for themselves and their families, who have empowered to be at par with men folk.

We have enabled Persons with Disability (PWD), who were relegated, resource crunched, under employed have learnt to manage their own resources, diversify their potentials, change traditional attitudes to society and are mainstreamed.

We have seen Change among children, who were illiterates, abused, exploited, denied of their fundamental rights and who got transformed to become educated, skilled, employed, independent, self-reliant, contributing to their families and communities.

Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) who were stigmatized, discriminated, disregarded have grown capable of challenging well-endowed civil society combatants.

During the COVID - 19 Pandemic, we distributed food kits and promoted vaccination in collaboration with other NGOs and Government Departments. We were able to reach to the Migrants, Slum dwellers, leprosy patient, widows, marginalized and people who are in need.

Over all the results of ORBIT operations, in the realms of socio-economic development of poor, marginalized, segregated, exploited are impacting their lives positively.

In this successful endeavour, one should appreciate, recognize and laud the contribution made by the Members who Govern, field staff who produce results and recipient communities who consume, appropriate and change to depict a model. Let us congratulate and resolve to act decisively for the future to come. GOD BLESS!

**Fr. Victor Anil Vas**  
Director  
Organization of Bidar Integral Transformation

# ORBIT

Established in 1993, ORBIT (Organization of Bidar Integral Transformation) is a registered non-profit organization of Gulbarga diocese. It emerged as a response to the needs and problems of the marginalized and economically backward people of Bidar, Kalburgi, Vijayapura and Yadgir district. Presently, the organization works in over 800 villages of 8 taluqs in Bidar and Kalburgi.

**Vision:** A transformed society based on equality, justice and love

**Mission:** To facilitate the empowerment of the marginalized and uplift the economically backward people through participatory actions and capacity building with collaborative social actions leading to self-dignity and self-reliance.

## Goals

- Enhanced dignity, quality of life and participation in local self-governance for socially and economically backward women through integrated development.

- Children enjoying a safe and secure environment exercising their Rights and accessing Inclusive development
- Upholding dignity of life and Mainstreaming Persons with disability and HIV by increasing access to opportunities and entitlements along with promotion of education, skills and leadership.
- Protection and sustainable management of Natural Resources by caring for Mother Earth
- Self-sustained organization for Sustainable Development

## PROGRAMS

- Women Empowerment Programme(WEP)
- CBR (Community Based Rehabilitation)
- CHILDLINE 1098
- Women in Micro Enterprise (SAMRUDI)
- Navajeevana - Rehabilitation of People with Mental Illness
- Skill Development & Income Generation Program
- Early Intervention & Early Education
- Campaign Against Cancer

## IMPACT SO FAR

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>488</b><br>SHGs and 46 Cluster Level,<br>5 Taluq and one District Level<br>Federation with 6500 members                | <b>40</b><br>SHG members contested;<br>21 won<br>in Local Governing Body<br>Election | <b>93</b><br>Children with Developmental<br>Delays identified<br><b>36</b><br>underwent Assessment |
| <b>283</b> Child Right cases<br><b>56</b><br>Child Marriages stopped;<br>46 child labourers &<br>8 children found begging | <b>7000</b> Food kits<br>for people affected by the lock<br>down due to COVID - 19   | <b>187</b><br>Rural Youth & Women were<br>given Skill Development Training                         |
| <b>4</b> Eye Camps:<br><b>22</b><br>Free Surgeries<br>234 Beneficiaries   | <b>109</b><br>Persons with Mental Illness<br>beneficiaries supported                 | <b>5221</b><br>Women claimed the<br>Government Entitlements<br>Worth Rs. 1,14,62,780               |

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The program covers **6500** of women belonging to **488** Self Help Groups (SHGs) in 50 Grama Panchayats in Humnabad, Balki, Bidar, Aurad, Hulsoor, Chitguppa and Basavakalyan taluks of Bidar district. The target groups of the program include rural women and adolescent girls.

## Objectives

- Improve the level of literacy of adolescent girls and women
- Increase the number of trained women in book keeping of Self Help Groups (SHGs) of women
- Strengthen women with knowledge and awareness of basic rights of their own, their families and villages
- Reduce the number of women and adolescent girls with ignorance on nutrition, health and sanitation
- Promote Cluster and district level federations for economic self-sustainability of SHGs
- Educate women on enhancing livelihood through entrepreneurship

**TRAININGS TO EMPOWER WOMEN April 2020 - March 2021**[illegible]

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMES/CELEBRATIONS

| Month        | Program  | No. of Programmes | No. of Participants |
|--------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2020</b>  | Vanamahotsava  | 3                 | 44                  |
| <b>July</b>  |  |                   |                     |
| <b>Aug</b>   | Independence Day   | 5                 | 55                  |
| <b>Sept</b>  | Mother Teresa Jayanthi   | 1                 | 12                  |
|              | Eye camp   | 2                 | 106                 |
| <b>Oct</b>   | Gandhi Jayanthi  | 2                 | 27                  |
|              | Eye camp   | 2                 | 128                 |
| <b>Nov</b>   | Children's Day   | 1                 | 116                 |
| <b>2021</b>  | Republic Day   | 1                 | 138                 |
| <b>Jan</b>   |  |                   |                     |
| <b>March</b> | International Women's Day  | 1                 | 132                 |
|              | Felicitation & Training of newly elected women representatives to Local Bodies | 1                 | 37                  |

## Government schemes & Entitlements Availed by SHGs April 2020- March 2021

| SCHEME   | Department     | NO/OF TRAININGS |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | Total no.of Participants |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|
|  |                | Apr             | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar |                          |
| Bore well                                      | Gram-Panchayat |                 |     |      |      |     |      | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 60,000                   |
| CC Road  |                |                 |     |      |      |     |      | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 32,50,000                |
| PM's Ujjwala (gas)                             |                | 729             | 392 | 215  |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 10,34,880                |
| Labour Card                                    | Labour Dept    | 696             | 620 | 302  |      |     | 3    | 3   |     |     |     |     |     | 46,65,000                |
| MGNREGA  | Gram-Panchayat | 59              | 159 |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3,03,900                 |
| Covid- 19 financial assistance to Zero account | Central Govt   | 791             | 923 | 231  |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 9,69,000                 |
| Crop Insurance                                 | Revenue Dept   | 40              | 55  |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 11,80,000                |
| Ayushman card                                  |                |                 |     |      |      |     |      | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                   |                |                 |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | <b>Rs. 1,14,62,780</b>   |

### 1. Empowered to claim the entitlements....

Self Help Group (SHG)s fulfill the aim of their groups when they reach a stage of helping themselves in their needs and problems. One can recognize them as SHGs at this stage. 'Udhaya' Mahasangha - Cluster Level Federation (CLF) is on its toddling stage of such growth and development. Udhaya CLF was formed in 2016, consisting of four SHGs – Janani, Surya, Gulabi and Hasiru as its members in Hudugi village of Sithalagera Gram Panchayat, Humnabad.

Janani was the first SHG which was formed in Hudugi village by ORBIT, a few years back. This group was given many trainings on leadership, government schemes and entitlements and awareness on many topics. The members began to participate in the ward meetings of the gram panchayat and expressed their opinions boldly. They began to be active members in the community. Other women in the village, noticing the improvement in the members of Janani, desired to form their own SHGs. Thus four SHGs were formed in Hudgi village. ORBIT staff supported them with trainings on various subjects. Finally the Cluster Level Federation of the four SHGs was formed. The members were given training especially to work towards the goal of advocacy and lobbying to claim government entitlements for the community.



Udhaya CLF observed that one of the streets in the village was having water scarcity. The public tank for the water supply for the street was damaged and not taken care. The families in that street struggled without water for day to day needs as well as for drinking water. The CLF submitted a complaint to Sithalagera gram panchayat to repair the tank on 14.1.2019. But no action was taken. As follow up, they submitted another complaint on 7.9.2020. Since there was no response, the CLF members held discussion in their meeting and brought the issue to gram sabhe again. The CLF followed up the issue by visiting the Panchayat office regularly, until the issue was taken up by the Panchayat.

Finally the tank was repaired in May 2021 along with new water supply points for drinking water. The community is happy and grateful towards Udhaya CLF and ORBIT

## **2. Leadership for Local Governance emerging from Self Help Group**

32 Years old Huvamma is an illiterate woman from Nimbur village of Humnabad Taluk. Hailing from a poor family, Huvamma and her husband Jamuni depends on their daily wages to sustain the family. They have three children - two sons and a daughter. They are studying in 10<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> standard respectively in the village government school.

Life of a daily coolie (an unskilled labourer) in Bidar District is very hard as the dry, fluctuating climatic condition limits the availability of work in the agriculture sector, besides it being seasonal. So the couple found it hard to meet their ends. They don't have any property, except a two room-house roofed with tin sheets belonging to Jamuni's mother.

Huvamma was happy to join Mother Theresa SHG when it was formed by ORBIT staff in 2017 in Nimbur village. She began to save a bit of her hard earned money. Despite of her hard life, she was a regular participant in the weekly meetings and training programmes. She learned to write her name and to sign. She benefitted from the various awareness programmes and trainings such as leadership, panchayat raj, government schemes & entitlements, Rights, laws for women, etc. arranged for the SHG members by ORBIT. She gained self-confidence and knowledge through these trainings. She also participated in the gram sabhe of her village along with other members of her SHG, Ashajyoti and Vijaya SHG. Slowly, a leader was emerging. People identified her leadership.

As the Local Governance election drew near, the people of her village encouraged her to contest the election as their representative. Huvamma was encouraged by the confidence placed on her by her community. With the support of her husband, SHG members and others, she submitted nomination for election in Sithalagera Gram panchayat as member of ward no. 1



She won the election with the cooperation of all and presently she represents her ward – Nimbur in the Local Governance Body.

She is deeply grateful to ORBIT for her development as a leader, besides her economic progress.

## COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION (CBR)

CBR Program for the differently abled covers 69 DPOs and 5 Taluk Federations of Bidar district in Karnataka.

## OBJECTIVES

- To integrate differently abled persons into the mainstream of the society
- To help people with disabilities by establishing Community Based Rehabilitation programs for social integration, equalization of opportunities and rehabilitation.
- To empower the differently abled persons by giving them guidance and awareness to make it work as a double edged sword in changing the mindset of the public and the differently abled as well.

## ACTIVITIES

- Formation and Strengthening of DPO's
- Leadership training
- Awareness on health
- Awareness on various Government schemes
- Health check-up camp



## *Distribution of Food Kits*

ORBIT distributed food and personal kits to 75 leprosy affected people in Humnabad and Bhalki Taluk with the support of AIFO India. Food items like grains, cereals and oil along with personal items like bucket, mug, bed sheets and towel were distributed to the leprosy affected people. Fr. Anil Crasta, Director, ORBIT, Fr. Victor Vas, Designated Director, ORBIT, Ms. Vidya Sastry, Executive Director, ADD India, Bangalore and the local centre director were present for the occasion.



## CHILDLINE 1098

ORBIT is sub centre for Child Help Line 1098 Programme under the Union Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India; and operates in Basavakalyan and Humnabad taluks of Bidar district in collaboration with the regional headquarters in Chennai.



### OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Promote child rights and its protection
- ✓ Habilitate the street and working children
- ✓ Eradicate child labor
- ✓ Mainstream school dropouts and children on the street.
- ✓ Spread awareness on child help line 1098
- ✓ Make people aware on benefits of forming children's club
- ✓ Create awareness among parents on the importance of education of children

### PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- Reach out to the child in need of care & protection by linking them to the short term/long term services available
- Awareness programs
- School and home visits
- Stall Programs
- Visits to Auto drivers, Shop owners and Government offices
- Open house programs, Visits to Slums, cinema theatres, parks and other tourist places
- Anti-child labor day
- Children's Day
- Child Parliaments in Panchayaths
- Child Help Line day
- Child Line se Dosti program
- Namma Chitta Makkalatta

|                      | No. of visits | No. of Beneficiaries | Awareness programs | No. of case – interventions & referrals |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| Railway station      |               |                      |                    |   |
| Bus stops            | 10            | 110                  | -                  |   |
| Nutrition Support    | 40            | 40                   | 12                 |   |
| Religious places     | 20            |                      | 20                 |   |
| Schools              | 36            | 1800                 | 36                 |   |
| Slums                | 4             | 360                  | 52                 |   |
| Children groups      | 2             | 40                   | 2                  |   |
| CBOs                 | 12            | 160                  | 12                 |   |
| SHGs                 | 36            | 150                  | 36                 |   |
| Dosti programs       | 10            | 1800                 | 5                  |   |
| Anganawadi programs  | 36            | 24                   | 36                 |   |
| Children grama sabhe | 14            | 360                  | 3                  |   |



|                              |    |    |  |    |
|------------------------------|----|----|--|----|
| Nutrition Support            | 40 | 40 |  | 40 |
| School Drop out              | 01 | 01 |  | 01 |
| Medical                      | 15 | 15 |  | 15 |
| Shelter related              | 22 | 22 |  | 22 |
| Emotional Support & Guidance | 9  | 9  |  | 9  |
| Kidnapping                   | 2  | 2  |  | 2  |
| Orphan cases                 | 23 | 23 |  | 23 |
| Child labor rescue           | 46 | 46 |  | 46 |
| Missing children             | 2  | 2  |  | 2  |
| Child marriage               | 56 | 56 |  | 56 |
| Begging                      | 08 |    |  | 08 |
| Corporal punishment          | 2  | 2  |  | 02 |
| Physical abuse               | 8  | 8  |  | 08 |
| Police station               | 12 | -  |  | -  |
| Others                       | 49 | 49 |  | 49 |

### Case study:1 Childhood crushed under the Burden of Life



Preethi (Name Changed), 13 years is the eldest daughter of Ms. Saroja Shiva (Name Changed), a single parent. They lived in Mugnoor village of Humnabad Taluk. Preethi's father died 6 years ago. After his death, the in-laws began to ill-treat Saroja and the children. They were thrown out of the house. So Saroja moved with her three little children to a rented house in Ashraya colony. Saroja is a visually impaired person. Though it is hard for her to go for work she goes for coolie work whenever someone accepts her for work (being visually impaired people refused to take her for work). She gets Rs. 100/- per day if she works. Preethi and her siblings were staying at home as Saroja could not afford to educate her children after meeting their daily expenses and paying

the rent Rs. 500/- . Understanding the situation of this family, the Child Line team member got Preethi and his younger brother admitted in Balakara mandir, Bidar. She studied up to 4<sup>th</sup> standard and dropped out and remained home when she came home for summer vacation and found her mother's struggle to care for the youngest child and go for work. Her younger brother continued until the boarding closed due to the pandemic.

Since last six months, Preethi joined other young girls who were working in a bangle factory 1.5 km away from her home. She worked from 9 a.m to 6 pm. for just Rs. 100/-.

An anonymous call about the child labour in the bangle factory came to 1098 on 1.2.2021. The child line team visited the place where the child was working and confirmed that there was child labour in that company. Thereafter the same was reported to the concerned authorities.

On 03/02/2021 DCPO, Police, members from the labour office, educational office, medical and members from child line came to Hema Reddi Mallamma factory where the child was working. Raid was conducted. As the information had been leaked out to the factory owner, he moved the children away from the factory as the team approached for the raid. But the raiding team checked the CCTV footage and found six girl children working in hazardous situation – working the finishing touch for the bangles with hazardous machines. The owner was strictly questioned and he admitted that he had engaged child labour in the factory.

Preethi who was around the factory was rescued and FIR was filed against the factory owner. Presently the children are at home as the schools are closed due to COVID -19 Pandemic. Preethi's family was given food kit in time of lock down during COVID – 19 Pandemic. The Town Municipal Council (TMC) chief was contacted for regular support. Since TMC was unable to support the family, the Child Welfare Committee is contacted for the boarding and the education of the children; and to shelter the mother in women's shelter home. Child line team is doing the regular follow up of the case.

## Case study:2

### Rescued from the Bondage of Child Marriage

Gopal Chowhani and his wife Parvathi (names changed) belong to Lambani Tribe of Scheduled Tribe Community. They lived in one of the hamlets of Basavakalyan Taluk, Bidar District. They have four children – three daughters and a son – aged 15, 12, 9 and 7 respectively studying in 9<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> standard. The couple worked as coolies to sustain their family as they do not have any other income or property. As they found hard to get regular work in the village, the parents were forced to stop the education of the children just like the other parents did.

Gopal and family migrated to the nearest city, Bombay in the next state as their Taluq is closer to Maharashtra in search of work. They admitted the younger children to the school, except Savita (name changed), their eldest daughter. Savita remained at home when the parents went for work. But this caused anxiety for the parents thinking of the safety of the girl. Therefore the parents decided to settle Savita in marriage. They began to look for appropriate proposal. Savita disliked the idea and refused to be married so soon. But the parents ignored her protests and proceeded with the plan of marriage. They found a suitable proposal at their native place in Basavakalyan Taluk.

Savita's marriage with Jagan (name changed) from another tribal hamlet of Basavakalyan was fixed for 3.3.2021.

An anonymous call to the child help line 1098 on 2.3.2021 informed about the child marriage of Savita requesting action to stop it. The information was passed on to ORBIT sub-centre on the same day and the child line team rushed to the village and verified the age of the child and the proposed marriage. The documents showed the age of the child as 15 years and three months.

After confirming that it is a child marriage a request letter for action was sent to Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPO)s

On 3.3.2021, Women and Child Development Department, PDO, DCPO, police, and Child Line team members raided the wedding location and rescued the child. She was counseled. Both the party of the marriage and the relatives and public were given awareness on the evils of child marriage. People were offended at the outset and tried to oppose. But when they were made aware of the legal consequences of child marriage, they cooperated. The parents agreed to follow the instruction. They signed the bond affidavit against conducting child marriage.

The parents agreed to readmit the child to the school in the next academic year. Savita got back a broad smile on her face. The child line team is following up the case.



### WOMEN IN MICRO ENTERPRISE

In collaboration with SAMRUDI Rural Upliftment Foundation, Bangalore, the program is organized by ORBIT in Bidar, Balki, Basavakalyan, Chitguppa, Hulsoor and Aurad taluks of Bidar district. Members of democratically governed women's organizations own and control SAMRUDI. The program envisages creating entrepreneurs among rural women to improve the standard of living of their families.

## OBJECTIVES

- o Empower women to demand their rights and fight against injustice
- o Increase the number of rural women receiving business counseling
- o Provide technical support and promote entrepreneurs among rural women
- o Support women financially to raise their monthly individual income

## ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP)
- ✓ Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP)
- ✓ Loan distribution

### Enterprises Supported with the special Grant of 2020-21

| Type of Enterprises | No. of Women Supported | Financial support |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Goat rearing        | 05                     | 1,25,000          |
| Buffalo rearing     | 03                     | 75,000            |
| Grand Total         |                        | 2,00,000          |



## NAVAJEEVANA: Community Based Rehabilitation of Persons with Mental Illness

### Goal

Mentally Ill persons get reintegrated in to society, accessing their rights and entitlements and live an independent life.

### Objectives:

- To identify PwMIs and assist to access the free Psychiatric treatment and medication.
- To capacitate primary and secondary stakeholders through mental health training to bring about changes at the district and state level.
- To ensure psychological, social and economic independence among the PwMI to lead a dignified life.
- To ensure regular counseling to PwMI and their Carers.
- To train the carers to help the PwMI to practice ADL skills and management of side effects.
- To sensitize carers and stakeholders to understand the issues and needs of the PwMI.
- To ensure mass awareness among general public on mental health to increase identification and referral systems.
- To build Carers/ Parents champions for self-advocacy and to access social security.
- To ensure social inclusion of PwMI by reducing social stigma through promoting livelihood opportunities to PwMIs and formation of DPOs with PwMIs/Care takers.



### Activities

- **Base line survey** of Stakeholders on social behavior towards Mental Health Issues.
- Awareness programs for stakeholders and SHGs/ DPOs
- Identification of 109 PwMIs and linkage with District Mental Health Programme.
- Follow up of the PwMIs and their care takers through regular house visits.
- Counseling & guidance for PwMIs and Care takers.
- Formation of DPOs inclusive of PwMIs/Care takers

### Stepping out of the gloom of Depression

35 years old Sheriff (changed name) lives in Humnabad Taluk with his parents and younger brother. His two



elder sisters are married off. He is the third among the siblings. His younger brother is also a school dropout and works in a garage. Sheriff's family is a very poor family. His father was a Leprosy Affected Person. His fingers are deformed and could not do much work. Mother's one eye is blind. Yet she used to walk near and far for coolie work to sustain the family. After he completed 7<sup>th</sup> standard Sheriff dropped out from school. He assisted his father in grazing the sheep and remained at home without a proper job till the age of 25. The daughters' marriages were conducted with much struggle. Meanwhile Sheriff began to force

his parents to arrange his marriage. But they refused as Sherif was not economically independent and could not support a family. He began to worry and went into depression. He started to fight with his parents and his siblings, stopped coming home daily. So the family members and neighbors thought he was possessed. They tried religious methods to exorcise the evil; made him to stay in Khaja Bandinavaz Darga (Muslim religious place) in the next district for one – two months. There was no improvement. By 2010, Sherif was a violent PwMI.

The ASHA workers visited this family in the year 2014 and advised the family to take Sherif for treatment. They guided them to consult a psychiatric. Parents did as the health workers suggested. They took him to Yeragadda Private Psychiatric Hospital, Hyderabad which is 180 km away from their home. The treatment was very costly and they had to spend around Rs. 3,000 to 5,000/- per month for treatment, besides the travel expenses. After two and half years of treatment, they found improvement in Sherif. So his parents arranged Sherif's marriage with his own cousin.

After the marriage, Sherif stopped taking medicine as they could not afford the expense. This resulted in the relapse of his sickness and he began to fight with his wife and created unrest in the family. He used to beat his wife. Unable to bear the torture Sherif inflicted on his wife, his mother took her to her parental home and pacified Sherif that she was having fever and will return when she is well. Sherif got into depression again. He stopped working; stayed at home idle.

In the year 2019, the ORBIT Navajeevana staff visited this house and found Sherif. He was very violent, destroying the things and fighting with family members and neighbours. He used to move away from the house when the staff approached to speak to him. She motivated his parents to resume Sherif's treatment. She guided them to the District Mental Health camp at Govt. Hospital, Humnabad where free Psychiatric treatment is available. Sherif's parents brought him to the DMHP camp and his treatment was resumed once again. Follow up was done by the Navajeevana staff every month. She ensured the regular attendance of camp and the regular medication of Sherif by visiting his house and instructing the parents on medication. She counseled them too. They made him to take the medicine regularly. Sherif began to improve his mental health. Gradually he is getting back to his normal life. He continues his medication at the DMHP camp.

Meanwhile, his neighbour who owned a furniture shop encouraged Sherif to go to his shop and learn carpentry. Sherif was attracted by the payment offered and learned carpentry and worked in his shop since 2020. Once he mastered the skill, he moved to another furniture shop where he was paid better. Presently, he works as a carpenter and earns around Rs 9000/- per month if he is regular for work. He goes to the DMHP camp by himself now and gets the medicine and guidance of the doctor; whereas earlier, his mother had to take him and get the medicine. He greets Navajeevana staff and converses with her. Whenever his mother forgets to give his medicine his mood changes and he drops from the work.

Sherif is healed almost 65% and is back again to live a dignified life.

## **Early Intervention & Early Education for the children with Developmental Delay.**

Early Intervention & Early Education is the project to identify and to enhance the normal development of the **infants and toddlers at risk of developmental delays**. Children below seven years of age may suffer from delay in five developmental areas. These are physical, cognitive, communication, social or emotional development, sensory and adaptive development.

### **Goal & Objectives**

- Early Identification
- Children from 3-6 years will show confidence and enjoy their right to education.
- Families understand their children's strengths, abilities and special needs and support their children to develop and learn.
- Ensure that the Children with Development delays receive support services

- Sensitization of other stakeholders on early identification & intervention among children with disabilities
- Government departments at Taluk level and district level extend their support for the effective implementation of EI & EE programme.

93 children with Developmental Delays were identified.

### **3 Days Workshop on Assessment of Children with Developmental Delay**

ORBIT in collaboration with Association of People with Disability (APD) organized three days workshop for the staff on Assessment of children with Developmental Delay for Early Intervention from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020. 37 children were assessed and the parents were instructed on follow up required.

Mr. Hussain from APD was the main resource person.



### **COVID – 19 PANDEMIC – Relief Work**

ORBIT took initiative in reaching out to people of varied walks of life affected by the unprecedented lock downs due to COVID -19 pandemic in collaboration with its sub centres & other NGOs. The key activities during and post lock down period were:

- Distribution of food kits, Masks & Sanitizers & other personal materials
- Creating awareness among the public on COVID – 19 and the safety measures to be adopted
- Survey of families without ration cards
- Advocacy and lobbying with the District Administration to reach out to the people without ration - food and medicine, especially People with Mental Illness.

**Fr. Anil Crasta, Director, ORBIT** was appointed as the District Coordinator of COVID – 19 Relief work in Bidar District by the DC.



**FOOD KIT DISTRIBUTION DURING COVID – 19 PANDEMICS**

| Sl. No. | Supporting Agency    | No. of kits |
|---------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1       | MISSIO               | 1037        |
| 2       | JESUIT Society       | 4000        |
| 3       | CARITAS INDIA        | 135         |
| 4       | AIFO India           | 75          |
| 5       | Others - Individuals | 1753        |
|         | <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>7000</b> |



**Skill Development and Income Generation Program (SDIGP)**

In order to empower the youth and women who are unemployed and unskilled, ORBIT organizes skill development programmes on Driving, Garment Making/ Tailoring, Rexene Bag making, Beautician, Paper bag making, Basic computer etc.

## Objectives:

- To improve the livelihood security.
- Enhanced productivity of vulnerable and backward communities by developing skills and assets.
- Promoting greater income generation and vocational training opportunities.
- Promotion of micro credit units to promote the business and growth.
- Empowering people to self manage and run their own livelihood with their own capabilities.

ORBIT has given focus to the skill development of rural women and youth in various villages of all eight Taluqs of Bidar District, during the year 2020-21. Total 187 persons were given skill development training. Along with the skill trainings, the trainees were given additional input sessions on various life skills such as RTI Act, etiquette, Gender Sensitivity, health & hygiene, HIV/AIDS, Communication, leadership, Child Rights, etc. besides the Entrepreneurship Development workshop.

## Tradewise Trainings & Employment Data of the skilled Beneficiaries

| Sl. No. | Name of the Trade         | No. of Batches | Total No. of Trainees | Total No. of Employed |
|---------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.      | Garment Making            | 2              | 47                    |                       |
| 2.      | Beautician                | 1              | 14                    |                       |
| 3.      | Driving                   | 2              | 20                    |                       |
| 4.      | Rexene Bag Making         | 1              | 15                    |                       |
| 5.      | Paper cover & Bag making  | 3              | 71                    |                       |
| 6.      | Solar Technician Training | 1              | 20                    |                       |
|         | <b>Total</b>              |                | <b>187</b>            |                       |



**Solar Technician Training**



**Rexene Bag Making**



**Beautician**



**Driving**



### ***Success Story- 1 Dignified & Dream fulfilled***

Roopa (19 years) was a young woman with low self-esteem as she could not succeed in passing her SSLC exam after repeated attempts and ended up as a coolie worker, until 2020. Today, she is a dignified young woman who supports her family, earning a regular income from the skill of garment making. She is even recognized as a resource person as she has mastered her skill well. Thanks to the Skill Development Programme of ORBIT with the support of FVTRS!!!

Roopa hails from a Tribal Community of Tokri Koli tribe in Gandhi nagar village of Talmadgi Gram Panchayat in Chitguppa Taluk, Bidar District. Her parents are Bokkappa and Padmavathi. They are coolie workers. Her mother is a heart patient now and is unable to work. Roopa is the 7<sup>th</sup> among the eight children of her parents. Five of her elder sisters are settled. Presently, she, her elder sister, younger brother and the parents are living in a small house of two rooms with tin roof. They have some dry land which they cultivate in monsoon season for their food supply. It is a poor family of hand to mouth existence with the limited income of her father. Her sister also goes for work whenever it is available. Younger brother is doing his ITI course.



Roopa studied up to SSLC. She failed in English paper and could not clear the paper though she made many attempts. She was downhearted and began to go for coolie work with her parents. She wished to learn tailoring but the poor financial condition of the family and the distance to reach a tailoring centre prevented her from attending the course. It was a boon for Roopa when she heard about the Garment making training offered by ORBIT in her neighbourhood for school dropouts. She got admission for the course and mastered the skill with great eagerness. She practiced the lessons on the old sewing machine left by her elder sister who was a tailor and married off years ago. The life skill sessions and EDP training enabled her to pick up her self-esteem and to develop her personality. Though the lock down delayed the training, she mastered various items like saree-blouse, chudidhar, skirt, frock, etc. She tailored her own dresses as well as her family members' first and gained confidence to tailor for others. Roopa bought a new sewing machine worth Rs.7,500/- availing loan from her mother's SHG as the old machine was under repair. She earns an average Rs. 300/- per day as many people approach her since she is good at her work.

Meanwhile Roopa was requested by a private centre to be resource person to teach 15 tailoring trainees in the absence of the teacher for one month. This boosted her self confidence. She earned Rs. 10,000/- from the service.

She also takes the piece work job of tailoring the working men's shirt (Rs. 50/- per dozen). She supports her family from her income. She is regular in repaying the loan taken from SHG – Rs. 900/- per month from her income. Besides that she is having a monthly savings of Rs. 100/- in another group. Roopa and family are quite happy at her achievement and are grateful to ORBIT and FVTRS for the door of hope opened for Roopa.

### ***Success Story – 2***

Shilpa is a 28 years old young promising entrepreneur. She hails from Scheduled Caste community in Hippalagam village in Bidar District. She got married 8 years ago to Anilkumar in Hulsoor Taluk. Her husband is having a tent house cum wedding stage decoration shop. They live in a joint family of parents and siblings of Anil. The couple doesn't have children.

Shilpa was trained as tailor before her marriage by her mother who is a tailor. She became adept as a tailor. She had great desire to learn beautician course. But her mother trained her sister for beautician course and Shilpa was not given



opportunity. So she was extremely happy to join the beautician course when the ORBIT staff informed her of the vacant seat of trainees due to the drop out of some of the trainees during COVID -19 pandemic.

She mastered the skill quickly. Once the training got over in November 2020, she began to work as apprentice in a beauty parlour in Basvakalyan to get fluency and speed of hands. Basavakalyan is 35 km away from her house and she had to pay Rs.70/- day for the travel expenses. Seeing her enthusiasm, her husband discussed with her the possibility of beginning her own beauty parlour in his shop which is spacious. The idea was appealing for Shilpa and the couple bought all the necessary equipments and cosmetics costing Rs. 50,000/- to install the parlour from the next city – Hyderabad.



The new parlour was named same as Anilkumar's Stage Decoration centre – “Krupa Milan”. Besides the beauty parlour service, she placed her sewing machine also to engage in tailoring when there are no customers in the beauty parlour. She also does saree stone work and embellishing. The beauty parlour customers also are attracted to these services. As a beginner, she is using the business strategy of keeping low her service charges to attract the customers. The business is just picking up.

Shilpa is quite happy and grateful for her achievements through the assistance of ORBIT.

## Eye Camps : 2020-21



| Sl. No       | Date       | Village      | Networking                            | Beneficiaries |           |            | Outcome   |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---|
|              |            |              |                                       | Women         | Men       | Total      |   |
| 1.           | 09.09.2020 | Gandhi Nagar | Dr. Salin's eye care Hospital, Bidar  | 54            | 12        | 66         | Free cataract surgery for 3 persons.                                  |
| 2.           | 18.9.2020  | Hallikhed B  | Dr. Salin's eye care Hospital, Bidar  | 33            | 07        | 40         | Free cataract surgery for 12 persons.                                 |
| 3.           | 07.10.2020 | Udbal        | Dr. Sallin's eye care Hospital, Bidar | 23            | 40        | 63         | Free cataract surgery for 5 persons.                                  |
| 4.           | 25.10.2020 | Jalasangi    | Dr. Sallin's eye care Hospital, Bidar | 39            | 26        | 65         | Free cataract surgery for 2 persons.<br>2 persons got free spectacles |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |            |              |                                       | <b>149</b>    | <b>85</b> | <b>234</b> |   |

## Capacity Building & Organization Development Efforts

| TRAINING  | TEAM                                | Month/ Year                                      |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Post lockdown child line strategies                                     | Child line Team                     | 27.4.2020  |
| Online refreshing session for the CHILDLINE functionaries               | Child line Team                     | 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2020     |
| PFMS Training   | Accountant & Child line Coordinator | 1.7.2020   |
| Orientation on preparation of "Statement of Expenditure of COVID 19"    | Accountant                          | 7.7.2020   |
| Orientation on preparation of monthly "Statement of Expenditure " (SOE) | Accountant                          | 3.8.2020   |
| Problems faced by Child line Workers                                    | Child line Team                     | 29.8.2020  |
| Online training on Early Intervention & Early Education                 | All Staff                           | 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug - 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2021 |
| Managing Lock down Induced Stress                                       | Child line Team                     | 23.10.2020                                       |
| Staying Grounded In Testing Times                                       | Child line Team                     | 29.10.2020                                       |
| Goonjan Software  | Child line Team                     | 4.11.2020  |
| Workshop on Assessment of children with Developmental Delay             | All Staff                           | 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020        |
| Workshop on Child Marriage Prevention Act                               | Child line Coordinator              | 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021        |
| Social Media for Social intervention                                    | All staff                           | 26.2.2021  |
| Promotion of Nutrition, Sexual & Reproductive sex                       | JJM staff                           | 9.3.2021   |
| MGNREGA   | JJ M staff                          | 10.3.2021  |

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

In addition to regular program activities in 2020-21, ORBIT has been actively organizing special events during the year. Capacity building training cum honouring of the newly elected women representatives of local governing body (Gram Panchayat), International Women's Day celebration at Taluk level and Christmas and New Year celebration were some of the outstanding events.

### **World Disabled Day & Skill Support mission 2020: 'Learn Skills Empower Nation'**

The Skill Support Mission 2020 campaign was inaugurated at ORBIT Humnabad on 9.12.2020. The campaign was launched on the occasion of the World Disabled Day function. Fr. Anil Crasta, Director, ORBIT explained about the Skill Support Mission 2020 campaign and emphasized on the importance of skill trainings that could empower the youth, especially the vulnerable persons like differently abled in his inaugural address. Mr. Hussain, APD, Bangalore, the parents/care takers of the children with Developmental Delay, the trainees (youth) of Solar Technician course in ORBIT and the staff of ORBIT participated in the programme.

ORBIT field staff organized the campaign at various villages of Bidar District. Women SHGs, Trainees of Skill Development programmes under ORBIT, villagers, Children and youth were the target groups. The need for skill

development and mobilization of resources to empower the unemployed youth through skill trainings were emphasized in the campaigns.

The posters were displayed in ORBIT Campus and in the campaign venues



## World Suicide Prevention Day

World Suicide Prevention Day was organized by ORBIT under Navajeevana Project in collaboration with District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), Bidar, at Government hospital, Humnabad on 16.09.2020. Dr. Shwetha, Psychiatrist, DMHP gave awareness on mental health and suicidal tendency and the role of society to be aware of the symptoms seen in the persons in stress and to help them.

Dr. Naganath Hulsure, the CMO, Govt. Hospital, presided over the function and invoked the participants to make use of the services available for mental health care and to prevent suicides. The staff and patients, especially of DMHP along with their care takers attended the programme. Sr. Mini Mathew, Programme Manager and Navajeevana Team, ORBIT coordinated the programme.



## World Mental Health Day



World Mental Health Day was organized at ORBIT on 31.10.2020. Dr. Naganath Hulsure, the Chief Medical Officer, Govt. Hospital, Humnabad was the chief guest. He explained the common reasons and symptoms of mental illness and the need to care for the persons with mental illness. Fr. Anil Crasta, Director, ORBIT briefed on the interventions of ORBIT for PwMI through Navajeevana Program. Designated Director Fr. Victor Anil Vas and Sr. Zina, Shanthi Sadhan were also present

## Christmas Celebration with TMC staff - 22.12.2020

ORBIT celebrated Christmas, felicitating Humnabad Town Municipal Council (TMC) officials and 84 labourers (Purakarmikas). Bishop of Gulbarga Diocese and President of ORBIT, Bishop Robert Miranda presided over the function. TMC Chief Shri. Shambulinga Desai was honoured for his outstanding services during the COVID – 19 lock down period. The Purakarmikas' committed service of keeping the town clean during the Pandemic was specially acknowledged and they were honoured and presented with gift.



## **New Year Celebration cum Blessing of the Renovated ORBIT Building - 1.1.2021**



ORBIT celebrated inter religious Christmas cum New Year on 1.1.2021 along with the blessings of the renovated ORBIT Building. Bishop Robert Miranda, Shri. Shake Zakir Hussain, Principal, Shadan H S, Humnabad, Shri. Punith Saale, President, District NGO network, Bidar, priests and sisters of Bidar were present for the programme.

Frs. Santhosh Dias and Santhosh Bapu, the previous directors of ORBIT were honoured on the occasion. Fr. Anil Crasta, Director, ORBIT was specially honoured by Bishop for his outstanding contributions in coordinating the COVID -19 relief work in Bidar District in collaboration with the District administration.



## **International Women's Day 2021**

In the context of COVID – 19 Pandemic, the International Women's Day was celebrated in a simple manner at Taluk level in ORBIT on 21.3.2021. There were around 140 participants for the programme. "Empowered Women – Empowered Society" was the theme of the day. Fr. Stany Lobo -Vicar General of Gulbarga Diocese, Dr. Shwetha Biradar, Psychiatrist, Govt. Hospital, Humnabad, Ms. Honnamma, ICDS supervisor were the chief guests. Three empowered women from different strata of society were honoured on the occasion. Dr. Shwetha, District Mental Health Programme delivered a speech on mental health.







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## COVID – 19 Relief & Awareness



## CHILDLINE



## Skill Development





## World Suicide Prevention Day



## International Women's Day 2021



## Eye Camp



## Children's Day



*Felicitation of Previous Directors*



*felicitation of Director awarded for outstanding contributions in COVID Relief work*

# FINANCIALS

ORGANISATION FOR BIDAR INTEGRAL TRANSFORMATION,  
HRD TRAINING CENTRE, N. H. 9, HUMNABAD - 585 330  
CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021

| PARTICULARS                                     | SCHEDULE NO | ₹                     |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|
| <b>I. Receipts :</b>                            |             |                       |
| Opening Cash and Bank Balances                  | 1           | 32,89,848.97          |
| Donation  | 2           | 42,07,734.13          |
| Contribution received towards Specific Purposes | 3           | 42,28,332.00          |
| Grant received towards Specific Purposes        | 4           | 8,94,892.00           |
| Bank Interest                                   | 5           | 1,52,053.00           |
| Other Receipts                                  |             | 1,00,164.00           |
| Advances - Staff                                |             | 22,000.00             |
| Income Tax Refund AY 2019-20                    |             | 6,658.00              |
| Interest on Income Tax Refund                   |             | 462.00                |
| TDS Collected                                   |             | 8,839.00              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                    |             | <b>1,29,10,983.10</b> |

**II. Payments :**

|   |    |                       |
|---|----|-----------------------|
| Expenses incurred towards Specific Purposes | 6  | 54,31,775.00          |
| Grant utilised towards Specific Purposes    | 7  | 7,86,812.00           |
| Administrative Expenses                     | 8  | 30,96,303.02          |
| Capital Expenditure                         | 9  | 1,70,064.00           |
| Advances-Others                             |    | 5,000.00              |
| PF Paid                                     |    | 2,89,161.00           |
| PF Amount Refunded to Staff                 |    | 3,720.00              |
| Interest on TDS                             |    | 77.00                 |
| TDS Remitted                                |    | 8,914.00              |
| Tax Deducted at Source                      |    | 5,972.00              |
| Closing Cash and Bank Balances              | 10 | 31,11,185.08          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                               |    | <b>1,29,10,983.10</b> |

Significant Accounting Policies - As per Schedule

Per report of even date

For Rodrigues & D'Souza

Chartered Accountants

[Firm Registration No. 0032845]

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Partner

Rudolph M C Rodrigues

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Procurement

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ORGANISATION FOR BIDAR INTEGRAL TRANSFORMATION,  
HRD TRAINING CENTRE, N. H. 9, HUMNABAD - 585 330  
CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021

| PARTICULARS                                    | SCHEDULE NO | ₹                   |
|--|-------------|---------------------|
| <b>I. Income :</b>                             |             |                     |
| Bank Interest                                  | 1           | 1,16,222.00         |
| Donation                                       |             | 42,07,734.13        |
| Grant received towards Specific Purposes       | 2           | 7,94,892.00         |
| Interest on Income Tax Refund                  |             | 462.00              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                   |             | <b>51,19,310.13</b> |
| <b>II. Expenditure :</b>                       |             |                     |
| Grant utilised towards Specific Purposes       | 3           | 5,82,974.00         |
| Administrative Expenses                        | 4           | 31,01,278.02        |
| Interest on TDS                                |             | 77.00               |
| Depreciation                                   | D           | 3,10,630.00         |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year |             | 11,24,351.11        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                   |             | <b>51,19,310.13</b> |

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- SAMRUDI, Bengaluru
- SELCO FOUNDATION, Bangalore
- SKIP, Bangalore
- Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai
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