**Holy Cross Service Society, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, India**

**Annual Report : 2019 – 2020**

Holy Cross Service Society, Tiruchirappalli , Tamil Nadu , India founded by Prof. Dr. Prabakar Immanuel , a professional in the field of Disability, is an NGO with focus on professional, Right Based , Inclusive, comprehensive and family and community involved assistance to all children with special needs as well as persons with Disabilities. The Services include prevention, Early identification and Intervention, Education, Therapy, CBR, Vocational Training and Rehabilitation, Training to NGOs, workers of Disabled, Government Personnel, ICDS staff and Production of Books, Videos and Awareness Materials. To know more about Holy Cross Service Society log on to web site: hcsstrichy.in (or) hcsstrichy.com in face book.

Networking and assistance to other NGOs to promote quality services to People with disabilities is the special effort of Holy Cross Service Society. The support includes training of co-workers of NGOs, developing IEPs, following IEPs and assisting in assessment and programme planning. The CBR services follow a professional approach with goal oriented intervention strategies. Training to CBR workers, inclusion of Stakeholders, full participation of parents and right based approaches to meet the special needs of CWDs are the basic principles of intervention.

**Holy Cross CBR Model:**

1. Direct Services: Services to the CWDs with specific goal oriented Individual Intervention plans.
2. Direct Services through partner NGOs : Services to the CWDs with specific goal oriented Individual Intervention plans through partner NGOs who network with us to promote quality of services to children with disabilities. NGOs desirous of promoting IEPs can contact us for participating in our networking concept of promoting individual based intervention services to children with disabilities.
3. Other services offered in CBR :

* New client identification
* Prevention / Awareness campaigns
* Medical camps / Screening camps.
* Surgical support
* Scholarship
* Loans from Banks / Government.
* Orthotic appliances , Spectacles , Hearing Aids and Ear Moulds
* Old age Pension – Family Pension
* Houses for Poor – rural disabled ( from Government resources)
* Tricycles ( from Government sources)
* Bus pass
* Mother and child care assistance
* ID cards
* Government concessions for examinations.
* Vocational Assistance.

The services help all categories of children and at all age groups. The early intervention and identification for development delayed children is now approved by Govternment of Tamil Nadu. This is the first ever early intervention programme for speech and language delayed children cutting across disabilities. IN this programme children are not identified as disabled but one of speech and language delay as well as development delays. This unique programme helps demystifying the categories of disability and help parent to prepare children using cognitive approaches. 80% of children in this early intervention reach a regular school for 1st grade.

This preparatory pogramme along with inclusive education ensure education for all children. This is the strength of Holy Cross Service Society which promote inclusive education with individual based intervention plans. More than 130 children are admitted in early intervention programme and more than 40 children have reached inclusive education.

The efforts to provide skill based assistance to autistic children, hearing impaired children, cognitive impaired children and multi handicapped children is now assisting 90 children with special needs. This include assessment and therapy as well as support for educational and behavior needs.

Assessment facility for the following are available:

* + - psychological assessment (IQ)
    - developmental assessment
    - PDD / Autism assessment
    - learning disability assessment
    - educational assessment for children studying in English medium schools
    - language cognitive skill assessment for UKG / I grade children
    - behaviour assessment
    - vision assessment
    - hearing assessment
    - speech assessment
    - language assessment
    - new born screening tool

More than 300 children received assessment and 110 children received therapy support.

Holy Cross Service Society are pioneers in promoting individual based intervention plans for failing and drop out children from general schools. These children with disabilities after few years in general schools are failing and reaching us with behavior problems. A structured programme help these children to gain life skills, educational skills and vocational skills. 110 children with disabilities are supported through this programme. 36 children completed SSLC (10th grade), 14 children 12th grade and 10 of them are in university level education. 10 young adults with disabilities completed catering course.

Programme for Deaf blind / Multi Sensory Impaired Children assist 145 children ( Based on Individual needs)

Vocational Training unit trains 50 young adults and also provide catering technology training to 10 PWDs. This year 50 PWDs are assisted through IGP support.

Restaurant by persons with Disabilities is a new venture and demonstrates the ability of PWDs.

Residential Transitional centre for children with special needs has 90 residential children.

Networking Partnership with NGOs of Tamil Nadu promoting Inclusive CBR services. This is a programme to promote quality of services through partner NGOs. 17 NGOs participated in this venture and we have developed with the support of NGOs nearly 984 IEPs.

Community House Programmes at rural locations of Keeranur & Mohanur assist 78 children with special needs.

Assessment and training facility for Learning Disabled Children. More than 150 children from the regular schools get support for their learning needs.

Sign language support for parents and educators assists over 60 persons. All hearing impaired children are getting support for sign language.

Production of Books , CDS , Short films on Disability issues. Books on learning disability, short stories written by school children, Learning needs of children and Short booklets on needs of children are all developed and produced.

Training centre for Parents, Workers of Disabled, Teachers, Special Educators, SSA educators, ICDS workers, NGO leaders and Government Personnel trained more than 1000 people during the year.

**Brief Information on workshops / Seminars / Training Programmes.**

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Organised by Annai Therasa , Keeranur. | 22 parents and 18 children | | 15.8.19 | Independence Day | 60 children and Parents | | 19.8.19 | EI training for Anganwadi workers at Athavathur | 30 | | 21.8.19 | Parents training - how to enhanec language in home environment | 40 parents | | 24.8.19 | IEP and Deafblindness at Alencode | 9 | | 28.8.19 | Early Interventin training at Anbu Illam, Tanjore | 11 | | 28.8.19 | Resource Mobilization Training | Dr.Leela Agnes | | 29.8.19 | National Consultative Workshop on disability | Dr.Leela Agnes | | 30.8.19 | Vinayagar Chathurthi | 115 children, parents and teachers | | 31.8.19 | Training to O&M,Braille and Sign language. | CBR workers & Special educators | | 31.8.19 | Training in Good Vibes. | Special Educators | | 4.9.19 | Individual need training for CBR workers of Annai Therasa , Keeranur in the field itself. | 7 | | 13.9.19 | Parents training on Language and Sensory issues | 8 parents | | 14.9.19 | Training in Good Vibes. | Specal Educators | | 25-27th September 2019 | SOP Orientation workshop for KinderNotHilfe Partners | Dr.Leela Agnes | | 26.9.19 | Parents Training on Sensitization on Deafblindness to NGO(TMSSS-Manaparai). | 10 parents | | 4.10.19 | Pooja | Senior Manager, UCO Bank, Salai Road | | 25.10.19 | Deepavali | Kalaiselvan, Past President, Rotary Club of Trichirapalli | | 9.11.19 | CRC Meeting | 17 CBR workers | | 14.11.19 | Children's day | 125 children, parents and teachers | | 16.11.19 | Sign language training to parents, teachers and children | 40 participants | | 20.11.19 | Inclusive Education | Leela | | 23.11.19 | State Level Training on Deafblindness for Medical, Para Medical and Health workers | 25 | | 26th to 30th Nov. 2019 | EARLY INTERVENTION EDUCATOR AND CBR WORKERS OF APD | 7 NGOs (19 persons) | | 3.12.19 | World Disabled Day | Children 164 Staff 34 Parents 14 Old boys 35 Rehab Support - 22 | | 4.12.19 | Parents meeting on Day care centre for Language and Development delayed children | 35 parents | | 8.12.19 | Medical camp | 33 persons | | 13.12.19 | Parents Network Meet | 15 Parents | | 16.12.19 | Training to parents on Behaviour needs and modification | 14 parents | | 17.12.19 | Parents Training programme on preparation for inclusion and education | 16 parents | | 18.12.19 | Parents Training programme on Social | 7 parents | | 19.12.19 | Parents Training programme on language - how to develop sentence making and reading comprehension | 25 parents | | 21.12.19 | Christmas Celebration | 350 (Parents, children, teachers and others) | |  |  |

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Appeal: If you want to join the efforts of HCSS Trichy to reach more disabled in rural areas, you can support us.

**Some additional information:**

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| **Concept** | **Number Benefited** |
| Screening / Identification | 1700 |
| Assistance from Government & other resources | 850 |
| Hearing Aids / Appliances | 15 |
| Ear moulds | 60 |
| Sign Language | 60 |
| World Disabled Day | 300 |
| Awareness campaigns | 2000 |
| Medical camps | 350 |
| Food support for Residential Children | 170 |
| Dresses | 150 |
| Assessment support ( Audio logical , Psychological,  Vision, Speech Language) | 520 |

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