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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

### GROWTH THROUGH TRANSITIONS

From its inception in 1993, BREADS has had a long journey of growth as the Planning and Development Office (PDO) of the Salesian Province of Bangalore. Through this journey, various Directors have charted its course, building upon the fruits of the labour of those gone before. In this edition of Slice, we take the opportunity to acknowledge the stellar role played by Fr Joy Nedumparambil SDB in the growth of BREADS during his service from 2009-2021.

Hundreds of projects positively impacted more than 10 lakh children, youth and communities on the margins of society: through education, skilling, employment and empowerment. Lakhs of people were helped in times of disaster. What makes these achievements even more commendable, is the vision with which these developmental activities were professionally executed, ensuring consistent alignment with the mission of BREADS – the transformation of the poor and the needy, as resource and agents of change through educative presence and accompaniment.

Through creating infrastructure, strengthening organisational structures, and enhancing human resources through policy formulation and capacity building across Don Bosco presences in Karnataka and Kerala, Fr Joy ensured that BREADS became noted and highly appreciated as an innovative, competent PDO by funding agencies, partners, and in Salesian circles. While BREADS is a recognised NGO among the local fraternity, it has also been honored in international Salesian forums for its work.

As Fr Joy Nedumparambil passes on the baton, it is my privilege to receive it, with the firm commitment to build upon this legacy of leadership and teamwork, to serve the best interests of the marginalised children and communities with whom we partner.

Thank you, Fr Joy, for your dedicated service to the mission of Don Bosco through BREADS.



## BREADS' COVID RELIEF INITIATIVES

BREADS has been continuing its COVID relief initiatives in collaboration with other DB Houses and organisations.



## COVID STEP-DOWN CARE CENTRE IN BANGALORE

The Redemptorists and BREADS, in partnership with St. Philomena's Hospital, set up a free step-down facility for post-COVID treatment of recovering COVID patients who cannot quarantine at home. Nava Spoorthi Kendra in Richards town, Bangalore, a 40-room retreat centre has been converted for the purpose. This centre has qualified doctors, nurses and healthcare workers, and volunteers who provide professional help to the patients. The volunteers do not deal with the patients directly but help by procuring required materials for the centre and taking care of the overall management of the centre.

Oxygen concentrators are provided when needed and an ambulance is also available if a patient needs to be shifted back to the hospital. Provisions of other necessities, including bed linen, pillows, sanitisers, PPE kits, stretchers and wheelchairs, have also been made. The meals at the centre are free of cost and are prepared by a dietician in keeping with the needs of the patients.

A team of professional counsellors under the banner *Ray of Hope*, support patients with grief management, counselling and other psychological help.



## RATION KIT DISTRIBUTION WITH SOLARPACK



Solarpack, a specialist in photovoltaic power plants, partnered with BREADS during both phases of the COVID-19 pandemic to provide relief to communities in need. In collaboration with the Ferrando Centre for Vocational Training, BREADS and Solarpack procured and distributed 230 ration kits to COVID-affected families in Chinnamballi, Banuru, Rarya, Karepura, Ramahalli and Hadya villages surrounding the Nanj Solar Pvt. Ltd premises in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru district, on 24, 25 and 28 May 2021.

The kits included essentials such as rice, sugar, green gram, semolina, salt, oil, bathing soap and hand sanitiser.

In association with Don Bosco PYaR, Kalaburagi, BREADS and Solarpack distributed around 200 such ration kits to immigrants and vulnerable groups on the 23, 24 and 25 May in the Chincholi taluk of Kalaburagi district.



## HEALTHCARE SUPPORT WITH TRACELINK

A big shoutout to Tracelink, a pharma digital supply network, which contributed through the Don Bosco Alumni, Andheri, to make a huge difference to the people across Kerala and Karnataka during these tough times. In collaboration with BREADS Bangalore, their contribution has supported the:



- Setting up of a mobile oxygen unit by converting one of the school buses to distribute oxygen in and around Chitradurga district. It is equipped with 10 oxygen cylinders. This service aims to make medical oxygen available free of cost for the needy. This unit is stationed near the Chitradurga District Hospital (government hospital) and moves across villages as and when required.
- Procurement and distribution of surgical masks, N95 masks, PPE kits, and sanitisers for police personnel across Chitradurga district, Karnataka.
- Procurement and distribution of grocery kits and other essentials for the interstate migrants (ISM) and their families and migrant camp members in Alappuzha and Kozhikode districts of Kerala.



- Procurement and distribution of ration kits to patients with leprosy in Vijayanagara district, Karnataka.



- Starting of an ambulance service in Chitradurga. The service is mainly used by St. Aloysius College, Harihar, for their COVID-19 response activities. With the commencement of this service, patients have been transported via this ambulance to Davangere and other neighbouring districts for better treatment. It is also being used for distributing oxygen in and around Harihar, for COVID patients in critical condition, and to ensure timely access to healthcare facilities for poor migrants, roadside vendors, farmers and daily wage workers. These people would otherwise have struggled to get transport during health emergencies.



## KINDNESS IN CRISIS WITH DON BOSCO VEEDU



In collaboration with BREADS Bangalore, the Don Bosco Veedu Society was able to mobilize a rapid and efficient response to the victims of the Tauktae cyclone particularly in Pozhiyoor, Poonthura, Shangumugham and Valiyathura in Thiruvananthapuram district. As hundreds of families were shifted to the relief camps, they did not have basic necessities. Don Bosco Veedu staff and volunteers supplied bed sheets, towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, medical kits and clothes for 500 victims who are currently residing at various relief camps. Food support/kits were also provided to migrants, children at risk and tribals.



## BREADS Calendar

### MAY

- Handover of Directorship of BREADS by Fr Joy Nedumparambil SDB to the new Executive Director of BREADS Fr. Rubin Mathew SDB
- Various COVID Relief initiatives by BREADS and Don Bosco institutions across Karnataka and Kerala

### JUNE

- Various COVID Relief initiatives by BREADS and Don Bosco institutions across Karnataka and Kerala
- Installation of the new Assistant Director of BREADS- Fr Deepu Poovathinkal SDB



## BREADS NEWS



### Opening of a new Covid Care Centre

A new Covid Care Centre (CCC) was opened on 20 May 2021 at Nava Spoorthi Kendra...[more...](#)



### Supporting the COVID-affected in Bangalore with Rations

BREADS Bangalore in collaboration with ResponseNet distributed 200 rations kits on 20 May 2021. The ration kits were distributed in Anandpura in Jeevan Bheema Nagar...[more...](#)



### Don Bosco TEAM COVID—an Initiative of FCDP

Don Bosco TEAM COVID is an initiative of the Don Bosco Youth Forum under Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) Kollam...[more...](#)



### KISMAT to the Rescue of the Migrants in Kerala

Kerala Interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation (KISMAT) a project of BREADS, is actively engaged in providing relief for migrant labourers during the second...[more...](#)