



Don Bosco

Director's Note

BREADS has taken a proactive and landmark step in Kerala to respond to the needs of the migrants from different parts of the country. Today migration has turned out to be an important development strategy by the rural poor. Due to its increasing demand for labour, and due to the rather progressive labour policies, Kerala has emerged as a major hub of migrant labourers. According to a study in 2013 (Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation), there are over 25 lakhs migrant workers in Kerala. Though the government has initiated some programmes, the migrant workforce continue to suffer exploitation and alienation. Realizing the need to respond to the empowerment needs of the migrant workforce, BREADS joins hands with the local government in Kerala for the integration, education, health, above all to uphold the human rights and dignity of migrant workforce through a holistic approach.

In this issue of slice we will have a closer look of our migrant desk project in Kerala.

With best wishes,

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News



BREADS at The India Advantage Summit 2018, Bangalore

What could BREADS possibly have in common with Blockchain technology evangelists? Not much, really. But as a strategic partner and member of the advisory board of The India Advantage (TIA) Summit, BREADS did meet with them in Bangalore on 19th and 20th July, 2018. It was a very interesting and stimulating experience where global partnerships for innovation and the sustainable development... [more](#)



Staff training at Chithra Don Bosco

Training and development is a function, concerned with organizational activity aimed at bettering the job performance of individuals and groups with the sole aim of betterment and efficiency. On 20.07.2018 Chithra Don Bosco, Chitradurga organized one day training for the staff of Chithra Don Bosco involving the sharpening of skills, concepts, gaining knowledge, discussing new thoughts and ideas... [more](#)



Striking against child marriage

Children have the power to change and they invariably wish the good of every one irrespective of the situation and consequences. This was very well proved true by the presence and enthusiasm of over 356 children along with the villagers who gathered for the child marriage awareness programme at Thammenahalli, Molkalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga district on 19.07.2018 which was proceeded... [more](#)

Events

July 2018

- Monitoring and evaluation of the BREADS projects
- *Shale Kade Nanna Nade*, the re-enrollment campaign in the Don Bosco projects
- Awareness programme on individual social responsibility at St. Agnes Girls school, Bangalore
- Arrival of the volunteers from Malta and Germany
- BREADS participates in the India Advantage Summit 2018 (<http://www.tiasummit.com/>)

August 2018

- Independence Day celebrations in the Don Bosco projects
- Training on waste management, vermicomposting and organic farming at DB provincial house, Bangalore
- Monitoring and evaluation of the BREADS projects at BOSCO Bangalore
- Awareness session at CMR College, Bangalore
- Arrival of volunteers from Austria
- Interns from Holy Cross College, Kozhikode



KISMAT - Kerala Interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation



The silver year of BREADS has been marked by incredible achievements. BREADS added another feather to its cap while it plunges into a new and innovative project respecting the need of the hour. We have always prioritized to cater to the needs of the marginalized, women, children and youth over the past years but always been ready to meet the needs time demanded and adopted flexible approaches. This is exactly why BREADS has newly launched a project for the Inter State Migrants; the first of its type experiment in this field, in the 11 districts of Kerala.

BREADS proudly announce the launch of this flagship project named '**KISMAT**' which stands for **Kerala Interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation** from 1st August 2018. Being a pilot project intervention and a new endeavour we have put maximum efforts and hard work for the success of the project in order to create significant impacts and results. The project will achieve the desired objectives by setting up 12 migrant desks (MD) in the 11 districts aiming to mobilize, plan and implement the development activities, providing various support services and legal assistance to the migrant labourers, especially those secluded and marginalized. To ensure effective execution of the project, the Don Bosco Institutions across the 11 selected districts will partner with BREADS and all the actions will be coordinated and replicated at state level with the state office at Don Bosco Veedu, Trivandrum.

The prime objective of the pilot project is to mobilize and organize the inter state migrants in each district and to establish a good rapport with them in order to act as the first point of contact for services to the migrants. The migrants hailing from different states to Kerala find it difficult to integrate due to the large variances in culture, food habits, language, lifestyle, etc. The issues of unhygienic lifestyles and poor conditions of the migrants have also evoked disgust and resentment among the local population. The project interventions through awareness programs, networking with stakeholders (government, corporates, NGOs, media) capacity building and visibility actions are expected to make significant changes in the lives of migrants. It will also do a state level benchmark survey which will help to assess the current situation of the migrants as to favour the strategic planning and involvement in future. The project will make every effort to reach out to a minimum of 500 migrants working in different sectors in every district. The reach out to the interstate migrants is thus expected to serve the concerns, queries, problems, inter and intra conflicts and enhance their lifestyle through awareness and health education. On the other side, to remove the prejudice held against the migrant labourers by the local population is another challenging task of the Migrant Desk. The important component of the MD is that it will function with a full time Coordinator who will extensively involve among the migrant people to build their support and confidence. It will also serve as a reference centre for the migrants to seek support, assistance during emergency situations, information sharing and even a centre for their relaxation, entertainment, group building and sharing concerns. The strong conviction that the key essence of success depends upon the need-based approach has motivated the designing of the project for creating a better work environment, positive attitude/behavior from the employers and local people, enhanced life styles, more earnings and savings complimenting conducive environment for the interstate migrants.





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Sl. No	Project Locations	Project Implementing Partners
1	Trivandrum (State Office)	Don Bosco Veedu, Manacaud
2	Kollam	FCDP, Thope
3	Alaphey	Don Bosco, Mangalam
4	Kottayam	Don Bosco School, Puthuppally
5	Ernakulam	Don Bosco Sneha Bhavan, Palluruthy
6	Angamaly	Don Bosco School, Angamaly
7	Thrissur	Don Bosco College, Mannuthy
8	Kozhikode	Don Bosco College, Mampetta
9	Palakkad	Don Bosco Samanwaya, Palakkad
10	Kannur	Don Bosco College, Angadikadavu
11	Wayanad	Don Bosco College, Sultan Bathery
12	Kasargod	Don Bosco Boys Home, Chullikkara

