



Annual Report 2019-2020

Kerala site Karnataka and Kerala states, India



Chalice has partnered with the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod (Angamaly provincialate) in two states in central and south India since 1997. The sponsorship program spans eight locations, which includes a school for children with special needs. The families in the area face high levels of poverty and illiteracy. In addition to sponsorship, the site provides health care and nutrition programs. The Sisters work with families to create sustainable livelihood opportunities for the siblings and parents of the sponsored children.



- Kerala site supports 1167 sponsored children.
- 100% of grade 10 students passed their exams
- 90% of higher secondary students passed their exams.
- Prior to the pandemic school closure, site staff held supplementary education programs in 2 communities, helping 110 children to improve their grades.
- Children were able to continue their studies online throughout the COVID-19 school closures and were able to write exams online.



- The site staff observed that the families were in a strong position to manage the emergency of the pandemic and the loss of income it caused.
- During the shutdown, many family circle members grew vegetable gardens to improve their families' diets.
- Families did not experience food insecurity.



- The site staff saw that family circle members were sharing the produce from their gardens with neighbours struggling with food insecurity.
- Families who are engaged in goat rearing through the Chalice gift catalogue (which includes non-sponsored community members) were able to maintain it as a livelihood activity.
- Alumni of the Skills@Chalice tailoring program established their own business.

