



Annual Report 2019-2020

Assam site
Assam state, India



Chalice has partnered with Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod in the district of Kamrup since 2009. The Sisters oversee sponsorship in three communities and the Holy Cross Mercy Home, a daycare centre for children with disabilities. Many families in the communities do not have experience with formal education and dropout rates are high. Earthquakes, floods and landslides often affect the area. The site focuses on motivating families to keep children in school and providing extra-curricular support to keep students achieving. They ensure that children with disabilities have access to appropriate educational programming, as well physiotherapy, speech and occupational therapy, and home-based services.

Child



- Assam site supports 184 sponsored children.
- 176 children are enrolled in school. The remaining 8 children have disabilities and require specialized programming.
- Site staff have reported that despite the serious challenges posed by COVID-19, children are healthy and well-nourished.
- The site created a program for teens in grades 7-12 to encourage skills in leadership, problem-solving, practical skills, and increasing self-esteem.
- Through the Chalice gift catalogue, all sponsored children received a solar lamp and a dictionary.

Family

- Assam site works with 16 family circles.
- When in-person meetings were possible, there was a 98% attendance rate.
- Site staff provided workshops for the family circles promoting financial self-reliance and goal-setting.
- Site staff trained guardians in the Gamsharu family circle in soap-making and hand sanitizer production. The group has earned a profit and is a role model for other family circles.
- Many parents engaged in their own income-generating activities, including creating small gardens, raising cattle, tailoring and snack vending.
- During the COVID-19 lockdown, the Sisters delivered hampers of dried goods to families in most need.



Community

- 430 families benefited through the Chalice gift catalogue. Items they have received include piglets, sewing machines, and pairs of goats.
- Prior to the pandemic, through the site, men and women could access courses in computers and tailoring.

