



# Annual Report 2019-2020

## Goa site Honda, North Goa, India



Chalice has partnered with the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod (Pune provincialate) in the community of Honda since 2015. The region's beaches attract both tourists and migrant workers seeking opportunities in the tourism industry. It lures youth away from traditional fishing communities, resulting in these communities having a high concentration of migrants and few educated younger citizens. The Sisters run the Children's Happy Home, a home for vulnerable children who cannot live with their families, as well as Holy Cross School. The site focuses on education and provides tutoring and specialized programming for children with disabilities or who are from migrant families. They also support parents to set up income-generating activities.

### Child



- Goa site supports 662 sponsored children.
- 100% of sponsored children are enrolled in school and continuing their education.
- Site staff support 90% of the students with supplementary education and homework help if they are struggling in any subject.
- Site staff report that through this individual support, they can see that children are improving in their performance, are demonstrating good study habits, and have increased in their self-confidence.
- Prior to the pandemic, the site created youth groups for teens aged 13-18 and conducted programs and activities to build their self-esteem, combat peer-pressure and to provide career guidance.

### Family

- Most parents of sponsored children rely on casual daily wage work, which they lost due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Families were grateful to continue to receive sponsorship funds as well extra support from Chalice's COVID-19 disaster relief fund.
- The Sisters distributed kits of essential food staples to families in most need during the pandemic shutdown.
- Site staff contacted all of the leaders of Chalice family circles and advised them on how to follow the public health precautions as they were updated.



### Community

- The Goa site built 20 sanitary washroom facilities in three communities. This has greatly increased personal security for women and girls, as well as an overall improvement of the families' health and hygiene.

