



# Annual Report 2019-2020

## Mangalagiri site Andhra Pradesh, India



Chalice has partnered with the Good Shepherd Sisters (Nagpur) since 1998, with Mangalagiri becoming its own sponsor site in 2014. The site serves families in 7 rural, remote, and urban locations. There is a high rate of out-migration, leading to high drop-out rates. Women and girls face marginalization and high rates of stigmatized disease. In addition to sponsorship, the Sisters provide work to improve the socio-economic status of families and communities, and offer skills development programs such as tailoring, gardening, handicrafts, and English as a Spoken Language.

### Child



- The Mangalagiri site supports 1112 sponsored children.
- As of June 2020:
  - 26% of children were in elementary school;
  - 67% in high school;
  - 7% in post-secondary or vocational education.
- Following public health guidelines during the pandemic, 5 locations held their annual medical clinics. Site staff report that children's health is improving as an overall trend. This is because parents have a greater understanding of nutrition, cooking meals instead of buying nutrient-poor snacks. Many families have also created their own vegetable gardens.
- Prior to the COVID-19 shutdown, site staff created a program for 470 teens, creating a space to discuss topics such as female hygiene, puberty, and challenging emotions.

### Family

- Mangalagiri site works with 993 families organized into 67 family circles.
- Site staff report that the group members are growing in cohesion and supporting each other to reach their families' goals.
- Many families used their sponsorship funds for nutrition during the lockdown.
- At Christmastime, the family circles organized charitable works to support single women and the elderly in their communities.



### Community

- 38 children (including non-sponsored children) live in a boarding residence run by the Sisters. Through the Chalice gift catalogue, they built a new multi-purpose room that will serve as a study hall, meeting space for parents, and a laundry facility.
- During the lockdown, with contributions from the Sisters' convents and other non-governmental organizations, the Sisters distributed food, toiletries, medicine and sanitizer to 6000 sponsored and non-sponsored families.

