



Recent Updates and Achievements

Orissa site Odisha & Manipur State, India



Chalice has partnered with Sisters of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (North India) since 1997. They oversee sponsorship of both children and elders in three locations in Odisha State and one location in Manipur State. The communities have access to few educational and healthcare resources, and women, girls and migrant workers face even greater barriers. Poverty and illiteracy rates are high. The Orissa site focuses supporting children to complete their education. The Sisters run schools and student hostels, ensuring the children are receiving quality education, extra help, and proper nutrition. They also run a home for seniors. Site staff also educate parents in financial literacy and support them to create productive home vegetable gardens – improving both family-level nutrition and a means of livelihood.



Child

- Orissa site supports 1459 sponsored children.
- Staff encouraged parents to prioritize sponsorship funds for school fees or tutoring, especially during school closures.
- 96% of sponsored students were able to complete their lessons, even from home.
- Chalice site staff maintained constant contact with every sponsored child throughout the lockdowns.
- Staff carried out awareness programming on handwashing, COVID safety, vaccination. Local primary health services also contributed to the general health and safety of the children.

Family

- Orissa worked with 1171 families, organized into 81 family circles.
- The staff sustained their engagement with family circles throughout the pandemic – either virtually or in-person.
- Sponsorship and Chalice’s India COVID relief fund provided critical nutrition support.



Community

- The Orissa site staff observe “that there is an exchange of love and concern” among the family circle members.
- Circle members shared food with the one who was in critical need.
- Family circles contributed group savings to provide treatment to the sick.
- Members offered free labour for agricultural and house repair initiatives for both member and non-member families in their community.

