

## JULY - SEPTEMBER APPEAL 2025

**ST VERONICA WELFARE COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 5098, WEST END, 4101**

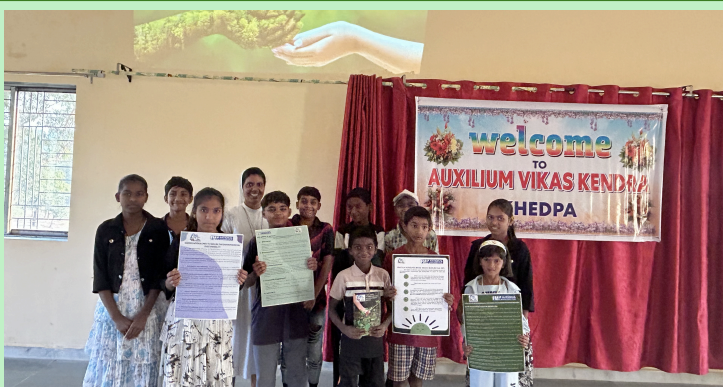
**APPEAL FOR THE PROVISION OF FUNDS TO ASSIST THE MUMBAI SALESIAN SISTERS OF DON BOSCO CONTINUE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE INDIGENOUS KHEDPA – WARLIE TRIBAL PEOPLE SITUATED IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY OF DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI.**

Until recently, Varli people did not have a written language. Many were disadvantaged, living lives characterised by unemployment, illiteracy, malnutrition, school dropouts, early marriage, suicide, and alcoholism.

With the goal of reducing the number of school dropouts and the incidence of early marriage, suicide and alcoholism and to promote the overall development of the Varli community, the Sisters have been providing educational programs for approximately 400 children from ten villages in the region. The children participate in a regular academic curriculum, as well as programs focusing on social awareness, personality development, self-esteem, manners, personal rights and responsibilities, and health and hygiene.

Currently there is an additional focus on ecological studies as well as an introductory Art Program for adolescent girls so that, in future, through art, they can generate income for their livelihood. The Sisters report the children are making good progress and enjoying their learning.

They have requested assistance to help meet the costs of teachers' salaries, classroom equipment, necessary stationery and the provision of weekly supplementary nutrition for students.



**Estimated cost of program to assist the Varli children and local community  
Approximately Au \$10,000**

**To: St Veronica Welfare Committee – APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO ASSIST THE SALESIAN SISTERS, MUMBAI, PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL & DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR THE VARLI CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY**

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