



*“The Coady program will give me the necessary experience, skills, exposure and knowledge to help me become a more effective community development worker. This will help me to be an effective community development worker and acquire the necessary skills to work closely with the local leaders.”*

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My work is to oversee and coordinate the cells linked to the SCCO and encourage them to adopt a participatory approach in their work. We also work in collaboration with the local communities which are known as Small Christian Communities (SCC). We reach out to a wide spectrum of marginalized people and attend to those in need giving them ‘what is rightfully theirs’. We aim to build structures where the CCO, CELLS and SCC’s work together. These structures ensure peoples’ maximum participation. We find many generous people offer their services. We are therefore able to tap into resources, train leaders to practice co-responsibility in tackling issues and problems .

The Salvation Centre for Community Organization seeks to empower the marginalized and the oppressed, especially women and children, through awareness and motivation programs. Our aim is to make them more self-reliant and to establish bonds of equality between these groups and the rest of society. The Salvation Centre for Community Organization works with all sections of society irrespective of caste, creed, religion or gender with a special focus on development strategies for the poor and the needy. The success of the center’s work can be attributed to the fact that it has always worked in collaboration with the efforts of the Cells and Associations of the parish, namely the community centre, medical center, women’s cell, employment bureau, legal aid, civic and political cells, Alcoholics anonymous, Al-anon, inter-religious dialogue cell, the senior care ministry, the prison ministry, house workers cell Balmandal (children’s groups) and self-help groups.

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