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**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous
in our eyes (Psalm.118:23)**

OBITUARY



Shri. P. V. Philip (84) entered into eternal rest. He was our mentor. He was a humanitarian. He was a good devotee who maintained a vision of a Godly life. He was a visionary with a missionary vision. His prayers, constant encouragement and invaluable support have been precious in the work of Shalom Mission. Shalom Mission is deeply indebted to him. We are deeply saddened by his passing. We pray that God will comfort the family members

OUR DREAM

1 REHABILITATION

To have our own Rehabilitation Centre with the following facilities

- To host 35 inhabitants
- Quarters for Directors
- Employees Quarters

2 VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

- Tailoring
- Embroidery
- Fabric Painting
- Cloth Dyeing
- Handmade Jewellery Making
- Bag Making
- Small Scale Industrial Training

3 COUNSELLING CENTRE

- Counselling Classes
- Therapeutic Support
- Chapel

4 PALLIATIVE CARE CENTRE

- Doctors on Call for 24x7
- Doctors Spot Clinic
- Medical Camp
- Ambulance Service

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Greetings to you from Mumbai Bugle

Mumbai Bugle is the official publication of Shalom Mission. The purpose of this newsletter is to share information about the mission and needs of the mission. Life in a pandemic is full of many challenges, but so far, we have come to know the intervention of a caring and loving God. It is gratifying that even during the pandemic, Shalom Mission carried out its various responsibilities without fail. You can understand it by reading this newsletter.

Wherever your passion lies, God is moving. The mission of the church is the task given by God for the people of God to accomplish in the world. Live your life on mission. We expect your God-given potential and request you to mobilize the resources for the mission initiatives.

EDITORIAL

HAPPY READING



**REV. ABY K THOMAS &
REV. REJEEV SUGU**

Greetings to all my dear brothers and sisters in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

**FROM
MISSIONARY'S
PEN**



Rev. Abraham G Sathyanathan

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to write to you as the missionary in-charge of the Shalom Mission, Mumbai. Shalom Mission is an endeavor which God entrusted in our hands to bring healing and wholeness to our broken fellow beings. As we all know, Covid 19 has slowed down many of our plans and programs, but still God enabled us to continue our work 'towards the end of human trafficking'. We could not have come this far without the faithful labour of you all in this mission.

The aim of Shalom Mission is the integration of each person coming to us as inmates of Shalom Niwas as self-reliant and independent citizens of the society. When they are out from here, they should be able to lead a life as independent as possible. We are celebrating the first anniversary of Shalom Niwas, this month. We came this far from nothing.

One of the greatest blessings we received this year is that one of our inmates got selection for 6-month internship program after her completion of Diploma in Hotel Management. We are glad that now she is able to make a step closer to her independent living as an individual member of the society. Let's be grateful to God for the one-year long training, counselling and are yielding its results.

Now, about the building project in our Titwala Campus, I would like to have your continuous support and prayer. We are clearing the hurdles one by one for the land conversion and building constructions. The land is now an ecological cultivation field with different kinds of crops and trees. We are developing an ecological garden. Thanks to Rev. Sam N Joshua for his untiring efforts in this regard during the past pandemic period.

NGO's like IJM, ACT, PRERANA, CSA etc. are extending their supports to our mission.

Rejuvenation, Reintegration and Rehabilitation works are carried out with the help of these agencies.

We have already started many partnership programs with these agencies. Lately, in collaboration with CSA, we have started an entrepreneurial project with making masks by our inmates. This enabled our inmates to learn a means of making an income for themselves during pandemic-stricken period. We have plans to make other cloth products too under this project.

Once again, we thank all our benevolent supporters of this mission. Your commitment and concern for social action and mission has helped Shalom to come this far. In this onward journey we are confident that, Shalom will be instrumental in changing the lives of many crushed, downtrodden and broken girls in our society. Yes, we can bring 'Shalom', the Peace of God, to the city of Mumbai.

FROM HON. SECRETARY

MR. VARGHESE PHILIP

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

We welcome Rev Abraham Sathyanathan the new Missionary In-charge. As Achen receives the mantle from Rev. Sam N Joshua, we pray that the Lord Bless our Mission. We are stepping into the next phase of Shalom Mumbai. Conversion of Agri land at Titwala to Non Agri land, build a rehab home for 35 inmates & Recreation centers at Virar. Various subcommittees are constituted involving members from all the 5 Churches for different tasks. We welcome you all.

As I write, the following verse comes to my mind.” Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain “ (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Kindly uphold these committee members in your prayers as they take this mission forward. We value your prayer and financial support which brought us thus far and also seek the same in future.

FROM HON. TREASURER

MR. VARGHESE JACOB

Dear Friends & Well Wishers,

Each day several remittances are credited to our Axis Bank Account. For majority of these credits, I get details from the bank with incomplete names of the donors due to which I am forced to account such remittances under “Well Wishers” heading.

In view of the above, may I request all members to WhatsApp me the details of their remittances providing information as follows: (My WhatsApp No. is 9821613434)

1. Name of member
2. Amount remitted
3. Breakup of the amount remitted (Capital Donation, Donation towards objects, Earmarked donation towards sponsorship of costs of inmates).
4. UTR Number, if available.

For ease of reference, I am also giving below the Bank Details

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THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!

The hard work, dedication, leadership, and sacrifices of missionaries are no substitute. Shalom Mission is indebted to Rev. Sam N. Joshua achen and to his family. This Mission would have been impossible, if his efforts were not there. His tireless energies, his running regardless of any limits-time and health, his prayerful and dedicated labor, his effort without waiting for words of appreciations, gives life to this mission. For him, everything is a mission. In courtrooms, police stations, juvenile homes, in the provision of basic facilities at mission centers, in NGO meetings, and in efforts to raise money, he saw the future and decent lives of a few girls. As he is transferred to New York Jubilee Church, we pray for his future endeavors and we wish all the best in his future ministries, and we pray for Lisha Sam kochamma and Jenn Riya Sam. Sam Joshua achens guidance and help will be with us till he joins the new church.



WELCOME

Our new missionary Rev. Abraham G. Sathyanathan joined the Shalom Mission in the month of June. He was ordained in 2011. He served at CSI Ascension Sevananilayam- Kottayam (Chaplain). He served as a Presbyter in subsequent churches, is as follows, St. Stephens Church- Kottanadu, East Parade Malayalam Congregation- Bangalore (Associate Vicar), St. James Church- Kattanam, St. Mary's Church- Kothala. We welcome Rev. Abraham G. Sathyanathan achen, His wife, Mrs. Sini Abraham kochamma and children, Joel, Joan and Serene to Shalom mission. Achen is also the Vicar of Kalyan Congregation. May Achen's missionary service be a blessing to the Shalom Mission and wish him all the best.



WHAT WE HAVE DONE?

01 Bag Making

Shalom Mission started a project a few years ago at the Major Shelter Home in Mumbai, as part of promoting the life skills of the inmates there. Work material will be procured to make the bags. We used to buy manufactured bags and finds the market for them.



02 Vaccination

The Vaccination of our girls and staff was completed by the grace of God. This will benefit in some relaxation of restrictions on visiting the Center



03 WE CAN

During the Lockdown the Mission is able to do Covid Relief Work- "WE CAN". In the first phase of our relief work, grocery packets were distributed in some villages and in some slums at Chembur and Panvel. Kashinath Gangaram, who is farmer in the Kasture village (Bhagavanpur) who could not sell his vegetables at the market, we bought the vegetables he had grown (1000 KG) and distributed them free of cost to the Agadi village, Kasture Village and nearby places. In the second phase, 30 girls who had been rehabilitated and worked in various locations were given ration for two months after losing their jobs during the Covid period. At this stage we were able to provide oxygen concentrator, cost of around 1 lakh, at CSRD College (Covid19 centre), Ahmadnagar. We were also able to distribute grocery kits in the villages surrounding our mission center in Titwala and Vangani at this stage.

04 Staff Counselling

ACT Group (Association for Christian Thoughtfulness) conducted Counseling Sessions three times, for the staff. These Counseling classes have been helpful for staff to further improve their activities and efforts.



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Craft Work

Our Shalom Niwas girls made wonderful craft items and apron on order base. Making handicrafts and other items helps them to enhance their talents in life skills. This is very helpful in boosting the confidence of our girls.



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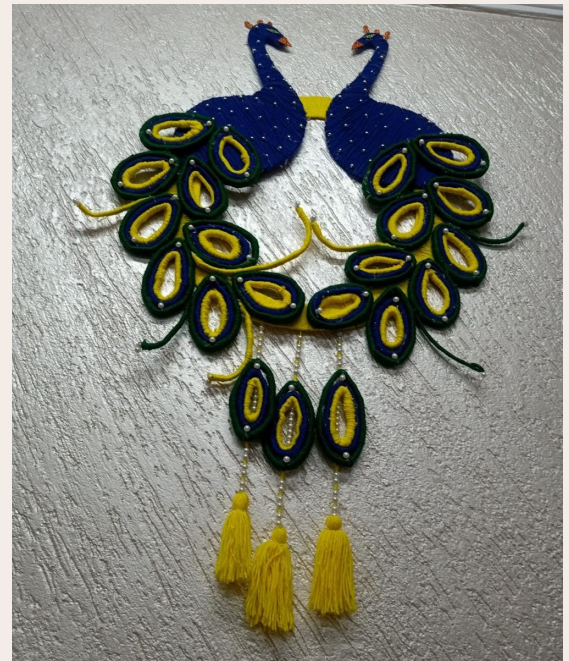
Joy of Hope

We have conducted Christmas Programs- 'JOY OF HOPE' at Govt. Major and Minor Shelter Home for Girls, Ullahasnagar on 15th December 2020, at 11.30 AM. Similarly, Christmas Carol Service was done at our Shalom Niwas on 25th December 2020, at 05.30 PM. Both the programs were organized orderly and wonderfully

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Face Mask Making

We have received Face Mask from an NGO called CSA (Catalysts for Social Action). This NGO works towards creating and ensuring childcare. In collaboration with CSA, Shalom Niwas manufactured 1500 masks in various models as part of enhancing life skills for our girls. Since then, orders have been received from several NGOs to manufacture face masks. We were able to make masks for the inmates of a blind rehabilitation center near Vangani. Our children visited this rehabilitation center. They spent a day with them. We gave them masks made by our children free of cost. Our children are very interested to do similar things further



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Thanksgiving Service

Shalom Niwas Vangani, thanksgiving service was held on 6th & 7th September 2021. Rev. Raju Jacob achen was the chief guest. The presbyters, office bearers and invitees from member churches attended the service. Rev. Abraham G. Sathyanathan and Rev. Sam Raju led the service. Our girls presented various programs.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

2. New Admission: Procedures are underway to rehabilitate 5 new girls from different centres. The procedures for adopting new children are multifaceted. We can take over those girls soon after the completion of government procedures. We can keep them in Vangani centre. We request all of your prayers for the procedures and for these victim girls.

1. Mission Centre Titwala: The second phase has been started at the Mission Center in Titwala. Arrangements are being initiated to build a home rehabilitate the first thirty-five girls. Staff quarters and allied infrastructure also need to be built there. Our place in Titwala is seen on the documents as an agricultural land. Land needs to be converted to be used for non-agricultural purposes. Otherwise, we have certain restrictions to use it for non-agricultural purposes. This also needs to be completed in the second phase.



MISSION CENTRE TITWALA



FROM BARREN LAND TO BREATHING LIFE

Our Titwala mission land is demarcated and protected. It gives us indescribable joy to see the barren Shalom Mission site in full bloom and fruiting. We were able to grow vegetables there. There is enough water here for agriculture and many other purposes. Agricultural produce was distributed in many places. There is a lot of work behind this. The leadership of Sam N. Joshua achen cannot be overlooked in this regard. Some pictures are given.

WHAT NEXT?

1. FOOD TRUCK

We want to provide Food Truck for women who want to move out of the Red-light area and build a life. This is a moving fast-food truck. We also arrange for government licenses to make or sell food. We will provide them vehicles. The income from it is theirs. We want to do this under their responsibility and under our supervision. This is a part of rejuvenation work

2. RECREATION CENTRE

The next step is to start self-employment ventures near various Red-light areas. Women in Red-light areas will be given self-employment training at such centers. Primarily intended for sewing training and packaged food production. The investment will be spent from the mission. This is done in such a way that when a center feels self-sufficient and they can do it themselves, then we may move away from such self-sufficient centers and we may open new centers in other places. This is also the part of our rejuvenation work



Sub Committee of Shalom Mission

Land Conversion Committee

No	Name	Church	Position
1	Bency K Varghese	Kalyan	Convener

Infrastructure development Sub-Committee (for Shalom Centre, Titwala)

No	Name	Church	Position
1	Mr. Monzy Tharian Varghese	Sanpada	Convenor
2	Mr. Anil P Varghese	Vasai	Member
3	Mr. Thomas Varghese	Borivali	Member
4	Mr. Moncy K Varghese	Kalyan	Member
5	Mr. Varkey Jacob Mathai.	Parel	Member

Shalom Centre Finance

No	Name	Church	Position
1	Mr. M S Kunjumon	Vasai	Convenor
2	Mr. Cheriyan Abraham	Borivali	Convenor
3	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Sanpada	Member
4	Mr. Abraham John	Borivali	Member
5	Mr. Vijay Cheriyan	Kalyan	Member
6	Mr. Eric Oommen Varghese	Parel	Member

Shalom Niwas Co-ordination Committee

No	Name	Church	Position
1	Mr. Mathew K Alex	Parel	Convenor
2	Mrs. Smisha Sam	Parel	Superintend
3	Mr. Lincy Cheryan Zacharia	Parel	Member
4	Mr. Rajan Luke	Vasai	Member

Shalom Niwas Funding Sub-Committee

No	Name	Church	Position
1	Mrs. Susan Cheryan Zachariah	Parel	Convenor
2	Dr. Sheena Ann Mammen	Sanpada	Member
3	Mrs. Jigy Bency	Kalyan	Member
4	Mrs. Rosamma Varghese	Borivali	Member
5	Mrs. Saramma Aby	Vasai	Member

Food Truck & Recreation centre Sub Committee

No	Name	Church	Position
1	Mr. Lino Abraham	Borivali	Convener
2	Ms. Grace Abraham	Sanpada	Member
3	Ms. Aneeta Paul	Sanpada	Member
4	Mr. Ashok Koshy. M	Vasai	Member
5	Mr. Zubin Roy	Vasai	Member
6	Mr. Sony Varghese	Borivali	Member
7	Ms. Lisha Moncy	Kalyan	Member
8	Ms. Sneha Bency	Kalyan	Member

Mr. VARUGHESE JACOB
Hon. Treasurer
Shalom Charitable Trust

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

With humility and thanks giving, we praise our Lord for His grace in guiding Shalom Mission thus far. Despite the challenges posed by Covid 19 Pandemic for more than a year and half, the Mission projects moved on not stopping at any point. In fact, the pandemic provided new opportunities to serve less fortunate of our

brothers and sisters and your mission rose to the occasion not once but several times.

We thankfully remember the tireless work of our outgoing Missionary in Charge, Rev. Sam N. Joshua, the Shalom Niwas Coordination Team's dedicated service and the time and resources put forth by the office bearers. Most of all, you all, who are praying and have been substantially contributing to the Mission all these years are the real heroes because of whom the Mission could grow to its present status. Our mission is midway through

a implementing Phase 2 of its implementation and together let us ensure this happens. God has given us this opportunity to serve Him and let us rise like the phoenix to serve Him.

The concept, setting up and operation of Shalom Mission is planned and executed in a phased manner keeping in view the resources required. Given below are the phase wise objectives and their current status plus the financial status so far as well as what we need to mobilize over financial years FY22 to FY24.



THEN



NOW

PHASE 1 – OBJECTIVES & STATUS

1A - Identifying the right mission

There were several options on the table. However, God chose the mission, a mission which hitherto was hardly known.

STATUS - COMPLETED

1B - Acquiring knowledge to operate the mission

At the initial stage, association with a NGO, by sponsoring two girls and later on raising the number to 4 girls provided the knowledge for setting up and operating a Shelter. The cost of sponsorship of each girl was Rs. 15,000 per month. This arrangement continued till December 2020.

STATUS - COMPLETED

1C – The Pilot Project

A Pilot Project, named “Shalom Niwas”, was set up by renovating a G+1 cottage provided on 8-year lease, valid until 2026. This cottage belonged to a member of Parel Congregation who graciously provided the premises at a lease rent of Re. 1 per annum subject to the cost of renovation being borne by the mission. Shalom Niwas can accommodate 10 inmates.

On 7th September 2020, Shalom Niwas received first batch of 6 girls signaling the start of operations. 7th September 2021 saw the completion of a year of Shalom Niwas operation. A planned rehabilitation scheme consisting of counselling, basic education, career oriented professional courses, a strict regimentation of medical checkup, nutritive diet and providing other daily needs of the girls were part of the programme.

Out of the six girls, two left the shelter on their own volition. One girl completed her diploma in hotel management and is currently undergoing six months’ internship. Another girl is studying for her diploma in fashion design while the other two girls are undergoing schooling. One of

the girls has drug resistance TB while another has normal TB. Both are provided with all medical assistance. All girls have learned mask making. Sale proceeds are credited to their personal account. Shalom Niwas is expected to receive the second batch of 5 to 6 girls shortly.

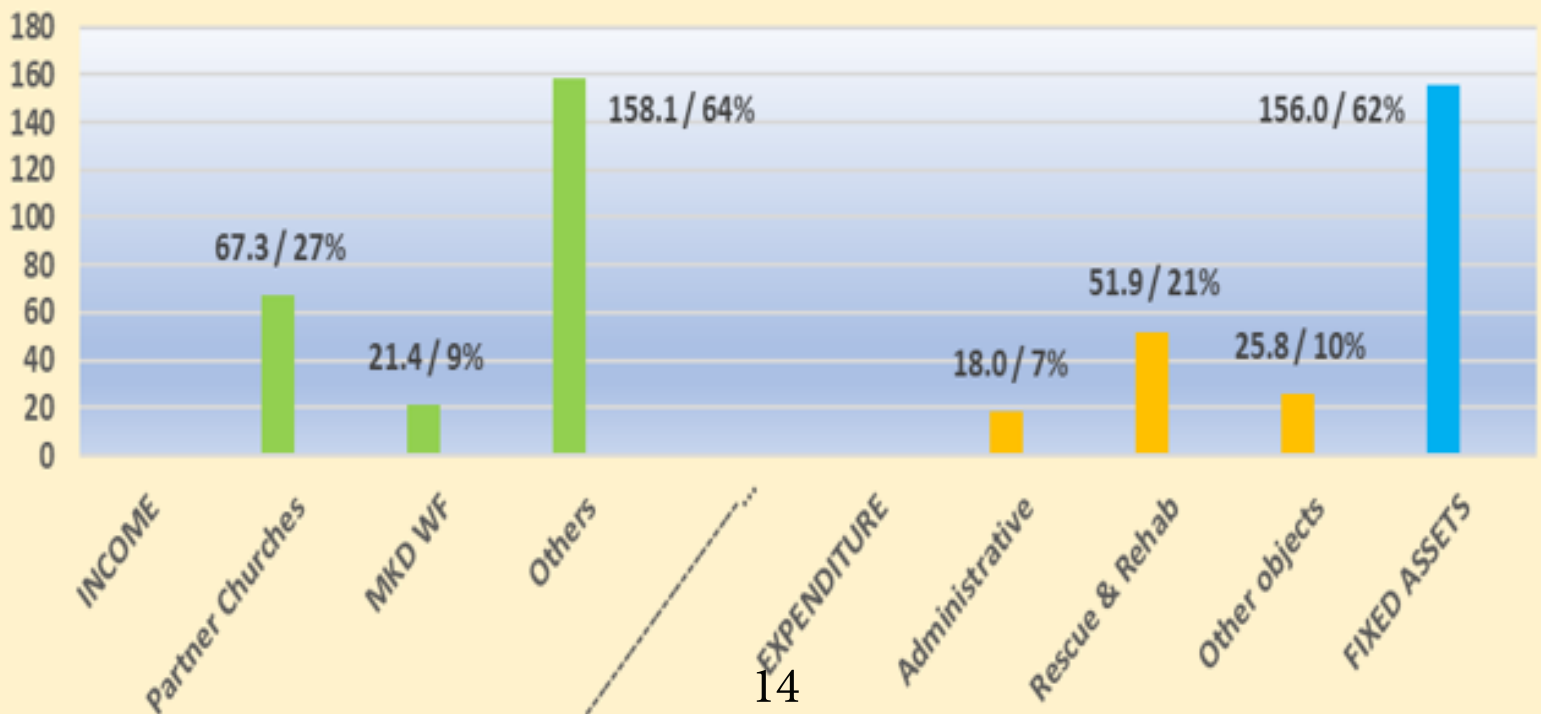
Status - Process for operation of shelter home is set. The working of the shelter is an on going one and will extend until the commencement of Shelter Home at Shalom Centre, Titwala.

1D – Building Equity

From being an unknown a year back, Shalom Mission is now known to several Government Departments, NGOs and Organizations engaged in rescue and rehabilitation work. Some of them actively partner Shalom Mission providing counselling, supporting educational and professional initiatives, providing vocational training, assisting the girls develop handicraft skills, etc.

Status - Initial objective achieved; this is an ongoing process.

FINANCIAL STATUS UPTO FY21



PHASE 2 – OBJECTIVES & STATUS



2A – LAND ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT

A 5.25-acre agricultural land has been purchased; boundary wall constructed, “Shalom Bhavan” consisting of a security office and rest rooms constructed, internal road laid, water supply system installed and electricity connection received. Land scaping and farming activities started with drip irrigation to water the plants.

STATUS - COMPLETED



2B – LAND CONVERSION

A subcommittee has been formed to deal with statutory and other related issues to convert the land to non-agricultural status

STATUS - IN PROCESS; EXPECTED COMPLETION BY MARCH 2022.



2C – CONSTRUCTION OF SHALOM CENTRE

Shalom Centre at Titwala shall be a G+1 building having residential facilities to accommodate 35 inmates and their support staff. Initial planning for the facilities has been done. As soon as the land conversion process is over, construction work award will be made.

STATUS - IN PROCESS; EXPECTED COMPLETION BY MARCH 2023



2D – CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY HALL, TRAINING CENTRE & CLINIC

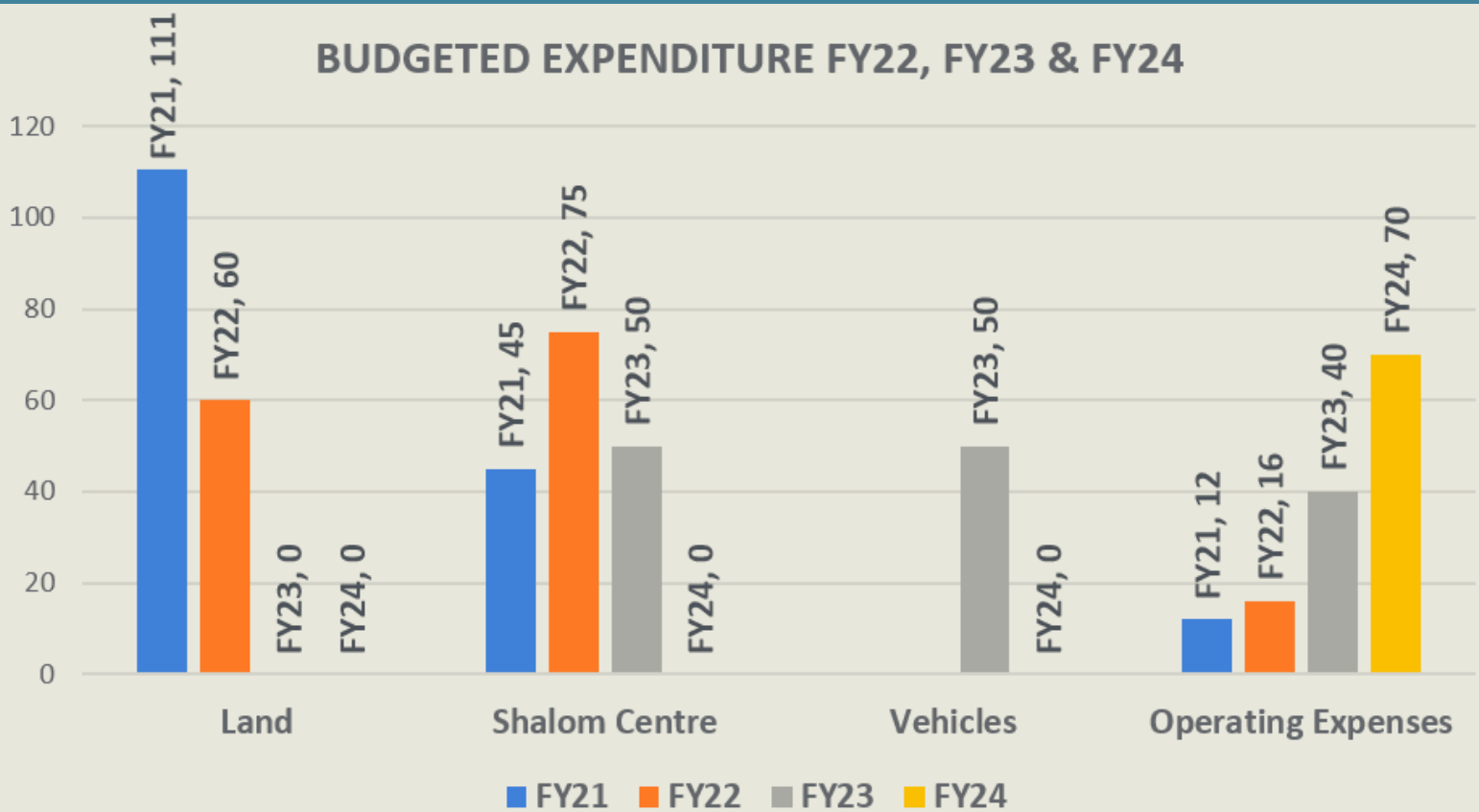
This part of the construction will run concurrently with the part 2C Status – In process; expected completion by March 2023

2E – ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES

To meet the transport needs of the Centre, own four-wheeler passenger vehicle as well as a mini van to seat 16 people will be required.

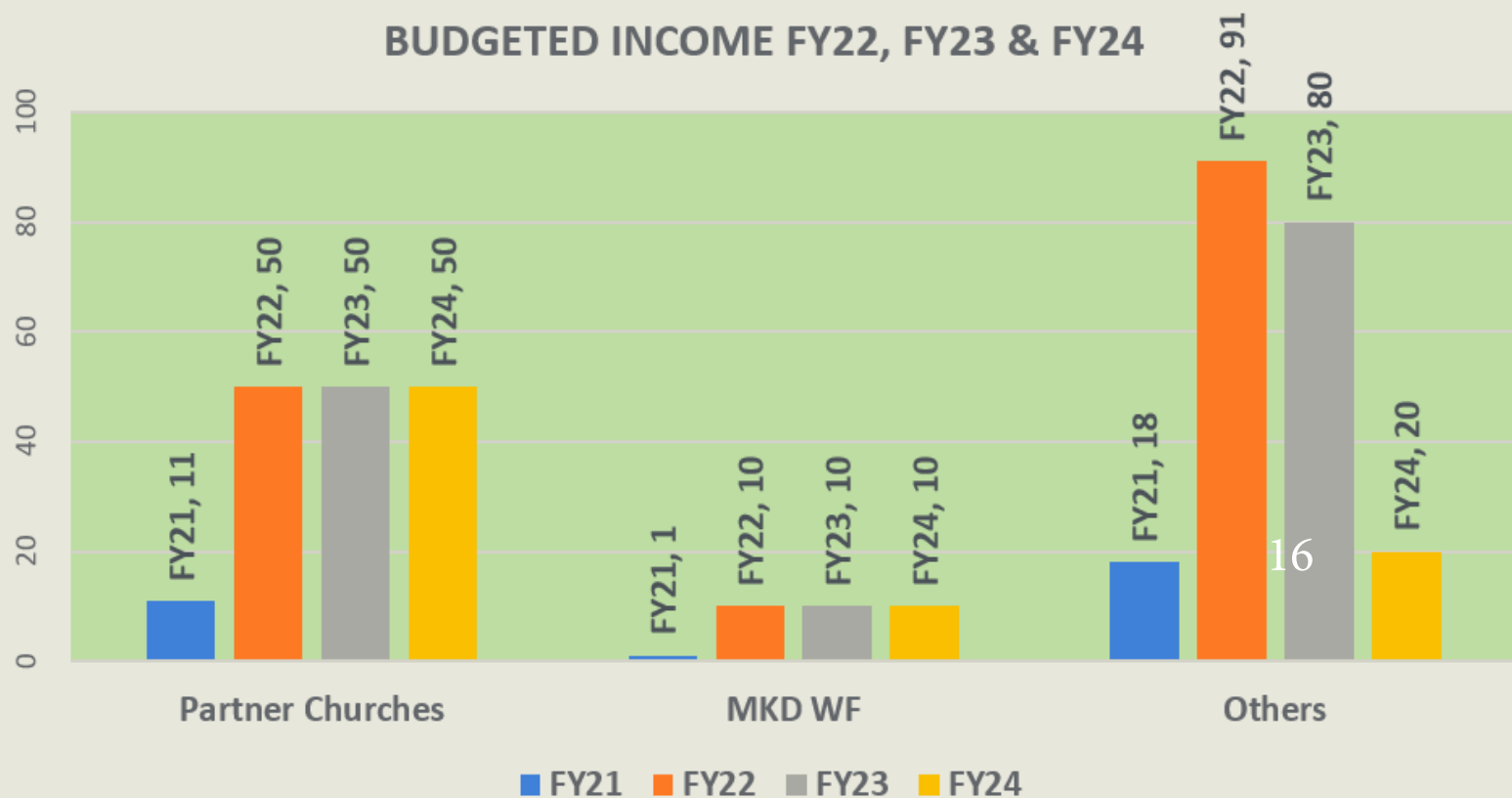
STATUS - AT PLANNING STAGE; EXPECTED COMPLETION BY MARCH 23

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE FY22, FY23 & FY24



PHASE 2 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

BUDGETED INCOME FY22, FY23 & FY24



1. Land cost includes land price, land development cost & land conversion cost
2. Increase in operating expenses indicate gradually increased number of inmates at Shalom Centre, Titwala

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