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I. System strengthening and organizational development support to all partners to meet all compliance criteria.

Staff meeting

5th April, 13th May & 5th June 2024, staffs meeting was held at the MPSSS office in Bhopal. Fr. Shinto Abraham, the Executive Director of MPSSS, along with all team members, attended the meeting.

Presentations were given by individual projects, highlighting the successes and achievements of the previous month and outlining the plan of action for the upcoming month.



II. Initiate and assist partners at all levels of Project Cycle Management (PCM) for thematic development.

Online Session on Government Schemes

Online session was conducted on Developmental and Social Security Schemes of Madhya Pradesh on 3rd April 2024. Meeting started with key note address and sharing of objectives by Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director, MPSSS. 82 participants from PLDP partners organizations, Asha Worker's, MPSSS PLDP team were part of the meeting. Session was facilitated by resource person Mr. Azam Khan from Sochara organization. To get the benefits of the schemes who will be the access points were informed by the resource person. The main schemes discussed in the meeting were social security schemes, women & child development, health & family welfare and Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department.



MVSS Accompanying & Handholding visit

A two-day visit to the Manav Vikas Seva Sangh, Sagar PLDP area, took place on April 9th and 12th, 2024. During this visit, the team visited two villages: Aamapani in the Gairatganj Block and Besar in the Sanchi Block. The primary objective was to interact with the community to review their PAR (Participatory Action Research) the community identified the issues facing their villages, assessed the steps they have taken so far, and discussed further actions needed to achieve success and foster development in their villages.



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One day cross Learning

On April 23rd, 2024, a one-day cross-learning, sharing, and reflection session on best practices was held at the MPSSS office in Bhopal. The gathering included 12 participants, among them were Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS Bhopal; Fr. Ajo from the Samaritan Social Service Society in Satna;



Mr. Manu, Coordinator of Prasad, a Village Mr. Susheel, Program Rajkishori, Coordinator Patel, a Village Volunteer Ninama, Director of



Samaritan; Mr. Chhanga Volunteer from Samaritan; Executive at KDSS; Ms. at PLDP-KDSS; Mr. Udit with KDSS; Fr. Aliyas Pragati; and Mr. Balwant,

Coordinator at PLDP MPSSS team, alongside Dr. Aneesh Jose, Ms. Natasha Sharma, and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi. The session began with a discussion on the impact of the PLDP concept. Participants were given questionnaires to assess their understanding of PLDP, with specific questions designed to test their knowledge. Dr. Aneesh Jose from the PLDP Program team then provided an in-depth presentation on the history and background of PLDP, covering its inception, the initial implementation location, and a thorough explanation of the PLDP concept. Following this introductory session, individual presentations by the partnering organizations commenced, showcasing their achievements and best practices.

Pragati, Jhabua Accompanying and enhancement visit

A two-day visit to the PLDP area of Pragati Sanstha in Jhabua took place on the 9th and 10th of May 2024. On the first day, the team received a comprehensive orientation on Participatory Action Research (PAR) and the roles and functions of the Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Committee. This session aimed to equip the team with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively engage with the community and implement PAR tools. On the second day, the team visited two villages in Meghnagar block: Kaliyaviran and Pavagoi Chhoti. During these visits, they actively engaged with the community members, applying the PAR tools they had learned about. This hands-on approach facilitated meaningful interactions and allowed the team to gather valuable insights directly from the community, furthering the project's goals of enhancing health, sanitation, and nutrition at the village level.



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Video documentation visit

A series of RECCE visits for video documentation were conducted to preserve the traditional practices of local tribes. On the 23rd and 24th May 2024, a visit Bahariya



was made to the tribes in Patalkot,

Chhindwara. Following this, on the 26th of May 2024, another visit was conducted to document the Sahariya tribes in Sheopur. The team comprised Mr. Prem Prakash Dhurve, Mr. Aayush, community members, and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from MPSSS. These visits aimed to capture and document the rich cultural heritage and traditional practices of these indigenous communities through video recordings, ensuring their preservation for future generations.

Satna Accompanying and Enhancement visit

On the 21st and 22nd May 2024, a two-day visit was conducted to the PLDP area of Samaritan Social Service Society in Satna. The visit included team orientation on Participatory Action Research (PAR) and the Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Committee, followed by practical field engagements. On the first day, the team visited Babupur village in Uchehara block, meeting with SHG women to discuss their savings practices and village issues, such as road and water problems. On the second day, they visited Nayapura and Harkutta villages in Sohawal block. In



Nayapura, a food fair and discussions on organic farming and nutrition were held. In Harkutta, the team met with SHG women to address their challenges, particularly poor road conditions, and emphasized collective action. They also visited the Poshan Vaadi, a community nutrition garden. The visit underscored the need for issue-based discussions and motivating villagers towards proactive community involvement.



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Video Documentation of Baiga tribes

From June 14th to 16th, 2024, a team visited Dhurkutta village in the Samanpur block of Dindori district to document post-death rituals. In the villages of Ajar, Rajni Sarai, Limouta, Pauri, and Dhaba, they learned about the Baiga community's history and traditional livelihood, which include medicine, farming, hunting, and forest gathering. speak only Baiga and



customs related to marriage, birth, and death. On the final day, the team visited Patnagarh village in the Karanjia block, where they gathered information on Gond art as well as the customs and traditions of the Gond community.

The Baiga community, who Chhattisgarhi, shared their

Video Documentation of Bhariya Tribe in Chhindwara District

From the 10th to the 13th of June 2024, a videography was conducted to document the traditional practices of the Bhariya tribe in Chhindwara District. On the first day, the team attended a wedding ceremony in Rated village, capturing traditional Bhariya group dances and wedding rituals accompanied by the Dol instrument. The second day focused on daily activities in including corn grinding, kitchen activities, Mahua liquor making, and cleaning Gulli. The third day involved visiting Jad village to film hunting, fruit and leaf collection in the forest, and farming activities with the villagers.



Rated village,

Documenting Bhawai Festival: Korku Tribes in Khandwa

On June 14th, 2024, a video documentation team visited Khandwa District to capture the Bhawai Festival celebrated by the Korku Tribe. This festival, held before the onset of the rainy season, involves community prayers and rituals calling for rain. The participants included the video documentation team, Ms. Rajkishori Tigga from KDSS,



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village volunteers, community members, and Dr. Aneesh Jose from MPSSS. This documentation aimed to preserve and highlight the cultural significance and traditional practices of the Korku Tribe related to their agricultural cycle and community bonding.

III. Collate and interpret lessons learned, share among partners and network with members to widen the visibility of church in action.

Refresher training with a focus to support in establishing a comprehensive PML system

A two-day training session on Participatory Monitoring and Learning (PML) was conducted at the Samarthan Office in Bhopal from April 29th to 30th, 2024. This training, the third phase under the PLDP program, involved 25 participants from six organizations, including MVSS-Sagar, Kripa-Ujjain, KDSS-Khandwa, Pragati-Jhabua, Samaritan Social Service Society-Satna and MPSSS Bhopal. Participants included Directors, Coordinators, and field staff. The workshop aimed to review progress from previous sessions, understand a system-based approach to monitoring and learning (M&L), refine the Management Information System (MIS), and build skills in mobile/software applications for data collection and management. On the first day, the focus was on developing M&E systems, discussing qualitative and quantitative indicators, M&E stages and elements, and tools for indicator analysis. The second day began with a recap of the first day's learnings. Participants then engaged with the MWater portal, sharing developed survey formats, learning to capture responses, and creating field staff IDs for dummy data collection. Facilitators provided hands-on guidance in using mobile applications for surveys. Resource persons for the training included Ms. Marita Ishwaran, Mr. Yogesh Kumar, and Mr. Rishi Mishra.



Networking & Linkages Meeting with Like Minded NGOs & PLDP Partners

On April 22, 2024, a networking & linkages meetings with like-minded NGOs and PLDP partners convened at MPSSS Bhopal, drawing together 52 participants from diverse organizations. The gathering centred on fundraising, grappling with the evolving landscape of FCRA rules. Reverend Dr. Fr. John P.J., Principal of Bhopal School of Social Science (BSSS), graced the occasion as the esteemed Chief Guest, while Ms.



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Uttama Pandit from India donates, New Delhi, shared invaluable insights as the Resource person. The event commenced with a warm welcome from Reverend Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS, setting the stage with the meeting's objectives and contextualizing the challenges faced by organizations.



Participation in workshop on heat wave

In response to the current heat wave affecting Madhya Pradesh, the Disaster Management Institute (DMI) organized a half-day workshop on 22nd May 2024 in collaboration with UNICEF and the inter-agency groups of Madhya Pradesh. The event took place at the Disaster Management Institute in Bhopal. Participants included representatives from various government departments such as the Health Department, SDRF, State Disaster Management Authority, Indian Meteorological Department,



and Press Information Bureau. Among the NGO partners present were MPSSS, FHI, Reliance Foundation, Aakashvani, PFHD CCI, CHAI, Oasis, Samarthan, CARD, and Evidence Action. Dr. George V. Joseph, the Director of DMI, Bhopal, facilitated the workshop and provided a brief introduction to the session focused on heat waves.

Awalikheda Children Parliament Meeting

Visit was held at Awalikheda on 8th May 2024.

On 8th May 2024, a visit was held at Awalikheda, where two significant events took place.



The first event was a meeting focused on the formation of a Children's Parliament and career counselling. A total of 45 children participated in the meeting. The

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main objective was to discuss the formation of the Children's Parliament and to highlight its importance. During the meeting, members of the Children's Parliament, including the President, Vice President, Secretary, Environment Leader, Education Minister, Communication & Information Minister, Health Minister, and Home Minister, were elected through a democratic process. The second session provided career counselling for adolescents and youth from higher grades. This session aimed to guide them on various career paths and help them plan for their future aspirations.



Visit was held at Awalikheda on 27th May 2024.

The second meeting of the Children's Parliament took place on 27th May 2024, as scheduled by the CP members. The primary focus of this meeting was to orient the members about their specific duties and responsibilities. During the session,



detailed explanations were provided to ensure that every member, including the President, Vice



President, Secretary, Environment Leader, Education Minister, Communication & Information Minister, Health Minister, and Home Minister, clearly understood their roles within the Children's Parliament. The orientation aimed to empower the members with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively perform their duties, promoting active participation and effective governance within the Children's Parliament.

AGBM of MPSSS

The Annual General Body meeting of MPSSS took place on June 20, 2024, at BSSS (IAS) College, Bhopal. The meeting was attended by newly appointed Bishop Most Rev. Bp. Valan Arasu from Jabalpur, along with Most Rev. Bp. Gerald Almedia, President of MPSSS, and Most Rev. Bp. Sebastine Vadakel, Vice President. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS and



Secretary cum Treasurer, also participated, along with Sr. Pavana CJ, Dr. Saju M.K. from Caritas India, Fr. Ajo, Director of Samaritan Satna, and Fr. Martin, Director of IDSSS. The

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four new Bishops of the MP Region—Bp. Augustine of Khandwa, Bp. Peter Karadi from Jhabua, and Bp. Thomas Mathew Kuttimackal from Indore —were warmly welcomed at the meeting. The meeting included presentations on the progress of activities and the financial overview for the year.

Online webinar on World Environment Day

An online webinar was organized by Caritas India on World Environment Day. The webinar was facilitated by Mr. Saju M.K, Program Manager at Caritas India, and featured sessions led by experts from various locations. Topics covered included land-based climate solutions, toxin-



free lifestyles, nature-based solutions, and agricultural resilience in North India. The experts discussed a range of strategies for achieving sustainable agriculture, such as adopting eco-friendly practices like the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, and recycle), focusing on sustainable crops, and enhancing climate resilience to secure livelihoods in a changing climate. Additionally, the webinar highlighted the importance of reducing plastic use and promoting large-scale tree plantation. These discussions aimed to provide actionable insights and practical tips for adopting a more sustainable lifestyle and mitigating the impacts of climate change. On this day tree plantation too was done by the team MPSSS.

Annual Meeting of Workers India Federation (WIF)



Workers India Federation Annual meeting was held at Bangalore from 8th to 10th June 2024. Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director-MPSSS was part of the meeting. Meeting have participation from various regions. During the meeting Fr. Shinto Abraham was elected as a National Team Member of Workers India Federation.



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Caritas Review Meeting

Review meeting of Caritas India Project was held at Bangalore from 22nd to 23rd June 2024. Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director-MPSSS and Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer-MPSSS was part of the meeting. Meeting had presentation from all the from various forums. MP (Madhya presented its activities and its presented by Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer from MPSSS, Bhopal.



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