



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

### **Staff Meeting**

The Staff Meeting was held July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at MPSSS, Bhopal under the leadership of Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director-MPSSS, Bhopal. Meeting has participation of staff from various projects. All the staff have shared of their successful activities held for the previous month and plan of action for the upcoming month.



### **Staff Meeting at MPSSS, Bhopal**

On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025, a staff meeting was convened at MPSSS, Bhopal, under the leadership of Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director.



Staff from various projects came together to share the successful activities carried out in the previous month and to discuss the plans and strategies for the month ahead. The meeting



provided a platform for collective learning, collaboration, and strengthening future action plans.

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

### **District-Level Farmers Consultation Meeting – Mandla**





On 3rd July 2025, MPSSS Mandla, in collaboration with Caritas India under the SAFBIN Project, organized a District-Level Stakeholders and Farmers Consultation Meeting. The event brought together district and block agriculture officers, horticulture officials, voluntary organization representatives, and 40 lead farmers from 10 villages. Discussions focused on sustainable agriculture practices to address climate change impacts on small farmers. Experts shared insights on government Kharif schemes, beekeeping, honey processing, and innovative farming methods, while farmers engaged with queries on crop diseases and agricultural challenges.

### **Farmer Field School (FFS)**

- On 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025, a Farmer Field School (FFS) was conducted in Silpura and Thoda villages. During the session, farmers shared their experiences on trial plots of paddy in the trial plot and discussed the adverse effects of excessive rainfall on nutrition gardens. A practical demonstration on the use of *Jeevamrit* was carried out by spraying it on cowpea plants. The program concluded with all farmers taking a pledge to adopt Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices for sustainable farming.



- Promoting Sustainable Agriculture Practices through FFS Sessions- On 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2025, under the SAFBIN project, Farmer Field School (FFS) sessions were organized in four villages to demonstrate the preparation and application of *Jeevamrit*, an organic bio-pesticide, at the household level. The sessions focused on its practical use for paddy and vegetable cultivation, aiming to enhance sustainable farming practices among local farmers. A total of 53 SHFC trial farmers actively participated, including 37 women and 16 men, highlighting strong community engagement and gender inclusion in ecological farming initiatives.



- As part of the SAFBIN project, the Farmers Field School (FFS) continues to be organized every Friday, fostering hands-on learning and knowledge sharing among farmers with trial plots and local smallholders. This week, FFS sessions were held in three villages—Surangdevri, Silpura, and Surajpura. At Surangdevri, farmers practiced *Jeevamrit* spraying in paddy crops; in Silpura, they explored the use of LAMIT pest management alongside





Jeevamrit; and in Surajpura, they focused on spraying LAMIT and observing its effects. Farmers actively engaged in using these low-cost, organic pest management techniques rooted in indigenous knowledge. This initiative is significantly strengthening farmers' interest and involvement in sustainable agricultural practices. A total of 45 farmers participated in the sessions, including 28 women and 17 men, reflecting growing community-wide engagement.

## **Capturing Paddy Trial Plots under SAFBIN**

### **Project – Mandla District**

On 21<sup>st</sup> July, under the SAFBIN Project, paddy was planted in the trial plots by selected farmers in Bhaisadah village, Mandla district. On the same day, a Suggestion Box was inaugurated in the presence of the Smallholder Farmers' Cooperative (SHFC) members and local youths, encouraging community participation and collective learning.



## **Orientation Training – Surajpura Village**

On 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025, an orientation training of trial farmers was successfully completed in Surajpura village in the presence of Gram Panchayat Ahmedpur Sarpanch, Shri Mahendra Sarote. During the session, farmers shared that excessive rainfall this year hindered the dwarfing of tur and kodo crops, while continuous rains also damaged vegetable plants. On this occasion, a Feedback Box was inaugurated by the Sarpanch along with SHFC farmers to encourage farmer participation and knowledge sharing.



## **SAFBIN IV Quarterly Partner Meeting**

The quarterly partner meeting of the SAFBIN IV project was held on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025, at Manav Vikas Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. The meeting witnessed the esteemed presence of Caritas Austria representative and SAFBIN founder Dr. Sunil Simon from Delhi, Caritas India Assistant Director Fr. Benny Idayath, Zonal Manager of Madhya Pradesh Dr. Sajju M. K., Assistant Manager Dr. Mukund Deshmukh, and the VG and Director of MVSS, Fr. Thomas





Philip. Caritas Accountant Soju Mathew and various partner staff also participated in the event. A special highlight of the meeting was an exhibition organized by MPSSS Mandla, which showcased local seeds, traditional millets, and educational posters on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), reflecting the project's commitment to agroecological sustainability and farmer-led innovations.

### **Empowering Tribal Communities: World Tribal Day Celebrated in Silpura**



Under the SAFBIN Project, World Tribal Day was successfully celebrated in Silpura village on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The event witnessed the presence of Sarpanch Naresh Marco, the Mukaddam, Ward Member, SHFC members, lead farmers, women, and youth. Sarpanch Marco highlighted the life struggles and developmental journey of tribal communities, while Mr. Kisan Lal Uike elaborated on the impactful role of the SAFBIN Project in village development. A sprayer pump was handed over to the KRC Centre in the presence of Panchayat officials. The event saw participation from approximately 72 community members.

### **Raising Civic Awareness: Gram Sabha Program in Dhouranala**

On 19<sup>th</sup> August, a Gram Sabha awareness program was held in Dhouranala under the SAFBIN Project, with active participation from Nature Club children, SHFC farmers, and parents. Children presented street plays highlighting the negative effects of social media addiction and conveyed the importance of active participation in Gram Sabhas. Through songs, speeches, and posters, key issues like environmental conservation, water management, and climate change were creatively communicated. The Sarpanch and local leaders were present to support the initiative.



### **Mobilizing Communities: Gram Sabha Awareness in Silpura**

On 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025, the Nature Club children of Silpura village organized a vibrant Gram Sabha awareness programme, featuring posters, slogans, and visual displays. The event, conducted ahead of the Gram Sabha meeting, aimed to boost women's participation in local governance. A total of 54





people, including 37 children, 9 women, and 8 men, participated in the event, making the event a notable success.

### **Hands-On Learning: Trial Plot Orientation Training in Malimohgaon**

On 21<sup>st</sup> August, a practical orientation training on trial plots was conducted in Malimohgaon village. Women members from SHFC groups in Dhouranala and MaliMohgaon participated enthusiastically. Training focused on the Package of Practices, especially the use of Dasparni and Lamit. A total of 30 participants engaged in the session, enhancing their capacity for sustainable farming practices.



### **Strengthening Farmer Capacity: Trial Design Orientation for Lead Farmers**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August, lead and trial farmers from Bhasadah village participated in a hands-on orientation session on trial design under the Safbin Project. A total of 29 farmers, including 13 women, were trained in preparing LAMIT (IPM) for pest management as part of the Package of Practices for paddy cultivation.



### **Promoting Livelihoods: Poultry Units Distributed to Marginal Farmers**

On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025, the SAFBIN Project distributed 200 poultry units among 50 smallholder and marginalized farmers, including single women, across 10 villages. This initiative aims to boost income through poultry farming. Notably, two women farmers who received poultry units last year have now supported two new farmers, demonstrating the growing peer-to-peer support model and commitment to expanding the initiative among other smallholder families.





### **Smallholder Farmers Restart Fish Farming in Silpura**

On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025, with the initiative of the SAFBIN program, the Hardulala smallholder farmer group successfully restarted the fish farming unit in Silpura village. The group has stocked 15 kg of B-grade fish seed in the village pond, marking a fresh beginning for the season. Building on last year's progress, where they earned Rs. 5000 from the sale of fish seed, the farmers have demonstrated their commitment by contributing an additional Rs. 5000 from their own savings. This collective effort reflects the group's dedication to sustainable livelihood practices and self-reliance through community-driven initiatives.



### **Practical Training on Oyster Mushroom Cultivation Held in Salhedanda**

Under the SAFBIN Project, a practical training session on oyster mushroom production was organized on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at Salhedanda village for smallholder farmers from four selected villages. The session was facilitated by Mrs. Savni Kulaste, Cluster



Coordinator, Pradan Organisation, Narayanganj, who has over 15 years of experience in mushroom cultivation. During the training, 11 men and 31 women farmers (a total of 40 participants) actively took part and prepared 35 mushroom bags as a hands-on exercise. This initiative not only enhanced the farmers' knowledge but also encouraged them to adopt mushroom cultivation as an alternative livelihood option to strengthen household income and nutrition.

### **SAFBIN Project Review and Field Visit**

On 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Dr. Saju, Dr. Mukund, and Director Fr. Shinto Abraham visited the SAFBIN project area and reviewed the ongoing activities with small farmers of Malimohgaon



and Dhouranala. Farmers shared their experiences and progress on trial plots and the



adoption of the package of practices. On the second day, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025, the team inaugurated a mushroom cultivation unit in Bhaisadah village along with women SHFC farmers. Later, they visited the trial plot of Luchai paddy in the field of small farmer Mr. Munna Lal Maravi at Silpura village. Detailed discussions were held with farmers on T-1 practices, including the application of Jeevamrit, Lamit, Dasparni, and fish tonic at different crop stages.

### **Nutrition Day Celebration under Poshan Maah**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025, as part of Poshan Maah celebrations, women farmers organized a special Nutrition Day event to honor pregnant and lactating mothers. During the program, children, ANC and PNC mothers were weighed and counseled on nutrition, healthy growth, and standard weight practices. The event also engaged the wider community—two primary school teachers, two Anganwadi workers, one ASHA worker, women farmers, and school children—who actively participated and received awareness on the importance of balanced nutrition. The celebration reinforced the collective commitment to promoting health, nutrition, and well-being within the community.



### **VHSNC Orientation and Meetings with ASHA Workers**

During July, a series of VHSNC orientation programs and meetings with ASHA workers were organized across Kesla and Budhni blocks. The sessions began on 4<sup>th</sup> July at Dodi and Saheli villages (Kesla block), followed by orientations in



Gavadiya (7<sup>th</sup> July), Hoda and Neemkhedi (9<sup>th</sup> July), Ramnagar and Paraswada (10<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> July) under Budhni block. Further activities included orientations and ASHA interactions at Badchapda (16<sup>th</sup> July, Kotmimaal–Kesla), Khandavad and Pandado (17<sup>th</sup> July, Budhni), and Somukheda village (21<sup>st</sup> July, Kesla), with an additional meeting held at Kotmimaal with VHSNC members. These sessions focused on strengthening community participation, health awareness, and coordination between VHSNCs and ASHA workers.



### **Samarth Quarterly Review Meeting Held at MPSSS, Bhopal**

The quarterly review meeting of the Samarth project was held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at the MPSSS office in Bhopal. The gathering brought together Block Leads and ASHA worker representatives from Budhni and Kesla blocks. The meeting commenced with a prayer and a warm welcome by the



Executive Director, Fr. Shinto Abraham. Led by Mr. Saju T., Program Lead for Samarth, the session featured insightful experience-sharing by the Block Leads, highlighting the successes of activities conducted during the quarter. ASHA workers also shared valuable inputs on their field experiences, including the challenges they face in their daily work.

### **Asha Workers Monthly Meeting – Kesla**

The monthly meeting of Asha Workers was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Kesla Block. The session focused on reviewing ongoing



health initiatives, discussing field challenges, and planning upcoming activities to improve community health outcomes.



### **Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) Orientations in Kesla Block**

A series of VHSNC orientation programs were conducted across several villages of Kesla block to strengthen community awareness on health, sanitation, and nutrition. The orientation began on 2<sup>nd</sup> August in Bhumkapur village and continued on 5<sup>th</sup> August in Bordha and Dandivada villages. On 6<sup>th</sup> August, the sessions reached Kesla and Taku villages, and finally, on 7<sup>th</sup> August, the team conducted awareness activities in Suiya and Belavada villages. These orientations play a vital role in empowering rural communities to take collective responsibility for health and well-being at the village level.





### **Field Visit – Budhni**

A field visit was conducted to Budhni on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen on-ground implementation and community engagement. The visit provided valuable insights into local challenges and progress, fostering meaningful interaction with frontline workers and beneficiaries. Key observations and feedback from the field will contribute to improved planning and resource allocation for upcoming initiatives.



### **ASHA Monthly Meeting – Budhni Block**

The monthly ASHA meeting for Budhni block was held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025, bringing together community health workers to discuss performance updates, address challenges, and reinforce key health interventions. The meeting served as a platform for knowledge sharing and capacity building, ensuring that ASHAs remain equipped and motivated to deliver quality healthcare services at the grassroots level.



### **ASHA Monthly Meeting – Kesla Block**

On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025, the ASHA monthly meeting for Kesla block took place, focusing on reviewing activities, discussing health priorities, and identifying areas for improvement. The session emphasized collaboration, peer learning, and reinforcement of strategies to enhance outreach and service delivery. Active participation of ASHAs highlighted their continued commitment to community health and wellbeing.





## **VHSNC Orientations under the Samarth Project**

As part of the Samarth Project, a series of Village Health,



Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) orientations were conducted across villages in Budhni and Kesla blocks during September 2025. These sessions aimed to strengthen the capacity of VHSNC members, enhance their understanding of roles and responsibilities, and encourage active community participation in health, sanitation, and nutrition initiatives.

- On 15th September 2025, the orientation was organized at Pandadoh village, Budhni block.
- On 22nd September 2025, separate sessions were held at Rampura and Gavadiya villages, Budhni block.
- On 23rd September 2025, a VHSNC orientation was conducted at Pahadkhedi village, along with an ASHA workers' meet at Janvas village, Budhni block.
- On 24th September 2025, orientations took place at Gomtipura and Mariyapura villages, Kesla block.
- On 25th September 2025, the series concluded with sessions at Pipaliya and Kidiyakurmi villages, Budhni block.



Through these orientations, VHSNC members and ASHA workers were sensitized on planning, monitoring, and mobilizing community support for government health and nutrition schemes. The sessions also provided a platform for dialogue on local challenges and ways to strengthen grassroots health governance.

## **Organizational Development (OD) Visits on Safeguarding Policy**

In September 2025, MPSSS, Bhopal organized a series of Organizational Development (OD) visits to enhance staff understanding of the Safeguarding Policy.



Orientations were conducted at JDSSS Mandla (12th September), Indore (16th September), and Gwalior (23rd September).



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These sessions introduced staff to the core principles of safeguarding, underlining their roles and responsibilities in ensuring safe and supportive environments. Staff from the respective DSSSs actively participated, reflecting a strong collective commitment to integrating safeguarding measures into daily project activities and reinforcing the culture of safety and well-being within communities.



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

#### **Orientation and Selection of Diocesan WIF Committee Held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

An *Orientation and Formation Program* for the Diocesan Workers India Federation (WIF) Team was held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at the Bishop's House, Sneh Sadan, Jabalpur. Attended by 30 participants from six parishes, the event aimed to strengthen diocesan efforts in labour rights ministry and Catholic Social Teaching. Guided by regional and national WIF leaders, the program featured sessions on the federation's structure, labour issues, and advocacy strategies. A key outcome was the election of the Diocesan WIF team, with Adv. Albert Anthony elected as President. The event concluded with a strong commitment to grassroots mobilization and parish-level engagement.



#### **Regional Collaboration: Bishops Council Meeting with Secretaries**

The Regional Bishops Council conducted a meeting with regional secretaries to discuss ongoing initiatives and strengthen coordination on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The dialogue emphasized inclusive



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development and sustainable community engagement.

### **WIF Annual Meet & National Level Workshop**

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) of the CBCI Commission for Labour – Workers India Federation, Madhya Pradesh Region, & National Level Workshop was successfully held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 at the Pastoral Centre, Bhopal. The gathering brought together Diocesan Directors, federation members, and key leaders for two days of



reflection, strategic planning, and sharing of best practices. The sessions focused on strengthening the federation's mission of promoting dignity, justice, and solidarity among marginalized communities, in line with Catholic Social Teaching. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to collaborative action and grassroots empowerment.

### **MPSSS GBM & AGBM**

GBM & Annual General Body meeting of MPSSS was **held on 11 August 25** at BSSS (IAG), College Bhopal. Most. Rev, Bp Valan Arasu Bishop from Jabalpur, Most. Rev. Bp. Sebastine Vadakel, Vice President, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Secretary cum Treasurer, Executive Director MPSSS, Bhopal, Fr. Ajo-Director, Samaritan Satna, Member and Fr. Martin-Director, IDSSS, were part of the meeting. Meeting has presentation of the yearly activities & budget.



### **Independence Day Celebration at MPSSS**

MPSSS proudly celebrated Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at its Bhopal office under the leadership of Executive Director, Fr. Shinto Abraham. The national flag was hoisted in the presence of all staff members from MPSSS and CHAMP, marking the occasion with great patriotism and unity. Fr. Sushil addressed the gathering, highlighting the significance of the day and extending heartfelt wishes to all. The celebration served as a moment of reflection on our nation's journey and a reaffirmation of our shared commitment to its progress.



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## **Regional Forum Director's Review Meeting**

The Regional Forum Director's Review Meeting was successfully conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of August at the Tamil Nadu Social Service Society (TASOSS). The two-day event brought together Regional Forum Directors to review progress, share insights, and discuss strategic directions for the upcoming period. The meeting served as a platform for collaborative reflection and planning, reinforcing the commitment to effective regional coordination and impactful community engagement.



## **Orientation Program at Awalikheda Centre Empowers 144 Students**

An Orientation Program was organized on 31st August 2025 at Rosary Sadan, Awalikheda, with the participation of 144 students. In the presence of Rev. Fr. Jonedius Toppo, Rev. Fr. Shinto Abraham, and other dignitaries, the event aimed to inspire students toward personal, academic, and career growth. Interactive sessions, including activities on confidence-building, Children's Parliament for senior students, and creative competitions such as drawing and singing for younger students, fostered leadership and talent expression. A brief session on career development encouraged students to dream big and plan for the future. The day also featured a vibrant cultural program and award distribution, motivating students to pursue excellence. The event concluded with words of encouragement from the guests, making it a memorable and impactful experience for all.



## **Orientation for hostel students at Ichhawar**

A one-day orientation program was organized for hostel students at Ichhawar, focusing on holistic growth and awareness. The sessions covered important topics such as Children's Parliament, health and hygiene practices, good behavior, manners, and discipline, helping students to develop leadership qualities and healthy lifestyle habits.





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### **Certificate Distribution Programme – Vocational Training**

On 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025, MPSSS celebrated the spirit of women empowerment at Sohenkheda Centre, Sehore by distributing certificates to 20 women who successfully completed a 90-day tailoring training. The event was blessed with the presence of Rev. Fr. Shinto Abraham (Director, MPSSS), Fr. Edward Francis, Sr. Kusum Minj, Dr. Aneesh Jose, sisters, teachers, and community members. A proud moment of growth, skill, and empowerment for rural women!

