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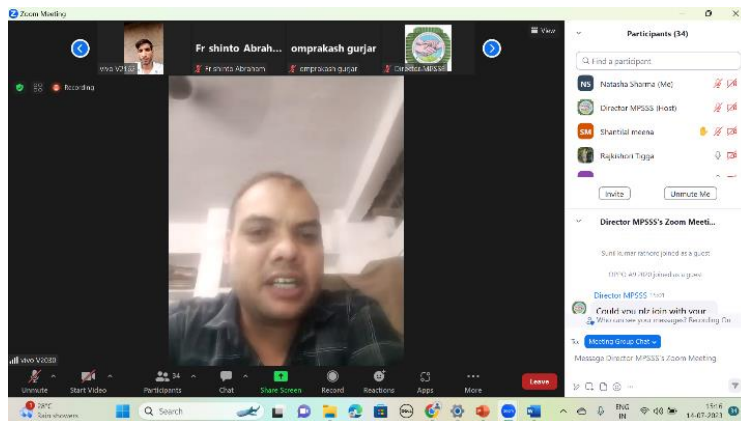
I. System strengthening and organizational development support to all partners to meet all compliance criteria.

Research on PLDP Project with Fr. Kiran- Consultant

Planning meeting was held on 5th July 2023 with Fr. Kiran for Research study to be undertaken on PLDP project impact till date. Discussion was held on questionnaire preparation under various heads. From the discussion three heads were finalized under which questionnaire needs to be prepared and they are namely: Knowledge, Perception & Practices among the communities post the implementation of PLD Project.



Online session on Pisciculture



Online session was organized on 14th July 2023 for the PLDP Community Volunteers & Village Volunteers on pisciculture. Resource person was Mr. Umrao Singh Kaurav from Madhya Pradesh Fishery department, Bhopal. He informed that SC/ST/OBC communities get better provisions for the fish farming. He further informed that the three types of fish namely *Katla*, *Rogu* and *Maghel* could be used for fish farming and the ideal size of the fish pond could be 20-25 meters in length and 50 feet in depth. In addition, the resource person also informed about the best practices and the benefits of pisciculture and the sessions were useful for the participants to understand the importance of this practice.

Preparations for the Upcoming Silver Jubilee Celebrations of MPSSS

Multiple staff meeting was held with the Fr. Shinto Abraham - Executive Director for the preparation of MPSSS's Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Planning was done for all the logistic and other program related concerns during the meeting. Each staff were informed about their respective responsibilities for the successful organization of the event.



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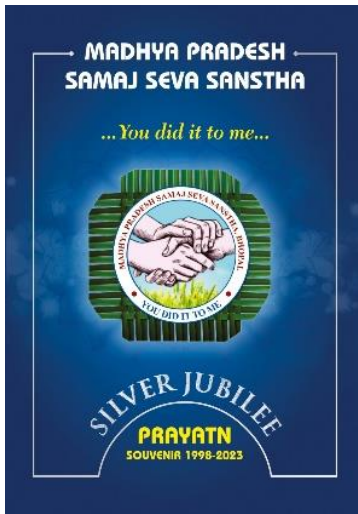
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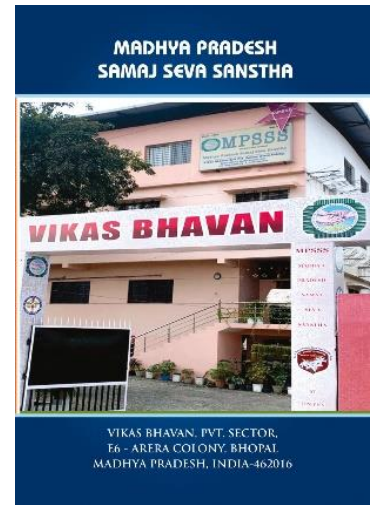
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MPSSS Souvenir preparation

Souvenir was prepared for the successful journey of Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha for the past 25 years. The document included the details of projects and their respective activities held through the organization with the support of the 9 partners across the state of Madhya Pradesh including the list of Donors and well-wishers of the organization who have contributed their valuable resources in reaching out to the have-nots in the region. The document was well designed by MPSSS team and was handed over to the partners and well-wishers.



Regular Staff meeting for better outcomes



Staff meeting was held on 18th September 2023. Meeting was held under the leadership of Fr. Shinto Abraham Executive Director, MPSSS. All the staffs presented share their last month completed activities and plan of action for the upcoming month. Various challenges were presented by the staff members regarding their projects and discussions were held to resolve the same.

Safe guarding orientation to Forum Staffs

Safeguarding Orientation was provided to MP Forum staffs on 18th September 2023. Mr. Christopher facilitated the orientation. Orientation focused on importance of Safe guarding policy, its necessity and the implementation etc. Sessions included the topics related to why an organization should have safeguarding policy, difference between safeguarding and protection issues and safeguarding policy being the mandatory requirement by donors etc. Many case studies were presented in front of the participants to understand and differentiate between a safeguarding and protection issues.



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

Field visit to MVSS, Sagar

Two-day Community meetings were held at 4 villages i.e., Padariya, Bhanpur of Giratganj block & Jogipura, Madha of Sanchi block of Sagar district MVSS field from 6th to 7th July 2023. Communities shared their issues of concern and success of work done by them with the help of the project. It was informed by the community that the Seed fair was organized at the Sagar district in which the villagers from all the project areas actively participated. SHG group are made in which women were collecting money in a month according to their requirements and also, they are taking loan for stitching, goat rearing and agriculture work and other income generation activities for their financial sustainability.



Village level Children Parliament formed at Hanotiya, Sanchi

On 29th July 2023 Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS and Mr. Christohper Regional Program Officer of MPSSS visited Hinotiya village of Sanchi block to interact with the children of the village in order to form the model Children



Parliament as demonstration for the field staffs. All the children actively participated in the program and the children Parliament was successfully formed and the field staffs were oriented on the formation of children parliament.

Sagar Diocesan level Small Holder Farmers Consortium review meet

Review meeting of Sagar Diocesan Level Small Hoder Farmers consortium was organized at Gairatganj block of Riasen district 31st July 2023. During the meeting discussion were held with the farmers club members. Farmers shared their success stories and learnings during the year and exchange of ideas from each other, best practices



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were also shared by the members during the program.



Video documentation at Jhabua

Visit was held from 25th to 27th July 2023 at Jhabua district for video documentation of Farming practices and “Halma” carried out by the ‘Bhil’ community in the area. Mr. Anto, Consultant Videographer & Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi - Health Coordinator MPSSS were part of the visit. The Video

documentation was successful and the captured all the traditional practices of the tribe during the visit. Followed by from 19th to 20th July, 2023, a brief REECE was organized in Shivpuri & Sheopur districts near Gwalior for video documentation of *Sahariya* tribes to find the feasible areas for the future video documentation process. The visit was undertaken by Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi-Health Coordinator of MPSSS.

Jhabua field Accompaniment

Two-day Community meeting was held at 3 villages i.e., Jamaniya, Talai & Parnali of Meghnagar block of Jhabua district on 17th & 18th August 2023. Fr. Aliyas Ninama-Executive Director Pragati Jhabua, Mr. Balwant-PLDP Coordinator & Ms. Natasha from PLDP team from MPSSS



Bhopal was also part of the visit.

Along with the village



visits, the Fishery department of Jhabua was also approached in coordination with the Mr. Balwant Damor-

Coordinator Pragati. Meeting was also held with Mr. Deepak Solanki, Official from the aforesaid



department on fish seeds and food to be provided to the farmers. Also, it was requested to the department to provide the fish farming training to the farmers so that they can learn the techniques and method of rearing the fish for better livelihood in the region.

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Training on Pisciculture at Satna

A training session focusing on 'Promotion and Training on Pisciculture as Alternative Model Livelihood Option' was conducted as part of the PLDP- IV initiative at the Samaritan Social Service Society (SSSS) in Satna. The training took place on 28th August 2023, with participants from various stakeholders including government officials along with the staff members from Samaritan & MPSSS. The farmers from different villages in Satna and Sidhi Districts of Madhya Pradesh have also come for the meeting. The purpose of the training was to introduce pisciculture as a viable livelihood option and educate participants on its benefits and challenges, and provide them with the necessary knowledge and resources to implement the practice.



Diocesan level Small Holders Farmers Consortium formed at Satna

Satna Diocesan level Small Holder Farmers Consortium was formed at Samaritan Training Centre, Satna on 28th August, 2023. More than 50 Small Holder Farmers along Fr. Justin, Director of Samaritan Hospital and the staffs from field participated in the meeting. Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS facilitated the process of formation and the participants were oriented on the importance of forming the consortium.



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Online sessions on 'Pisciculture'

On 24th August 2023 online meeting was organized by MPSSS with the Community Volunteers and Village Volunteers from the partner organizations, especially those who are interested in pisciculture farming. The procedural aspects that needed to be followed for the successful implementation of pisciculture as an alternative livelihood option was informed in the meeting by MPSSS. It was told that each SHG would receive a fund of 50,000 INR for fish seed and food. Additionally, each SHG was encouraged to open a bank account to manage financial transactions related to the pisciculture activity. The generated income from the venture was expected to be deposited into the same account to ensure financial transparency. Considering the sustainable aspect of the People Led Development approach, it was proposed that beneficiaries of the pisciculture activity would repay 60% of the initial fund (30,000 INR) allocated for fish seed and food back to respective DSSS after a year. This repayment would contribute to funding a similar initiative in another village during the subsequent year, thus continuing the cycle of sustainable development.

SN	Breakup	Amount	Supporting Docs.
01	Training Fee	Nil	
02	LCD	Nil	
03	Head	1000 Per head	Voucher Bill
04	Interest Amount for the training - 1000/- for 1 farmer	1000 per head	Travel Voucher
05	Resource Person	2000/- Per training	Voucher: Resource person
06	MPSSS Fund	By MPSSS	By Resource Person
07	Fish Seed, food and Fuel	50000/- Per Unit	Actual
08	Planning and implementation	SHG Contribution	Voucher Bill

Pisciculture an 'alternative livelihood'

Training on Pisciculture as an alternative model for livelihood option was held on 7th September 2023 at Pragati Office Jhabua. 19 farmers from 3 villages, Fr. Aliyas Ninama-Executive Director, Pragati, Mr. Kailash Muvel-Inspector, Fishery Department, Jhabua-Resource person, PLDP Pragati team and Ms. Natasha-PLDP Program team-MPSSS were part of the training. The importance of fish farming as an alternative livelihood option was well explained to the farmers, by the resource person



Childrens Parliament Review meet at IDSSS, Indore

On 11th September 2023 review meeting of Indore Diocesan Children parliament was held at IDSSS Indore. Sharing was done by the children parliament members about their achievements during the previous year. Action plan for the upcoming months too was shared by the children. Fr. Martin-Director-IDSSS, Children Parliament members were part of the meeting. Meeting was facilitated by Mr. Christopher- Regional Program Officer-MPSSS. Mr. Zechariah and Sr. Leena, Associate Director of Indore Diocesan Social Service Society were also part of the meeting. Mr. Christopher reminded the children about the objectives of consortium with the help of success



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stories and video documentaries from various parts of the country where the children parliaments were successfully functioning.

Small Holder Farmers Consortium was formed at Khandwa

Khandwa Diocesan Level Small Holder Farmers Consortium was successfully formed on 15th September 2023 at KDSS Khandwa. Farmers from various districts including Khargaoan, Burhanpur and Khandwa participated in the meeting. Mr. Christopher Regional Program Officer from MPSSS shared about the objectives of consortium and the formal election process was also conducted. Mr. Susheel and Mrs. Rajkishori, staff members of KDSS facilitated the



event. Fr. Jayan Alex addressed the elected office bearers of the consortium and congratulated them. He further requested them to stay united and share the knowledge with each other in the years to come. The action plan was also drafted

during the meeting which included the promotion of organic farming and reduce the use of chemical pesticides. Sessions were also conducted by the resource person on 'Organic Farming Practices.'

Ujjain diocesan level Small Holder Farmers Consortium review meet

On 22nd September 2023 Ujjain Diocesan Level Small Holder Farmers Consortium review meeting was organized at Kripa training centre Ujjain. Members of consortium including the office bears, Fr. Sunil – Director of KSWs were part of the meeting. Orientation was provided to the farmers on best practices to be carried for the agricultural field. Mr. Christopher Regional Program Officer from MPSSS facilitated the program



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and the resource person from KVK, Ujjain explained the participants about the Government schemes for the small holder farmers in the district along with the necessary requirement. Followed by a action plan was prepared by the participants for the upcoming year.

Ujjain diocesan level Children Parliament review meet

Review meeting of Ujjain Diocesan Level Children parliament was held at Kripa training centre Ujjain on 23rd September 2023. Children Parliament members shared their experiences of work on the different issue related to the development of their villages and schools. Fr. Sunil Director of Kripa Social Welfare Society appreciated the children and requested them also to share views on various issues and training needs. The elected ministers also further prepared their action plan for the upcoming year and the meeting was facilitated by Mr.Christopher, Regional Program Officer, MPSSS and Mr. Santosh Lalavat from KSSWS, Ujjain.



Jhabua diocesan level Children Parliament formation

Formation of Jhabua Diocesan Level children parliament took place at Pragati Samiti, Jhabua on 26th September 2023. The Program was facilitated by Mr. Christopher - Regional Program Officer, MPSSS. He shared the importance of having children parliament and the proper functions of the consortium. He further requested them to be aware of the issues related to the development of their villages and also to voice their requests and opinions on the same in front of the concerned authorities. The election was conducted and various ministers were elected during the meeting and a mock parliament session was conducted to demonstrate the same to the staffs of Pragati Sanstha. Children from various villages, along with Fr. Aliyas, Director of Pragati, and staffs members were part of the program.



RECCE for Video documentation at Dindori & Satna

RECCE for video documentation was held at Dindori & Stana from 12th to 15th September 2023. Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi Health Coordinator from MPSSS visited both the places to analyse the situation of the tribes for video documentation. He further interacted with the local villagers with the help of the field level staffs to find the feasibility of the video documentation process in the upcoming months.



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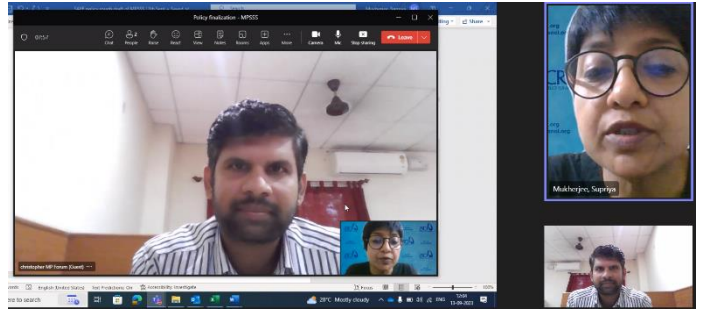
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III. Collate and interpret lessons learned, share among partners and network with members to widen the visibility of church in action.

Multiple online sessions with CRS on Safeguarding draft policy of MPSSS

Multiple online sessions were organized by CRS for review of the safeguarding policy draft in line with the international safeguarding standards. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS and Mr. Christopher-RPO, MPSSS were part of the multiple sessions held organized by CRS. Mrs. Supriya from CRS took sessions and has been guiding the MPSSS safe core team to revise the policy as per the standards.



MPSSS stands in solidarity with the victims of Manipur violence

On 21st July, 2023 a joint silent protest against the violence broke out in Manipur and the shameful treatment meted out to the women of Manipur was organized by the Madhya Pradesh State's socio-cultural organizations,



women's movements and people's movements at Roshanpura area, Bhopal. Representatives from various organizations and participants from Bhopal Madhya Pradesh were part of the

protest. Placards and slogans with strong messages opposing the violence were displayed by the participants informing the bystanders about the incident.



Participation in the Seminar on “Challenges Faced by Women of Denotified Tribes”

On 28th July 2023 One day seminar on “Challenges Faced by Women of Denotified Tribes” was organized by National Commission for Women in collaboration with RACE Lab at RCVP Naronha Academy Bhopal. Seminar focused on important rituals in the socialization of girls, factors contributing to continuation of Prostitution and its Kinship with their economy. Mr. Aneesh Jose represented from MPSSS into



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the seminar. Various challenges faced by the women from Denotified tribes such as social stigma and occupational challenges were discussed during the meeting.

Annual General Body Meeting held

Annual General Body Meeting of MPSSS was held on 11th August 2023 at Pastoral Centre, Bhopal. All the Governing Body Members were part of the same. Meeting that was chaired by Most. Rev. Bp. Gerald Almedia President of MPSSS. Most. Rev. Bp. Sebastine Vadakel, Vice President, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Secretary cum Treasurer, Executive Director MPSSS, Bhopal, Directors from all the partner organizations and board members were part of the meeting. Activity report and financial reports for the last financial year along with the action plan were shared in the meeting by Fr. Shinto Abraham, Secretary Cum Treasurer of the board.



Silver Jubilee celebrations of MPSSS

Silver Jubilee celebrations of MPSSS as organized on 11th August 2023 at Pastoral Centre, Bhopal. Many Dignitaries including His Grace Rev. Bp. Dr. A. A.S Durairaj SVD - Archbishop of Bhopal, Most. Rev. Bp. Gerald Almedia President of MPSSS, Most. Rev. Bp. Sebastine Vadakel MST, Vice President, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS, Bhopal, Directors from partner organizations from Madhya Pradesh region, Governing Body Members well



wishers and donors from the states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh were part of the meeting. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director- MPSSS, Bhopal welcomed all the guests. A journey of last 25 years of service was shared

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through a video presentation. Sessions were also organized on “Impact and way forward of Nursing Policies in India for Christian Hospital” by Mr. Vinay John- Nursing Director Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) & “Integration of Tele- Medicine in Community health program and scope of the revival of health centres in rural area” by Mohammad Mateen- Program Manager (CHAI).

Participation in Samavesh Partners meeting of BSSS college



Samavesh Partner's Meet was organised on 25th August 2023 by the Bhopal school of social sciences under the department of social work. The program was chaired by the principal of the college, Dr. Fr. John P.J. In his inaugural session, he expressed his gratitude to the NGO partners for their wonderful collaboration, cooperation and the



opportunities of growth they provide to the student interns of the department. Various NGOs from Bhopal were part of the meeting in which Ms. Natasha Sharma represented MPSSS. Fr. John further emphasised NGOs to provide their valuable feedback regarding the performance of students. He also invited the NGOs to share their on-field success and failure case studies to be published through the college publication.

CRS Partners Meeting New Delhi

CRS partners meeting was organized on 28th August 2023 at New Delhi. Directors from all the Forum office including Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS were part of the program. The discussions included the future scope of collaboration with CRS.



Representatives from CRS requested the partner organizations also to share their challenges and other concerns related to development in their respective states. Fr. Shinto Abraham also requested them for future collaboration for more programmatic interventions in the state of Madhya Pradesh and Chhatisgarh.

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Training Participatory Monitoring and Learning Systems (PML).

Three-day Capacity building training focussing on Participatory Monitoring and Learning Systems (PML) was held from the 27th of September to the 29th of September 2023 at Divya Vani Centre, Bhopal. Workshop was organized by Misereor agency for its 6 partners in the state of Madhya Pradesh. Training was facilitated by Mr.



Yogesh Kumar from Samarthan & Ms. Marita Ishwaran Consultant of Misereor. The core purpose of capacity building of the 6 partner NGOs supported by the Misereor was to enhance their perspective, knowledge and skills in capturing more robust information of change/performance emerging from the interventions, learn to

analyse data to improve strategies as well as understand various ways to communicate best practises. The workshop was heavily practise oriented, helping the participant to build skills of using participatory tools and learning the ways to establish a robust monitoring system.

Regional meeting of Labour Comission was held



President, Workers India Federation (WIF) and another session on 'Response of the Workers India Federation (WIF) as the official national organization of CBCI Office for Labour' facilitated by Fr. George Thomas, Secretar- CBCI Office for Labour & Director, Workers India Federation. All the diocesan secretaries actively participated in the meeting and shared the plan of action for the upcoming year.

Regional Labour Comission Meeting was held on 9th September 2023 at MPSSS Bhopal. All the labour Commission Diocesan secretaries, delegates who are lay people from the Dioceses and representatives of various organization were part of the meeting. Sessions were held on 'Socio Economic background of Unorganized Workers in India – a need for future plan' facilitated by Mr. Joy Gothuruth, National



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Regional meeting of Justice Peace and Development Commission

Regional Meeting of Justice Peace and Development (JPD) Commission was held on 9th September 2023 at MPSSS Bhopal. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Regional Secretary for the JPD Commission organized the meeting for the Diocesan secretaries of the commission. All the secretaries along with the lay people representing the commissions actively participated in the meeting and the plan of action and the deliverables were planned during the



meeting. Most. Rev. Bp. Dr. Gerald Almeida being the president of the commission appreciated all the secretaries and informed that the commissions holds the key to establish social justice in the troubled world today.

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