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

### **Skill enhancement training of Village Volunteers & Community Volunteers on PAR Tools**

From July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, a two-day training session on Participatory Action Research (PAR) tools was held at AICUF Ashram Bhopal. The event included by 41 participants from five partners organization.



Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS inaugurated the training session. The training aimed to enhance the skills and competencies of village and community volunteers in using PAR tools effectively. The facilitators Ms. Rajkishori Tigga-KDSS, Mr.

Aneesh Jose, Ms. Natasha, and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi PLDP Program team-MPSSS provided an in-depth understanding of various PAR tools including: Focused Group Discussion (FGD), Participatory Community Mapping, Transect Walk, Historical Timeline, Seasonal Calendar, Venn or Stakeholder Diagram, Fish Bone – Analysing Causes and Consequences, Spiderweb Diagram etc.

### **Staff meeting**

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, staff meeting was convened at the MPSSS office in Bhopal, led by Executive Director Fr. Shinto Abraham. All project staff participated, sharing their successes and achievements from the past month. The team also outlined plans and strategies for the upcoming month.



### **Staff meeting**

On 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024, staff meeting was held at the MPSSS office in Bhopal, led by Executive Director Fr. Shinto Abraham. The meeting saw participation from all project staff, where they presented the month's successes and achievements. Additionally, plans of action for the upcoming month were discussed and outlined.



### **Staff meeting**

On 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 staff meeting was held at MPSSS office Bhopal. Meeting was held under the leadership of Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director-MPSSS. All the staff presented their achievements and



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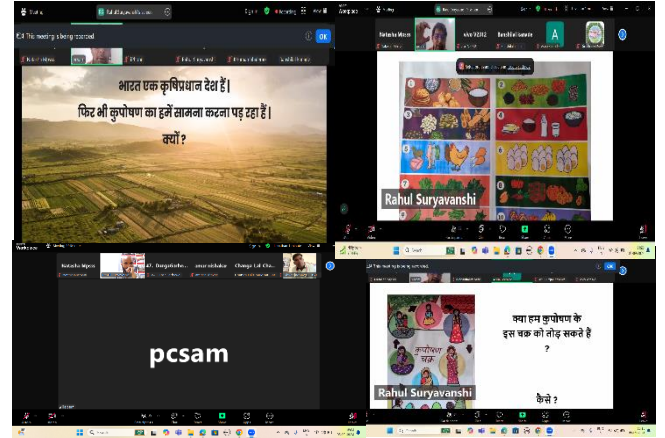
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challenges for the past month and plan of action for the upcoming month was being presented.

## **"Nourishing Our Future: Celebrating Poshan Maah with Nutritious Diets for Everyone!" -an online session**

An online session on Nutritious Diets for Everyone, was held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Organized by MPSSS, Bhopal, led by Mr. Krishna Ranawat, participants—including field staffs, community volunteers, Asha workers, and MPSSS team—gained valuable knowledge on the importance of nutrition for overall health. The session highlighted various food varieties and their nutritional benefits while fostering a deeper understanding of National Nutrition Month initiatives. Together, we're not only improving dietary habits and making healthier food choices but also strengthening our community's commitment to health and nutrition. Let's continue to collaborate and promote vibrant, nutritious lifestyles for all.



## **Empowering Futures: Capacity and Skills Enhancement Training**

On September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Nirmal Training Centre in Ujjain hosted an enlightening workshop focused on malnutrition and hunger, organized by MPSSS, Bhopal, bringing together 43 participants, including community and village volunteers, and MPSSS PLDP



Team. Esteemed resource persons, Mr. Vishmabhar Nath Tripathi from Vikas Samvad, and Sr. Lissy Paul alongside Mrs. Virmati from Vedruna Holistic Health Care Centre, led engaging sessions on health, nutrition, and the power of herbal medicine. Participants left with a richer understanding of the vital role nutrition plays in well-being, practical knowledge of medicinal plants, and insights into integrating herbal remedies into daily life. This initiative is a significant step toward fostering healthier communities.

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

### " A Journey into the Lives of the Baiga and Gond Tribes of Dindori "

A video documentation visit to the Baiga and Gond tribes in Dindori District was conducted from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The participants included Mr. Prem Prakash Dhurve, Mr. Aayush,

Mr. Dhurv (Videography Team), community members, Suryavanshi initiative was



and Rahul from MPSSS. The outcome of this the successful capture and preservation of traditional practices on video, ensuring they are safeguarded for future generations. The team also gained valuable insights into the rich culture and traditions of the Gond tribe.

### Accompanying & Handholding Visit to KDSS Khandwa

Two days visit was held at KDSS, Khandwa from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. First day on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 two villages Gondwadi & Garangaon was visited. Second day on 25<sup>th</sup> another two villages named Malgaon & Jhirniyamal were

visited. The field visits across villages revealed significant progress through SHGs, including improved confidence, self-reliance, and the adoption of organic farming practices. Communities are actively engaging in collective



actions, such as creating kitchen gardens, addressing infrastructure issues, and supporting the needy through the "Ek mutthi anaaj" initiative. Despite challenges like poor road conditions and water scarcity, these villages are making strides in education, nutrition, and preserving traditional practices. The support from KDSS and other initiatives has empowered these communities to pursue sustainable development and improve their overall well-being.

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## Research Study on the impact of PLD Approach in Madhya Pradesh

A series of research studies on the impact of the PLDP (Peoples Led Development Process) Approach in Madhya Pradesh were conducted across various locations in July 2024. The studies took place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July at Samaritan, Satna, followed by sessions from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July at GCSS, Gwalior. Further studies were held on 29<sup>th</sup> July at MVSS, Sagar, and on 30<sup>th</sup> July at ANWC, Bhopal. These studies aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of the PLDP Approach in enhancing community engagement and development outcomes across the state. The field visits conducted by the research team provided invaluable insights into the impact of the PLD approach in Madhya Pradesh over the past decade. The data collected from a diverse range of participants and communities will serve as a foundation for further analysis and recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of PLD initiatives in the region. The visits were attended by Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS, along with Fr. Kiran Olakkengil, Research Consultant, and Regional Program Officers Mr. Aneesh Jose, Mr. Christopher, and Ms. Natasha.



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## Nurturing Prosperity: Pisciculture Training Empowers Jhabua Farmers

A training session on pisciculture as an alternative livelihood was held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Pragati Office, Jhabua. The session, aimed at equipping farmers with essential knowledge and skills for sustainable fish farming, saw the participation of 56 farmers from 8 villages and 18 staff members from Pragati and MPSSS. Fr. Aliyas Ninama, Director of Pragati, facilitated the session, with expert insights provided by Mr. Kailash Muvel, Inspector from the Fishery Department, Jhabua. Contributions also came from the PLDP Pragati team and MPSSS representatives, including Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi and Ms. Natasha Sharma.



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### **Accompanying & Handholding Visit to Jhabua**

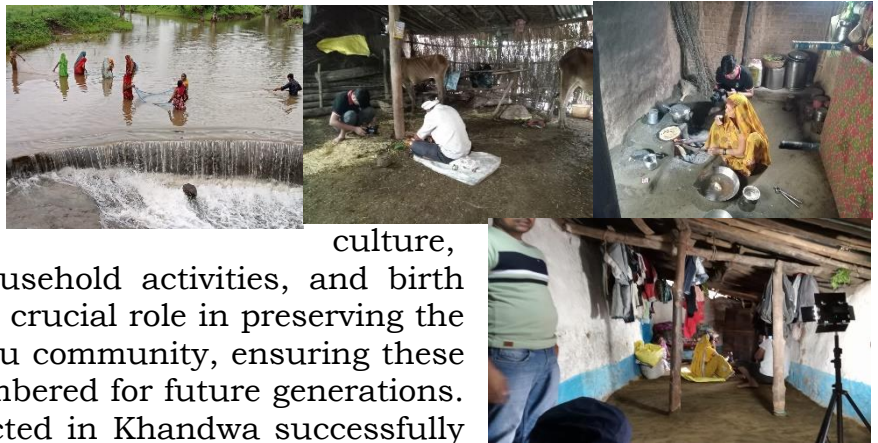
From 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024, a focused visit was conducted in the Meghnagar Block of Jhabua District, led by Pragati Society. The agenda included site assessments for fish farming within six villages namely Kaliyaviran, Naharpura, Naganwatbadi,



Ochka, Pavagoibadi, and Kadwapada under the PLDP area. The visit aimed to orient the Pragati team and farmers on pisciculture, with in-depth discussions held with SHG members and farmer groups. Participants included community members, Fr. Aliyas Ninama (Director, Pragati Society), community and village volunteers, and representatives from MPSSS, including Ms. Natasha Sharma and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi.

### **"Living Legacy: A Visual Journey into the Daily Life of the Korku Tribe in Khandwa"**

From August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a video documentation was done in Khandwa, focusing on the traditional practices of the Korku tribes. This video captured vital aspects of their culture, including fish farming, daily household activities, and birth ceremonies. The initiative plays a crucial role in preserving the rich cultural heritage of the Korku community, ensuring these practices are recorded and remembered for future generations. The video documentation conducted in Khandwa successfully preserved key cultural practices of the Korku tribes.



### **Accompanying & Handholding visit to MVSS field**

From September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 2024, our team visited the MVSS Sagar field, engaging with vibrant communities across four villages—Peepalpani, Pengava, Bhagwanpur, and Khemkhedi. With the active participation of over 250 community members, we celebrated the Poshan Maah, emphasizing



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the importance of nutritious diets and sustainable practices. Highlights included the establishment of kitchen gardens, the creation of self-help groups, and innovative initiatives like "Ek Mutthi Annaj," which supports vulnerable families. Community members shared their achievements, such as well-deepening projects and enhanced access to clean water, while identifying key needs for further development. These interactions not only fostered awareness of health and nutrition but also strengthened community bonds, paving the way for continued collaboration and empowerment.



### **Capturing the Essence of the Korku Tribe**

From September 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a dedicated team including videographer Mr. Dhurv, along with Mr. Rakesh and Ms. Laxmi from KDSS, documented the vibrant traditions of the Korku Tribe. Key events such as births, traditional dances, bull racing, mahua wine making, farming practices, and the Pola festival were beautifully captured. This initiative not only preserves the rich cultural heritage of the Korku community but also ensures that their unique practices are recorded for future generations, highlighting the tribe's distinct identity and fostering greater appreciation for their traditions.



### **Preserving Sahariya Heritage through Video Documentation**

From September 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a dedicated team, including Mr. Prem, Mr. Ayush, Mr. Lochan, Mr. Shivam, Mr. Harry, community members, and Rahul Suryavanshi from MPSSS, undertook an enriching video documentation focused on the Sahariya community in Sheopur and Shivpuri. The initiative aimed to capture essential aspects of their cultural heritage, including traditional architecture, rituals surrounding birth, food systems, household chores, and agricultural practices. The video shoot also documented the



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community's unique relationship with forest resources, hunting, gathering, and labor migration, alongside traditional songs and medicinal practices. This vital work not only preserves the rich cultural identity of the Sahariya people but also ensures that these unique traditions are recorded and remembered for future generations.

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

### **In-Person Workshop - Masterclass on Advanced Fundraising**

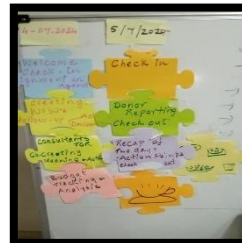


On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, INDIAdonates hosted an in-person workshop on advanced fundraising at The Golkonda Hotel, Hyderabad, led by Dr. Gary G Hoag. The event, which was part of the Capacity Enhancement Project, provided participants with valuable insights into brand building, multi-channel communication, and social media strategies. Attendees left the workshop feeling inspired and equipped with new strategies to enhance their fundraising efforts. Fr. Shinto Abraham- Executive Director & Mr. Aneesh Jose- Program Lead from

MPSSS were part of the workshop.

### **Empowering Change: Highlights from the Misereor Consultant Visit to MPSSS**

A two-day meeting was held on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with the consultant at Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) in Bhopal. The primary focus was to review and discuss the achievements of the activities outlined in the project proposal. The sessions were facilitated by Ms. Marita Ishwaran, Misereor's consultant, who guided the team in reflecting on the progress made so far. Additionally, the meeting resulted in the development of a strategic action plan for the upcoming months, ensuring the continued success of the initiatives.



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## Awalikheda Visit for Children's Parliament Review Meeting

The review meeting of the Children's Parliament was held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024, as scheduled by the CP members. The primary focus of the meeting was to reinforce the members'



understanding of their specific duties and responsibilities. The session also included leadership skills training for the members and engaging, energetic games designed to enhance their overall development and teamwork.

## Workshop on the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Vikas Samvad organized a State-Level Workshop on the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 at Hotel Palash in Bhopal. The event brought together key stakeholders, including government officials, NGO representatives, and community members,



to

discuss the implementation of NFSA and share ground experiences. Key discussions focused on the challenges and best practices in food security, with an emphasis on ICDS services, PDS, and MDM schemes. The workshop concluded with a commitment to ongoing collaboration to improve food security in Madhya Pradesh. The workshop included the participation of Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi and Ms. Natasha Sharma from MPSSS, Bhopal.

## CBMP Bishops Meeting

A Meeting of Bishops and Diocesan Directors of Madhya Pradesh was held at the Pastoral Centre, Bhopal, from August 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS, delivered a presentation highlighting the achievements of MPSSS and the CHAMP initiative over the past year.



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## **CSE workshop on Sustainable agriculture**

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a CSE Workshop on Sustainable Agriculture was held at Maple Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi in which Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director & Mr. Aneesh Jose-Program Lead-MPSSS participated.



The workshop brought together key stakeholders, including directors, program managers, and experts from various organizations across India. The day began with participant introductions and context setting by Amit Khurana, Director of Sustainable Food Systems at CSE. The sessions that followed provided a platform for participants to present their work related to sustainable agriculture and climate, highlighting the challenges they face and the emerging solutions. In-depth discussions focused on key sector challenges, including policy gaps, capacity building, market access, and financing, followed by collaborative brainstorming on practical solutions and areas for collective action. The workshop concluded with a commitment to ongoing collaboration and the identification of potential synergies among partners to advance sustainable agriculture initiatives in India.



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## **WIF National Governing Body Meeting**

From 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Worker's India Federation Meeting was held at Nunciature Delhi. Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director was part of the meeting.



## **WIF Meeting at Pastoral Centre**

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, MPSSS in Bhopal hosted a significant meeting of the Workers India Federation (WIF), at the Pastoral Centre, marking the formation of its committee at the Bhopal Diocesan level. The gathering, inaugurated by Most Rev. A. A. S Durairaj, SVD, Archbishop of Bhopal brought together dedicated members to discuss strategies for enhancing worker rights and community welfare. This meeting not only reinforces the commitment to social

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justice and empowerment but also paves the way for collaborative efforts in addressing the challenges faced by workers in the region. The formation of the committee signifies a crucial step toward fostering stronger community leadership and advocacy.

### **Empowering the MP Forum Team: Safeguarding Orientation**

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the MP Forum team participated in an essential safeguarding orientation led by Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS. This engaging session provided staff with a comprehensive understanding of the safeguarding policy, detailing its importance, who it encompasses, and how to effectively implement it in their work. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions, fostering a collaborative atmosphere where concerns were addressed and clarity was achieved. This orientation not only enhances the team's capacity to protect vulnerable individuals but also reinforces MPSSS's commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for all. By prioritizing safeguarding, the forum is poised to make a positive impact in the community it serves.



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