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

Multiple staff meeting held

On 5th October, 4th November and 11th December 2023



multiple staff meetings were conducted at MPSSS office.



Under the leadership of Fr. Shinto Abraham Executive Director various important issues were discussed during these meetings. All the staff members share the details of their activities and plan of action

for the upcoming month.

Staff Reflection and Planning Meeting

Staff reflection was held from 26th to 31st October 2023 in Punjab. Places of historical and cultural significance such as Golden temple at Amritsar, Science centre at Jalandar, Waga Border at Amritsar and Radha Swami centre were visited during the reflection program. The purpose of the program was to promote a recreational environment among the staff members and help them reflect and share their past experiences and learnings throughout the year.



One day cross learning program on the Best Practices

One day cross learning meeting was held on 8th December 2023 at MPSSS office Bhopal. PLDP Coordinators from KDSS Khandwa, Samaritan Satna and MVSS Sagar were part of the meeting along with MPSSS PLDP team. Fr. Shinto Abraham - Executive Director started the program with the key note address and stated that learning from each other's experience is very essential. Representatives from each partner organization shared their achievement of past one-year by sharing their activities carried out under Phase IV of PLDP project. Followed by MPSSS Regional PLDP team also shared their activities. During the meeting the challenges and the best practices were stressed and towards the end of the meeting each staff member shared their individual learnings and takeaways from the meeting. The challenges were thoroughly discussed and possible solutions were shared.



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

Visit to Sohankhedi Tailoring Center

As part of Archdiocese Project funded by Munster Parish, Regional Program Officers of MPSSS, Mr. Christopher and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi visited *Sohankhedi* of Sehore District and participated in the inaugural program of the Pushpa Tailoring Center on 14th October, 2023. Sr. Kusum Minj the Center in-charge organized the program and more than 25 participants including the aspirants willing join the tailoring program along with the community members actively participated in the program and expressed their joy of having the tailoring Center in their village.



SABAL Evaluation meeting organized at Khandwa

Evaluation meeting of SABAL project took place at KDSS, Khandwa from 15th to 18th October by Caritas India. Fr. Shinto Abraham - Executive Director and Mr. Christopher - Regional Program Officer from MPSSS were part of the program. Various field visits were also organized under the program during which the team comprised of Caritas India, Caritas Austria and Caritas Australia interacted with the community members to assess the success of SABAL project.



Workshop on Health Issues related to Malnutrition and Hunger

Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) organized a two-day training program on community management of malnutrition. The program aims to enhance the skills, competencies, and abilities of the volunteers of PLDP Project from 6th to 7th November 2023 at AICUF



Ashram, Bhopal. 45 participants from five partner organizations namely KDSS-Khandwa, Kripa-Ujjain, Pragti-Jhabua, MVSS, Sagar, and SSSS-Satna were part of the training. The training was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Shinto Abraham and



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facilitated by resource person Mr. Vishambhar Nath Tripathi from Vikas Samvad, Bhopal.

Video documentation visit to Mandla and Dindori

A preparatory visit was organized at Mandla and Dindori to facilitate the video documentation. Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from PLDP Team of MPSSS interacted with the local residents of the community to fix the date and places for the upcoming video documentation. Various cultural aspects related to the festivals, marriage seasons and other important rituals of life among Baiga & Gond tribes were discussed in the respective communities.



Accompanying and Handholding visits conducted

Handholding & accompanying visit was held at MVSS, Sagar field in Raisen & Sanchi districts. Total 4 villages were visited namely Bhanpurganj, Dhangawa of Gairatganj and Satti & Khemkhedi of Sanchi Blocks.



Community meetings were held at these villages in which community members shared their experiences about their villages including the accomplishments and the challenges of the project. Sharing on the formation of SHGs was done in which women shared about the importance of small-scale savings and micro-finances for different investments such as purchasing of seeds, opening of petty shop, vegetables shop, goat rearing and cow rearing etc.



Video documentation of Sahariya Tribe

A preparatory visit was held at Sheopur near Gwalior for video documentation of Sahariya tribe. Purpose of the visit was to do Recce of the area and have interaction with the communities to know about their traditions and culture for video documentation of the same. The visit was helpful to understand the significance of the culture and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from PLDP team of MPSSS undertook the visit.



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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.

National Assembly of DDSAs (Diocesan Directors of Social Apostolate)

Caritas India being the social face of the Catholic Church in the country organized the Social Work Directors meet at the national level. In order to address the evolving challenges in the social sector and to further strengthen the solidarity of diocesan Caritas and national Caritas, the National Assembly of DDSAs was organized from 12th to 14th October 2023 in Pala, Kerala. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS also participated in the meeting and shared about various needs and best practices of the region.



Participated in the Millet Fare

Millet Fare program was organized by KDSS, Khandwa on 24th November 2023 under SABAL program. Dr. Aneesh Jose & Ms. Natasha Sharma from PLDP Program Team, MPSSS, Bhopal participated in the program. Representatives from the Government,



dosa, kodo halwa, kodo kheer and other snack items made from millets and dry millets like – *kodo* (Cow Grass), *kutki* (Little Millet), *sawan* (Indian Barnyard Millet) etc. were displayed for the visitors.

Capacity building session organized for partners

A Two-day capacity building seminar was organized for the Directors from 4 partner organizations namely Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore and Jabalpur at MPSSS office, Bhopal on 4th and 5th December 2023. Fr. Shinto Abraham along with the Regional Program Officers Dr. Aneesh Jose and Mr. Christopher facilitated the sessions on topics related to Proposal development, Policies and safeguarding policy and other issues





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related to organizational development. Fr. Michael, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Martin and Fr. Parmanand participated in the meetings and were oriented on the aforesaid issues.

Visit by the Consultant from Misereor



Two-day visit was held by Ms. Marita Iswaran - Consultant of Misereor & Mr. Yogesh - Resource Person from 16th to 17th December 2023. During this visit 3 partners organizations were part of the visit MVSS Sagar, Samaritan Satna & MPSSS, Bhopal. Among the participants were PLDP team of MVSS Sagar, Fr. Ajo-Director, & Finance Manager – Samaritan, Satna and Fr. Shinto - Executive Director MPSSS & PLDP

MPSSS Program team Bhopal. A practical training session on Participatory Monitoring and Learning (PML) systems was conducted in Bhanpurganj and Kheda villages of Gairatganj block, during the field visit of Manav Vikas Seva Sangh (MVSS) PLDP area on 16th December, 2023. The subsequent review meeting occurred at the MPSSS premises on 17th December, marking a follow-up to the earlier three-day training program held from 27th to 29th September, 2023. The meeting was helpful for the partners to assess their performance and the growth over the last year.

Networking & Linkages Meeting

A Networking meeting was held on 21st December 2023 at MPSSS Bhopal. 46 participants representing various organizations were part of the meeting. Chief guest for the meeting was Dr. Santosh Shukla - State Immunization Officer NHM, Bhopal, Guest of Honour for the day was Mr. Prabhakar Tiwari - CMHO, Bhopal. Inaugural was delivered by Fr. Shinto Abraham - Executive Director – MPSSS. Resource person for the day was Sr. Nirmala from Jharkand who took session on



importance of herbal medicine in today's context. Another resource person was Ms. Nisha Jain - IEC Supervisor in who took session on 'addressing hunger & malnutrition among women & children.'

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