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**MADHYA PRADESH SAMAJ SEVA
SANSTHA, BHOPAL**

Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) is the social face of the Catholic Church for facilitation, coordination, development, strengthening administrative and programmatic systems of institutions and people engaged in social work with non-profit motive in the region. It was constituted by the Bishops of Madhya Pradesh on 25th September, 1998, and was registered under the Madhya Pradesh Firms and Societies Registration Act 1973 with the registration no. 6387/98. Nine Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSS) of Madhya Pradesh region are our direct partners. We have FCRA, 12 A and 81 G registration.

VISION

A society where everyone enjoys equal rights and opportunities based on peace, love and harmony with one another, nature and the Divine.

MISSION

Restoring human dignity and empowering people, especially, the marginalized for sustainable and equitable development through facilitation.

MPSSS MANDATE

- ❖ System strengthening and organizational development support to all partners to meet all compliance criteria.
- ❖ Initiate and assist partners at all levels of Project Cycle Management (PCM) for thematic development
- ❖ Collate and interpret lessons learned, share among partners and network with members to widen the visibility of church in action.



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Message from Chairman....

Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS), an organization aiming to create a fair and



equal society, is making significant progress in its efforts to realize this vision within the state of Madhya Pradesh. From our dedicated staff and volunteers to our generous donors, it is through your unwavering support and dedication that we have achieved so much together.

Over the past 25 years, MPSSS has been unyielding in its mission to uplift the community. We have embraced initiatives to empower women, manage natural resources, promote a right-based approach, raise health awareness, and revive cherished traditional practices. The accomplishments we celebrate today fill us with pride, yet we acknowledge that our work is far from complete. Throughout these years, MPSSS has been steadfast in its efforts to empower the underprivileged, striving for their holistic development through various activities. We have seen significant progress, but the road ahead demands the scaling up of our programs to foster real development, sustainable and inclusive. In this moment, as we gaze into the forthcoming years, my unwavering belief persists that MPSSS will endure as a formidable positive influence within our community. Our dedication to partnering with all involved team remains steadfast, while we persistently strive to construct a fairer and more inclusive society.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who has supported MPSSS throughout this incredible journey. Your contributions have created a tangible and lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals. It is with profound gratitude and a sense of anticipation that I eagerly look forward to our continued partnership in the years to come.

With Sincerest Appreciation,

With Kind regards, I remain
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+Gerald Almeida
Catholic Bishop Jabalpur
Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha



+Rt. Rev Bishop Gerald Almeida

Chairman Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha

Message from Director's Desk....

For a span of 25 years, MPSSS has been strengthening individuals, particularly those disadvantaged and marginalized, to foster their comprehensive growth. Our endeavors have spanned a diverse array of critical domains, encompassing Agriculture, Child Rights and Protection, Climate Change, Food Security and Sovereignty, Good Governance, Health & Hygiene, Livelihood and Income Generation Initiatives, Natural Resource Management, Organizational Development, Rights and Entitlement, as well as Women Empowerment. This multifaceted strategy undeniably has enhanced the well-being of numerous individuals and played a substantial role in advancing our society.



Across this expedition, MPSSS has strived to nurture development driven by the community, revive cherished traditional customs, embrace a perspective centered on rights, and advocate for initiatives crucial to Natural Resource Management and health enlightenment, among other pivotal endeavors. I extend my sincere thanks to our funding agencies, various stakeholders, and all well-wishers who have stood by us throughout this remarkable journey. Your stalwart support has brought us this far, and we are immensely grateful for your belief in our mission.

On this occasion, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have played a pivotal role in the growth of MPSSS. His Grace Archbishop Dr. Alangaram Arockia Sebastian Durairaj, S.V.D, President, CBMP, and Rt. Rev Bishop Gerald Almedia, Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha, Rev Bishops Emeriti, along with all the Bishops of the Region, have been invaluable guides in our mission.

Moreover, I wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation all the board members, former directors, the diocesan directors of social work, and each and every staff member. Your unwavering commitment and tireless efforts in working towards the development of the people have been the cornerstone of our success.

As we rejoice in our achievements, let us also recognize that our journey continues. There are still countless challenges that demand our attention and compassion

Once again, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the growth and success of MPSSS. Together, let us march forward with renewed zeal, compassion, and determination, leaving a lasting legacy of hope and empowerment.

With sincere gratitude and warm regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shinto Abraham'.

Fr Shinto Abraham

Executive Director, MPSSS

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

Staff Meetings and reflections held to ensure teamwork and Coordination

Regular monthly staff meetings were held during the year 2022-2023 at MPSSS office. Activity reports and Action Plans of the staff members were shared during the



his reflection and feedback on the performance of the staffs.

One day MPSSS staff reflection along with outing was



meeting. The Executive Directors of MPSSS shared

organized at Madhai, Madhya Pradesh on 18th June 2022. Reflection and planning meeting for the staff members is very much meaningful and productive as it helped them to have peer learning from each other. The meeting was also helpful for every staff member to reset goals and objectives for the upcoming days.

PLDP India Accountability & Reflection meeting



On 26th August 2022 PLDP India in collaboration with MPSSS, Bhopal organized one day accountability & reflection meeting. 15 participants were part of the meeting including Fr. Shinto Abraham – Executive

Director of MPSSS, partner Directors from 5 Dioceses, Community volunteers from the field and MPSSS PLDP team. The objective of the meeting was to have discussion on various communication strategies adopted in solving the issues related to the programmatic activities.



Capacity Enhancement of Community Volunteers & Village Volunteers

Two day Village Volunteers orientation program was held from 7th to 8th October 2022 at Kripa Training Center, Ujjain. 33 participants from MVSS-Sagar, Pragati-Jhabua, Samritan-Satna & KDSS-Khandwa were part of the training. The program started with a word of



prayer and lighting of the lamp.



Fr. Shinto Abraham -Executive Director of Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha, welcomed all the participants and explained about the workshop in detail. Rev. Fr. Sunil, Director of Kripa Social Welfare Society, Ujjain was invited as the guest of honour. The objective of the training was to orient the teams on the concepts of PLDP and the difference

between PLDP and other projects and the health issues etc. The training was facilitated by MPSSS - PLDP Program team namely Dr. Aneesh Jose, Ms. Natasha Sharma & Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi. All the participants actively participated during the discussion and were educated on PLDP concepts.

Nutri Mix powder demonstration

In the month of October 2022 Nutri-Mix powder was prepared through PLDP Program on 'demonstration of Millet Recipes' co-organized by MPSSS with its partner organization of Madhya Pradesh in collaboration with the FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India). Preparation of Nutri - mix powder was made



by MPSSS and various other millets products were brought by the partners namely Navdhana laddus (dissent made from 9 different Millets) from Samaritan - Satna, snacks made from millets like *Kodu* (Ditch Millet) and *Kutki* (Little Millet) were brought by KDSS - Khandwa and millet flour made from *Bajra* (Pearl Millet), *Jowar*

(Sorghum) was brought by Pragati Sanstha - Jhabua.

Planning Meeting for Misereor Agency Visit

A planning meeting was organized for the staff members for the upcoming Misereor Agency visit in connection with the PLDP Program. On 29th November 2022 the Executive Director - Fr. Shinto Abraham took lead and guided MPSSS team for logistic arrangements and team facilitation.



Skill Enhancement on Health-Related issues to curb malnutrition

2-day training was organized at MVSS, Sagar from 13th to 14th December 2022 by MPSSSS. 43 participants including Fr. Shinto Abraham- Executive Director and PLDP Program team of MPSSSS along with 5 staff members of partner organizations



namely
MVSS -
Sagar,
KDSS -
Khandwa,
Kripa -
Ujjain,



Pragati – Jhabua & Samaritan - Satna were part of the training. Dr. Akhilesh Patel, representative from WHO took session for the participants on status of malnutrition in India. Various sessions on Re-orientation of PLDP concepts were taken by PLDP Team, Micro-planning by

Mrs. Raj Kishori from KDSS, Khandwa and Food security & food sovereignty by Mr. Sanjeev Tiwari from MVSS, Sagar. Towards end of the sessions all the participants were able to comprehend the impact of malnutrition on the rural communities of Madhya Pradesh and were equipped with the various measures and means to tackle the issue.

Orientation on PRA tools

Three days orientation was organized by MPSSSS for Community Volunteers and Village Volunteers of Kripa Social Welfare Society of Ujjain on 'PRA Tools' from 16th to 18th January 2023. 15 participants were part of the orientation. Objective of the training was to orient the participants on PRA tools. Sessions were focused on



various PRA tools like social mapping, resource mapping, hazardous tools, seasonal calendar, transect walk, daily calendar, ranking, Venn diagram and Practical session on the usage of PRA tools was also organized in the 2 villages from project area.

Orientation on FCRA new amendments

One day Orientation on 'the FCRA new amendments' was held on 28th January 2023 at MPSSS office. Resource person for the meeting was Mr. Balachandra CA, a consultant of Misereor from New Delhi and participants included directors of 9 partner organizations and other NGOs. Welcoming of the guests and participants was done by Fr. Shinto Abraham – Executive Director of MPSSS. Resource person oriented the participants on new FCRA amendments and their implications for the NGOs today. Also, Misereor financial guidelines were explained to the 9 partner organizations of MPSSS.



Exposure visits to Social Work Institute, Nepal

An Exposure visit was organized from 12th to 18th February 2023 at Social Work Institute, Nepal. The Farmers, Community Volunteers, Village Volunteers & PLDP Program team of MPSSS were among the



participants. The participants were oriented on organic practices, mix cropping, fruit cultivation, spices cultivation etc which are thoroughly practiced in Nepal, with the help of the field visits. Sharing on experiences and learnings



were also held at SWI centre, Nepal on the last day of the visit. Each participant including Farmers shared their experiences of the visit and even elaborated on their new learnings from Nepal visit.

Multiple Agencies visited MPSSS



Manos Unidas agency visit was held from 27th February to 2nd March 2023 and representatives namely Mrs. Ana Corcamo and Mrs. Ana Conenjero from Manos Unidas, Spain visited MPSSS in connection with various projects and their field visits were facilitated by the MPSSS team.

Representatives from Misereor, Germany also visited MPSSS from 23rd to 25th March 2023 at MPSSS office, Bhopal. Mr. Diogo Ferreira – Misereor Finance Consultant & Ms. Marita Iswaran-



Misereor Consultant, Fr. Shinto Abraham Executive Director, MPSSS, 6 of the partner Directors, Accountants and MPSSS team were part of the meeting. The objective of the visit was to explain the basic administrative requirements of Misereor and to cross check the accounting documents in line with the SOPs of the agency.



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Nutrition Powder Distribution

MPSSS organized visit to Raisen district for distribution of nutrition powder to the malnourished children. Mr. Saju, & Ms. Natasha - Regional Program Officers - MPSSS and one volunteer were part of the visit. The villages visited were *Naya Podar, Hiran Chapda, Khakarapura, Kasdaraiyat. Kasdakhurd, Chinapani and Genda Kabad* of the Raisen district. Visit was organized at Anganwadi centers for distributing the nutrition powder and seed packets to pregnant and lactating women.



ASHAs, Anganwadi workers, mothers and relatives who brought the malnourished children were explained about the consumption of the powder. They were informed that powder was made of 8 food grains namely green pulses, corn, bajra, black gram, cashew, soyabean, barley and groundnut. 1 kg jaggery was also provided and different recipes were explained to them depending on the

best interest of the child.

Field visit for the study of *Barela* tribes

The field visit was held in 2 villages of Punasa block, Khandwa district. Fr. Kiran Olakkengil- Executive Director of MPSSS, Fr. Jayan Alex- Director of KDSS, Natasha - Regional Program Officer MPSSS and PLDP Community Volunteer



of KDSS were part of the visit. During the visit people from the community were interacted on the impact of PLDP work.

Support visit to Gwalior

On 9th and 10th May, 2022 Regional Program Officer Mr. Christopher visited the Gwalior Catholic Seva Samaj as part of his support visits. Mr. Aneesh also was part of the visit



and interacted with the directors on the development of proposals on various issues in the diocese. The discussions also included many issues related to the formation of Diocesan level Children Parliaments and the Small Holder Farmers consortiums based on the KSPs.

Children Parliament Review meet at Indore



Review meeting of children parliament was held at Indore on 9th July 2022. 30 participants including children, staff members from IDSSS and Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer-

MPSSS were part of the meeting. Sharing

of activities for the last one year was done by the children parliament members and action plan for the upcoming year was also proposed by the members. Success stories of the children parliament were shared and documented by the staff members.



Handholding and support visit to ANWC, Bhopal

A support visit was held at ANWC, Bhopal on 20th July 2022. Mr. Shaji – Director-ANWC, Coordinator, field staffs & Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer-MPSSS was part of the meeting. The objective of the meeting was to have discussion on formation of Diocesan Level Children parliament at Bhopal. Mr.



Christopher shared the importance of the Children Parliament and explained on its formation.

Small Holder Farmers Consortium Review Meeting



On 6th August, 2022 Small Holder Farmers Consortium Review Meeting was organized at Pragati Sanstha, Meghnagar which was formed in the year 2021. More than 30 selected Farmers club members from Meghnagar, Dhar and Alirajpur districts actively participated in the meeting along with the office bearers. The participants shared about some of the highlights of the consortium in the diocese. Regional Program Office, Mr. Christopher participated in the meeting and facilitated the event



in which Fr. Peter Director and Fr. Aliyas Asst. Director of Pragati Sanstha, Meghnagar also participated. The common action plan was also made by the participants for the upcoming year facilitated by Fr. Peter Katara Director of Pragati Sanstha, Meghnagar.

Bhopal Diocesan level Children Parliament Formation

On 13th September, 2022 Bhopal Diocesan Level Children Parliament formation meeting was organized by MPSSS in collaboration with Asha Niketan Welfare Center (ANWC). Regional Program Officers Mr. Christopher, Ms. Natasha Sharma from MPSSS participated in the meeting and oriented the participants on the importance of 'Children Parliament.'



Mr. Kamal Thakur from ChildLine facilitated the formation of the diocesan level children parliament and Mr. Shaji Chacko, Director of

ANWC along with the staff members participated in the meeting. Altogether 20 children from Bhopal, Sehore and Hoshangabad Districts participated in the meeting held at ANWC office.

Ujjain Diocesan level Small Holder Farmers Consortium



Ujjain Diocesan level Small Holder Farmers Consortium was formed at Kripa Training Center, Ujjain on 14th September, 2022. More than 65 Small Holder Farmers along with Fr. Sunil, Director of Kripa Social Welfare Society 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. The election was conducted and the office bearers were elected and the action plan was prepared for the upcoming year.



Sagar Diocesan level Small Holder Farmers Consortium

Sagar Diocesan level Small Holder Farmers Consortium was formed at Manav Vikas Seva Sangh (MVSS), Sagar on 15th September, 2022. More than 65 Small Holder Farmers along with Fr. Biju Thomas Philip, Director of MVSS 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. Mr. M.S Bhatt from the

Horticultural Department, Dr. K.S. Yadav Senior Secretary in KVK Saugor and M K Srivastava from the Agriculture Department of Saugor district informed the participants on the importance of organic farming methods and procedures. The election was conducted and the office bearers were elected and the action plan was prepared for the upcoming year.



Sagar Diocesan level Children Parliament Meet

Sagar Diocesan level Children Parliament was formed at Manav Vikas Seva Sangh (MVSS), Saugor on 16th September, 2022. More than 50 children representing various districts of Saugor diocese along with Fr. Biju Thomas Philip, Director of MVSS and the staffs from field participated in the meeting. Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS facilitated the process forming



Children parliament and the participants were oriented on the importance of forming the consortium. Fr. Sabu, Education director of Sagar diocese was the chief guest and informed the participants on the importance of the role of children in the society today.



Khandwa Diocesan level Children Parliament Review meeting

Khandwa Diocesan level Children Parliament Review meeting was organized at Khandwa Diocesan Social Services (KDSS), Khandwa on 18th September, 2022. More than 40 existing children parliament members from Khandwa, Burhanpur and Kargoon districts of Khandwa diocese along with Fr. Jayan Alex, Director of KDSS and the staffs from field participated in the meeting. Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer of





MPSSS participated in the meeting that was facilitated by Mr. Susheel, Senior Program Officer of KDSS. Participants shared about the activities conducted in the past one year after the formation of the parliament. The parliament session was conducted where they finalized the action plan for the upcoming year.

Ujjain Diocesan level Children Parliament was formed

Ujjain Diocesan level Children Parliament was formed at Kripa Training Center, Ujjain on 24th September, 2022 in collaboration with Kripa Social Welfare Society (KSWS). Around 80 children representing various districts of Ujjain diocese along with Fr. Sunil K, Director of KSWS and the staffs from field participated in the meeting. Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS



facilitated the process of forming Children parliament and the participants were oriented on the importance of forming the consortium. The Election process was conducted and various ministers were elected and the action plan was prepared for the

upcoming year.

Indore Diocesan level Small Holder Farmers Consortium

Indore Diocesan level Small Holder Farmers Consortium was formed at Indore Diocese Social Service Society (IDSSS), Indore on 26th September, 2022. More than 30 Small Holder Farmers representing Indore, Dewas and Dhar districts along with Fr. Martin Kujur, Director of IDSSS 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. Dr. Harisingh Thakur, Rtd. Professor of Agriculture and a renowned Agronomist from Indore oriented the participants on the importance of organic farming methods and procedures. The election was conducted and the office bearers were elected and the action plan was prepared for the upcoming year.



PLDP Team visits partner organization

Organizational support visits were made by PLDP Program Team to Samaritan, Satna - on 28th October 2022 by Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi, KDSS Khandwa - on 28th October 2022 by Ms. Natasha Sharma & Pragati, Meghnagar - on 31st October 2022 by Dr. Aneesh Jose. Objective of the aforesaid visits was to present the yearly activities and action plan of PLDP project. Program Team presented the action plan and had discussions with the respective directors on the execution of the same. The



possible suggestions were made by the partner directors during the

discussions for better implementation of the project in the region.

Accompanying Partners at field visit

On 29th October 2022 an accompaniment visit was undertaken by Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi, Health Coordinator of PLDP program at *Bhatiya* village of Satna. During the field visit, discussions were held on village map made through PRA techniques in the previous community meetings. Members from the community shared the situation of the village and their challenges during the meeting.



IEC material on Millets Reciepes

In October 2022 a broucher was developed about the millet recepies for distribution. It was also given to the partner organizations for creating awareness among the communities on the importance of millets and the different varieties of recipes that could be made from the millets like *Kodu* (Ditch Millet), *Kutki* (Little Millet), *Bajra* (Pearl Millet), *Jowar* (Sorghum) etc.

MPSSS team have collected the data from various sources for the preparation of these recipies of the millets which are very nutritious in nature. The material was



very helpful for the further dissemination of millets and their nutritious values to the urban and rural communities in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

PLDP Team visits MVSS, Sagar

On 3rd November 2022 Organizational support visit was made under PLDP Program to MVSS, Sagar by Fr. Shinto Abraham - Executive Director, Dr. Aneesh Jose and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from PLDP Team of MPSSS. The objective of the visit was to present the yearly activities and action plan of PLDP project. Program Team presented the action plan and had discussions with Fr. Thomas Phillips - Director, MVSS on the same. The tentative action plan was presented before the director and possible suggestions were taken during the discussions for better implementation of the project in the region.



Video Documentation on Kol Tribe of Satna

A Two day visit was made to Satna district from 21st to 22nd November 2022. Mr. Antony, Consultant Videographer and Mr. Rahul PLDP program team, MPSSS were part of the visit. The objective of the visit was to document the life style of the Kol tribes including their culture, festivals and daily life. Multiple meetings were held with the community members to properly study and understand their cultural values for the video documentation.



Field Visit to Raisen District from 7th to 8th December 2022

Monitoring and Evaluation visit was undertaken by PLDP Team of MPSSS for two days from 7th to 8th December 2022 at Raisen district of Sagar. Objective of the visit was to monitor the PLDP project implementation area & the progress of the project activities to analyse its impact on the community and to interact with the field staffs. 4 villages were visited by Dr. Aneesh Jose & Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from PLDP Team of MPSSS, Bhopal.



SAMANVAYA online meeting held for the partner staffs



An online meeting was held through Zoom platform on 16th December 2022 for the field staffs of the partner organizations. The objective of the online meeting was to reorient the partner staff members on 'Documentation and Report Writing.' Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from PLDP Team took sessions on documentation and Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS facilitated the meeting and spoke about the photo documentation. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director

of MPSSS was also part of the meeting and encouraged the participants and spoke about the importance of documentation in the development sector.

Accompanying Partners during the field visits

Two days field accompaniment visit was held at Samaritan Social Service Society, Satna field from 24th to 25th January 2023 in 4 villages namely *Bhatiya, Pathihar, Nayagaon & Koldari*. On 24th January 2023 a session was conducted for the community



volunteers on goals, objectives & indicators of fourth



phase of PLDP Project. The planned & measured activities to be carried out for the project period were also discussed during the session. During the visit the villagers shared the situation of the village and their

challenges in availing the basic amenities.

PLDP India Evaluation Meeting

PLDP India Evaluation meeting was organized at MPSSS Bhopal from 6th to 8th February 2023. The meeting was held with all the 9 Directors from partner organization and the participants also included PLDP India Coordinators, Fr. Shinto Abraham, MPSSS Director and PLDP team of MPSSS. Objective of the meeting was to have dialogue with the Partner organizations, organize field visits, interact with the community leaders along with the project team. On the first day i.e., 6th February 2023, a SWOT analysis of the PLDP



India was done by each Partner staff members. Second day i.e., 7th February field visit was held in the field of Kripa, Ujjain and on 8th February field visit was held in the field of MVSS, Sagar. During the visits community meetings were



organized and interactions were made with the communities on achievements and challenges of PLDP work. It was also observed that the organic practices, kitchen garden, animal husbandry and other livelihood practices were thoroughly practiced by the communities with the support of the program.



Handholding visit to MVSS, Sagar

Two days Handholding visit was made to MVSS Sagar Field from 22nd to 23rd February 2023. Dr. Aneesh Jose & Ms. Natasha Sharma - PLDP



community on the progress of the project in the respective villages. Members from the community also shared about their issues and challenges during the interactions.

Program team of MPSSS were part of the visit. Three villages were visited namely *Bansia & Bhartipur* of Sanchi Block and *Hinotiya* of Gairatganj Block. During the visit the interactions were held with the

Handholding visit to Samaritan, Satna

One day Handholding support visit was made to Samaritan, Satna on 9th February 2023. Mr. Sinoy MT Admin Cum Finance Officer & Dr. Aneesh, Regional Program Officer from MPSSS were part of the visit. During the visit the staff from MPSSS facilitated the Samaritan team on the programmatic and finance related issues through interactions and team meetings.

Video Documentation on *Bhil Tribes* of Jhabua

a field visit was made to Jhabua district from 28th February to 4th March 2023. Mr. Anto, Consultant Videographer and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from PLDP program team of MPSSS were part of the visit. The objective of the visit was to document the life style including the culture, festivals and daily life of Bhil Tribe residing in the land. During the visit a short video was shot on the traditional marriage ceremony of Bhil community residing in *Tadvi* area in *Bidmoharipada* village of Meghnagar. Group dance of marriage with traditional musical instrument named *Maandal*



was captured. There were also other livelihood practices such as crop harvesting named *Halma*, maize grinding, traditional way of cooking, making of

mahua wine in special clay pots at *Hirapur* village were captured for the video documentation. The activities such as



hunting in the forest and collecting fruits and leaves from the forest with the community members of *Debar* village, local fair of *Amaliyamaal* village in which Traditional dance & other cultural activities of the tribes were also captured. The famous '*Bhagoriya Hat*' (Local Tribal inter-village Carnival held especially during the Holi festive season) too was documented for the video.

Partner visit to Pragati Sanstha, Jhabua

On 11th March, 2023 Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS visited Pragati Sanstha, Meghnagar along with the Executive Director of MPSSS, Fr. Shinto Abraham. Various discussions related to the formation of Diocesan level Children Parliament and the formulation of Diocesan Strategic Plan were held during the meeting. The discussions also included the need of revisiting and updating organizational policies based on the current situation.



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Capacity building sessions for the SHG members

MPSSS team was invited for conducting session on the prevention of malnutrition to SHG women on 7th April 2022 organized by Prerna Service Society, Bhopal. Sessions were conducted by Ms.



Shobha, Mr. Saju & Ms. Natasha on the topics related to Nutritional values.85 SHG women were part of the trainings. Group activity was also conducted in which participants were provided with food grains, fruits, oil, pulses etc. and asked to prepare recipes with highly nutritious values.

Networking & Linkage meeting with NGO Partners

Another Networking & Linkage meeting with PLD Partners was held on 25th April 2022. Fr. Johny - Principal of BSSS (Bhopal School of Social Sciences) inaugurated the workshop. 32 participants from different organizations were part of the meeting. Sessions were facilitated by Dr. Meghana Shukla, Millet Expert and International Trainer on Millet Products. She shed light on Millet Products and their Health Benefits for promoting Healthy Life and Nature.



In her session she emphasized on importance of nutritious millets to the participants. Resource person also stressed on the inclusion millets in the PDS system. A practical session was held on the preparation of various food items with the millets. Resource person with the support of Ms. Charu Samariya & Ms. Monica

Bhojwani demonstrated recipes of millet foods for making dishes like chapati, pudding, pakora, cutlets



etc. Dr. Prabhakar Tiwari CMHO, Bhopal graced the workshop with his presence. He also interacted with the participants and encouraged MPSSS to continue the good work. He also reinforced the significance of millet foods in today's context.

Regional Fora Directors' Meeting at New Delhi

From 19th to 22nd April 2022 Regional for a Directors' meeting was held at Caritas India head office, New Delhi. Fr. Kiran – Director of MPSSS was part of the meeting. Sessions were also conducted on 'the formulating Safeguarding proposal' at forum level. Regional Program Officer, Mr. Christopher participated in the meeting and Mr. Kushal from CRS was the resource person and Mrs. Shimrey from Caritas India facilitated the program. An action plan was made to implement the SAFE project in the region during the meeting.



HCL Grant PAN India Symposiums

On 24th May 2022 the HCL Grant Pan-India Symposiums took place at BSSS Campus, Bhopal. It was an effort by the HCL Foundation to bring together NGOs, Government, Corporate, and Policymakers on one platform, across India, so



that they can interact, develop regional as well as a sectoral understanding of Corporate Social



Responsibility (CSR) and deliberate upon their contribution towards Nation Building. Understanding of CSR new amendments & law was emphasized by the resource persons. Process of HCL grant allotment and experiences of the receivers were shared in the workshop. Mr. Christopher & Ms. Natasha-Regional Program Officers from MPSSS were part of the symposium.

Orientation to MSW Interns from BSSS

On 16th May, 2022 Two of the Interns from Bhopal School of Social Sciences were given orientation on the birth and formation of MPSSS as regional Forum. Mr. Christopher Regional Program Officer took sessions about the same. The sessions were helpful for the interns to understand the significant role MPSSS plays as a Forum for capacitating the partners.



MPSSS lead Raise and Rise in the month of May 2022

In the month of May 2022, MPSSS took lead for Raise and Rise campaign. Three Awareness activities were



organized with the Asha Workers, community members at Ashta, Ichhawar and Gandhinagar Basti areas of Bhopal. Awareness was spread in the community about the ill practices such as Child abuses and Child labour



at various levels with the children at Public places, schools, by relatives, known members etc. Community was explained about the importance of Raise and Rise campaign to raise awareness through which the voice of the children could be heard and felt. Ms. Natasha Sharma, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS took lead in the program and explained the children about their rights. She even facilitated the participants to take

pledge on upholding the rights of the children in their respective areas.

Caritas Regional Fora Coordinators stock taking meeting –

On 2nd May, 2022 A review meeting was organized by Caritas India for the Regional Forum Coordinators and Mr. Christopher, Regional Forum Coordinator from MPSSS participated in the same and presented the progress of activity reports of the forum with the help of PPT.



SAFE project planning meet



On 21st May, 2022 a coordination meeting was held for implementing the planned activities of SAFE project funded by CRS. Regional Program Officer, Mr. Christopher took lead with the help of the team members, Dr. Aneesh and Ms. Natasha. Various discussions were held on the implementation of project and way forward.

World 'No Tobacco Day' observed

On 31st May, 2022 the World No Tobacco Day



was observed by MPSSS with the theme "Tobacco: A threat to our environment". To raise awareness among the public about the damage that tobacco causes to the environment and mankind, MPSSS organized multiple awareness programs in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Voluntary Health Association at Lalghati chouraha, Karond Chowk and Gandhinagar areas of Bhopal from 27th to 30th May. Various activities were



organized like rally, signature campaign, pamphlet distribution and Nukad Natak with the support of BSSS students. To attract the attention and interest of the local people (most of whom were daily wage labourers), PA system was used. People actively participated in the signature campaign. Through the campaign, the

public was informed about the dangers of tobacco use, business practices of tobacco companies, the initiatives of WHO (World Health Organization) to fight the tobacco usage. On this occasion, the staff members of MPSSS along with Interns namely Mr. Shamit and Ms. Ashli Joshi from (BSSS) Bhopal School of Social Sciences actively participated in the event through the aforesaid activities.



MPSSS organized Regional Fora Directors' meeting

Regional Fora Directors meeting was held on 11th June, 2022 and representatives from all the state level fora were part of the meeting. As MPSSS hosted the meeting Fr. Kiran took lead and presented the activity report of the forum. The Directors representing Nine Regional Fora of various states participated in the meeting. Fr. Jacob P of CMI Indore was the resource person for the meeting and took sessions on the role of directors in the field of development. Respected Arch Bp. Durairaj was the chief guest of the event.



Inception workshop Co -Organized by: MPSSS, Jana Vikas & PLDP India

Two-day Inception Workshop with Madhya Pradesh partners was Co-Organized by MPSSS & Jana Vikas at Khandhmal, Odisha from 21st to 22nd June 2022 at Prerna Sadan Indore. Total 16 participants were part of the workshop. Fr. Kiran - Executive Director of MPSSS, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Dr. Aneesh & Ms. Natash from PLDP team of MPSSS were part of the Workshop. Fr. John, Forum Director, Odisha explained the need of the inception workshop.



Farewell to Fr. Kiran and welcome for the New Director

On 30th June 2022 the farewell meet for Fr. Kiran - Executive Director, MPSSS was held under the leadership of New Executive Director Fr. Shinto Abraha. Staffs shared their views and experiences of working with Fr. Kiran for the last 5 years and thanked him for providing great leadership and support during his tenure.



Networking meeting with Government Officials

An interactive session was held with Dr. Ajay Tiwari from Ministry of Human Resource development Satna with the MPSSS team on 20th July 2022 at MPSSS, Bhopal. Staffs members shared experiences



of their respective projects. Dr. Ajay Tiwari stated his experience of working with people and informed that while working with the communities, social workers should develop a strong rapport with the community especially at grass root level. He also shared about the importance of resource mobilization in the field in order to develop the sense of ownership among the people.

Meeting with Food Inspector

A short meeting was held with the Food Inspector, Bhopal at MPSSS office on 27th July 2022. The objective of the meeting was to introduce them about the MPSSS work especially on food & nutrition and to share the recipes of millet food for organizing food fest that was going to be held on



the same were explained to the Food inspector.

7th August 2022. A quick presentation of MPSSS work was given to the guests by Dr. Aneesh, Regional Program Officer. The contributions of MPSSS for the enhancement of nutritional status of the state was presented by the PLDP team and various initiatives for

DTP & TD Awareness Program at Chavara Vidya Mandir High Secondary School, Mandideep

On 16th July 2022 Catholic Health Association of Madhya Pradesh (CHAMP) and Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha in association with National Health Mission (NHM) have launched a campaign to raise awareness about diseases like Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis.

A programme was organized at Chavara Vidya Mandir High Secondary School in Mandideep in this regard on

the aforesaid date. The Director of NHM, Dr Santosh Shukla reminded the participants that these diseases



affect children most and the vaccination drive for the prevention of these diseases would start from 16th August 2022 especially for the children aged between 6 weeks to 6 years.



On 16th August, 2022 Fr. Shinto Abraham Executive Director of MPSSS along with Regional Program Officers namely Mr. Christopher and Mr. Balendra Singh Kaurav attended the DTP/TD awareness program conducted in collaboration with the Government and other NGO stakeholders at Nehru Girls School, TT Nagar, Bhopal.

Catholic Bishops of Madhya Pradesh (CBMP) Retreat Meet

On 9th and 10th August, 2022 Fr. Shinto Abraham Executive Director of MPSSS participated in the retreat organized by Catholic Bishops of Madhya Pradesh (CBMP) and presented the activity highlights of MPSSS from January to July 2022 where all the respected Bishops and other directors of various commissions were present from across the state of Madhya Pradesh.

Independence Day celebrations

Independence Day celebrations was held at MPSSS on 15th August, 2022 marking the historic event of



completing 75 years of Independence. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha hoisted the flag and MPSSS team along with the students



of St. Josephs Hostel from BSSS also participated in the event and the national anthem was sung.



World Mental Health Day observation

On 10th October 2022, MPSSS in collaboration with Raise and Rise Campaign organized an elocution competition for the Children with special needs at Samman, Bhopal. More than 150 children participated in the event and children with special needs demonstrated their talents through story-telling.

World Hand Wash Day

World hand wash day was celebrated with the primary school children of Meera Nagar School, Bhopal on 15th October 2022. Mr. Umesh - Principal of the school, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi and Ms. Natasha from MPSSS were part of the program.



Children were oriented on various steps of hand-washing techniques in detail. The importance of hand-washing for a healthy life was explained by the MPSSS Team and followed by soaps were also distributed to the participants.

Participation in the Launch of RACE Lab

Launch of RACE Lab (Research, Advocacy and Capacity Building against Exploitation) program was organized by Samvedna Organization on 19th October 2022 at RCVP Neronha Academy of Administration, Bhopal.



The program was chaired by Chief Guest - Ms. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson of National Commission for Women in the presence of Ad. DGP, Ms. Anuradha Shankar, the guest of honour. Mr. Christopher & Mr. Saju- Regional Program Officers from MPSSS participated in the program. The Objective of the program was to launch the RACE lab - a unique initiative

of Samvedna to fight against the Human Trafficking across the country.

Demonstration of Millets Recipes

Two-day Program on demonstration of Millet Recipes was co-organized by MPSSS from 19th to 20th October 2022 with its partner organization of Madhya Pradesh region in collaboration with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).



Mr. Prabhakar Tiwari - CMHO,

Bhopal visited all the millet stalls setup at the event by

Food Safety Administration Welcomes You on Demonstration of Millets Recipe

Date : 19.10.2022, Wednesday
Shri Satya Girls College for Women
Kasturba Hospital Road,
Habibganj, BHOPAL

Date : 20.10.2022, Thursday
Sarojini Naidu Girls Govt. Girls
Autonomous College, Shivaji Nagar,
Bhopal

Food Fortification

जिला कलेक्टर एवं अभिविहित अधिकारी खाद्य सुरक्षा प्रशासन, जिला-भोपाल

different organizations. Preparation of Nutri-mix powder was undertaken by MPSSS and various other millets

products were brought by the partners like *Navdhana laddus* from Samaritan-Satna, snacks made from millets like *Kodu* (Ditch Millet) and *Kutki* (Little Millet) were brought by KDSS-Khandwa and millets flour from *Bajra* (Pearl Millet) and *Jowar* (Sorghum) was brought by Pragati Sanstha-Jhabua and the same were displayed in the stalls for demonstration. A session on various types of millets & their usages was taken by Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from MPSSS for the participants.



External visit for the PLDP Project

Two-day external visit was undertaken by Ms. Marita Ishwaran - Consultant from Misereor under PLDP



Project from 20th to 21st October 2022. The objective of the visit was to understand the Organization and assess the progress of PLDP more closely along with the organizational culture and values. Versatile tools were used by the facilitator such as SWOT analysis and historical timelines to assess the project progress. The two-day meeting was useful for the staff members and the team for self-assessment and betterment.

Forum Coordinators review meeting at New Delhi



Two-day Review meeting was organized by Caritas India on 26th & 27th October 2022 at Caritas India head office, New Delhi. Representatives from 12 Regional Fora across the country were present for the same. Mr. Christopher from MPSSS, Bhopal



participated in the meeting representing MP forum. Presentation of the activities during the last phase was shared by Mr. Christopher. Next phase activities too were discussed by the respective forum directors and the way forward was suggested by the agency.

Walkathon on 'No to Drugs'

On 1st November 2022 A walkathon was held to raise awareness on “No to any types of Drug addiction.”



A walkathon was carried out in which many participants representing



various organizations took active role. Followed by a Rally was launched from board office square to New Market. Mr. Rahul & Ms. Natasha from MPSSS were part of the program.

Orientations on Child Abuse

Multiple sessions were conducted for the children on child rights during the year. Children from primary section of Meera Nagar School, Bhopal were oriented about 'child abuse' on 15th October 2022. Primary School children from Habibganj School of BHEL, Bhopal were oriented on 'child abuse' on 16th November



2022. Primary children from Primary School - Shahpura, Bhopal were oriented on 'Child Right' on 19th November 2022. Commemorating Children's Day, an awareness session was conducted for the slum children by Nirmal Jyoti in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha, Bhopal. Children from coaching centre at Khjuri Kalan Colony, Raisen and Abbas Nagar Colony, Old



Bhopal run by Nirmal Jyoti Organization were oriented on 'child abuse' on 23rd and 25th November 2022.

Mr. Christopher, Ms. Natasha Sharma and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi - Regional Program Officers from MPSSS were part of these programs. A short

video on child abuse was shown to the children. After the video show, an interactive session was conducted on good touch and bad touch.

Participation in CBMP meeting

A conference was held by the Catholic Bishops of MP under the leadership of His Grace Most Rev. Dr. A.A.S. Durairaj SVD, Archbishop, Bhopal. Bishops from Ujjain, Satna, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Indore and Khandwa were part of the meeting. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS representing Social Work, Health, Labour and Justice Peace and Development Commissions of Madhya Pradesh presented the year long activities during the meeting. Discussions were also held on the future action plan in connection with the ongoing PLDP program.



DISH Meetings held for the partner Directors

Multiple Quarterly DISHA Meeting were held on 26th April, 30th November 2022 and 6th February 2023 at MPSSS office, Bhopal. 9 partner Directors from Madhya Pradesh region were part of the meeting. Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer, MPSSS shared the activities held for the last three months in the absence of Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive



Director of MPSSS. A session was also taken by Mr. Yogesh Bhavsra, from PARAM Foundation on the livelihood and skill development



opportunities for the tribal youths in the region. Another session was held on 'Safeguarding Policy Orientation' by Mr. Christopher Regional Program Officer of MPSSS. All the directors have actively participated in the meeting and clarified their doubts on the issues related to livelihood opportunities.

Awareness on 16 days of activism - violence against women



On occasion of **16 days of activism - violence against women** awareness sessions were conducted by Nirmal Jyoti Education and Charitable Society in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha, Bhopal at Indra Nagar C sector village on 9th December 2022. 65 women from the village along with Fr. Jithin Vellor representing Nirmal Jyoti Education and Charitable

Society, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi and Ms. Natasha Sharma - Regional Program officers from MPSSS were part of the program. A documentary demonstrating various issues related to violence against women and girls in the society was shown to the participants. They were informed about various forms of violence against the women and girl children and the concerned helpline numbers such as 1090 & 100 to report such instances.



Silver Jubilee inauguration of MPSSS



Silver Jubilee inauguration of MPSSS was marked on 1st December 2022. His Grace, Most Rev. Bp. Dr. A A S Durairaj – Archbishop of Bhopal officially launched the event. On this special occasion Partner directors along with the representatives from Misereor have planted a sapling marking the services rendered by the organization to the marginalized people across the state of Madhya Pradesh for the past 25 years.

Misereor Agency visit



9 Partner Directors and MPSSS PLDP team welcomed the Misereor team and a coordination meeting was organized in connection with the ongoing PLDP Project. During the meeting the discussions were held on the impact of PLDP including the achievements as well as the challenges.

A Visit was organized by 3 personnels namely Ms. Fransicka, Mr. Lino and Ms. Benazir from the funding agency Misereor, Germany. On 1st December 2022 Most Rev. Bp. Gerald Almeida – Chairman of MPSSS, Rev. Fr. Shinto Abraham -Executive Director, MPSSS,



Core Meeting of Raise & Rise Campaign

On 19th December, 2022 a core team meeting of Raise & Rise Campaign was held at MPSSS office, Bhopal. Representatives from Angels, Nidan, ChildLine, MPSSS



and other partners of Campaign were participated in the meeting. During the meeting various issues related to impact of the campaign and the

challenges were discussed. Followed by, A strategy was developed to carry forward the objectives of the campaign.

Safe policy assessment tool orientation

Safeguarding Policy assessment tool orientation was held by Ms. Supriya Benerjee from CRS on 19th December 2022. Fr. Shinto Abraham - Executive Director, MPSSS, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Aneesh Jose & Ms. Natasha from Safe Core team of MPSSS were part of the online meeting. The main objective of the session was to explain the safeguarding assessment tool, scoring guidelines and to conduct assessment of the existing policies of MPSSS. Documents containing the tools and indicatives for the assessment were shared and discussions were held with the core team of the safe guarding policy.



Networking & Linkage Meeting with the Like-Minded NGOs



On 21st December 2022 Networking & Linkages Meeting was held with likeminded NGOs of the region. 42 participants from various organizations from Bhopal and partners organizations were part of the meeting. His Grace Most Rev. Bp. Dr. A. A. S. Durairaj – Archbishop of Bhopal, Shree Gulshan Bamara - Principal Secretary (IAS), Fr. Shinto Abraham - Executive Director of MPSSS and other dignitaries were part of the meeting. Sessions were held on Climate Change by Mr. Anand Patel,



Consultant and Livelihood Options such as rearing of Animals by Dr. M. K. Bharadwaj - Additional Deputy Director from Animal Husbandry Govt of Madhya Pradesh.

TOT on safeguarding policy Delhi

Three-day TOT on safeguarding policy was organized by CRS & Caritas India at New Delhi from 11th to 14th January 2023. Mr. Christopher & Ms. Natasha- Regional Program Officers representing MP Forum were part of the TOT.



The training included inputs & orientations on safeguarding standards, the scope of the policy and the important measures to be taken to meet all the seven standards of the policy were explained by the Resource persons Mr. Kushal and Mr. Prabhat from CRS. Mrs. Shimrey from Caritas India coordinated the program. Representatives from 12 Fora across the country participated in the event.

Exposure for the social work interns

5 Interns from Nutan College, Bhopal came for their internship for one week from 3rd January to 9th January 2023 on gaining their knowledge about the functioning of NGOs at MPSSS. The interns were oriented on the formation, role and activities of MPSSS & CHAMP By Mr. Balendra Singh Kaurv & Natasha Sharma-Regional Program Officers of MPSSS. MPSSS



team also explained them about the role of the organization in coordination with the partners through various projects. The interns were further oriented on the concepts related to PLDP and other active projects.



Sessions were facilitated by Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi - Health Coordinator & Ms. Natasha Sharma from MPSSS on issues related to Documentation and Child rights etc.

Republic Day Celebration

On 26th January 2023, Republic Day was celebrated by MPSSS team. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Director of MPSSS hoisted the flag along with Fr. Lijo and Fr. Rajan the



students of BSSS College pursuing their MSW studies. MPSSS fraternity including the inmates of St. Josephs Hostel were also part



of the programs. Fr. Rajan being the guest of honour delivered the key note address on the occasion.

Liaisoning with Government Officials

A meeting was held with Mr. Gyaneshwar Mishra from NHM (National Health Mission) for staff members of MPSSS on 30th January 2023. He shared his experiences working with the rural communities.



He informed that the entry point to any villages could be the Asha Worker as she would be the first contact person of the village. Also, he shared few advices on community mobilization with the MPSSS staff members.

Session for children on 'child abuse'

On 31st January 2023 Child rights awareness session was conducted by Nirmal Jyoti in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha, Bhopal. Primary children from coaching centre at Kokta, Bhopal run by Nirmal Jyoti were oriented on 'child rights.' Fr. Jithin Vellor- from Nirmal Jyoti, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi and Ms. Natasha Sharma - Regional Program officers from MPSSS were part of the program.



A short video named KOMAL on 'child abuse' was shown to the children. After the display of the video, interactions were held with children on 'safe and unsafe touch' in which Ms. Natasha Sharma explained the concept so that they can inform the trustworthy person when in danger. Four fundamental rights of children mentioned in the constitution reinforced by UNCRC namely right to survival, right to protection, right to participation and right to development were elaborated by Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi.



Awareness Program organized on 'World Cancer Day'

Commemorating the World Cancer Day on 4th February, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) and the Catholic Health Association of Madhya Pradesh (CHAMP) jointly organized 'Cancer Awareness Programs' at multiple locations namely Kasturba Nursing College, BHEL and Sarojini Naidu Middle School, near 7 No Market in Bhopal city at 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM respectively. More than 300 participants including the students and the staff members of these institutions were oriented to raise awareness on the fatal Disease.

Mr. Balendra Singh Kaurav, Regional Program Officer from CHAMP being the chief resource person, educated the participants on the symptoms for early detection of Cancer and the importance of adopting a



healthy life-style for a cancer free society. The awareness sessions were conducted in line with the State level 'Cancer Care Campaign 2023' launched by Caritas India' to spread awareness on the deadly disease. Ms. Natasha Sharma and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi, Regional Program Officers from MPSSS coordinated the entire program. The whole program was conducted under the leadership of Fr. Shinto Abraham the Executive Director of Madhya

Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha and The Catholic Health Association of Madhya Pradesh.



Workshop on Women Access to Disaster Assistance

One day workshop was organized by Disaster Management institute in collaboration with UNICEF on 17th February 2023 at Disaster Management institute, Bhopal. Participants from many districts like Jhabua, Dhar, New Delhi, Mandla, Rajgarh, Chattarpur along with Elected women representatives, and many local organizations were part of the workshop. During the workshop, the resource persons have shared about various types of disasters and their effects on women, pre-disaster activities were also discussed during the training stressing the involvement of



women in disaster management planning that needs attention. Various disasters in Madhya Pradesh were informed as the state with good number of water bodies could be highly vulnerable to floods. Many other

disasters like drought, earthquakes, dam disaster, mines and industrial disasters were discussed during the meeting.

Multiple Governing Body Meetings and Annual General Body Meeting were held

Multiple Governing Body Meetings were held on 17th June, 27th October, 2022 and 3rd February 2023 at MPSSS, Bhopal during the year. Most Rev. Bp. Gerald Almeida, president of MPSSS and Fr. Premanand Board member participated through zoom online interface. The other members namely Fr. Shinto Abraham, Secretary Cum Treasurer, Sr. Pavana CJ, Fr. Alexender, Dr. Sheeba Joseph, Dr. Saju MK and Mr. Shaji Chacko



members participated physically at MPSSS, Bhopal. Quarterly activity report and plan of action for the next quarter were presented during the meeting along with the financial updates of the organization.



On 17th June 2022 the 25th Annual General Body Meeting was also held at MPSSS, Bhopal. All the Governing Body Members along with the MPSSS General Body members participated in the meeting and discussions related to the development and the future scope of the organization were discussed. Most Rev. Bp. Dr. A A S Durairaj, the Archbishop of Bhopal was invited as the chief guest for the event and a formal welcome was given to Fr. Shinto Abraham, the New Executive Director of MPSSS during the meeting.



Training Program on 'The Labour Code and Clinical Establishment Act and its New Compliances'

One day training program was organized by Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha in collaboration with The Catholic Health Association of Madhya Pradesh on 25th February 2023. Welcome address was delivered by Fr. Thomas P.A, President CHAMP. Inaugural



address was made by His Grace Most Rev Dr A.A.S Durairaj Archbishop Bhopal. Key Note address was



given by Most Rev Bp Emmanuel Kerketta, Chairman Health commission CBCG (Catholic Bishops of Chhattisgarh). More than 79 Fathers, Sisters representing various health Institutions along with the MPSSS & CHAMP team participated in the program. Session on Revisions and updates

in the labour laws was facilitated by Mr. Shami Joseph, Dy Labour Welfare Commissioner, CLS Ministry of Labour & Employment - New Delhi. Another session on 'Clinical Establishment act and its new compliances for hospitals' was facilitated by Ms. Anuvinda Varkey - Former Executive Director for Christian Coalition for Health and lawyer and Ms. Abha Ekka, Executive Director Christian Coalition for Health.

Online meetings on Safe Guarding Policy assessment

On 10th February and 21st March 2023 multiple online meetings were held with Ms. Supriya Mukherjee from

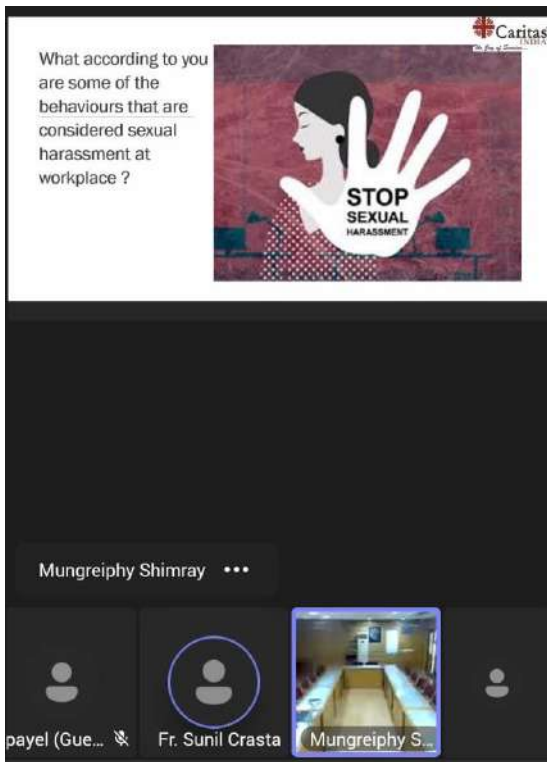


CRS in which Fr. Shinto Abraham - Executive Director, MPSSS, Mr. Christopher & Ms. Natasha - Regional Program Officers from MPSSS participated. Objective of these sessions was to have assessment of

the existing policies of MPSSS, and to assess the drafted policy according to the global safeguarding standards. Currently the policy draft was prepared and sent for assessment and the first round of assessment was completed and the revisions would be made according to the suggestions of the agency to meet the international standards.



POSH orientation



Half day orientation on POSH policy was held on 17th March 2023 organized by Caritas India virtually. Mr. Christopher, & Ms. Natasha Regional Program Officers from MPSSS were part of the orientation. The discussions included the POSH and its relevance for today's context. Mrs. Shimrey from Caritas India being the resource person primarily spoke about the sexual harassment that



could occur at workplaces. The objective of the orientation was to create awareness and proper understanding of the concept of sexual harassment which could be multi-dimensional. It was also informed that every organization must have the POSH policy in place as per the guidelines of the government.

Participation in NGO Confederation Meeting

On 17th March, 2023 representing Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha, Regional Program Officer Mr. Christophar participated in the NGO Confederation meeting at Kerala House - New Delhi, hosted by the President Mr. Anand Sai Kumar the founder of 'Sai Gramam.' The objective of the meeting was to form state



wise NGO consortiums for mutual support and strengthening of the member organizations. Discussions were also held on the action plan for the upcoming year and the way forward. The chief guest of the occasion was Mr. Hibi Eden, Former Member of Parliament from Kerala state.

MINUTES OF THE 25th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF MADHYA PRADESH SAMAJ SEVA SANSTHA (MPSSS), BHOPAL

The 25th Annual General Body Meeting of MPSSS was held at MPSSS, Bhopal on 17th June 2022 from 11:00 am – 02:00 p.m. The notice for the aforesaid meeting was sent one month in advance to all the members of the society stating the agenda, date & time of the meeting by the secretary of MPSSS.



Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Introductory Prayer and Roll Call
2. Presentation of the Agenda
3. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
4. Presentation of the last AGBM Minutes
5. Presentation of the Annual Activity Report 2021 – 2022
6. Presentation of the Audit Report 2021 – 2022
7. Presentation of the Annual Budget 2022 – 2023
8. Appointment of the Auditor for the year 2022 – 2023
9. Election for the vacant positions of Governing Body Members
10. Fixing the date and venue of next AGBM
11. Any other points with the permission of the Chairperson
 - a. Annual Magazine release
 - b. Research study release (2)
12. Vote of Thanks

PROCEEDINGS

Introductory Prayer, Welcome and Roll Call:

The meeting was convened according to the rules & regulations of the Registered Societies Act and began with prayer by Bp. Sebastian and Bp. Gerald welcomed all the members, and the roll call was made.

Presentation and approval of the Agenda for the AGBM:

Fr. Kiran Olakkengil, Secretary and Treasurer MPSSS, presented the agenda for the meeting. The agenda was approved with general consensus of the floor with the understanding that arising concerns could be taken up under 'Any Other Topic'.

Appointment of the Recording Secretary:

As it was decided that MPSSS staff will be recording minutes, hence Mr. Christophar, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS was appointed as the recording secretary.

Presentation of the Minutes of the 24th AGBM:

Fr. Kiran Olakkengil, Secretary and Treasurer presented the minutes of the previous AGBM. After the presentation of minutes, the President invited clarifications, suggestions and modifications if any. In response, Fr. Sunil spoke about the irrelevance of Zonal Directors in the Governing Body as the position was no longer applicable. Fr. Kiran said that it could not be amended as it was mentioned in the bylaws of the organization. Even Bp. Sebastian and Bp. Gerald supported Fr. Kiran and stated that the bylaws had to be thoroughly studied by the bishops and the committee. Fr. Kiran also mentioned that the office space was rented from KPRP and the same was paid on 17th April to them. As there were no clarifications needed Fr. Thomas Philip from Sagar proposed and Fr. Peter from Jhabua seconded the minutes.



Presentation of the Annual Activity report 2021-2022:

Fr. Kiran secretary presented the Annual Activity report 2021-2022. In response Fr. Alexander inquired about the number of catholic families benefitted through the initiatives taken by the social services societies in the region. In response Fr. Kiran and other members responded that the services were meant for needy and helpless people irrespective of their cultural and religious backgrounds. However, initiatives like Lenten launches and the follow-up trainings for the youths have some benefitted the young people in the region. All the members agreed to the aforesaid point and Bp. Gerald too shared his views on the same and appreciated Fr. Kiran and team for their hard work. The Annual report was proposed to pass by Fr. Alexander and seconded by Sr. Pavana.

Presentation of the Audit Statement for 2021-2022:

Fr. Kiran presented the Audit statement for the year 2021-2022 and spoke about the latest amendments made by the government in the admin and interest allocation heads of the audit report. Fr. Biju inquired about the donations and the grants in the audit report and Fr. Kiran clarified the same mentioned that it was made in consultation with the auditor. The Audit statement was proposed by Fr. Jayan and was seconded by Fr. Premanand.

Presentation of Annual Budget for the year 2022-2023:

Fr. Kiran presented the Annual Budget for 2022-2023 and Fr. Kiran informed about the millet promotion through the procurement of millets from Mandla, Khandwa and Jhabua and preparation of Bread and other snacks and market linkage. Fr. Thomas inquired about the local conveyance of GB member and the change of rate in the electricity charges and in response Fr. Kiran explained the same in detail. Further Fr. Thomas asked about the auditor's fee and Fr. Kiran answered the same. The Annual budget was proposed to pass by Fr. Alexander and seconded by Sr. Seema.



Appointment of the Auditor for the year 2022–2023:

The President asked whether the MPSSS team was happy with the present Auditor or not. Fr Kiran responded saying that the MPSSS team was happy with the present Auditor. All the General Body members unanimously agreed to continue with the same auditor.

Election for the vacant board members:

Fr. Kiran informed the panel that the terms of Fr. Kiran, Secretary cum Treasurer, Mr. Shaji Chacko, Dr. Saju MK, Dr. Sheeba, members were completed and requested the panel for election. The following names were proposed for the election in the meeting.

1. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha – Secretary cum Treasurer
Nominee
2. Mr. Shaji Chacko - Zonal Director Nominee

3. Dr. Saju MK - Caritas Regional Officer Nominee
4. Dr. Sheeba Joseph - Women Representative

A formal election was conducted and the above members were elected and the Chairman Bishop along with the other members congratulated them on the election.

Fixing the date and venue of next AGBM:

Chairman Bishop Gerlad and Bishop Sebastian opined that the next meeting could be tentatively scheduled in the month of July, 2023. Secretary cum Treasures assured to fix the dates and share the details in advance for the meeting.

Any other topic with the permission of the chair:

Fr. Kiran requested the chief guest Arch Bishop Alangaram Arokia Sebastian Durairaj to officially launch the books published by MPSSS on the research on Barela tribes and the impact study on malnutrition in the selected areas of the region.



He further requested Bp. Sebastian to release the Annual Magazine of MPSSS for the year 2021-2022 and the magazine was officially launched in the meeting.

The board members along with the President formally thanked the Fr. Kiran Olakkengil the former Secretary cum Treasurer for his services. Further an official welcome was made to Fr. Shinto Abraham who was elected as the Secretary cum Treasurer.

Vote of thanks:

Finally, Fr. Kiran requested the Bishop for the final words and Bp. Gerald appreciated every member for their support in the midst of difficult situations.



Bp. Sebastian proposed the vote of thanks and expressed his gratitude to Chairman Bishop Gerald and even the newly elected members for their support. Finally the Annual General Body meeting was concluded with closing prayer and blessings offered by the chief guest Arch Bishop Alangaram Arokia Sebastian Durairaj.

Prepared By:

Mr. Christophar,
Recording Secretary
Regional Program Officer, MPSSS

AUDIT REPORT



MADHYA PRADESH SAMAJ SEVA SANSTHA, BHOPAL

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2023

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>₹</u>	<u>₹</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>₹</u>	<u>₹</u>
<u>SOCIETY FUND</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		15470983.00
OPENING BALANCE	6958343.41		(SCHEDULE - A)		
ADD: EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FROM INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	2605786.90	9564130.31			
AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE MEMBERSHIP FUND		4528924.00 371000.00	<u>CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES</u>		
<u>DEPRECIATION FUND</u>			TAX COLLECTED AT SOURCE RECOVERABLE		11210.00
OPENING BALANCE	2424184.00		<u>CASH & BANK BALANCES</u>		
ADD: CHARGED DURING THE YEAR	384506.00	2808690.00	<u>SOCIETY ACCOUNT</u>		
<u>STAFF WELFARE FUND</u>			CASH IN HAND	1635.00	
OPENING BALANCE	61104.00		FEDERAL BANK - 13500100023385	116945.71	
ADD: RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR	0.00		<u>FOREIGN ACCOUNT</u>		
LESS: PAID DURING THE YEAR	61104.00	61104.00	CASH IN HAND	874.00	
<u>CAUTION MONEY DEPOSIT</u>			STATE BANK OF INDIA-40090303523	1199827.71	
OPENING BALANCE	66000.00		FEDERAL BANK - 13500100028582	532085.89	
ADD: RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR	23530.00		<u>HOSTEL ACCOUNT</u>		
LESS: PAID DURING THE YEAR	34000.00	55530.00	CASH IN HAND	4968.00	
			FEDERAL BANK - 13500100209851	50849.00	1907185.31
		<u>17389378.31</u>			<u>17389378.31</u>

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AUDIT REPORT



MADHYA PRADESH SAMAJ SEVA SANSTHA, BHOPAL

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31st MARCH, 2023

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>₹</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>₹</u>
TO NUTRITION AND CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM	3576322.00	BY <u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u> ST JOSEPH BOYS HOSTEL	634007.00
TO ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	726903.00	BY DONATION ABROAD	7406617.40
TO FOOD FOR MILLION CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME	7710.00	BY GRANT - INDIA (NET OF REFUND)	589800.00
TO REPAIR & MAINTENANCE: VEHICLE	123996.00	BY BANK INTEREST	29384.00
COMPUTER	44286.00	BY CONTRIBUTION - FATHER' SALARY	52000.00
BUILDING	64079.00	BY DONATION	77500.00
OTHERS	94498.00	BY OTHER INCOME	145261.00
TO SALARY & WAGES	786420.00		
TO RATE & TAXES	33178.00		
TO STAFF WELFARE EXPENSES	41625.00		
TO TRAVEL & CONVEYANCE	30695.00		
TO OFFICE EXPENSES	30770.00		
TO PRINTING & STATIONERY	24186.00		
TO BANK CHARGES	1693.50		
TO GARDEN & PET MAINTENANCE	27288.00		
TO FUNCTION & CELEBRATION	18705.00		
TO PROFESSIONAL FEES	88190.00		
TO TELEPHONE & POSTAGE	49927.00		
TO TRAINING & SEMINAR	18872.00		
TO ELECTRICITY & WATER	16372.00		
TO FIRST AID EXPENSES	3970.00		
TO AUDIT & PROFESSIONAL FEES	55200.00		
TO BOOKS & PERIODICALS	5106.00		
TO ELECTRICITY, WATER CHARGES, ETC	74285.00		
TO DEPRECIATION	384506.00		
TO EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	2605786.90		
	<u>8934569.40</u>		<u>8934569.40</u>

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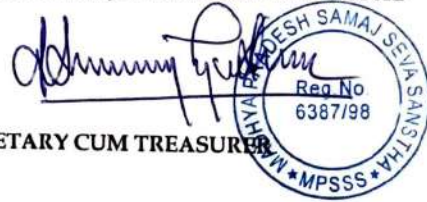
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