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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 September 25th 1998, and was registered under the Madhya Pradesh Societies *Registrikan Adhiniyam* 1973 with the registration no. 6387/98.



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 Diocesan partners and non-profit organizations to meet all compliance criteria.
- Initiate and assist partners at all levels of Project Cycle Management 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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Paternal Blessings

Actualizing our core mission statement ‘...you did it to Me’ Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha achieved greater milestones during the past one year. Be it the handholding support to the partners or coordination of emergency relief operations during the unprecedented pandemic outbreak or even collaborating with the stakeholders to reach out to the most vulnerable in the society, the organization pulled out all the stops in our pursuit to establish a just and harmonious society.

I am glad that MPSSS came up with wide variety of Green initiatives to commemorate 2020-2021 as ‘Laudato si’ year and passed it on to the partners as well by inspiring them to become responsible caretakers of mother earth. It also brings me abundant joy and satisfaction to see the organization taking various initiatives in the fields of community health and livelihood promotions especially in the new normal to demonstrate God’s love to the mankind.

I am sure that this annual report would summarize the efforts of the organization to bring positive vibes on the faces of people and the communities living in utter hopelessness. My heartfelt congratulations to the entire MPSSS team for their commitment and dedication in the most adverse situations and making this year as a remarkable milestone in the history of the organization.

Rev. Dr. Bp. Gerald Almeida
President,
MPSSS Bhopal.





From the Desk of Director

As another year has passed by, I am exulted to present the 23rd Annual Report 'PRAYATN (2020-2021)' a recollection of our yearlong efforts of facilitating the process of empowering the people in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha, the regional forum has been instrumental in collaborating with the partners to achieve high quality in implementing versatile programmatic activities throughout the region. MPSSS has become a torch bearer in the state for the partners in reaching out to the communities even during the lockdowns through virtual meetings and other online programmes.

It was a challenging year for the organization, particularly as the COVID-19 pandemic took its toll on physical and emotional health of mankind. The pandemic and its aftermath had a devastating effect on the lives of people and the new normal brought in sweeping changes and MPSSS had to adopt new methods and techniques to promote livelihood and sustainability for the most affected people across the region.

Therefore, I acknowledge the support of donors, stakeholders and all the well-wishers for standing on our side with their kind hearted support and generous contributions in transforming the lives of people struggling with poverty and illiteracy. I thank our partners for further transforming our Vision and Mission into reality through all their endeavours that trickled down to the most vulnerable and desperate beneficiaries.

I also extend my gratitude to the Members of Governing Board, Think Tank and entire team of MPSSS for internalizing the very objectives of the organization and even walking an extra mile to ensure the proper and timely implementation of every individual program of the organization. I also hope to see the organization flourish and continue the acts of mercy and love in the days ahead with extended commitment and vigour, so that the mandate becomes realistic and achievable, whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, You Did it to Me...

Rev. Fr. Kiran Olakkengil
Executive Director,
MPSSS Bhopal.



System strengthening and organizational development support to all partners and non-profit organizations to meet all compliance criteria.



Webinar on ‘Covid-19 safety and Preparedness’

Keeping in view of the safety of its partners during COVID-19 relief operation across the state, MPSSSS has initiated sessions on ‘COVID-19 safety and preparedness’ for all the partner organizations and their directors through online platform. In association with Caritas India and Catholic Relief Services. The webinar was organized on 25th April, 2020. Mr. Kushal Neogy from CRS facilitated the sessions on COVID-19 symptoms, awareness and the safety methods. Dr Saju represented Caritas India and shared the protocols and SoP’s for functioning. Other members from Caritas as well as CRS shared their insights.



Equipping the staffs and front liners on ‘COVID-19 preparedness’



Sensing the need of enhancing the capacities of frontline workers who are more vulnerable to the infection being involved in the relief work at field level, MPSSSS organized multiple sessions for the frontline workers of partner organization through online platform. On 30th April, 2020 a webinar was organized for the frontline workers on ‘COVID-19 awareness and safety measures’ and the participants were taught with the safety practices as they involved in relief operations. More than 21 participants across the region participated in the

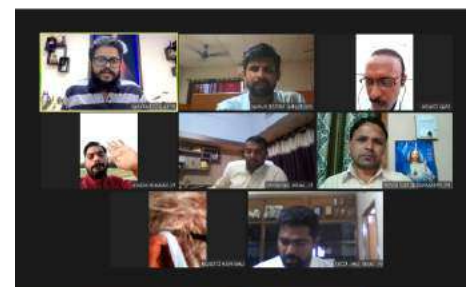
webinar. Another webinar was organised on 11th May 2020 and 25 frontline workers from all the partner organization have actively participated and MPSSSS Executive Director Fr. Kiran being the resource person took sessions on COVID-19 safety measures and best practices.

DISHA Meetings Held for Sharing the Mutual Learnings

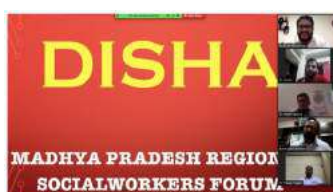


10 Directors Initiative for Self Help and Action-DISHA meetings were conducted during the year. Directors of all the partner organizations actively participated in the discussions.

The discussions were held on various issues of concerns like - progress of COVID relief operations in the region during pandemic, Regional Strategic Plan draft, organogram of MPSSSS, progress of relief activities and project operation



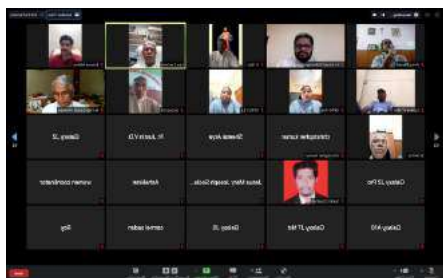
during the new normal, providing the sustainable means of livelihood to the homecoming migrants,



Lenten Campaign & Launch and other activity plans ahead. The meetings held were helpful in sharing the knowledge and best practices by each one in the region.



Webinar organized on 'Rehabilitating the migrant workers'



On 22nd May 2020 MPSSSS organized a webinar for all the Faith Based Organizations in the state. Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer took session on 'Rehabilitating the migrant workers during COVID-19 crisis' explaining the fate of migrant labourers in Madhya Pradesh and the need for their rehabilitation.

Rev. Dr. Archbishop Leo Cornelio SVD, Chairman Pastoral Care for Nomads in India along with Rev Bishop Gerald Almeida Chairman for CBCI office for Justice Peace and Development Shared the views. This webinar was organised with the help of CBMP labour Commission. 45 participants representing various organizations actively took part in the sessions.



Reviving the Traditional Food System & Promotion of Minor Millets



MPSSSS have supported partners, namely Jabalpur Diocesan Social Service Society, Khandwa Diocesan Social Services and Pragati Sanstha, Jhabua for the promotion of minor millets. 20 each villages were selected respectively in JDSSS & KDSS and in Pragati Sanstha 30 villages were

selected. We could reach almost 650 small holder farming families and distributed minor millets like Kodo, Kutki, Ragi, Gujro, Hamli, Sino, Jwar, Tilli, Maize, and Khatti Bhindi. The production of the year was nearly 1113 quintals and nearly 1556 Small Holder Farming Families will be benefitting from the live seed banks this year (2021).



Enhancing the Capacities of the Team Members of the Partner Organizations

Capacity Building of the field staffs of partner organizations were held through virtual platform. First session was held on 'Constitutional Rights and COVID-19 crises' on 16th July through zoom platform. Mr. Christopher- Regional Program Officer-MPSSSS conducted the sessions. Session focused on the Constitutional rights and how they have been violated during COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent lockdowns.

Facts about the constitution, various rights and fundamental duties were points of discussion of the training. 45 participants from the 9 DSSSSs were part of the session.





Webinar organized on breastfeeding

Marking the 'World Breastfeeding Week' from 1st to 7th August, 2020, Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha in collaboration with The Catholic Health Association of Madhya Pradesh had organized a webinar on 6th August, wherein around 45 participants from the partner organizations from rural areas of State participated.

The main aim of the webinar was to spread awareness on breastfeeding and its significance for child growth. Sr. Dr. Shobha, Gynaecologist and Pediatrician was the main resource person for the webinar. She spoke that 'Breast milk is the first vaccine' for an infant and it can prevent children from various diseases.



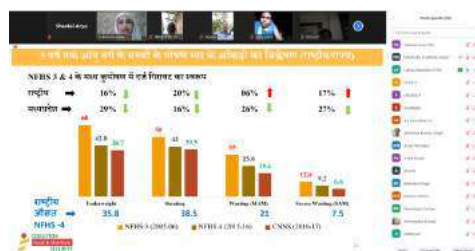
Webinar on impact of Covid-19 on Animal Husbandry & related fields



Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha organized a Webinar on 16th September 2020 in collaboration with Animal Husbandry department Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. Session focused on impact of Covid-19 on Animal Husbandry & related fields. Dr.M.K. Bhardwaj, Additional Deputy Director veterinary Services Govt. took the session. 61 participants from 9 partner organizations of Madhya Pradesh were part of the meeting.

Webinar on Better Nutrition for Future Generation

Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha organized a webinar in collaboration with The Catholic Health Association of Madhya Pradesh on 19th September 2020 on ICDS services in which 57 participants from 11 districts have actively participated. The resource person was Ms.Lubna Abdullah, State Program head, The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security. Discussion was made on the better intervention and increase accesibility towards ICDS services in order to promote nutritional services for a healthy life. The webinar was helpful to recognize nutritional deficiencies and how to deal with them. On this occasion Fr. Kiran emphasised on community participation in enhancing nutritional services and promote local food and kitchen garden to address nutritional related issues especially in rural areas.



Interim Evaluations- Staff Meetings held regularly



Staff meetings were held monthly to evaluate the performance of each team member. five such meetings were held online and four meetings offline.

Each Regional Program Officers presented the learnings of their work carried out in the respective months along with skills refined



for professional life. Respective dates of staff meetings were 25th May 2020, 26th June, 29th July, 5th September, 8th October, 7th November, 5th December, 6th February 2021 and 1st March



Team Building and Staff Reflection Program

On 31st October 2020, Staff reflection meeting was organized by MPSSS at Ratapani Jungle Resort near Bhopal and all the staffs actively participated in the event. The meeting was helpful to reflect on yearlong personal performance of each staff member and served to be a fruitful time of recreation and team Building.



Orientation on Minor Research to MPSSS team

On 14th August 2020 MPSSS staffs were oriented on 'Developing and conducting Minor Researches. Dr. Sheeba Joseph, Asst. Professor, BSSS Bhopal oriented the



MPSSS team on the nuances of carrying out the minor research. All the staff members participated in the offline meetings without fail. The Orientation was helpful for the participants to understand the concept of minor research and various important elements of the same. Four Minor researches were initiated as a result of this training.

GST & KSP were Disseminated to Partner Team Members

Catholic Social Teachings and Key Strategic Pillars orientation workshop was conducted for three DSSS staffs namely IDSS Indore, Pragati Jhabua and Kripa Ujjain on 26th, 28th and 30th September respectively. The workshop included training the participants on Principals of CST & KSPs of Caritas India and mainstreaming them into their programmatic activities. Altogether 81 staff



members participated in these three workshops along with the respective DSSS Directors. Regional Program Officer Mr. Christopher was the resource person for these workshops.





Orientation to Volunteers on Nutrition Enhancement



2 days capacity enhancement workshop was held for the Selected Volunteers on 27th & 28th November 2020.

Altogether 62 participants were part of the training. Training was organized at Kripa Training Centre Ujjain. Training started with a prayer and Welcoming of the participants were done by Fr. Sunil

G., Director of Kripa. He addressed the participants and congratulated them for their voluntary work which they have done and asked them to further continue to do the good works for the development of the rural communities.

Handholding Support Visit to Partners



Mr. Christopher, RPO visited one of the partners at Indore (Indore Diocese Social Service Society) on 24th February 2021 and interacted with the Director Fr. Mukesh Machar and key staffs on upcoming state level Lenten Launch and formation of Diocese level Child Parliament.



Similar visits were also held at KDSS, Khandwa and MVSS, Sagar on 23rd & 25th March 2021 respectively. Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer, MPSSS interacted with the Directors Frs Jayan Alax & Thomas Philip and key staffs of

the key staffs of the organizations. The objective of the visit was to have discussion on formation of Child Parliament and District level farmers clubs.

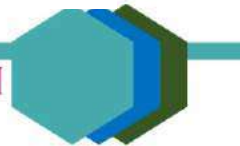


State Level Lenten Campaign Launch 2021

MPSSS organized State level Lenten launch on 7th March, 2021 at St. Arnold's Parish, Vijaynagar, Indore with the support of IDSSS (Indore Diocese Social Service Society), Indore.



Bp Chacko Thottumarickal SVD Bishop of Indore and Secretary to CBMP Bhopal inaugurated the Campaign. All the parish members including the youths and the IDSSS team participated in the event which also commemorated the 'World Women's day' in the Diocese.



The parish members including the dignitaries Dr. Saju, Zonal Officer, Caritas, Fr. Kiran, Fr. John V, Parish Priest, Fr. Pious and Fr. Godwin of Indore Diocese and Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS participated in the launch.



Training of Volunteers on “Healthy Life Healthy India”

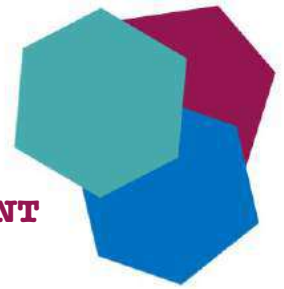


Two days training of trainers was organized for the youths on 13th & 14th March 2021 at Divine Retreat Center, Kolar, Bhopal. TOT was organized by MPSSS under State Lanten Campaign “Healthy Life Healthy India”. The objective of the workshop was to orient the youths on the issues of mental health, physical fitness, communicable and non-communicable disease, HIV-Aids,

Catholic Social Teaching & Organic Agricultural Practices further promoting ‘Healthy Life Healthy India.’ Fr. Biju Thottankara, Secretary CBMP was invited as a chief guest, Mrs. Kala Mohan, Director - NIDAAAN, Mrs. Durga Mishra, Trainer - Physical Fitness and Yoga, Regional Youth Coordinator Fr. Alexander, Fr. Kiran, Executive Director and MPSSS team were also part of the event and took sessions on various topics.



INITIATE AND ASSIST PARTNERS AT ALL LEVELS OF PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT FOR THEMATIC DEVELOPMENT



COVID- 19 Emergency Relief Operations



In the wake of COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent lockdowns, MPSSS extended their helping hands towards the worst affected masses in the state. The organization distributed 712 dry ration kits, 240 meals and 250 Hygiene Kits to the needy communities in Bhopal. In Collaboration with Bhopal School of Social Sciences, Holy Family Sr Sec School and Amala Province

Sisters the organization also distributed food materials to the travelling migrants.

Survey with Government Authorities



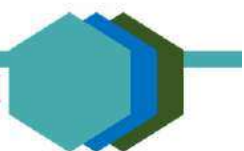
MPSSS team along with the Director, have participated in the COVID-19 emergency survey organized by government authorities in the containment zones of Bhopal city. The Areas included Nehru Nagar, Kamla Nagar, Danapani Area etc. The survey continued for three consecutive days starting from 20th to 22nd April, 2020 under the supervision of Mr. Prakash Chowhan, Additional Collector Bhopal. The objective of the survey was to identify the suspected number of people with COVID symptoms.

Partner Level COVID-19 Relief Operations

All partners of MP forum were actively involved in supporting the needy during Covid-19 crisis. Dry ration kits were distributed and cooked food was served at the community level. Hygiene kits and face masks were distributed with the help of



the volunteers in the villages. Awareness was created at the community level on hand washing, social distancing and other hygiene practices through wall painting and street announcements and demonstrations. Communities were also sensitized on COVID-19 pandemic and its symptoms.

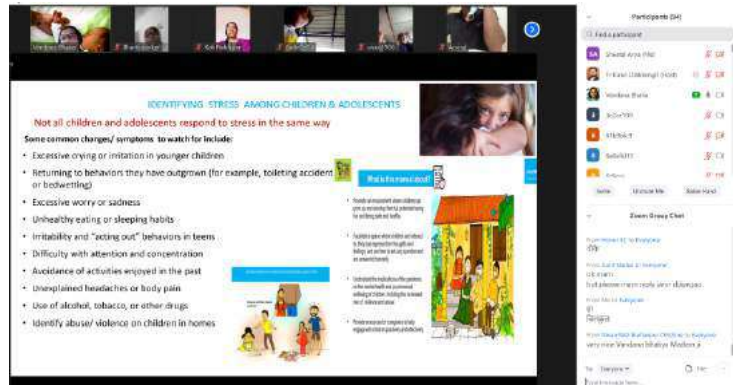




Webinar organized on Adolescent Health issues

A webinar was organized by MPSSS on 'Adolescent Health and related issues' on 1st June 2020. Resource person from different health streams were invited for sharing their point of concerns.

Mr. Amar Prakash-Program Coordinator, Water Aid India, Ms. Pushpa Awasthy - Nutrition Officer, Unicef, Dr. Vandana Bhatiya - Health Specialist, UNICEF MP, Dr. Shobha - Gynaecologist, Mr. Nageeswar Patidar, WASH Officer, UNICEF, MP were the speakers of the webinar. Various sessions on Menstrual Hygiene and challenges, Nutrition issues, psychosocial support for adolescent and Sanitation during COVID-19 crisis were discussed in the webinar. Above 100 Participants from different districts of MP took part in the discussions.



Capacity Enhancement of Community Facilitators

A webinar was conducted by MPSSS for building the capacities of the community facilitators on 25th June 2020. The online session was conducted on 'Good Parenting during COVID-19 crisis' by Mr. Michael-Regional Program Officer, MPSSS.

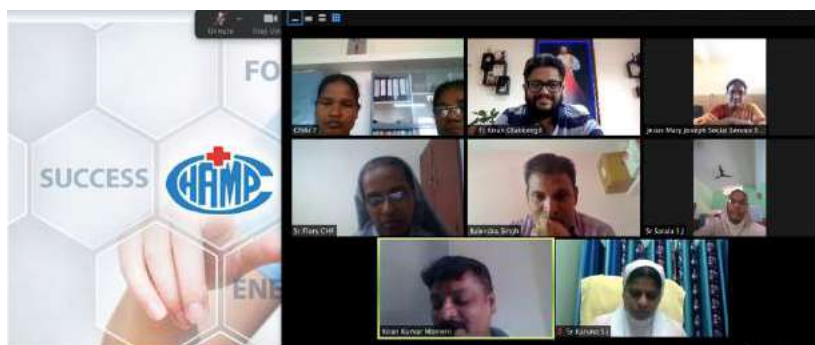


The main objective of the webinar was

to help the participants understand the role of parents in up-bringing their children in times of crisis. Safeguarding the children from the misuse of internet and mobile phones and proper parental communication were also discussed during the webinar.



Community Health Program was Reviewed



Community Health Coordinators- (CHC) along with project team joined online review meeting on 30th of July 2020 virtually. The participants were Fr. Kiran, Mr. Kiran APM-CHAI, all CHCs and Mr. Balendra Singh Kaurav RPO-MPSSS.



In the meeting CHCs presented their activity highlights for the last 9 months - October 2019 to June 2020 through PPT and discussed on the upcoming activities. Fr. Kiran suggested the CHCs to focus on model village on priority basis to further develop each of the selected as model village.



National Review of Community Health Program was held online

On 22nd July 2020 Regional Program Officers- (RPO) review meeting was organized by CHAI. RPOs from various regions participated in the same. Ms. Indra (PM-CHAI) shared on extension of the project till March 2021. The status of the objectives 1 & 2 of the present project was shared by the RPOs. Activities to be carried for the extended period was discuss by all. Lastly Mr. Kiran (APM-CHAI) focused attention on timely submission of reports to CHAI.

Special Awareness program on Covid-19

Special awareness program on Covid-19 was conducted in 25 villages of MP and CG with Support of 5 Member Institutions. Objective of the program was to create awareness on Corona Virus and personal hygiene through microphone announcement. Altogether 20,171 people from the intervention villages were covered during awareness. Mask, Gloves, and Dry ration kits to the poor families of the community were distributed during Covid-19 Pandemic.



Wall painting about Covid-19

Wall paintings and writing on COVID-19 were made in different locations covering 25 villages of MP and CG, with support of community health program. Through the wall paintings and writings displayed in prominent locations, awareness was created in the community on Covid-19 pandemic.



Coordination with the PLDP Field staffs



Timely coordination was done with the field staffs of the PLDP team. Update on field activities was shared and staffs were also guided and informed on organizing the activities for the International Breast Feeding day. Guidance was provided to the staffs on various issues such as

- Conducting activities like meetings in small groups with women & adolescent,
- Wall writings on positive messages on

importance of breast feeding,

- Audio-video making of positive stories from the lactating mothers.

Creating awareness on breast feeding in the field

Various activities were organized during the Week beginning from 1st to 7th August, 2020 at the ground level spreading awareness on importances of breast feeding. Wallpaintings, awareness session and counselling with social distancing for lactating mothers, promotion of nutritious food and sharing success stories by mothers were some of the activities held during the the week. The activities were implemented in 16 districts of Madhya Pradesh.

Malnutrition can be addressed through Drumstick Plants



MPSSS has distributed Drumstick seeds to all its partners. The home based nurseries were made and healthy saplings were planted at one's own farm land and road side.

The farmers were happy to receive the seeds in time. Drumsticks are often used as nutritional supplementation.

Nearly 1,25,000 seeds were distributed and nearly 82,000 plants are still surviving. The plants were mainly given to the families who are having children below the age of five.



National Nutrition Month was celebrated with special



MPSSS in collaboration with partner organizations spread at different parts of the state observed the whole month of September, 2020 as the National Nutrition Month to promote nutritional intake among Women and Children.

The primary objective of the celebration of 'Poshan Maah' was to take the messages of POSHAN to the grass root level.

During the POSHAN Maah, women SHG members, adolescent girls participated in various kinds of activities to spread the important messages on nutrition such as importance of diet and dietary diversity, breast-feeding, complimentary feeding, immunization, growth monitoring, hygiene-water-sanitation, anaemia, adolescent education, age of marriage and antenatal check-ups.

Adolescent Girls were also created awareness on the use of millets, kitchen gardens, cleanliness, balanced diet, consumption of green leafy vegetables and pulses, proper physical and mental development and safe menstrual health & hygiene etc were discussed at the grassroots level among the communities.



ANWC PLD Villages were visited by MPSSS Director

ANWC fields were accompanied by Fr. Kiran & Mr. Michael from MPSSS. Four villages were visited during the two days field trip. Discussions were held on the progress of the PLD Process in the villages. Community members shared the following learnings from the project such as Organic farming and manure preparations, traditional farming practices its good results. They further shared that crops rotation practices were helpful to improve soil health, optimize nutrients in the soil, and combat pest and weed issues.



People Led Development Process New Phase Planning Meeting

The PLDP new Phase Planning Meeting was held through Zoom video conferencing platform on 7th October, 2020. Fr. Kiran-Director, MPSSS, partners Directors, Zonal Coordinators, Coordinators, & MPSSS PLDP team were part of the meeting.



Last two years Goals, Objectives, Indicators were presented for both the West & Central Zones and MPSSS. Achievements of activities and challenges were the highlights of the presentation done by Mr. Maria Michael-Regional Program Officer. Best practices, gaps & scope for improvement too were shared. Participants have actively discussed on setting up priorities for the next phase. Few commonly agreed priorities highlighted during the discussions were nutrition, collective action & livelihood.

National Review of Community Health Program was held



Project Review cum Experience Sharing & Learning Meeting and Orientation on No Cost Extension was held on 16th October 2020 and was organized by CHAI. Fr. Kiran, Director-MPSSS and Mr. Balendra Singh Kaurav, Regional Program Officer, MPSSS were part of the meeting. Experience sharing on the achievements & challenges were shared by Mr. Balendra Singh along with other experiences of the field and the significant changes observed too were shared.

Member Institutions in the state of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh Visited

Visit to Member Institutions of Chhattisgarh was done from 3rd to 10th January 2021 by Mr. Balendra Singh Kaurav-Regional program officer.

Objective of the visit was to have discussion with Community Health Coordinators and Community Health Volunteers of Member Institutions on Food Kit distribution program and Mid and Long term Rehabilitation training/vocational training. Centres visited were Jeevan Jyoti Health Centre, Lakhanpur, Dist. Surguja, Holy Family Health Centre, Beltoli, Dist. Jashpur and JMJSSS, Bhilai, Dist. Durg (CG)



Visit to Member Institutions of Sagar (Dt) M. P. was done from 12th to 13th January 2020. Centres visited were Manav Vikas Seva Sangh & St. Joseph Social Centre, Banda.





PLDP Interim External Evaluation

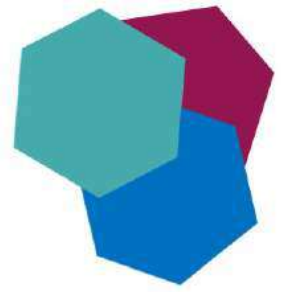


PLD Partners interim external evaluation was held in the entire month of January 2021. Each partner hosted the visit for two days.

4 villages and 40 home visits (10 home visit per village) were held. Dr. Aneesh Jose from Kerala was the external evaluator for the evaluation. Interactions were held in the community meetings and personal interaction were done during the home visits in which success of PLDP work was observed.

Researcher visited total 36 villages and conducted 35 community meetings with targeted people. 367 families individually from 36 villages were contacted to collect the basic data. Researcher has also met 08 directors, 08 Coordinators and 29 community facilitators during his visit. Qualitative observation methods were used during the evaluation.





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

Participation in Webinar on International Workers Day



On the occasion of International workers day - May 1st, Mr. Christopher- Regional Program Officer participated in the webinar conducted by CBCI labour commission on 'COVID relief for the migrant workers' and presented the activities and the future plans of MP Region and shared the proposed focus on helping the migrant workers returned to the region. In the Pan India conference, representatives from all the Regions participated

and presented their activities.

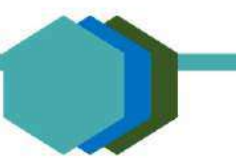
Five GBM conducted during the financial Year 2020-2021

MPSSS Governing Body Meetings were conducted through Zoom online Video Conferencing Platform on 16th May, 23rd July, 31st August, 29th October and 9th January 2021 respectively to increase transparency and precision. President Bishop Gerald Almeida along with all other board members were present for the majority of the meetings. Along with regular administration of the organization, Board discussed on Regional Strategic Plan, Covid-19 Relief works, Renovation works at Office Building, St Josphe Hostel Construction, FCRA

Amendments and guidelines for new normal. The activities of the previous quarters along with financial reports and the proposed action plans were presented



before the panel each time and discussions were held before approving the same.





First Online Annual General Body Meeting of MPSSS was held

Annual General Body Meeting of MPSSS was held through Zoom video conferencing platform on 31st August, 2020 at 05:00pm.

Most. Rev. Bp. Gerald Almeida, Chairman, MPSSS, Board Members and General Body members were part of the meeting. Meeting started with prayer and welcome. Fr. Kiran, Secretary presented a report on activities held in the year from April 2019 to March 2020 in detail. Audited statements along with proposed budget were also presented before the august body. All the members participated actively in the discussions. The Virtual AGBM was a unique experience for all. Meeting came to an end by 06.40PM.



Participation in a Global webinar

On 9th June Mr. Christopher - Regional Program Officer represented MPSSS in the international webinar organized by Caritas India on 'Rebuilding and reimagining the lives of Migrant workers in India'. Altogether 240 participants including Global leaders from Caritas International representing 30 countries have gathered to discuss on the issues migrant workers face during COVID-19 crisis.

PLDP India Network

MPSSS works in Collaboration with the PLDP India Network and it is supported by Misereor, Germany. Upholding the principals of PLD process is being emphasised by the network. MPSSS take lead in facilitating the process in the state of Madhya Pradesh. Continuous and constant follow up is being conducted in this regard. Mr. Maria Michael-Regional Program Officer, MPSSS, takes lead on this regard.

Caritas Annual Review Meeting held online

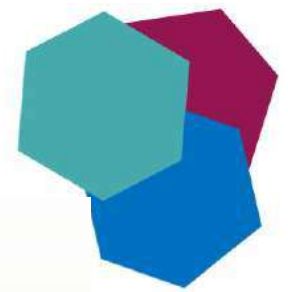
Annual Review Meeting was held under Organization Development Project running through MPSSS. MPSSS executive Director Fr. Kiran and RPO Mr. Christopher Participated in the annual online review meeting through Zoom platform on 24th July 2020. Mr. Christopher, RPO presented the activity report for the last one year and the action plans for the last quarter too was presented. Representatives from all the forums across India participated in the meeting and the stocktaking of the activities were recorded by the agency.



Reflection meeting was organised by Caritas Officials

On 24th June 2020 Caritas India organized an online reflection meeting. The objective of the meeting was to discuss and share the progress of 'mainstreaming of KSPs into project activities'. Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer representing Madhya Pradesh Regional Forum shared the progress of the activities.





Regional Forum Coordinators meet

Regional Forum Coordinators meeting was organized by Caritas on 25th July, 2020. Mr. Christopher, RPO, MPSSS Participated in the same where various discussions took place in the online meeting. Much emphasis was laid on the implementation of the project in the new normal with the use of virtual interface platforms.



International Parents day was celebrated by MPSSS with 'Raise & Rise Campaign Team

International Parents day was celebrated through Zoom online platform under Raise and Rise Campaign. Fr. Kiran-Director-MPSSS gave special words of appreciation on the success of the campaign. Sharing was done by different stakeholders of the campaign. MPSSS team too was part of the meeting.



MPSSS Foundation Day was celebrated



Webinar was organized On 22nd Foundation Day of Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha on 25th September 2020. On this day former Directors, funding partners along with the implementing partners and team of MPSSS came forward promoting human dignity and custodianship of nature. The distinguish speakers and the key colaborators came on Zoom online platform for renewing their comitments. Every new steps is an opportunity to grow as well as an occasion to reflect on the priorities said Bishop Chacko T.

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New Phase Proposal planning meeting held at MPSSS Office

On 24th August, 2020 New Phase proposal planning meeting for Organizational Development was held. Fr. Kiran-Director, MPSSS, Dr. Saju M K, Zonal Manager, Caritas & Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer, MPSSS were part of the meeting.

BSSS students were oriented on the principals of PLD

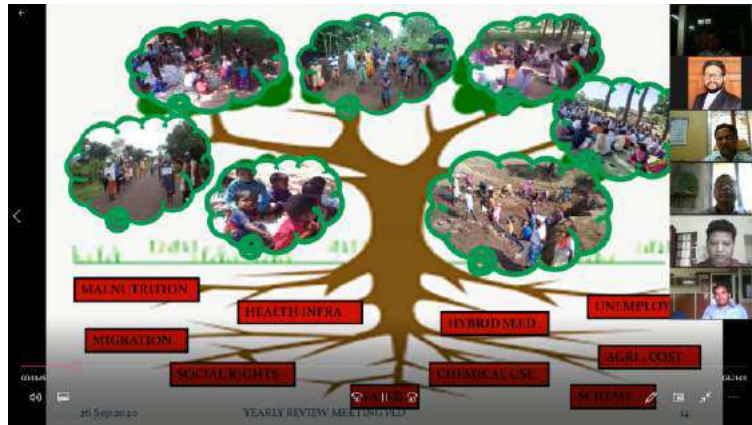
On 4th August 2020 BSSS students were oriented on basic concepts and principals of Peoples Led Development Program. Fr. Kiran-Director, MPSSS conducted the session. Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer, MPSSS too was part of the session.





Online Review meeting of PLDP

Annual Review Meeting was held under PLDP Project running through MPSSS. MPSSS Director Fr. Kiran, Partner Directors, Zonal Coordinators, Coordinators and RPOs Mr. Michael & Ms. Natasha participated in annual online review meeting through zoom platform on 26th September 2020.



The activities held for the last one year was presented by the Zonal Coordinators of West Zone & Central Zone respectively. Feedbacks for future developments were shared by the respective members participated in the meeting. Lastly new PLDP proposal making meeting was finalized to be held in October 2020.

Draft Regional Strategic Plan was developed in consultation

A series of online and offline meetings were conducted to present the draft strategic plan of MPSSS. RSP was made in consultation with thematic experts, Partner directors, governing board members etc. Final Draft of Regional Strategic Plan was made and circulated to all key stakeholders for suggestions and inputs. The draft was presented in the AGBM for the approval.

Raise and Raise Core Committee Meet

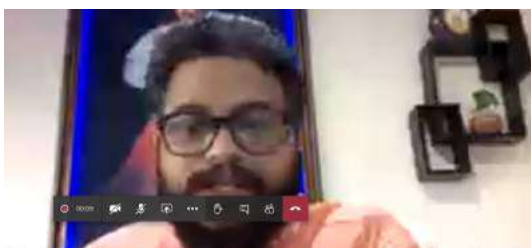
Core committee meeting of Raise and Rise Campaign was held at MPSSS office on



3rd October, 2020. Core members of the committee Fr. Kiran-Director, MPSSS, Ms. Kalamohan from Nidaan, Mr. Kamal from Child line, Mrs. Sarita Anand from Angels, Dr. Preeti Sadhu Psychiatrist and MPSSS staffs participated in the meeting. Meeting emphasized on issue of child sexual abuse. Ms. Sarita shared on success of the Raise & Raise Campaign, interventions made throughout the

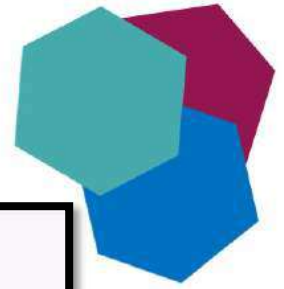
journey till now. Child line services and the cases which come through 1098 were shared by Mr. Kamal. Cases of differently able children were shared by Ms. Kala Mohan from Nidaan

Participation in Caritas India Foundation day celebrations



Caritas India foundation day celebrations were organized on 6th October 2020 through virtual platform. Fr. Kiran Executive Director and Mr. Christopher RPO were part of the celebrations through online webinar conducted. Fr. Kiran reflected his experiences with Caritas India through various projects in the state of MP.



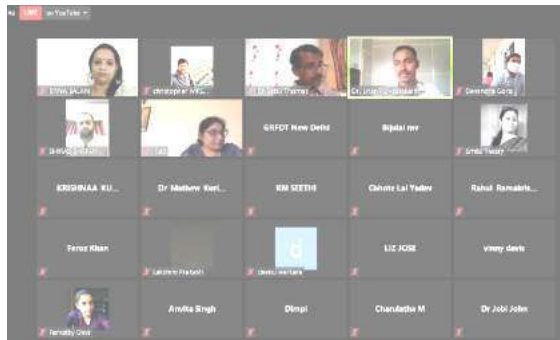


Webinar on Equal future for all Children

On 12th October, a webinar was organized on 'Equal future for all Children' by Caritas India. Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer participated in the same. Point of discussion of the meeting was to have discussed on 'New Education Policy' introduced by the Government.



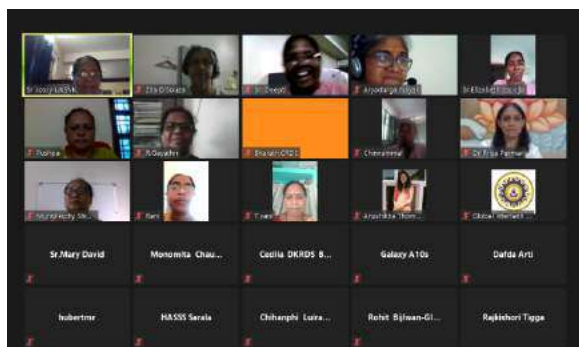
Issues of Migrants and Displaced discussed



3 days webinar was conducted from 15th to 17th October 2020 on "Migrants and Displaced Persons Amid Covid-19". Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer participated in the same and shared the concerns and learning of MP Region. Points of discussion were on issues, challenges and policy options for the migrant labourer. Webinar was organized collaboratively by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala,

FLAME University, Pune, Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT), New Delhi.

Webinar on Menstrual Health Management



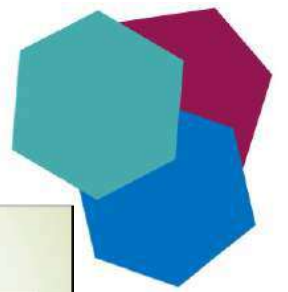
A webinar was conducted for 4 days on 'Menstrual Health Management' from 21st to 24th October, 2020. Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer participated in the webinar. Workshop was organized collaboratively by Caritas India and Global Inter-faith WASH Alliance. Resource person Ms. Ishleen Kaur oriented the participants on issues related to menstruation and setting up the

Menstrual Health Management lab at community level.

Webinar on Social challenges of labours were held

On 21st October, 2020 a webinar was organized by Workers India Federation and CBCI Labour commission on social challenges of labours, farm and FCRA law reforms. The discussions took place on various acts and amendments on Labour law reforms, Educational Policy, Farm laws and FCRA amendments. Mr. Christopher- Regional Program Officer shared the issues and concerns of the region and actively participated in the webinar.





New Phase Planning Meeting

On 24th October, Mr. Christopher participated in Caritas India next phase planning meeting of the Regional Forum through Zoom platform. Regional Directors and Project Coordinators from Pan India participated in the meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss on the priorities for the upcoming year.



Webinar on 'Human dignity and stewardship'



On 8th November, MPSSS in collaboration with Justice Peace and Development Commission of Council for Bishops of Madhya Pradesh organized a webinar on 'Human dignity and stewardship of Nature.'

Abp. Leo Cornelio SVD Archbishop of Bhopal, Bp. Gerald Almeida Bishop of Jabalpur and National Chairman for CBCI JPD Commission, Bp. Alwyn D'souza

Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay were resource persons for the webinar. Representatives from 22 Catholic organizations and institutions participated in the webinar.



Review Meeting Organizational Development

On 10th November, Mr. Christopher participated in Caritas India review meeting with the agency and presented the activities of 'Organizational development project' with the agency. Regional Forum Coordinators from across the country participated in the meeting.



Participation on preparation of Green Garden



On 12th November, Mr. Christopher participated in the online 'Laudato Si workshop' organized by Caritas India. Dr. Haridas was the resource person for the webinar and shared information on preparation of green garden, vegetable garden and nutrition garden at household level.



Participation in Child Rights Awareness Week



MPSSS in collaboration with 'Raise and Rise' campaign, Bhopal observed 'Child rights awareness week' in Ishwar Nagar Slums on 17th November, 2020. Mr. Christopher & Mr.

Balveer-Regional Program Officer, MPSSS and representatives from organization including Nidaan and Childline participated in the program where children were created awareness on their rights through games and other activities.

Session on Proposal Development was held for the students

One day session on Project Proposal Development was held for the members of MESSWA on November 24th 2020. Fr. Kiran Executive Director MPSSS Bhopal conducted sessions for the students of Department of Social Work of Mar Elias Collage Kottappady. Resource person Fr. Kiran explained the participants on various vital elements of a winning proposal and described them in detail. The Principal, HoD, department staff along with students raised concerns on various nuances and found the session helpful.

AIDS MASS Awareness Campaigns at Rural Bhopal

MPSSS in collaboration with CHAMP organized awareness campaign on World AIDS Day on 1st December 2020 spreading awareness on prevention and eradication of the epidemic. 10 Urban & Rural villages of Bhopal & Bairagarh were sensitized through pamphlet distribution on preventive measures and precaution to be taken to protect one from the disease.



World Disability day was observed in Rural Bhopal

International Day of Persons with disabilities was observed by MPSSS on 3rd December 2020 at 4 villages of Berasia, Bhopal. Awareness was spread through mike announcements to make the community understand the issues related to disability and to inform them about the social security schemes offered by the Government for the welfare of the differently abled people of the society.





Stakeholder Training & Volunteers Training

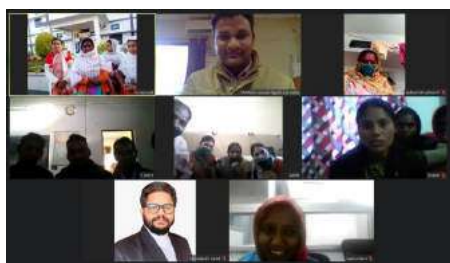


Training of different stakeholders of Rural Bhopal were organized by MPSSS on 16th December 2020. Sessions were conducted by Mr. Balveer Singh Mehra Regional Program Officer, MPSSS on COVID-19 infection.

Community was informed to stay safe by taking some simple precautions, such as physical distancing, wearing a mask, keeping rooms well ventilated, avoiding crowded places, cleaning hands, and coughing into a bent elbow or tissue.



Online Training of Community Health Coordinators & Volunteers



On 19th December 2020 online training was conducted for Community Health Coordinators & Volunteers on Covid-19 diseases. Participants were informed about safety measures to be taken and spread awareness among the communities. Training was conducted by Mr. Balendra Singh Kaurav-Regional Program Officer Ms Indira along with Fr Kiran were also part of the program.

Networking & Linkages meeting with Like Minded NGO's and PLD partners

The networking and linkages meeting with the like-minded NGOs was held on 23rd Dec, 2020 at MPSSS, Office, Bhopal. Representatives from NGOs & Government Departments were part of the meeting. The following were the discussion points for the meeting:

- Education - Post COVID-19 Challenges and Role of NGOs.
- Involvement of PRI members and NGOs for Betterment of the Community.
- Way forward and sharing the joy of Christmas Season.



Meeting started with prayer by Fr. Kiran-Director, MPSSS. Sharing of previous meeting minutes was done by Mr. Maria Michael-Regional Program Officer, MPSSS. Guests for the day were Mr. Arun Vishwakarma, Principal & State President of Principal Association, District Education Department and Dr. Vinod Diwedi- District Education Department along with other NGO representatives

Christmas Celebrations



Team MPSSS celebrated the Christmas with great joy and happiness with well-wishers & NGOs partners at the MPSSS office on 23rd December 2020. The joy of Christmas was further shared with all the participants through cake cutting and fellowship lunch.





Annual Review Meeting of PLDP was held

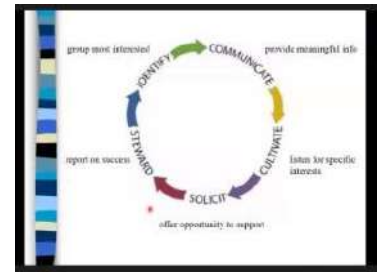
The PLDP Review & Evaluation Meeting was held from 27th to 28th January 2021. Directors from partner organizations, Zonal Coordinator's & Coordinators, and MPSSS PLD team were part of the meeting.



Meeting started with a short prayer followed by welcoming the participants by Fr. Kiran-Director, MPSSS. A brief overview of the two days meeting was shared by Fr. Kiran. Presentations were done by the DSSSS Directors & Coordinators for the project period from August 2018 to January 2021. Achievements, challenges and other intended results too were shared by all for the III Phase of PLDP.

Workshop on Resource Mobilization and Engaging Volunteers

On 13th January, 2021, Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer attended the online training organized by Caritas India on 'Resource mobilization: Engaging volunteers.' Resource persons from Caritas India oriented the participants representing all the states on engaging and enrolling volunteers for the agency.



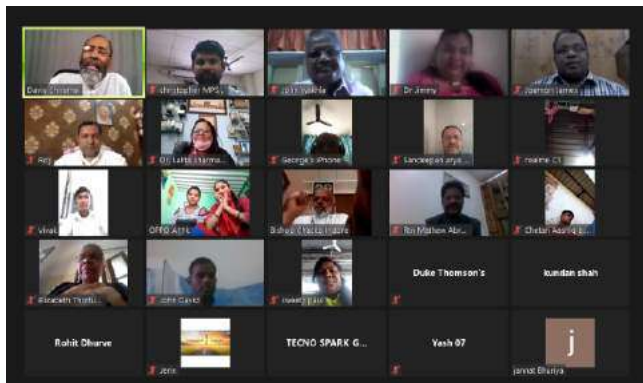
World Social Justice Day was Observed

'World day for social justice' was observed along with Raise and Rise campaign team from 6 to 8 PM on 20th February, 2021. Fr. Kiran being the resource person presented on 'Human rights in Indian context' and around 50 people participated in the meeting. Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer-MPSSS too attended the

webinar.

Webinar on Organ Donation was held online

Mr. Christopher RPO attended an awareness webinar on 'Organ Donation' organized by 'Abha Kunj Welfare Society, Anand Service Society, Divine Word Society, Indore, Global Heights High School, Indore, Jan vikas Society, Indore, Society of Mother Mary, The Indore Keraleeya Samajam, AVM Food's-Granny's Treat, Fruit Yoghurt' on 22nd February, 2021 from 3 PM. 100 people participated along with Bp. Chacko, of Indore and resource person Fr. Davis Chairmel and presided by Fr. Roy Thomas, Janvikas, Indore. Participants were encouraged to create awareness in their respective societies on 'organ donation.'





Quarterly Review Meeting Held under Organizational Development

On 30th March 2021 Caritas India organized online review meeting with its partner's organization. The objective of the online meeting was to have sharing of the progress of last quarter project activities from all the regions. Mr. Christopher Regional Program Officer representing Madhya Pradesh region shared the progress of activities. In the end plan of action for the next quarter was discussed.



Building capacities of the co-workers in social sector



On 16th March 2021 meeting was organized by MPSSS in collaboration with Raise & Raise Campaign.

Representatives from various NGOs participated in the

event. Meeting focused on issues related to Child abuse in various forms. Sessions taken by Childline Nodal Officer, Mr. Kamal Thakur from Bhopal emphasized on 'providing psychosocial support to children during Covid-19.' He also mentioned that being at home children were exposed to many forms of violence and abuses so it was the duty of each and every parent to have regular check on the activities of their children; their behaviour patterns etc. so that they make a safe living.



FINANCE HIGHLIGHTS



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Mother's milk is first vaccine for baby: Dr Shoba

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Nearly 50 participants from the rural Madhya Pradesh have taken part in a webinar on the importance of breastfeeding and its significance for child growth. The Catholic Health Association of Madhya Pradesh (CHAMP) in collaboration with...

led the webinar to mark World Breastfeeding Week. Dr Shoba, a paediatrician and paediatric nurse, the main resource person for the webinar said that mother's milk is the first vaccine and can prevent diseases from various diseases. It is a great gift of God to each child and it is essential to...

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'Cut the Chain but Care the Needy'

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Madhya Pradesh SamajSevaSanstha (MPSSS) has launched a campaign 'Cut the Chain but Care the Needy' amid corona virus lockdown.



It is being organised in collaboration with Bhopal School of Social work and Bhopal Municipal Cooperation (BMC).

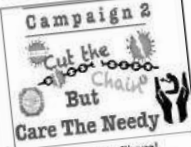
As part of the campaign, dry ration kits were distributed to most vulnerable families of the outskirts of Bhopal, on Wednesday. They also distributed ration to the families of daily labourers who hail from different parts of the country. Mapping of these families were done by BMC and BSSS, jointly.

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Bhopal, Thursday, April 23, 2020

Cooked Food can satisfy senses but dry food can mollify need



Chronic Reporter, Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha in collaboration with Bhopal School of Social Work and Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) is running a campaign to 'Cut the Chain of Covid-19 and Care the Needy'. As part of the campaign, dry ration kits were distributed to most vulnerable families of the outskirts of Bhopal. On April 20, 2020 ration with a...



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Nutrition month

Bhopal: The Catholic Health Association of Madhya Pradesh (CHAMP) in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) held activities to mark National Nutrition Month celebrated in September to raise awareness about nutrition, nutritional needs, deficiencies and malnutrition in...

MPSSS and CHAMP initiated with participation and memberships in Jabalpur, Khandwa, Ujjain, Bhopal, Indore, Jhabua, Satna, Sehore, Hoshangabad, Raigarh to promote nutrition among women and children. The SHG members and adolescents...

breast-feeding, immunization, growth monitoring, hygiene-water-sanitation, anemia, sex education, antenatal check-ups and kitchen gardens etc.

Staff Reporter

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Webinar on social activities held on MPSSS Foundation Day

ON THE 22nd Foundation Day of Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS), the former directors had organised webinar on social welfare activities. Having a dialogue in all realms will bring clarity for the perspective said Fr Paul, Director of Caritas Delhi who was the special guest in the webinar. The distinguished speakers and the key collaborators participated via zoom app. They said that they are committed themselves to be an organisation which stands for people's dignity and promoting the culture of our country. All the distinguished guests spoke about the challenges which needs to be foreseen in the development sector. Capacity building is an essential component of development said Dr Sanju, one of the participant. They also emphasised that their commitment to promote people led to the development process in the region which will be upheld. Every new step is a opportunity to grow as well as an occasion to reflect on the priorities said Bishop Chacko of Indore Diocese. "We need to be courageous to face the day-to-day challenges. The new normals compels us to raise awareness among people to be safe of their own" added Bishop Gerald...

MPSSS celebrates National Nutrition Month

The primary objective of the celebration of Poshan Maah is to promote importance of Nutrition at grass root level

Staff Reporter

ON THE occasion of National Nutrition Month, various activities were held in Madhya Pradesh by Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of Madhya Pradesh (CHAMP) in collaboration with National Nutrition Month is celebrated in the month of September in order to create awareness about nutrition, nutritional needs, deficiencies and malnutrition in India.

The primary objective of the celebration of Poshan Maah is to promote importance of Nutrition at the grass root level. During the month, SHG members and adolescent girls groups actively participated in various kinds of activities to spread the important messages on nutrition, like importance of balance diet,

breast-feeding, complimentary feeding, Behaviour Change Communication was undertaken at the ground level.

Awareness session along with COVID protocols were held for adolescent girls like safe menstrual health & hygiene. On the occasion, Father Kiran, Director, CHAMP have emphasized on community participation in enhancing nutritional services and promote local food and kitchen gardens to address nutritional related issues especially in rural areas.

The resource person of webinar was Lubna Abdulla, State Programme Head, the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (CFNS).

Emphasis was also made on the involvement of men to engage nutritional activities which can also contribute a better care of women and children.



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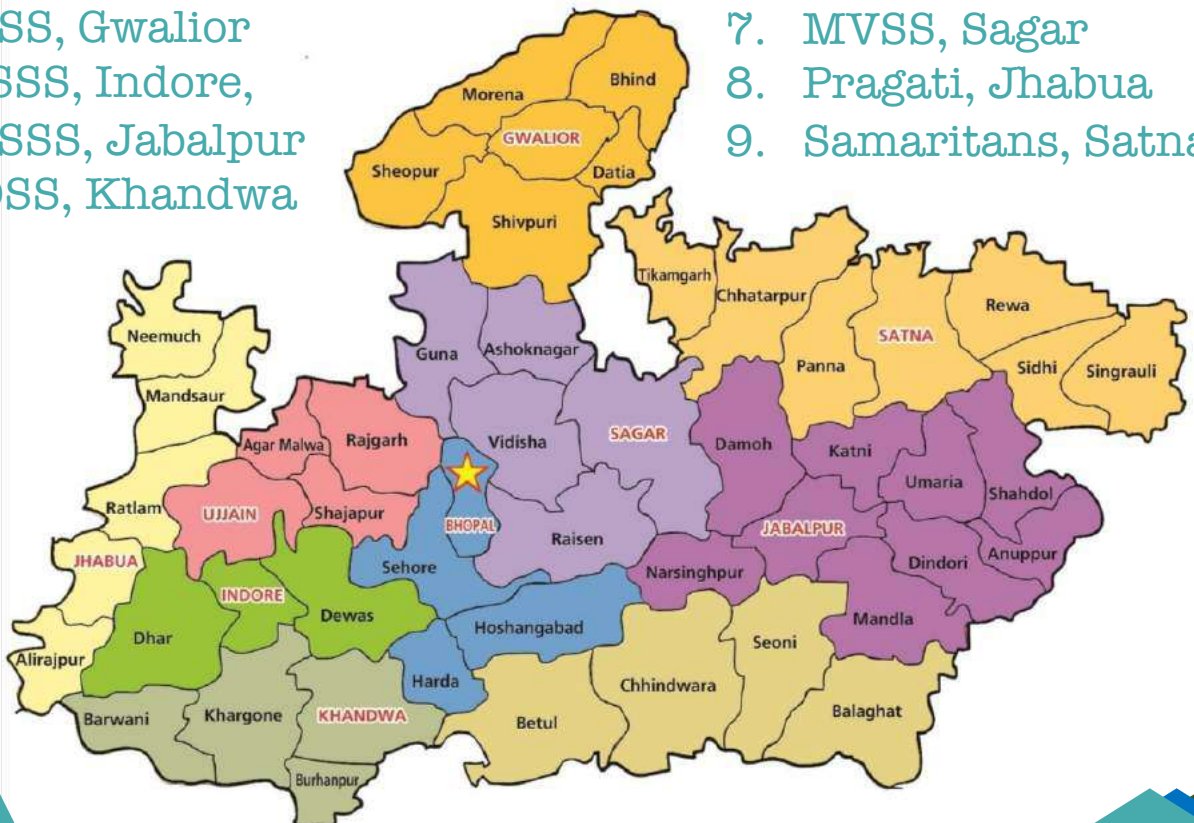
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