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

Staff Meeting

The Staff Meeting was held on April 8th, 2025, at MPSSS, Bhopal under the leadership of Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director-MPSSS, Bhopal. Meeting has participation of staffs from various projects. All the staffs have sharing of their successful activities held for the previous month and plan of action for the upcoming month.

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

Mandla Visit – Safbin Assessment

On 17th April 2025, the team conducted a field visit to Mandla as part of the SAFBIN program assessment. The visit focused on evaluating ongoing interventions and gathering vital data through assessment form filling to measure the impact of sustainable agriculture and food security initiatives in the region.

ASHA Monthly Meeting – Samarth Kesla Block

The ASHA monthly meeting under the Samarth project was held in Kesla on 27th May and continued into June 2025. These meetings provided a platform for ASHAs to share field experiences, review health indicators, and strengthen coordination with the health system for improved maternal and child health services.



Monthly Meeting – Samarth Budhni Block

On 29th May 2025, the Samarth project facilitated a monthly meeting in Budhni block. The meeting focused on tracking progress, discussing challenges faced by frontline health workers, and planning future interventions to enhance community health outcomes. A session



on menstrual hygiene day was also conducted with the Asha to spread the message on importance of menstrual hygiene so that the women and adolescents health remains well.

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Samarth Capacity Building of Asha Workers

Capacity Building Training for ASHAs under Samarth Project

The Samarth Project successfully conducted a two-day training program titled "Capacity Building of ASHAs" on April 29–30, 2025, at CHC Budhni and Kesla 23 & 24 April, 2025.

The training aimed to strengthen the skills and knowledge of ASHA workers on key health themes including malnutrition, VHSNCs, VHSNDs, and report writing. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Saju T, Program Lead, and featured insightful sessions by experts such as Mr. Balendra Singh (RPO, CHAMP), Mr. Ramesh Yadav (RPO, MPSSS), and Dr. Prince Soni (BMO In-charge).



The sessions included technical presentations, group activities, and inspiring success stories, fostering active participation and knowledge sharing. ASHAs appreciated the practical approach and suggested future trainings include field visits. The program concluded with a vote of thanks and a collective commitment to stronger community health engagement.

VHSNC Orientation – Kesla & Budhni

In June 2025, a VHSNC (Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee) orientation was organized for ASHA workers from Kesla and Budhni blocks. The session aimed to strengthen their understanding of VHSNC roles and responsibilities, improve community engagement in health planning, and promote accountability in local health governance.

Activities carried out under SAFBIN for the quarter April-June 2025

Bori Bandh Construction through Shramdan – Dhouranala Village- With the support of Nature Club children, youth, women smallholders, lead farmers, and Panchayat representatives, a Bori Bandh was constructed in the Bade Narwa drain through community-led *Shramdan* in Dhouranala village. This initiative will help retain water in the drain, providing much-needed relief for both villagers and animals during the summer season.



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Farmer Field School – Silpura Village -A Farmer Field School was successfully organized by SHFC (Small Holder Farmers Club) and lead farmers in Silpura village, focusing on enhancing sustainable agricultural practices and knowledge exchange among local farmers.



INM/IPM Practices by Women SHFC – Dhouranala Village- Women SHFC members in Dhouranala village actively implemented Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices, promoting eco-friendly and cost-effective methods for improving crop health and yield.



Farmer Field School on Multi-Layer Nutrition Garden – Salhedanda Village-In Salhedanda village, women SHFC members and lead farmers conducted a Farmer Field School session on multi-layer nutrition gardening, encouraging diverse and nutritious home-grown food solutions for rural families.



International Mother Earth Day Celebration – SAFBIN Project, MPSSS Mandla- On the occasion of International Mother Earth Day, the SAFBIN project team from MPSSS Mandla organized a special awareness program that emphasized the interconnection between water, forests, land, and the environment.



Participation in District-level CSO Meeting – FES Office, Mandla-Project representatives participated in the district-level Civil Society Organization (CSO) meeting held at the FES Office, Mandla, to foster collaborative action and dialogue on local development issues.



SAFBIN-Supported IFS Model of Piggery Farming – Surandevri Village- SAFBIN

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supported the development of an Integrated Farming System (IFS) piggery unit managed by Laxman Uikey in Surandevri village, promoting diversified income sources for smallholder farmers.

SAFBIN-Supported Multi-Layer Nutrition Garden – Surandevri Village- Hajari Saiyam from Surandevri village established a productive multi-layer nutrition garden with support from the SAFBIN project, enhancing household food security and nutrition.

Traditional Seed Knowledge Sharing by Small Farmers-Small farmers shared valuable traditional knowledge on seed storage, conservation, and treatment methods passed down from ancestors, while also reflecting on the factors leading to seed extinction.



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Supported Mix Trial Plot for Rabi Crop – Ahmadpur Village-A mix trial plot for Rabi crops was initiated in Ahmadpur village with SAFBIN support, allowing smallholder farmers to experiment with and evaluate multiple crop varieties for resilience and yield.



IFS Model of Poultry Farming Unit – Surajpura Village-



Kranti Bai from Surajpura village set up a poultry farming unit under the SAFBIN-supported Integrated Farming System model, providing a reliable source of nutrition and supplementary income.

Quarterly Partner Review Meeting – MVSS Sagar- Caritas India organized its quarterly partner review meeting at MVSS Sagar, bringing together stakeholders to review progress, share learnings, and strategize for upcoming initiatives.



Soil and Water Conservation Mapping – Dhouranala Village-



SHFC members in Dhouranala village participated in a soil and water conservation mapping exercise to design effective lay-outs for sustainable land use and resource management.

World Environment Day Rally and Awareness Walk – Surajpura Village- World



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Environment Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Surajpura village through a community rally and awareness walk, promoting environmental protection and collective responsibility.

Vulnerability Assessment and Crop Analysis – SHFC and Lead Farmers- SHFC members and lead farmers conducted a detailed vulnerability assessment and crop analysis for Kharif crops, aiding in better risk preparedness and planning for the upcoming season.

SAFBIN-Supported Cow Shed for SHFC Farmers – Thodha Village- A cow shed was constructed in cluster-level village Thodha with SAFBIN's support for SHFC farmers, improving livestock management and contributing to integrated farm productivity.



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

Networking & Linkages meeting with Like-minded NGOs and PLDP partners

On April 30, 2025, the Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) organized a Networking and Linkages Meeting in Bhopal, uniting NGOs and CSOs associated with the PLDP. The event, graced by Shri Gulshan Bamra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, aimed to foster collaboration and share strategies for impactful community engagement. Highlights included the launch of key PLDP publications and a documentary on the Baiga tribe. A special session on



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heatwave awareness, conducted in collaboration with UNICEF and DMI, covered critical topics such as vulnerable populations, health risks, and safety measures. Fr. Shinto Abraham emphasized the need to equip field workers with heatwave preparedness knowledge to strengthen community resilience.

One day cross learning meeting

On April 30, 2025, MPSSS hosted a one-day Cross-Learning Meeting in Bhopal, bringing together DSSS partners from Satna, Sagar, Jhabua, and Ujjain to reflect on the Evaluation Report of PLDP Phase IV. Led by internal evaluator Mr. Sam Chelladurai, the session highlighted outcome-oriented implementation focused on nutrition, community engagement, and SDG alignment. Key achievements included improved food sovereignty, strengthened local governance, and increased income security, especially for women. Participants discussed challenges and outlined future strategies emphasizing youth and women leadership, expanded outreach, and enhanced organizational capacity. Fr. Shinto Abraham concluded the session, highlighting the importance of shared learning and collaboration.



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India donates meeting at Bangalore

On 24 and 25 April 2025 Synergy and Sustainability Symposium IV brought together 265 leaders from philanthropy, CSR, civil society, and academia under the 2025 theme "Amplifying Impact: Scaling Solutions for a Sustainable Future." Organized by INDIADonates, the event featured high-level panels and breakout sessions on strategic philanthropy, vocational skills, rural entrepreneurship, and DEI, highlighting scalable, inclusive, and sustainable solutions. With strong regional participation, dynamic knowledge exchange, and wide media coverage across 100+ outlets, the symposium fostered impactful partnerships and showcased community-led innovations driving systemic change across India. Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director & Mr. Aneesh-RPO from MPSSS have participated in the symposium.

Nutrition Support for TB Patients under 'TB Free Bharat' Campaign

During the 100-day 'TB Free Bharat' campaign MPSSS & CHAMP distributed nutrition kits to 100 TB patients across Chhatarpur and Vidisha districts in Madhya Pradesh, enhancing their recovery through nutritional support. visit have participation from



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Fr. Shinto-Executive Director & RPOs from the organization.

WIF Leadership Training Camp

The CBCI Office for Labour/WIF successfully conducted a two-day Leadership Training Camp under the CBMP

Commission for Labour from May 5-6, 2025, at MPSSS, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.



The camp began with an inaugural session led by Rev. Fr. Shinto Abraham, followed by a presidential address by Mr. Selvanathan Anthony and key sessions on topics such as Indian polity, unorganised workers' welfare, and leadership roles. Eminent speakers, including Fr. George Thomas, Mr. Sameer Lakra, and Mr. Ramesh Yadav, enriched the training with insightful discussions. The second day focused on the Church's teachings on labour, WIF's history and objectives, and concluded with a planning session for regional and diocesan-level activities. The camp emphasized the empowerment and social security of unorganised workers and concluded successfully with strong participation and commitment from all attendees.

Empowering Resilience: Gender-Inclusive Approaches in Disaster Risk Reduction

The Disaster Management Institute, Bhopal, in collaboration with UN Women, successfully conducted a one-day workshop on "Gender & Disaster Risk Reduction" on June 2, 2025, at its premises in Paryavaran Parisar, Bhopal. The workshop aimed to strengthen capacity and awareness on gender-sensitive approaches in disaster risk reduction. Various stakeholders actively participated, contributing valuable insights and suggestions. The presence and support of representatives from MPSSS-Ms. Natasha & Mr. Rahul and other organizations played a key role in the success of the event.



Online meeting with WIF National team

An online meeting was held with the WIF National Team to discuss preparations for the upcoming Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM). The event is scheduled to be hosted by the Madhya Pradesh region in August 2025. Key points of discussion included planning, coordination, and responsibilities for the successful execution of the event. The team emphasized collaboration to ensure a well-organized and impactful AGBM.

Zoom Meeting with WIF MP regional community

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The CBMP Commission for Labour conducted a Zoom meeting with new board members on June 11, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The meeting began with a prayer led by Mr. Pascal, followed by a warm welcome from Mrs. Rita Mandoriya. Mr. Joseph Varghese presented the report of the previous meeting, and Dr. Hemant Herole shared the meeting's objectives. A key discussion was held on the formation of Diocese-level WIF, led by Fr. Shinto Abraham. The session concluded with a discussion on other topics and a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Ajay Francis. The meeting was productive, with active participation from all members.

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