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Budget Tracking- a new initiative in the region
Two days training for accountants was held at pastoral centre, Bhopal on 3rd and 4th August. Mr. Joseph Frousesca, Finance Manager-West Zone, Caritas India facilitated the sessions. The timely tracking of budget and reporting made this training very unique. This training is ensuring uniform financial procedure compliance in the region. Along with diocesan partners other NGOs participated in the programme.

NISCORT- A place for refining the media skills
4 days follow-up workshop was organized at National Institute of Social Communication, Research and Training- NISCORT, Delhi from 10th to 13th August 2018. This follow up training helped all the participants to clarify doubts and seek suggestions on the work they are doing in the field. Participants had brought photographs and videos they had taken after the previous training. Participants informed that the skills and learnings are being used for- Awareness generation and advocacy, Stakeholder engagement and action, Trainings, Reporting and data collection.

Advocacy meeting with Government Officials
Madhya Pradesh Samaj Sewa Sanstha in collaboration with Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) organized a “State-level Collaboration & Advocacy meeting regarding various government schemes for its partners of Chhattisgarh State” on 21st August, 2018 at Pastoral House, Raipur. Dr P.P. Soti (Adviser, Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission) was the Chief Guest for the programme. Along with him many other reputed people from the various Government departments participated in it. Along with Fr. Kiran Olakkengil, Director MPSSS, P. Indira Rani (Project Manager Community health), Dr. Nitin Gopi (APM), were part of the meeting. 49 participants representing various health institutions participated in the programme. Whole program being coordinated by Mr.Balendra Singh Kaurav-Regional Program Officer, MPSSS, Bhopal.

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Monitoring visit to health centres & villages
Successful visit was held with the presence of Project Manager – Ms. Indira Rani & Assistant Program Manager – Mr. Nitin Gopi from CHAI. Whole visit was being planned under the leadership of Mr. Balendra Singh Kaurav – Regional Program Officer – MPSSS. In a two day visit on 22nd to 23rd August 2018 two health centres and two villages being visited. A large number of people including men, women and children participated in it. Project Manager and Assistant Program Manager shared the good habits to start a day with (hand washing steps) with the members of children’s parliament. Symptoms of seasonal diseases like cold, cough, fever, malaria, and dengue were shared with different stakeholders.

Support to Kerala Flood Relief
MPSSS took initiative to support Kerala flood affected people. Fr. Kiran Olakkengil, Director, MPSSS took the initiative to call for a meeting of MP Change Agent – a platform of NGO’s working in the region. After due consultations, MPSSS & BSSS College came together and took the lead of the program and conducted fundraising activities for KERALA flood relief. Mr. Balveer Singh Mehra – Regional Program Officer, MPSSS coordinated the whole activities. Various permissions were sought from the competent authority for the performance of the events. Department of Social Work and its students prepared flash mobs and Nukkad shows for creating awareness. The selected points of activity was Peoples Mall, New Market, Boat Club and Ashima Mall on 22nd and 25th August 2018 respectively. More than eight quintals of food materials and new cloths were collected and sent to the affected people.

Forthcoming Events
- Organizational development visit to IDSSS & Kripa - 6th & 7th September 2018
- PLD India Review Meeting on 10th September 2018
- State level dissemination workshop with Government Officials on 11th September 2018
- DISHA- Directors Peer Learning Meeting
- GBM – MPSSS on 10th September, 2018
- Training on Child Rights on 14th to 15th September 2018
- PLD India Maharashtra partners review meeting - 18th to 19th September 2018
- Training by RRT members at Ujjain on 19th to 20th September 2018
- Staff Refining on Impact Assessment on 20th to 22nd September 2018
- Half Yearly Review Meeting of Community Health Coordinator’s on 24th September 2018