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

Staff Meeting at MPSSS, Bhopal

On 14th January, 7th February and 7th March 2026, a staff meeting was held at MPSSS, Bhopal, under the leadership of Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director. Staff members from various projects came together to review the activities carried out in the previous month and to discuss the plans and strategies for the month ahead. The meeting provided a platform for collective learning, collaboration, and the strengthening of future action plans.



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

Safeguarding Orientation – Satna | 19 January 2026

A Safeguarding Orientation was conducted for the Director and key staff of Samaritan, Satna, focusing on strengthening awareness and implementation of safeguarding policies within the organization. The session highlighted core safeguarding principles, staff responsibilities, reporting mechanisms, and preventive measures to ensure a safe and accountable environment for all beneficiaries. An assessment of existing safeguarding practices was also undertaken to identify strengths and areas for improvement. The orientation reinforced the organization's commitment to promoting dignity, protection, and ethical standards in all its initiatives.



Visit to Pragati Jhabua & KDSS Khandwa

An assessment visit was conducted to Pragati, Jhabua and KDSS, Khandwa in the month of January 7 & 8 to review the implementation of Safeguarding and Finance policies. The



visit also included an orientation session for the DSSS team, focusing on compliance, accountability, and strengthening internal systems to ensure transparency and child protection standards within partner organizations.

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Meeting with ASHA, Anganwadi & VHSNC Presidents

A coordination meeting was held on 15 January 2026 with ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, and VHSNC Presidents from four villages of Budhni Block. The meeting aimed to enhance collaboration among frontline functionaries, review village-level health issues, and promote community participation in improving health and nutrition services.



VHSNC Re-Orientation

VHSNC Re-Orientation sessions were conducted across eight villages of Budhni Block on 19, 20, 22, and 27 January 2026. The sessions focused on strengthening the roles and responsibilities of committee members, improving record-keeping, and enhancing community engagement in planning and monitoring health activities.

The initiative aimed to revitalize the functioning of VHSNCs for better grassroots health governance.



SAFBIN field visit

A field visit to the SAFBIN project area was conducted by Mr. Ramesh Yadav on 30th January 2026. The purpose of the visit was to review the ongoing project activities, interact with the field team, and assess the progress being made at the grassroots level. During the visit, discussions were held with beneficiaries and community members to understand the impact of the interventions and identify areas for further improvement. The visit provided valuable insights and reinforced the commitment towards effective implementation of the SAFBIN project.



Sohankheda tailoring centre visit

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On 12th January 2026, a visit was conducted to the Sohankheda Tailoring Center to assess the progress of the work being carried out by the women and girls enrolled in the program. The visit aimed to review their skill development, observe the quality of stitching and garment production, and interact with the participants to understand their learning experiences. The initiative continues to empower women and adolescent girls by enhancing their vocational skills and promoting self-reliance through sustainable livelihood opportunities.



Celebration of World Pulses Day

On February 10, the Saffin Project organized World Pulses Day in Surajpura village with 48 participants, including lead farmers, SHFC members, and other villagers. Through group discussions, farmers explored seasonal varieties of pulses, crop diseases and treatments, pulse-based dishes, nutritional benefits, and methods to boost production and market profits. The event strengthened awareness of pulses as a source of health, income, and sustainable agriculture, while encouraging knowledge-sharing and community participation.



VHSNC Re-Orientation at Ramnagar & Neemkhedi, Budhni

A re-orientation session for Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) members was conducted in



Ramnagar and Neemkhedi villages of Budhni block on 18 February 2026. The session focused on strengthening the understanding of members regarding their roles and responsibilities in community health governance, improving village-level planning, and ensuring effective monitoring of health and nutrition services.

VHSNC Re-Orientation at Taku Village, Kesla

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On 19 February 2026, a VHSNC re-orientation programme was organized in Taku village of Kesla block. The meeting emphasized revitalizing committee functions, enhancing coordination with frontline health workers, and promoting active community participation in addressing local health, sanitation, and nutrition issues.



Meeting with ASHA & Anganwadi Workers

A coordination meeting was held with ASHA and Anganwadi workers on 19 February 2026 to review

ongoing activities and discuss grassroots-level challenges. The discussion centered



on improving service delivery, strengthening convergence between health and ICDS services, and ensuring better outreach to vulnerable families.

Capacity Building of ASHAs at Kesla

A capacity-building session was organized for ASHA workers at Kesla on 25 February 2026 with the objective of strengthening their knowledge and community-level health interventions. The session focused on enhancing their understanding of key public health concerns.



Topics Covered:

- Malnutrition: ASHAs were oriented on identifying signs and symptoms of malnutrition among children, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. The session highlighted the



importance of growth monitoring, timely referral, promotion of balanced diets using locally available foods, and counselling families on proper nutrition practices.

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- Seasonal Diseases & Home Remedies: The discussion included common seasonal illnesses such as cold, cough, fever, diarrhea, and vector-borne diseases. ASHAs were guided on early identification, preventive measures, hygiene practices, and safe home-based remedies, along with timely referral in severe cases.

Capacity Building of ASHAs at Budhni

A similar capacity-building program was conducted at Budhni on 26 February 2026. The session was graced by the Block Medical Officer (BMO), Block Extension Educator (BEE), and a Gynaecologist, who provided technical guidance and practical insights to the ASHAs.



The resource persons oriented the participants on nutritional requirements, balanced diet

planning using locally available food items, and strengthening their roles and responsibilities in community health services. Special emphasis was given to Antenatal Care (ANC) and Postnatal Care (PNC), including early registration of pregnancy, regular health check-ups, institutional delivery, immunization, and postnatal follow-up.



Topics Covered:

- Malnutrition: Identification of undernourished children and at-risk mothers, counselling on dietary diversity, and linking beneficiaries with government nutrition schemes.



- Seasonal Diseases & Home Remedies: Prevention and management of seasonal infections, awareness on sanitation and safe drinking water, and appropriate referral mechanisms.

The sessions were interactive and aimed at equipping ASHAs with practical knowledge to improve health outcomes at the community level.

International Women Day Celebration

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The observance of International Women's Day brought together 126 participants in a meaningful celebration of women's contributions to agriculture and community development. The event served as a platform to recognize the vital role of women in sustaining rural livelihoods, while also promoting the principles of gender equity and inclusion. Through engaging discussions and the sharing of experiences, participants reflected on existing challenges and opportunities, reinforcing the need for continued efforts to empower women and ensure their active participation in decision-making processes across sectors..



Training Program for SHFC Members and Lead Farmers

Three specialized training sessions were successfully conducted for SHFC members and



Lead Farmers, engaging a total of 109 participants. The trainings focused on enhancing technical skills, strengthening capacities, and promoting the exchange of knowledge and best practices among participants. These sessions provided a platform for interactive learning, enabling farmers to adopt improved practices and contribute more effectively to sustainable agriculture and community development initiatives.

Integrated Farming Systems

A total of 25 households successfully established livestock-based Integrated Farming Systems (IFS), marking a significant step toward strengthening rural livelihoods and enhancing resilience. This initiative has enabled participating families to diversify their income sources by integration of livestock with existing agricultural practices, thereby improving productivity and resource efficiency. The adoption of IFS not only contributes to increased household income but also promotes sustainable farming practices and long-term economic stability within the community.



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INM/IPM

A total of 89 farmers initiated the preparation and implementation of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies, marking a significant advancement toward sustainable agriculture. These practices are aimed at improving soil fertility, optimizing the use of inputs, and promoting environmentally responsible pest control methods. The initiative reflects a growing commitment among farmers to adopt scientific and sustainable approaches, ultimately enhancing crop productivity, reducing input costs, and ensuring long-term agricultural resilience.



URAD & MOONG SEED DISTRIBUTION

A total of 10 families were supported with the distribution of 150 kg of Urad and Moong seeds, encouraging the adoption of pulse cultivation during the summer season. This initiative not only aims to enhance household nutritional security



by improving dietary diversity but also contributes to sustainable agricultural practices. The inclusion of legumes plays a vital role in soil health improvement through natural nitrogen fixation, promoting the use of green manure and reducing dependency on chemical fertilizers. Overall, the intervention strengthens both livelihood resilience and environmentally sustainable farming systems.

Training Session on Green Manure

One training session on green manure practices was successfully conducted, with the participation of 33 individuals. The session focused on promoting eco-friendly and sustainable methods of soil enrichment, emphasizing the importance of integrating green manure into farming systems. Participants were oriented on the benefits of improving soil fertility, enhancing organic matter, and reducing dependence on chemical fertilizers. This initiative contributed to building the knowledge and capacity of farmers, encouraging the adoption of environmentally responsible agricultural practices for long-term soil health and productivity.



SHFC Monthly Meeting

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A total of 13 monthly meetings of SHFC were successfully conducted, engaging 252 participants in a structured platform for dialogue and collaboration. These meetings played a crucial role in fostering collective decision-making, strengthening community participation, and enhancing coordination among members. Key discussions focused on livelihood planning, issue resolution, and the promotion of sustainable practices. The regular engagement not only empowered participants to take informed decisions but also contributed to building a cohesive and resilient community framework.



Farmers Field School

A total of 9 Farmers Field Schools were successfully conducted, reaching 163 farmers through experiential and participatory learning approaches. These sessions provided hands-on training in improved agricultural practices, enabling farmers to better understand crop management, soil health, and sustainable farming techniques. By fostering peer learning and practical demonstrations, the initiative strengthened farmers' capacity to adopt innovative and climate-resilient practices, ultimately contributing to enhanced productivity and long-term agricultural sustainability.



World Water Day Program

Three events were organized to commemorate World Water Day, engaging a total of 152 participants. These programs focused on raising awareness about the importance of water conservation and the need for sustainable water management practices. Through interactive discussions and community participation, attendees were sensitized to the critical role of water in sustaining livelihoods, agriculture, and ecosystems. The initiative encouraged collective responsibility and the adoption of practical measures to ensure the efficient and judicious use of water resources.



International Day of Zero Waste Celebration

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Three events were organized to observe the International Day for Zero Waste, engaging a total of 71 participants. The programs focused on promoting awareness around waste reduction, sustainable consumption, and environmental responsibility. Through interactive sessions and community discussions, participants were encouraged to adopt practical measures such as minimizing waste generation, reusing resources, and supporting eco-friendly practices. The initiative contributed to fostering a sense of collective responsibility towards environmental conservation and building more sustainable community habits.



Wall Painting

The wall painting activity in Budhni Block was successfully completed as part of efforts to enhance community awareness and engagement. The initiative aimed to disseminate key messages related to health, sanitation, and social development through visually impactful and easily understandable content. Strategically located across the block, the wall paintings serve as a sustainable medium for information sharing, encouraging positive behavioral change and reinforcing important public messages within the community.



VHSNC Re-Orientation at Taku Village, Kesla

A program was conducted on 24 March in Bardha village, Kesla Block, with the aim of strengthening the roles and responsibilities of VHSNC members. The session focused on enhancing community participation and improving coordination among stakeholders for better health, sanitation, and nutrition outcomes at the village level. The program was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Deepak Rao (School Teacher), along with Mr. Saju T (Program Lead) and Mr. Tarun (Block Lead). It witnessed active participation from ASHA and Anganwadi workers, VHSNC members, and local villagers, fostering meaningful discussions and collective commitment toward effective implementation of community health initiatives.



Meeting with ASHA Workers

The ASHA monthly meeting was conducted on 31 March at Shahganj, Budhni Block, with the objective of reviewing ongoing activities and strengthening community-level

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health interventions. The meeting provided a platform for ASHA workers to discuss field experiences, address challenges, and align on key priorities. Following the session, a detailed meeting report was prepared and finalized, capturing the key discussions, outcomes, and action points to support effective follow-up and implementation.



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

Republic Day Celebrated

Flag hoisting was done on 26th January 2026 at MPSSS office in which all the staffs and internship

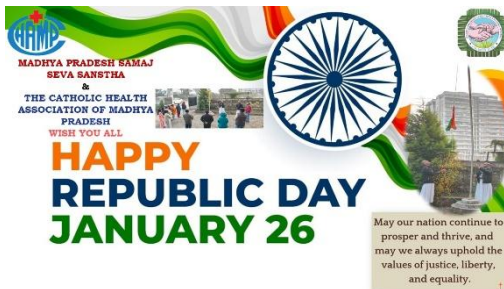
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participated.

After flag

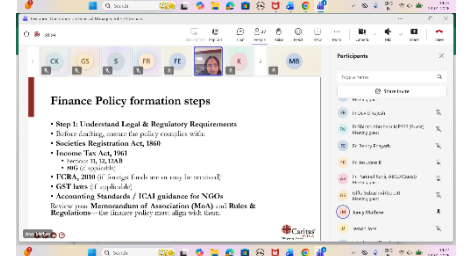
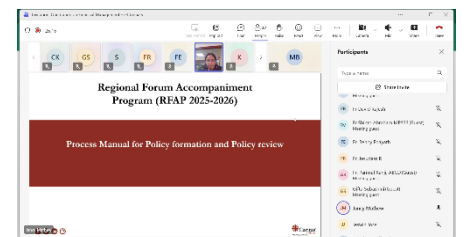
hoisting sweets

was distribute among all the participants who were part of the program.



Orientation on Financial Management

Following the launch of the RFAP (Regional Forum Accompaniment Program) in December, Caritas India successfully conducted an online Orientation on Financial Management on 23 January from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM for Regional Forum Directors and Coordinators. The session emphasized the importance of establishing and strengthening sound Financial Policies, reviewing existing financial practices, and promoting good financial governance. It also provided clarity on roles and responsibilities to ensure better coordination between programme and finance teams for effective implementation and compliance. Participants were encouraged to share their organisational Financial Policies in advance, which



facilitated meaningful discussions and peer learning. The orientation witnessed active participation and reaffirmed the collective commitment towards transparency, accountability, and strengthened financial management systems across the forums.

Workshop on Labour Code

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The Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) in collaboration with the Catholic



Health Association of Madhya Pradesh (CHAMP) organized a one-day workshop on

Labour Codes, Recent Amendments and Compliance Requirements on 24th January 2026 at the CHAMP Office, Bhopal. The program began with registration, prayer, and lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of CHAMP. The inaugural address was delivered by His Grace Most Rev. Bp. Dr. A.A.S. Duriraj SVD, Archbishop of Bhopal, and the Guest of Honour Rev. Fr. George Nirappukalayil shared his insights. Mr. Shammi J. Tigga, Welfare Commissioner, Ministry of Labour & Employment, led detailed sessions on the overall understanding of Labour Codes, recent amendments, compliance requirements, and practical challenges faced by organizations. The workshop concluded with an open discussion and vote of thanks, enriching participants with valuable legal knowledge and practical guidance.

Study materials kit distribution

On 1st February 2026 Under the Arc Diocese Project, study material kits were distributed to children to support their educational needs. The initiative aimed at encouraging continued learning by providing essential academic supplies that will help the children in their studies. The distribution not only eased the financial burden on families but also motivated the children to actively participate in their education with renewed enthusiasm and confidence.

Workshop on Income Tax Code and Financial Management

The Workshop on Income Tax Code and Financial Management was successfully conducted on 21 February 2026 at the BSSS Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS), Bhopal, organized by MPSSS & CHAMP. The session was facilitated by Mr. L. Vittal Rao, FCA, Chartered Accountant from Bangalore, who provided comprehensive insights into



governance, financial accountability, and compliance requirements for NGOs and educational institutions. The workshop emphasized the importance of maintaining legal entity status, adhering to Income Tax provisions (including Sections 11, 12, and 13), proper fund management, and systematic financial recording practices. Participants

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gained clarity on the distinction between custodial and organizational funds, accrual-based accounting, internal control mechanisms, and statutory obligations under FCRA and the Income Tax Act. The training also highlighted Management Information Systems (MIS) for educational institutions and the importance of transparency as a statutory responsibility. The session concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating the enriching and practical learning experience that strengthened institutional financial governance.

Workshop on AI Tools

A two-day workshop on AI tools, proposal design, and concept note preparation was successfully conducted at the MPSSS office on 17th and 18th March 2026, organized by India Donates. The workshop aimed to strengthen participants' capacities in leveraging emerging AI tools to enhance reporting efficiency and overall work effectiveness. It also provided comprehensive guidance on developing well-structured concept notes and designing impactful proposals. The sessions were highly interactive, enabling participants to gain practical insights and hands-on experience, thereby contributing to improved documentation, strategic planning, and resource mobilization efforts within the organization.



Workshop on D-Seed Proposal

A workshop on the D-Seed Initiative framework was successfully organized at MPSSS, Bhopal, on 27th March 2026, bringing together key stakeholders and development practitioners. The workshop witnessed the participation of distinguished members including Fr. Shinto Abraham, Dr. Saju M.K., Fr. Dilip Nanda, Fr. Aliyas Nimana, Mr. Ramesh Yadav, and Dr. Aneesh Jose.

The workshop commenced with a prayer led by Fr. Dilip Nanda, followed by a welcome address from Fr. Shinto Abraham, who emphasized the importance of collaboration and quality proposal development. The technical session, facilitated by Dr. Saju M.K., provided an in-depth overview of the D-Seed framework, highlighting its objectives, key components, and strategic relevance for grassroots development, with a strong focus on sustainability and scalability.

As a key outcome of the workshop, three proposals were taken up for detailed analysis and were further refined and finalized under expert guidance. The process significantly improved the clarity, coherence, and strategic direction of the proposals. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Fr. Aliyas Nimana, marking a productive step towards strengthening program design and development initiatives.



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