

## ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2018-19

### **SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD**

- **SAFBIN- II:** The project is funded by Caritas Austria and has started its 2<sup>nd</sup> phase at MVSS after the high success rate in SAFBIN-I in Shahgarh block. Now it covers overall 2 districts, Sagar (10 villages) and Vidisha (5 Villages). SAFBIN-II has started to build IFS models among small and marginal farmers on agriculture sector and provide financial support for seeds, green manures, bio fertilizers, cow shed improvement, poultry etc on initial basis. Office is also set up in Shahgarh and Gyaraspur and a team of 11 are also recruited for the purpose as staff. Inauguration of SAFBIN II was conducted at Caritas Head Office, New Delhi in which our beloved Bishop was invited as Special guest. In Gyaraspur and Shahgarh areas also we conducted the inaugurations in the month of December 2018 in which Center in charges, dignitaries from NABARD, KVK, Horticulture dept, govt officials and more than 300 farmers attended the programme.
- **SAKSHAM (Climate Change resilience).** : This project is funded by Caritas India which is mainly concentrating on adapting to climate change and developing resilience and adaptation models by village community. The project covers 15 villages of 2 blocks namely Sagar and Rahatgarh. So far we have formed 62 Groups, 3 District Level Farmers Forum and 3 Farmers School on a cluster basis. This programme is in its last stage and has already benefitted 932 farmers who were supported with seeds, demo plot inputs, bio fertilizers etc. There are 831 Kitchen gardens developed and 91 demo plots adopted by KVK. Apart from agriculture we have also been able to leverage Rs 21, 05,000 Government funds and apply 73 applications for various schemes in Gram Sabha.

### **HEALTH & HYGIENE**

- **Collaboration with health department**  
With the health department of the Diocese and government hospitals we were able to conduct 4 Multi speciality medical camps in Sagar, Gidwani, Rehli, Gairatganj, Semri at remote locations in villages itself and also provided 3 free medical services to the needy at Rehli. There were altogether 300-500 sick people who were treated and provided with medicines in each camp. In collaboration with Indira Gandhi Eye Hospital we could also provide free cataract operation to 18 people as a result of joint venture of Diocesan Health Unit and MVSS.

- **Mobile Medical Care Unit:** The project was supported by D'Orient for the purchase of mobile medical care unit in Sagar. With the help of the vehicle we were able to provide door to door medical assistance in rural villages, provide them with medicines, collect and reach people for camps in centres and also to medical colleges/eye hospital etc.
- **Ambulance for health center (Matha Mariya):** Manos Unidas has extended its support to purchase an ambulance for the health care unit in Rehli. The project is for 1 year in which we have to cover 20-30 villages and extend health care services to the people through offering medical camps, cataract, blood test camps, TB Awareness etc. These activities are carried out very well and lives of many TB patients are being saved.
- **Capacitating of Health workers (ASHA):** with the help of MPSSS (CHAI) we are extending our services through capacitating ASHA workers in Sagar and Banda blocks. There are altogether 12 ASHA workers who function regularly supporting the AWW, ANMs and providing better ANC, PNC services to the women and children. Apart from this there are also regular house visits, counselling, cleanliness awareness camps, and monitoring visits of AWs visits, PHCs, Schools etc being held.
- **SAHELI:** This innovative project is funded by **Nando and Elsa Paretti Foundation, Italy**. The title of the project is **“Improving menstrual hygiene and eliminate myths, taboo, beliefs and social restriction related to menstrual cycle”**. The innovative part of the project is that we are distributing low cost ecological Sanitary Napkins to the rural adolescent girls and women at lower price. So far we have formed 324 adolescent groups and distributed pads to 1096 Saheli team members. Through our efforts an increase of 71% in girls attendance in schools and 69% practice safe disposal of sanitary napkins.
- **Axshaya project in Sagar:** The project is supported by CBCI in Sagar. CBCI card seeing our effective work in Sagar Slum areas has also extended support to reach more community wherein people suffering from TB maybe treated and provided with DOTS support and care. The areas which will be covered are villages of Sagar, Banda, Shaghras, Rehli, and Kharapur,. We cover 200-300 HHs every month and conduct sputum collections and referrals. Altogether we have referred 77 of the 210 who were diagnosed and 21 were detected positive and referred for DOTS treatment of the 131 tested. In this regard we have selected one village from Banda Block namely Jamuniya.
- **World Day of the sick:** A Free Medical Camp was organized at Manav Vikas, Sagar for the sick. Representatives and Doctors from DHU, National Integrated Medical

Association & Homeopathy Medical College and Research Center, Sagar provided free medical service to 800 plus patients.

- **Health project (Matha Mariya Hospital):** For Rehli block we have also initiated a new project supported by Hilton for Health Awareness and extending health care services in 10 villages of Rehli block through the hospital.
- **Infrastructural support for Hospital:** with the support of Missionary of St Peter Claver we were able to provide fowler and semi fowler beds for enhancing health care facilities at Matha Mariya hospital at Jamghat.

## **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**

MVSS has stepped forward to partner with GAIL India Ltd, NFL, SRLM in the formulation and implementation of new and innovative projects. Timely support and technical guidance from SRLM officials has also strengthened our collaboration with MBGB (Bank) and NABARD and helped us to benefit more rural people. SRLM has supported us with setting up an Industrial Tailoring unit in Guna for 30 women and at present they are stitching government school uniforms during season.

- **Skill development courses for drop out youth are conducted in** Slum areas of Rehli, Banda, Mohanpur, Gidwani, Saanchi, Saderi, Pagara, Sironj, Khaderakhurdh and Slum areas of Guna. In this area we have trained around 280 women.
- **Vocational skill development trainings :** In collaboration with Don Bosco Tech, New Delhi we have 2 Skill Development Centres at Makronia and MVSS. Various courses of ISMO, Automobiles, Computer, electronics, beautician, Tailoring etc are enlightening the future of the drop out and unemployed youths. The batches were at full swing last year with 25-30 numbers of students per batch. There were also EDP training sessions, industry visit, job placement, exposure etc conducted time to time. This year around 640 students have passed out and 340 of them were placed in companies and more than 180 self employed. **Don Bosco Skill development center of MVSS has been shifted to Shahgarh center with 3 trades namely ISMO, Computer and electrical.**
- **Vocational training:** With the help of FVTRS we were able to start once again the Vocational training project at Guna. We have initiated new trades this time like Bag Making, Ast. Nursing, Agriculture production and organic manures production at

village itself. The project was sanctioned in December 2018 and 15 students each batch will be trained currently and taught the methods to produce such low cost and organic products to enhance the health of soil. There are also 15 other trainees who have been trained under Bag Making.

## **CHILD WELFARE**

- **Support from St Vincent De Paul Society, Ernakulam, Kerala:** Opening a request from MVSS, **St Vincent De Paul Society, Ernakulam, Kerala** has provided 36 boxes full of clothes to be distributed to the people living in slums of Sagar. There were 7 delegates representing the Society who visited us and the villages and slums. During my visit to their office they have also extended a support of Rs 1 Lakh for extending slum education. They have also promised more support in days to come for entrepreneurship business model, Sanitary Pad making machine and clothes.
- **For extending education we have also started Non Formal classes in** Besapahadi, Banda, Jamghat, Naiserai, Barodia, Bina, Khaderakhurdh, Gulabganj, Mohanpur, Kherikhata, Gairtaganj and Sironj villages. In all these batches we have 20-30 children being educated and capacitated for mainstreaming to schools.
- **Purchase of Assistive Devices and Play Equipments for the Specially Abled Children of Anand Bhavan and Asara Bhavan at Shampura.”** This project was supported by St Theresa foundation, USA. In the month of October we were able to provide the devices from Bangalore to Sevadham Ashram “Asara Bhavan and Anand bhavan”. There were gym equipments, play materials, devices for impairment, stretch exercises etc included.
- **Non formal Education (Guna): Missio dei,** Germany has supported us with NFE for slum children dwelling in Guna city. The project is of 20 lakhs for 1 year and was sanctioned in December 2018. The baseline work, identification of centres, target group, team recruitment is under process and will start functioning by February 2019. We have started 3 NFE centres in the month of June and we would start some more centres.
- **Animation project at Barodia :** Another project at the social work centre at Barodia has started in August 2018. There are 10 villages covered under this project in which non formal schools were established and NFE were provided to the drop out children. The main theme is to intervene in the villages by forming children’s groups, child parliaments and youth group etc. It is an animation project to support the

children with elementary education, build gaps, counselling with parents, mainstreaming them to schools.

- **Child Line 1098:** The project is funded by CIF and is working in Sagar district. The team has received more than 600 calls related to Child protection cases from within city and nationwide. Children from MP, UP, Bihar, Tamilnadu, Rajasthan, Chattisgarh and Maharashtra were restored back to their homes. Altogether 847 cases were handled by the team in the last 12 months. Mass Awareness Programmes, road shows, door to door survey, open house and street play are conducted frequently on Child Rights by MVSS & Childline, Sagar team. Childline se dosti week was also conducted in November 2018 in collaboration with schools, RPF, CWC etc.
- **Slum education:** This project is funded by Kindermissionswerk and we extend services in 7 slums of Sagar district. There are Community for Learning Centres (CFLs) in all the slums and extend services by providing non formal education. Occasions are celebrated like Children's day, Christmas, etc. We had also taken them to exposure study tour to MRC Museum and have also met with officials. Authorities have appreciated MVSS for their behavioural change and personality development in connection with Betti Bachao Abhiyan.
- **Gyan Jyothi :** with the support of SDSSS and specific interest of our Bishop we have started releasing the message of Right To Education to the drop out children of our area. MVSS has started 2 non formal education centres one at MVSS and another at Sadar Sagar which began in April 2018 under the title Gyan Jyothi. There were 34 drop out students who were taught all subject by qualified subject teachers. Our aim is to support the drop out children with education, build gaps, counselling with parents, observe special occasions, write board exams and mainstream them to schools etc. we are happy to note that our students have regularly attended the classes and appeared for the board exams and 13 of them have passed with 1<sup>st</sup> division. 4 results are with held and 6 of them got supplementary.
- With the help of benefactors from VIDA Spain and local benefactors we were able to distribute School Bags, winter woollen clothes, books to the children of our slum schools.
- Childline Se Dosti week was celebrated amongst slum and Rural children with government officials in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November 2018. Youth of Gyan Jyothi also participated in sports activities and conducted various programmes.

## **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

- **Support to widows:** With the help of Give India and individual benefactors 37 widows were supported with free Income generation programme of Rs 5000. All these widows have started small IGAs by means of petty shops, vegetable selling, poultry and enhanced their livelihood.
- Financial support was also provided to more than 56 destitute men and 54 women to start IGP and sustain their future and have a happy life.
- Stressing on women empowerment we have formed 507 SHGs with 5178 members and linked 389 SHGs with banks and 131 with loans. The SHGs are recorded to have Rs 72, 57, 842 as savings and 79, 79,250 as revolving fund. We have also build their capacities by developing their skills, women literacy programmes (by concentrating on mainly women farmers), group leadership development and also by involving their participation in Mahilao Ki Sabha, celebrations, occasions, cultural events, rallies, local governance meetings and meetings with block officials. Reporting year we could make 284 SHGs.

#### **RIGHT BASED APPROACH**

- **People Led Development programme (PLDP):** This project is running in 30 villages of Raisen district and was renewed in 2018 with fresh objectives concentrating mainly of Malnutrition. The Blocks covered are Waadi, Semri and Gairatganj and a team of 8 is recruited for the purpose. The theme of the project is to promote food security, food sovereignty through enhanced people participation for development of self, family and village as a whole. The project is for 2.5 years and we were able to bring 36 relevant issues like drinking water problem, lack of proper infrastructure, road etc. further there was baseline survey being conducted and health issues addressed in the targeted areas with the help of AWWs and ASHA workers.
- **Swachtha Abhiyan** was conducted in Sagar, Guna and Raisen districts wherein awareness on cleanliness towards one's environment was spread. Shramdhan was conducted by the community on school play ground, Drainage areas, hand pumps areas, community wells, etc.

#### **DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

- **Support for Kerala flood relief campaign:** An amount of Rs 27,75,109 was raised from Diocesan schools, Parishes, Individuals, Diocese departments, Priests, Sisters, and laymen. The support was provided to different dioceses in Kerala, houses of our

priests, sisters, parishioners whose houses were drastically affected during the Kerala flood were supported. Further an amount of Rs 5 lakhs was also extended to Caritas India to support them for the campaign they had conducted. An amount of Rs 16 lakhs were sent to the **Diocese of Idukki** to support 2 lakh each for 8 families to construct houses.

- **WARM (Water and Agriculture Resilience Mission):** Caritas Japan supports us with WARM project covering 5 villages of Sagar block. The mission upholds to cover mainly 5 drought affected villages on a pilot basis with interventions on watershed activities. In 2018 the project was renewed and another village was covered from Jaisinagar block named Dhau. The aim is to build NRM models which in times to come will be replicable and play an important role in water conservation. An Introductory Assembly Meeting with 9 Panchayat Presidents, Secretaries and CBO's Leaders was held at MVSS, Sagar on quarterly basis to implement Water Harvesting Techniques in Rural Villages and it will be continued.
- **Environmental Protection and climate change resilience:** Around 6000 tree samplings were planted in the project area of Raisen, Ashoknagar, Sagar, Guna and Vidisha with the support of Local benefactors. Rural youths, school students, village community, individual households have taken up the responsibility to protect these trees and water it regularly.
- **Bio lab:** MVSS has now started producing Bio fertilizers growth promoters mainly Trichoderma. The same is being distributed on sample basis to farmers of the project area. The Bio fertilizer are nominal rated and will be a great help to farmers in rejuvenating lost soil health. Apart from trichoderma we will also be producing Rhizobium, PSB cultures etc in time to come. We have also been able to convince Caritas Austria to allow us to purchase a Fermentor for production of cultures at high quantity. We are happy to note down that the demand of trichoderma is increasing day by day.
- **Sunshine for grandparents:** with the support of CNEWA local contribution and support from individual benefactors we were able to support 57 grand parents who are destitute and deprived in the local community and slums of Sagar.
- **NABARD:** With NABARD and Central Jail Authorities, production of Papad at Central Jail of Sagar is conducted regularly. There they have also increased the number of beneficiaries. We also have 105 Farmer's clubs and 100 JLGs formed in 114 villages of Sagar district. With meeting and capacity building programmes with these CBOs held every months and their capacity boosted by Experts of Agriculture, DDM of

NABARD, Chairman of MBGB Bank and Agriculture Scientists, Agronomists from KVK were able to rejuvenate them in the last 6 months.

## **INTERNSHIP**

Students from different Universities from all over India belonging to Research and Social work fields are been shaped for future growth under various internship programmes at MVSS. There were BSW students from Marian College Kuttikanam, MSW students from Rajagiri college of Social science, Kochi, BVMC college, Kottayam and Third year theologians from Ruhalya Major Seminary Ujjain Theologate. PGM/PGDRM students from SVU University, Sagar, MBA students from BSS college, Bhopal, B.A LLB students from Christ University Bangalore, students from Amity University, Noida also conducted field exercises in our villages.

### **External Evaluation:**

There were also external visits from CaCH Team Switzerland, Caritas Austria, Blind People's Association India from Gujarat, World vision India, SARE team from Nepal, Ranchi, New Delhi in our SAFBIN Shaghras field areas to evaluate the work and progress we are making. Also a Team from Hyderabad had come for evaluation of PLD working area in Raisen district. These evaluators were greeted whole heartily, welcomed with traditional folk dance, prayers and programmes showing their capacities built by MVSS Team.

**Celebrations and Occasions:** MVSS celebrated along with community various occasions and celebrations like Earth Day, Women's day, Youth Day, Environmental day, Children's day, Independence and Republic day, World T.B day, etc. in which the participation of children, youth and women were observed in huge number.

### **Future plans**

- Currently we have also applied to link our existing vocation training centres (VTCs) and other Social work centres at Raisen, Shaghras and Banda with SDPs schemes.
- Reach more people and engage more partners in working with us to bring them to the light is our goal for the next future.
- We also have plans to link with other Social work centres under Diocese to work together for a better and fuller humanity.
- Conduct of extra-curricular activities for government school students.



- Forming groups of Adolescent girls and do various health awareness classes, carrier guidance courses etc.
- Special care for the physically and mentally challenged children.
- Production and supply of Bio growth promoters/Azotobacter, Trichoderma, PSB cultures etc.
- Campaign at all Diocesan and religious schools for raising support for deprived and destitute elderly, HIV and Cancer patients.
- We are planning to extend Skill development programmes for drop out and unemployed youth at more and more centres through various government and non government agencies.
- Extension of social work centres covering more and more villages and benefitting many more deprived sections of the community especially in the remote.
- Basic needs to the most deprived communities in collaboration with the help of St Vincent De Paul Society of Kerala and Madras.
- Developing IFS models for SMFs of our working area.
- Environmental protection by planting 10,000 tree sapling in the month of July-August under World Environmental day with the support of govt and Diocesan schools, centres etc.

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

We ensure coverage of all our activities especially occasions and celebrations in news media. This includes cases handled by Child line, Tree plantation campaign, major programmes etc.

We also received rewards and appreciations from major partners and agencies. Some of them are as follows:

- TB Eradication award by CBCI Card and CMHO Sagar
- Presentation of Agro-industry at Central jail of Sagar at National conference of Head prisons of states and UTs.

- In collaboration with European Union and FVTRS skill opportunity for 400 women of Guna district and income generation support along with government schemes for 600 women.

### **Conclusion**

The year 2018-19 has been remarkable year in the history of Manav Vikas, not only in the terms of many developmental activities but also fruitful achievements. We are many grateful and indebted to our funding agencies, well wishers, governing body members, energetic staff for their timely intervention and support. On behalf of MVS, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all concerned, fathers, brothers, sisters and staff at different centers, for their committed service and dedicated for the cause of deprived, poor and needy/vulnerable community. Thanks to one and all.

Fr. Thomas Philip  
Secretary  
Manav Vikas, Sagar