

Annual Report 2023-24
Manav Vikas Seva Sangh, Sagar

Introduction

Dear Friends,

I am immensely pleased to place before you the 34th Annual report of MVSS. Over the years through the process of “Action – Reflection – Action”, MVSS keeps itself relevant, relevant to the needs and aspirations of its stake holders and relevant to the changing scenario in social works. An integral sustainable development of the community to the less fortunate is the main focus of our activities. We believe this approach will eventually empower people and lead them towards liberation from all sorts of bondage. This report is in fact a glimpse of our learning experience while catalyzing the process of change in the life of those we work and exist with. Your esteemed presence will lift us to a higher and deeper level of sharing. When we turn out the pages of this society we see its progress. Today MVSS has passed 33 years of its growth in the services of poor and the downtrodden. This year I am happy to present the report through Audio and Visual presentation.

Vision:-

“We visualize communities where all enjoy equal rights, opportunities and the members respect each other and live in harmony with the nature and divine”

Mission:-

“Empowering the people to have access to their rights and opportunities as well as bringing about systematic changes in view of good governance and social cohesion.”

Projects

1. SAFBIN- Sustainable Agriculture and Adaptive farming

In collaboration with **Caritas India** Manav Vikas Seva Sangh has launched a new project entitled SAFBIN. The target area is 10 new villages of Sagar district in which our objectives are Ensuring Local Food Security of Smallholder farmers, Improved resilience of farmers and their farms, Increased income and recognition of Smallholder farmers for their ecosystem services, Reduced climate induced displacement of youth and women farmers. Initially FGDs, Baseline Surveys and Resource mapping is being conducted in the villages. Nursery setup, distribution of vermi bags, seeds, manures, millets to the village community are held on a large scale. There was also 2 training cum exposure organized at MVSS in which Caritas India, Caritas Austria officials participated along with JDSS Jabalpur team.

2. Scientific Research

In collaboration with M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (**MSSRF**) **Chennai** along with GIZ team, MVSS has initiated Agriculture scientific research models in Banda Block of Sagar district. The organization has partnered with us in a new project for setup of Bio Resource centre and Farmers resource centre. We have initially hired a team of 3 who started functioning from March 2024. 35 Plant Doctors were selected and trained to further carry on research practices in field, demo plots, provide seed treatment and soil treatment to the farmers in their area.

3. Agro-ecological transformation

German International Cooperation-India has partnered with MVSS in a new a project entitled Revitalizing Agriculture practices aligned with Agro-ecological transformation processes with focus to natural farming in Sagar district. The

project was sanctioned under Support to Agro-ecological Transformation Processes in India (SuATI) on October 2023. The project is operational in 10 villages of Shahgarh and Banda blocks with a target of 1200 farmers to be benefitted through natural farming and Sustainable agriculture practices. Now we have covered 600+ farmers and provided training and enlisted 150 champion farmers. 15 Master Trainers were also selected from MVSS by MP Natural Farming Cell, INM Division, M/o Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, as MVSS has now become an empanelled organization under Krishi Sakhi Training Convergence program. These Master trainers had given training to officials of SRLM, Agriculture and Block department during the reporting period.

4. Women Empowerment

Adhikaar project is running effectively covering more beneficiaries and providing support to 3800+ women which includes 244 adolescent girls, 1511 women farmers and 2000+ SHG members. In the month of February 2024 Manos Unidas team visited us and our field area and were highly impressed of out works done. The project was extended up to March 2024. After the completion of the extended period the agency has allowed to carry the project for another 2 more years.

5. Zero-cost Agriculture Farming Practices

Urja Jyothi project runs in 15 villages of Ashokanagar district. We have got an extension of 6 months in which we had selected 5 new villages in Ashoknagar block and dropped out Rehli block. The extension phase concluded with benefitting over 2400 farmers in the 3 year time span. 155 groups were formed and strengthened for a sustainable future. We have applied for the continuation of the project and awaiting for their approval.

6. Child welfare programme

Central government had stopped Childline 1098 Childline services all over India and merging the same with Mahila Bal Vikas. We could benefit 687 children through our services and provide them with Health, Nutritional support, 134 child marriage cases were stopped, 132 missing cases were restored back to their home, 89 children were counselled who were involved in begging, child labour and were abused.

7. Quality Non formal education

Non formal education centres are being run through 22 centres in Sagar, Vidisha, Raisen, Ashoknagar districts to provide quality education. These centres are taken care by the NFE teachers who teach 871 drop out and non school going children alphabets, metrics, ethical values, moral studies by means of play materials, joyful learning, counselling, competitions etc. The projects are supported by Kindermissio, Mission Austria and Missio International for different districts. Recently we have received another project for Sagar slum areas from Germany.

8. Distribution of Educational materials

With the help of BOSCH India we were able to provide bags, books, uniforms to 547 drop out children. They have also tied up with us to start new project to support non formal education materials in 2024-25.

9. People Led Development programme

PLDP Project funded by Miserrior also begun through direct funding by Miserrior in June 2022. In this project we have completed 2 years and benefitted 2367 farmers in 30 villages of Gairatganj and Sanchi blocks. The project is based on people led development process entitled Enabling people to face the adverse situation of COVID 19 and re-establish the lives through PLD Process in 30 villages of Raisen district. Our objectives are to improve the status of health and nutrition of

the people of target area by 55% through food sovereignty and sustainable agriculture practices. Income through Skill and knowledge of community has been developed by 65% through strengthened livelihood and providing non-formal education by using govt and local resources, The people in the project area are actively participating in meetings especially in Gram Sabha to address local issues for the improvement of their living conditions, to the greatest possible extent.

10. Sustainable Agriculture practices

Saksham Project is in its 3rd successful year. The project is funded by Miserrior through Caritas India. The project has flourished in building capacities of 1874 small hold farmers, 567 women farmers and 220 youth in Hyderghad block of Vidisha district. New initiatives in setting up community nursery, kitchen garden, model village are some of the key achievements under the project. 5000 fruit trees were distributed among farmers and environmental protection activities are conducted at large scale. We have high appreciation in news media, government officials and PRIs who are collaborating with us in best way possible.

11. Skill Development Programme

MVSS under FVTRS programme running in Banda block was affirmed the best performing organization in national level by FVTRS. Over 379 youth were trained through skill development programmes like computer learning, carpentry, plumbing, building construction, mason work, tiles work, Artisan work, etc and of which 213 youth were self employed and 117 were provided with job opportunities in various companies.

12. Health Interventions

Health project in collaboration with CHAI and MPSSS was run successfully. Tele Health, Referral to health care institutions for various ailments, children to PHC, linkage to health schemes, and providing medication with ASHA and Aganwadi to the

patients time to time were conducted regularly. Over 2100 patients and 447 houses has been visited by the Nurse staff. Regular checkups of BP, immunization, awareness, medical camps, ANC, Sugar, Health diagnosis are done regularly.

13. Medical Ministry

The Diocese of Baltimore Germany has supported us for conducting Medical ministry in Sagar district. The medical programme was conducted in 10 villages in which we have conducted 5 Medical camps and provided medical aid to 874 patients and referred 471 to further treatment. Counselling and continued assistance will be provided under the project.

14. Community Based Rehabilitation programme

CBR programme has started its 3rd phase in 2024 with 96 CWDs. Compared to last year now we have increased families of 23 CWDs . JVSS has supported MVSS seeing the progress of our work and initiatives undertaken to support the CWDs and their families by MVSS. This support to help the CWDs by providing them with therapy, assistive devices, ADL, Nutrition support etc are done by team during house visits and day care. Now 26 CWDs are able to walk, do their daily activities and 58 are linked to DRC. **WE RING THE BELL** awareness programme was also conducted to bring in inclusive education to CWDs at 22 Government schools and Anganwadis. Around 1565 students, school teachers, parents, principals attended the same and pledged to bring their CWDs to schools.

15. Support to CWDs with assistive devices and Equipments

International agencies have also supported us to provide assistive devices to CWDs. We have provided crutches, wheelchair, calliper, hearing aid, walkers, eye vision support, rexin bed to 41 CWDs.

16. Internship Opportunities

Internship facilities of MVSS has climbed up with nationwide popularity. Students from all over India, Seminaries, other renowned Colleges and organizations flock to us along with faculty to learn from us. These were mainly from popular colleges like Nirmala Niketan Mumbai, TISS Mumbai, NMIMS Mumbai, Lovely University Punjab, BSSS IAS Bhopal, Christ University Bangalore, St Thomas College Kerala, Shri Shankracharya University Kerala, Hari Singh Gour University Sagar etc.

17. Support to the Needy

We have received over 2 trucks full of clothes from St Vincent De Paul Society, Poonar Jeevan society, Ernakulum, various parishes of Kerala and from Tamilnadu. All these clothes were distributed to the needy village community and even were provided to centres for distributing it in their area.

18. Organization development

Community hall construction project was also completed in the period 2023-24. With the support of International agencies and benefactors we were able to construct the community hall and conduct the meetings with youth, farmers, adolescent girls and carry skill development programmes in the hall. We have also trained 300+ adolescent girls and 600+ women on different topics related to health, skills making use of the facility.

19. Vehicle Purchase

We have also purchased a four wheeler for the emergency purpose of the organization in March 2024.

20. Environmental Protection

We have also successfully planted 5780 tree sapling (Fruit and shade) in all our working areas. The environmental protection drive was participated by 10,000 plus people and volunteers to

pledge for the protection of the tress and secure it.

Future plans

MVSS has initiated new Campaigns in 2024. These are mainly

1. Lenten campaign - Health and Nutrition
2. Tree plantation Campaign
3. Nutritional Kitchen Garden
4. Cloth Distribution campaign

We will be further conducting campaigns on HIV/AIDS cancer support, Widow Support, IGP programmes, education materials, assistive devices for Differently abled, support for elderly etc.

- In collaboration with Azim Premji foundation (APF) we are going to establish business entrepreneurship models in 20 villages of Rahatgarh block in sanitary pad making, goat rearing, poultry and tailoring.
- With CSR we are going to start a health and Hygiene project concentrating on medical camps for better health in Raisen district.
- In collaboration with CNEWA we will be starting a sanitary pad making unit in the month of September 2024.
- In collaboration with GIZ, MVSS will develop Demo plot initiatives for Agro ecological transformation in Vidisha district. This initiative will be a agriculture scientific model through demo plot and Bio fertilizer input and IPM/INM practices.
- In collaboration with Kailash Sathyarthi Children's Foundation US, we will be initiating Child protection programme . Through this project we intend to provide education and rehabilitation to children in Sagar district.
- We are also partnering with India Donates. It is a similar platform like Give India through which we will be able to raise funds through crowd funding platforms. Through this platform we will be raising donations for various programmes for the

needy.

- Give India has also taken our project to educate children from slum areas in 9 blocks of Sagar, Raisen, Vidisha districts. The project is in pipeline and they are raising funds for the same.
- Kitchen garden development for consuming nutritious food will also be one of our new initiatives as a campaign wherein seeds for vegetables will be distributed to deprived communities.
- Internship opportunities will be taken to new height and will be boosted further for better learning and experience for students from all over the India, at MVSS.

Monitoring and evaluation

We had exposures from other NGOs like Sanjivini Gujarat, Samarthan Bhopal, Abhyodhaya Chatarpur, Pradhan Chindwara, Shrijan Chatarpur, Samaritan Satna, IGSSS Gujarat, evaluators from donor agencies and Audit from CAG office. These were mainly from PLD India, Consultants from Miserior, GIZ, Caritas India, Give India, Manos Unidas. FiBL from Switzerland, PwC from Hyderabad, MSSRF from Chennai also visited us to share knowledge on Bio Input and agro ecological transformation. All of these evaluators have given positive response and appreciated the organization's functioning, promptness, transparency, hospitality, discipline and good practices.

Conclusion

To conclude, we can say that whatever achievements so far made were the results of the co-operation and hard work of many agencies and individuals. The activities of MVSS can be expanded only with the real involvement and interest of the persons at different centres. Before concluding this report we sincerely thank all those who have generously co operated with

us. We are extremely grateful to Fathers, Sisters and religious congregations working in Sagar diocese and funding agencies, benefactors, like minded NGOs, well wishers who have helped us with personnel, finance and guidance. We conclude this report by raising our heart to the Almighty in thanking Him for helping us to realize our dream to serve the needy. We request your whole hearted support and cooperation for the upcoming year 2024-2025.

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