

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2020-21

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

- **SAFBIN- II:** The project has started its 3rd phase at MVSS after high success rate in SAFBIN-II in Sagar and Vidisha districts. It is funded by Caritas India, Caritas Austria and Caritas Switzerland. The project is a multinational project and in India it runs only in Mandala, Vidisha and Sagar districts of which MVSS hold both Vidisha and Sagar districts. SAFBIN-II has build 278 IFS models and adaptive farming concepts among 1500 small and marginal farmers on agriculture sector and provide agricultural support for seeds, green manures, bio fertilizers, cow shed improvement, poultry etc on regular basis. The project is successfully able to provide agricultural scheme' benefits to more than 2872 farmers. Even succeeded in developing 870 kitchen gardens within a year. Manav Vikas promoted use of Olla Irrigation to 161 farmers (an inexpensive way to retain water level throughout the year). Further, 6 check dams have been constructed and 19 public wells were renovated to check water flow and its conservation for agriculture purpose. 661 farmers have started implementing traditional farming practices, 1187 farmers have opted for IPM/INM practices, 1356 farmers have done soil testing. Apart from agriculture adaptive farming like fishery, animal husbandry, livestock rearing, goat rearing, mushroom growth and honeybee cultivation is also adopted and practiced among SMFs. We also have 15 SHFC (Small Holder Farmer Collectives), 30 Women farmer's group and now 1 FPO which is going to be registered under Firms and Companies Act.
- **URJA JYOTI-** the Project is funded by Caritas Spain in 2019 and cover 20 villages of Ashoknagar and Rehli blocks with the aim of providing enhanced food and nutrition security and diversified livelihood for 800 smallholder farmers and linking 500 households with development schemes related to agriculture, housing, livelihood etc. With the help of FRA. We were able to provide agricultural schemes benefits to 885 farmers, nutrition and quality enhanced food to 708 farmers through kitchen gardening, 573 farmers started Traditional farming practices, 322 farmers opted for IPM/INM practices, 839 farmers adopted mixed cropping by understanding its benefits like crops maintain **productivity** with lesser input.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

- **CABA: “Swalambhan”** Empowering Children Affected/Infected by HIV/AIDS (CABA) through Formation, Linkages and Sponsorship services. The project is funded by CHAI aims to help lives of 50 CABA through home based care. 50 CABA were ART linked and 50 CABA were provided with educational support and nutritional kits for 6 months regularly during the reporting year.
- With the support of CHAI, Missio Internationals and Lillian foundation we were able to provide a transportation facility for the disabled children from rural villages to the special school.

- **COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM: Capacitating of Health workers (ASHA):**
 The purpose of this project is 100% institutionalized delivery and 100% immunization of ANC and PNC and even availing of health related schemes to the needy. The project is funded by CHAI through MPSSS and is functioning in 5 villages of Sagar and 5 villages of Banda blocks. In order to provide better community health we have conducted 22 COVID prevention and awareness program and also awareness programmes on different health related topics in which 1050 people have participated. We have formed groups of 8 CHVs, 14 VHSCs, 32 SHGs in which general discussion regarding importance of health, issues concerning adolescent girls etc. were discussed. 16 activities were conducted regarding Government linkage program in which 226 people have participated. Since due to COVID restrictions and protocols we had done mainly 270 home visits and 3 village Medical camps especially for women, elderly in which 387 patients were diagnosed and provided free treatment. Apart from this 657 women were also provided with Antenatal care services.
- **SAHELI:** 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 73 adolescent groups and distributed pads to 2783 Saheli team members. Through our efforts 72% practices safe disposal of sanitary napkins. This awareness program was conducted in working areas of Naiserai, Shahgarh, Banda, Sagar, Rehli, Vidisha and Ashoknagar blocks. Apart from this, rural people collect/purchase sanitary napkins from MVSS office very regularly. We have appointed a part time staff for serving this purpose.
- **Axshaya project:** The project was supported by CBCI card. 44 cases of TB were treated and provided with DOTS support and care. compared to last year there is a drop in number of cases of TB in Sagar, which is a good news for us. The areas which are covered are villages of Sagar, Banda, Shahgarh, Rehli, and Kharapur. In these areas we have conducted 442 surveys in last year. Altogether we have referred 44 of the 98 who were detected positive and referred for DOTS treatment. 4 meetings were also conducted regarding the preventions and safety related to TB in which 252 people have participated. This project has come to an end during the reporting period.
- The International Girl Child Day was celebrated in our working area with the participation of 800+ adolescent and young girls from various villages, exhibiting their talents, performing speeches according to their capability. They were motivated with biography and life changing stories of many such women leaders of India who rewrote history.
- **International Women’s Day Celebration:** It was celebrated with full zeal and zest in all the five districts of Sagar. More than 2700 women have participated and performed shows, mimics, dances and cultural programmes.

- **2nd phase of Hariyali Mahotsav 2020.** Successfully we could plant 20,000 trees of which 14000 were Fruit and 6000 were shade trees saplings in 224 villages of Sagar, Guna, Vidisha, Raisen, and Ashoknagar districts. Paving a green path towards conservation.
- **Awareness Program on Covid-19:** In collaboration with District administration, Sagar we have conducted mass COVID vaccination camps and awareness programmes in villages of Sagar district. More than 4700 people were made aware regarding Covid-19, its precautions and vaccination. Our health workers were also provided with oxymeter, thermometer, PPE Kit, Sanitizers and masks in bulk to be able to help them provide better services in villages.
- **Awareness camps on Communicable and non-communicable diseases:** Our main purpose behind this program is to give maximum health benefits to people via proper monitoring and even by letting people know the government facilities. This was conducted in Sagar and Banda blocks. We could conduct 1321 tests of TB, Malaria, Diabetes, BP, in which 6 were found positive in communicable diseases and 6 non communicable diseases. Thus the patients were referred for further treatment.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Keeping 2021 mission goal to link as many to livelihood and skill development especially after COVID aftermath, we have initiated skill development and counseling courses for drop out and under skilled youth which were conducted in Rehli, Shahgarh, Banda, Gidwani, Saderi, Pagara, Hyderghad, Gyarspur, Sironj, Khaderakhurdh and Slum areas of Guna. In these areas we have trained more than 470 women. A network has been built with national agencies' support to have a Job Placement Officer and an application to enroll youths who are unemployed and unskilled with companies, firms online works, and job placement as per one's interest and capability.

- **Vocational skill development trainings:** In collaboration with Don Bosco Tech, New Delhi we have 2 Skill Development Centers at Makronia and Shahgarh. Various courses of ISMO, Automobiles, Computer, electronics, beautician, Tailoring etc are enlightening the future of the drop out and unemployed youths. The batches were run with 25-30 numbers of students per batch (online courses). There was also EDP training sessions, industry visit, job placement, exposure etc conducted time to time. This year around 512 students have passed out and 127 of them were placed in companies and more than 348 self-employed in this reporting year.
- **Vocational training:** With the help of FVTRS we were able to conduct the Vocational training project at Sagar, Guna and Ashoknagar. We have provided trainings of Bag Making, Garment making, Asst. Nursing (GDA), Agriculture production, organic manures and agro based production and motor winding, mask making to 98 dropouts, 63 women and 35 men at village itself. With the

help of these trainings 14 trainees are now employed and 15 are self-employed on an average earning above Rs 5000.

- On December 28th, Manav Vikas Seva Sangh (MVSS) in collaboration with SPIN India & FVTRS, Bengaluru organized a workshop on SPIN (Skill Promoting India Network). The workshop was attended by dignitaries and all the MP Partners of SPIN, which focused on the skill development of the educational dropouts. The workshop was open to the public and more than 100 trainees attended it. During the workshop, trainees shared their opinions, thoughts and suggestions for making SPIN platform worthy from every perspective.
- With the help of CHAI, Telangana we were able to provide NSDC approved Digital literacy classes to 10 CABA (14-16 yrs) for 20 days. Further 2 CABA were also provided with scholarships of Rs 5,000 and Rs 7,000 as they were above 16 yrs of age.

CHILD WELFARE

- **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 this batches we have 20-30 children being educated and capacitated for mainstreaming to schools.
- **CBER PROJECT:** This project was supported by Missio International, Germany. The project aims for Community Based Empowerment through Rehabilitation which will provide support to 74 children of 20 Panchayats in Sagar Block. Lilliane foundation has further supported for CBER project from March 2021 in collaboration with Jan Vikas Samithi, to help rebuild lives of such children with disabilities. Before lockdown our team carried 14-20 such children from villages to the school for therapy and aid. After lockdown our CPS Sisters and team made frequent visit to houses and helped them with exercises and support time to time. A word of special appreciation to CPS sisters who are rendering their services in an effective way.
- **Purchase of Assistive Devices and play equipments for the specially abled children of Pratiksha Special School:** This project was supported by St. Theresa Foundation and HHH (Heart, Hand for Handicap), USA. In the month of august-October we were able to provide devices to Pratiksha School. There were gym equipments, play materials, devices for impairment, therapy machines etc.
- **Child Line 1098:** The project is funded by CIF and is working in Sagar district. The team has received 2878 calls related to Child protection cases from within city and nationwide. Children from MP, UP, Bihar, Rajasthan, Chattisgarh and Maharashtra were restored back to their homes. Altogether 700 cases were handled by the team in the last 12 months. Mass Awareness Programmes, road

shows, door to door survey, outreach, open house and street plays are conducted frequently on Child Rights by MVSS & Childline team, Sagar. The team was specially engaged in stopping 75 child marriage cases during the reporting year, which received special appreciation from CIF team and WCWD.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- **Support to widows:** With the help of Give India and individual benefactors 22 widows were empowered with free Income generation support of Rs 5000. All these widows have started small IGAs by means of petty shops, vegetable selling, and poultry and enhanced their livelihood. Financial support was also provided to more than 56 destitute men and 121 women to start IGP and sustain their future and have a happy life.
- Stressing on women empowerment we have formed 571 SHGs with 6239 members and linked 510 SHGs with banks. The SHGs are recorded to have Rs 89,89,663 as savings, 36,31,650 as inter loaning and 2,51,46,000 as loan received from Bank. 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. We are also happy to let you know that our women farmers gave speeches in national platforms and meetings as an invited guest speakers.

RIGHT BASED APPROACH

- **Women Empowerment :** We have taken a step towards equal access to justice, care and protection for women and girl child in the form of our new project Women Empowerment supported by Manos Unidas. The project began in November 2020. The project entitles to cover 20 villages of 5 blocks of Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh. The targeted villages are mainly SC and ST dominant. With a view of enriching this marginalized community especially women and child community, the project purpose and objectives are designed. So far we have enhanced active participation of women in local governance meetings. 456 women and 378 children have been formed into groups and enhanced their capability to get their Rights by fighting for it, through this project objectives. The target of the project is aiming towards facilitating 1000 women and 1500 adolescent girls towards Right based approach.
- **People Led Development programme (PLDP):** This project is running in 30 villages of Raisen district and its objectives are mainly concentrating on Malnutrition. The Blocks covered are Waadi, Semri and Gairatganj. 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 came to an end on sudden note on October 2020 due to FCRA ammendment. We were able to bring

354 relevant issues like drinking water problem, crop loss, toilet facility, land patta, lack of proper infrastructure, road etc. Even we succeeded in providing the benefits of govt. schemes to 1460 people. There are several activities, meetings, GD's were conducted year round for the development of the villages.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- **WARM (Water and Agriculture Resilience Mission):** Caritas Japan supported us with WARM project covering 3 villages of Sagar block and two village of Jaisinagar block. The mission upholds to cover mainly 5 drought affected villages on with interventions on watershed activities and the project even covers agriculture sector for water retention and minimum water irrigation techniques. Land treatment process includes 35 small live gully plugs, vegetative gully plugs, farm bunds, trenches, line sowing, stone and contour bunds, mulching etc for water conservation. 24 open well renovations were done. 6 Khet talaabs were constructed. More than 384 kitchen gardens were developed in order to utilize the waste water of the house. In order to raise the water level we have also build 72 pokhurs around public wells.
- **Environmental Protection and climate change resilience:** In the year 2020-21 around 20,000 tree saplings 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 etc have taken up the responsibility to protect these trees and water it regularly.
- **Bio lab:** MVSS produces Bio fertilizers growth promoters mainly Trichoderma in powder and lotion form. We are happy to note down that the demand of trichoderma is increasing day by day and we were able to provide bio fertilizers to 1140 kitchen garden. From all the fields highly quantity production is reported.
- **Sunshine for grandparents:** with the support of Stiftung, Switzerland, local contribution and support from individual benefactors we were able to support 63 grand parents who are destitute and deprived in the local community and slums of Sagar. This year they have supported us with ration kits for PWDs.
- **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. Our papad is being sold in local markets, hotels, Bhopal, and purchased by whole sellers.

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 awards and appreciations from major partners and agencies. Some of them are as follows:

- Manav Vikas Seva Sangh sets yet another milestone in Humanity's fight against Covid-19 pandemic. VHP and Bajrang Dal acknowledged MVSS as a Corona Yodhha for its exemplary services to mankind.
- Sarwa Dharm Sadhbhavna Manch Bhopal honored us with Karamveer Ratna Samaan for Corona services extended in 2020.
- National Media covered and reported empathetic humanitarian services rendered by MVSS during Corona pandemic.
- District Nodal Officer also appreciated and honored MVSS for marvelous services extended during COVID-19.

A short report on COVID I and II relief work

Manav Vikas Seva Sangh, Sagar extends its whole hearted thankfulness and prayers to all for valuable support extended towards the welfare of the community during the difficult time of COVID-19 Phase I, II and lockdown in our working area. With the support we received we could reach out to more than 1,08,000 people and provide them with dry ration kits, cooked food packets, masks and sanitizers etc. These were mainly provided to the migrants, vulnerable, hospital care takers, health workers, beedi makers, street vendors, street dwellers, sweepers, garbage pickers, auto drivers, abandoned elderly, rural community and the handicapped. As in time of lockdown it was difficult for us to work from office or field we had to make a solid strategy to help people.

Our first step was to provide relief kits to HHs who have lost their jobs, food source and are struggling to survive. Secondly our strategy was to help the identified community by assisting them with socio-economic support, psychological counseling for those who have shown signs of depression during this time period, with the collaboration of local administration and authorities. Working from home, our main team including Child line and field workers reached out to community, oriented children on hygienic practices like proper hand washing, mask wearing and keeping oneself safe. We also shared information about toll free Child Rights Help Line number 1098 for counseling and help. We also promoted peer to peer support among children in the neighborhood to take care of each other and support in various ways such as studying together and playing. We further provided psycho social support including counseling as well as link them to state/center helpline. MVSS also assigned volunteers to identify the needy and provide relief materials to them. These volunteers were also engaged in spreading awareness among community through wall paintings, IEC materials distribution, awareness camps etc.

Conclusion

The year 2020-21 has been remarkable year in the history of Manav Vikas, not only in the terms of many developmental activities but also fruitful achievements. Though ups and downs and 6 months of lockdown our team made all efforts to work from home. On one hand other NGOs and organization were facing difficulty in raising sources of support, we could be able to have adequate means and support not only to sustain our team but also to increase the staff strength to reach out to more and more people. We are very grateful and indebted to our funding agencies, well-wishers, governing body members, energetic staff for their timely intervention and support. We are really grateful to our energetic Beloved Bishop who has time to time guided us and provided us motivation and showed us various opportunities for leveraging social welfare schemes frequently. His visit to MVSS office has always inspired our team to work more indulgent and for promoting new and innovative social services to reach each and every corner of the Diocese through MVSS.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all concerned, fathers, brothers, sisters and staffs at different centers, for their committed service and dedication for the cause of deprived, poor and needy/vulnerable community. May I request all centre in charges to involve actively and collaborate with Manav Vikas Seva Sangh to provide better services to the marginalized. We are always ready to extend our whole hearted support for the suffering and needy. Thanks to one and all.

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