

# NARAJAN BIJ BANK

*Madhya Pradesh, Khandwa District.*



*Millet dishes*

*Photo: Caritas India*

This seed bank was established in 2017 by an individual farmer who was engaged in seed conservation activities. It is located in the village of Maidarani in the Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh, India.

The seed bank is managed by an individual farmer and currently serves a membership of 89 farmers from three nearby villages.

The CSB focuses on the conservation and enhancement of local varieties aiming to improve food and nutrition security.

One member of the community seed bank has provided his home as a storage space, where seeds are kept in mud pots, tins, and bags, often preserved with neem leaves and dried periodically to maintain their viability.

The CSB conserves mainly local varieties of millet (5 varieties in total) including Kodo, Little Millet, Barnyard Millet, Foxtail Millet, and Pearl Millet.

Caritas India has supported the CSB with capacity building.

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