

SITA RAM COMMUNITY SEED BANK

Madhya Pradesh, Vidisha District



*Vegetables gardens from CSB seeds
Photo: Caritas India*

The Self-Help Group (SHG) Sita Ram established the Community Seed Bank (CSB) in 2023 with the support of Manav Vikas Seva Sangh and Caritas India. It is located in the village of Dhamnood in Vidisha District in Madhya Pradesh, India.

The SHG manages the CSB and serves 25 household members in the village.

The CSB was established to enhance local food security and nutrition by promoting the cultivation of local crop varieties, which are often better adapted to local conditions. Additionally, the CSB focuses on providing farmers with access to high-quality seeds.

Seeds are stored at the home of one of the CSB members, where traditional methods of seed conservation are employed to maintain the quality of the seeds.

Currently, the CSB conserves single varieties of several crops, including eggplant, groundnuts, sesame, coriander, bottle gourd, moong, red lentil, Bengal grams, luffa, moringa, papaya, pisi and Ghuiya.

Manav Vikas Seva Sangh plays a crucial role in the capacity building of members of the CSB by offering training on topics such as seed production, and seed conservation practices.

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