

# AMAN SEED BANK

## *Madhya Pradesh, Vidisha District*



*Nutritional gardens  
Photo: Caritas India*

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

The SHG manages the operation of the CSB and consists of 35 members from the village.

The main objectives of the CSB focus on reviving and conserving local varieties to ensure the preservation of agricultural biodiversity, while also providing farmers with access to this diversity. By doing so, the CSB aims to enhance food and nutrition security for the community.

Seeds are stored in one of the members' homes and traditional methods of seed selection and conservation are used.

The community seed bank Amana currently conserves around 33 traditional varieties of crops such as maize (2 varieties), eggplant (2 varieties), pumpkin (2 varieties), Bengal grams (2 varieties), bottle gourd (3 varieties), yam (1 variety), Sakla (1 variety), chickpea (1 variety), mustard (2 varieties), sesame (2 varieties), coriander (2 varieties), chili (2 varieties), green gram (2 varieties), beans (4 varieties), lentils (2 varieties) and luffa (3 varieties).

Manav Vikas Seva Sangh supports the CSB through capacity-building and awareness programs.

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