



# **BHOPAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING/ LIVELIHOOD CENTRE PROJECT**

**Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India**

# INDIA

- 1.3+ billion people (1 of every 6 people on the planet live in India)
- 21.9% of the population lives below the national poverty line
- ~ 50 million people (21.2%) of the employed population makes below \$1.90 per day



# WORLD

# MADHYA PRADESH

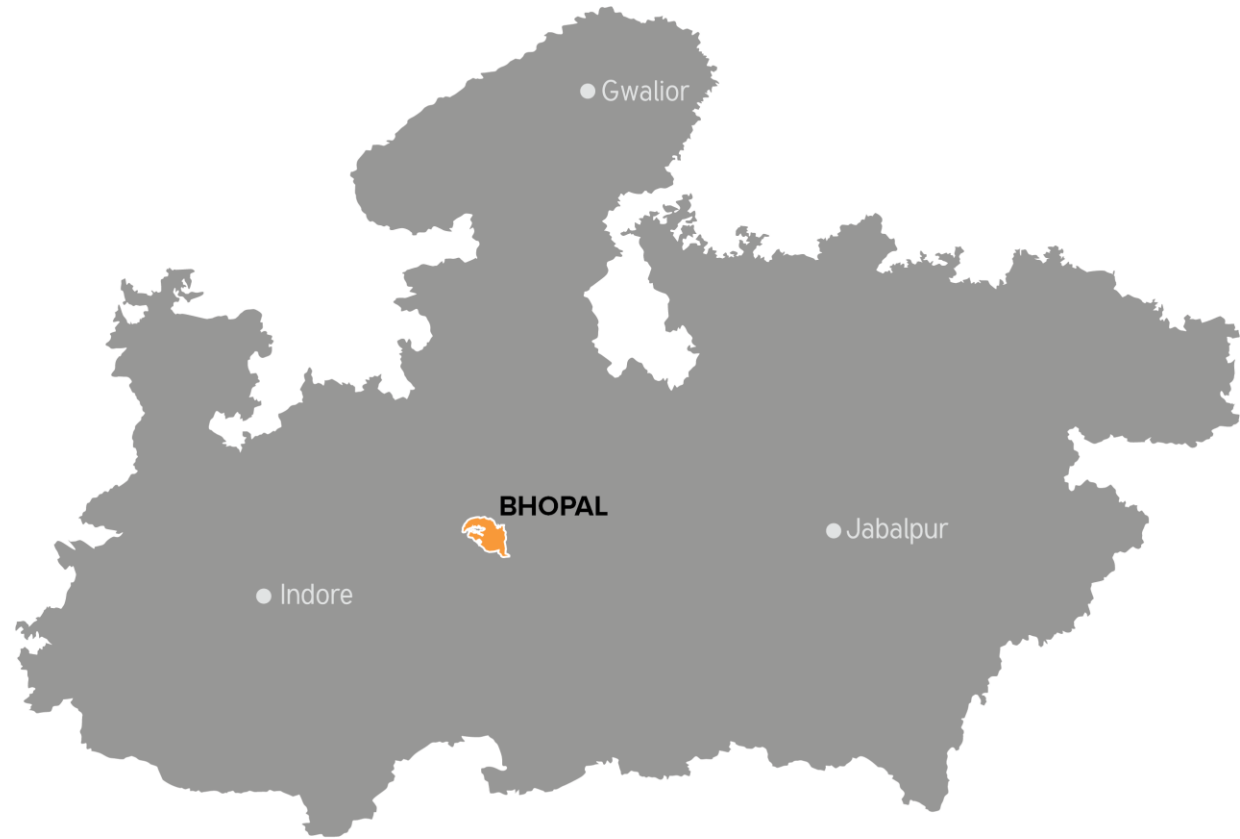
- 75+ million people
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest state by area
- Urban Poverty (19.7%)  
Rural Poverty (37.8%)
- Between 2016-2018, Madhya Pradesh's unemployment rate rose by 53%



**INDIA**

# BHOPAL

- 1.8 million people
- The most densely populated district has 855 people living in every square kilometer
- Over 28% of the urban population lives in **slums**, with many lacking reliable sanitation services, supply of clean water, reliable electricity, law enforcement, and other basic services
- 83.47% Literacy rate

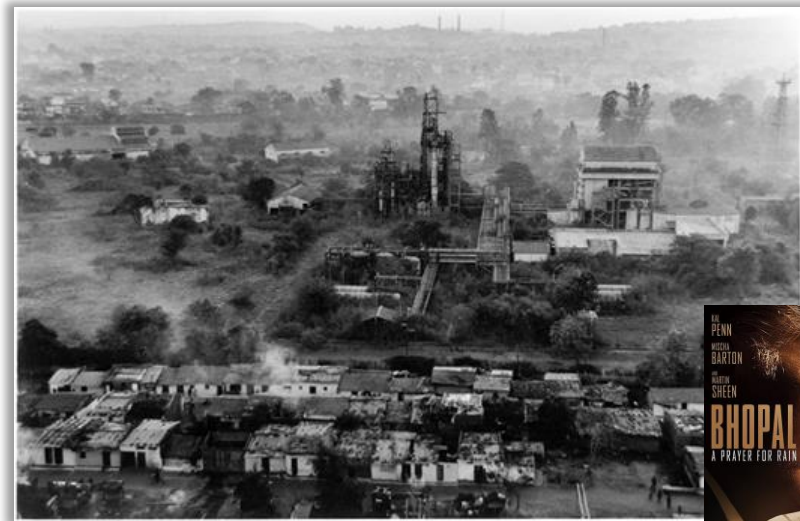


## MADHYA PRADESH

# 1984 Bhopal Disaster

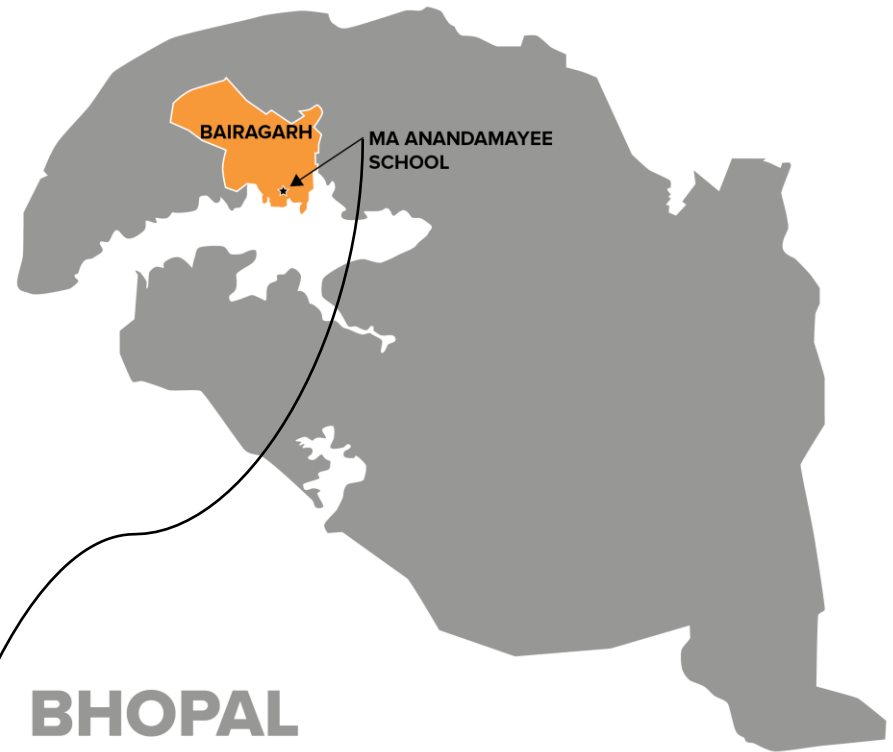
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- A pesticide plant leaked 32 tons of toxic gases, which led to the worst industrial disaster in the world to date.
- 4,000 – 16,000 deaths occurred as a result in the weeks and years that followed.
- The impact continues today in terms of psychological and neurological disabilities, blindness, skin, vision, breathing, and birth disorders.
- The 2014 major motion picture “Bhopal – A Prayer for Rain” starring Martin Sheen was based on the disaster and its impact on the community.



# MA ANANDAMAYEE SCHOOL

- The **MA ANANDAMAYEE SCHOOL** is located in Bairagarh, Bhopal and is surrounded by slums
- The school is currently operating out of a 3-story, 9,000 SF building with 15 classrooms



# MA ANANDAMAYEE SCHOOL

**MA ANANDAMAYEE SCHOOL** is a registered charitable school located in Bairagarh, Bhopal established in July 1998 with 550 current students this year, ranging between the ages of 6 and 16 (1st through 10th grade).



# MA ANANDAMAYEE SCHOOL

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The school provides education along with uniforms, books, photocopies, school supplies, lunch, warm clothing, and regular health check-ups.





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There are 20 teachers and 10 non-teaching staff. Since the establishment of the school, 5,000 slum children have been educated with a 0% drop-out rate.



# 2017 VISIT

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My wife, Bina and I traveled to the school in 2017 to meet the children and staff, assess their needs, and to help out where we could.



# VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

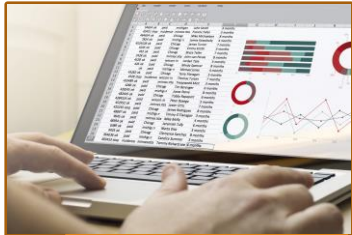
Construction of a new building is in progress and the school is planning to start the **VOCATIONAL TRAINING/ LIVELIHOOD CENTRE** on the first floor having 3,900 sq ft space.



# VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

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After careful research of the needs and wants of the community, the Vocational School will provide training in five different disciplines:



**1** Computer-Based Accounting



**2** Plumbing



**3** Electrician



**4** Beautician



**5** Sewing



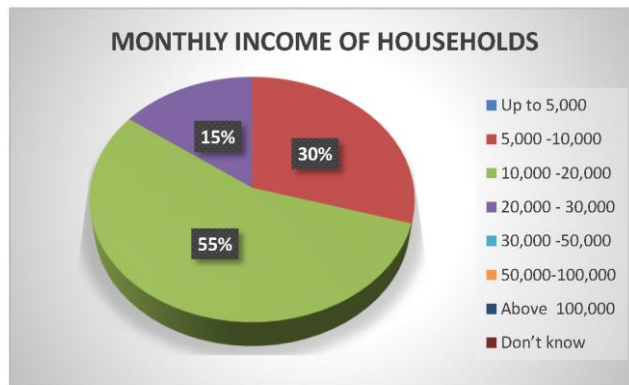
Business Education

Along with specific trade instruction, all students will receive basic **business education**

# COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

## Income & Housing

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- The majority of the youth (55%) responded that their monthly household income is ranging between Rs 10000 to 20000 per month (\$141.20 - \$282.41 USD).
- 60% of residences have concrete roof and 35% have roof made up of tin sheet, while 05% have roofs constructed with trash.

# COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

## Training Needs

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- The community feels that a lack of technical skills and knowledge is their main obstacle to getting jobs.
- Limited access to trainings, employment and formal financial services and markets not only impinge youth's economic and social development, but also limit the extent to which they can improve their knowledge, confidence and skills about economic development issues.
- Respondents demonstrated their keenness to start their own enterprises as well as hope for getting better jobs provided they receive vocational skill trainings.

# CONTRIBUTING ROTARY CLUBS

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## **INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

### **Rotary Club of Fort Collins**

*Fort Collins, Colorado, USA*

- Robin Steele
- John Trone
- Lucinda Terschensteiner

## **HOST COMMITTEE**

### **Rotary Club East Bhopal**

*Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, INDIA*

- Alpana V Mishra
- Ram Narayan Tiwari
- Shrikant Phatak

# Why this is an Important Rotary Project

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- One of the main goals of the Rotary Foundation is **“to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.”**
- The proposed vocational school will provide education to low income families and will in turn, strengthen the struggling local community.
- The skills developed in this program will also align with existing Government vocational initiatives. This will sustain the vocational school in the future. Local businesses will also participate in providing opportunities to the graduates from the school.