

**W**e work in Bhopal, the state capital of the central state of Madhya Pradesh.

Within the larger mandate of working with with the working class populations living in bastis and shanties in the city, we have been focusing more on tribal populations. Usually forming a cluster of 80 to 120 households within a larger basti, Bhopal has several tribal communities who have migrated into the city. Their vulnerabilities and poverty persist in various forms, including the living conditions as well as attitude from the outside world. Gonds, Agariyas and Pardhis are the predominant groups we have been engaging with.

Muskaan works in the following bastis in Bhopal :

| <b>Name of slum</b>               | <b>Community Profile</b>                                   | <b>Land Title</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Rajeev Nagar                      | Large Pardhi community with other communities – Kathputli, | Registered slum   |
| Gautam Nagar                      | Ojha Gond community  | Private plot of land  |
| Sargam                            | Dalits and Muslims   | Private plot of land  |
| Bapu Nagar                        | Agariya tribal community                                   | Government land earmarked for weekly market                   |
| Nehru Nagar                       | Agariya tribal community                                   | Small plots registered  |
| Barkhedhi                         | Agariya tribal community                                   | Relocated slum site outside the city, but allotments not done |
| Banjari Basti, New Ambedkar Nagar | Pardhi community   | Government land, basti under dispute; stay on eviction        |
| Gandhi Nagar                      | Large Gond and Pardhi community                            |   |
| Suraj Nagar                       |  |   |
| Bagh Mughaliya                    | Large Gond community amidst a larger slum                  | Old relocation slum site on the outskirts near railway tracks |
| Nishatpura                        | Muslim community   |   |
| Beelkheda                         |  |   |
| Shyam Nagar                       | Large Gond community                                       | Scheduled for relocations to JNNURM buildings                 |
| Sevaniya Gond                     | Large Gond and Bhil community                              | Periphery village   |
| Ganga Nagar                       | Large Gond community                                       | Scheduled for relocations to JNNURM buildings                 |

## About Muskaan

Muskaan is a non-profit, non-governmental organization registered under the Societies Registration Act (1973). We work with vulnerable slum communities in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on issues of education, identity, violence, health and survival needs. Our primary focus is on the education of children unable to access mainstream schools. Other programs differ across slums, depending on the critical needs of the community and the capacities and resources within the organization to address them.

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