

## **TRIBAL INTERVENTIONS**

### **Achievement Report during the years**

#### **Sustainable Development Special Project for Scheduled Tribes- A joint initiative of Tribal Development Department and Kudumbashree**

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#### **1. Project Rationale**

Considering the immediacy of an intervention and the complexity and enormously of the problem, it is proposed to initiate mobilization and empowerment activities as a first step. After building a coherent community organization structure the tribal families would be taken to the next step to solving other problems faced by them such as health, livelihood and education as a means to achieve sustainability of the interventions.

#### **2. Community Mobilization and Empowerment**

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### **3. Objectives**

1. To form new NHGs exclusively for tribes in the areas predominantly occupied by them ensuring 100% coverage in CBOs of the poor.
2. To promote thrift and credit operation among tribal families.
3. To build organization structure of tribal NHGs up to ADS level.
4. Ensure 100% enrollment of children and improve educational status.
5. To improve the nutritional status of children, adolescent girls and aged.
6. To enable them to actively participate in the NREGS.
7. To facilitate developing tribal special Ashraya Project exclusively for most vulnerable tribal families in each Grama Panchayath.

### **Special Tribal Ashraya project**

Special Tribal Ashraya Project was a special effort to bring the destitute towards the mainstream by providing them with food, clothes, housing, pension etc. Experiences from various districts showed that tribes were still excluded from the list of beneficiaries prepared by Panchayaths. It is such instances that prompted Kudumbashree to form **special Ashraya projects** for tribal beneficiaries. As part of the Tribal Special Project, the State Kudumbashree Mission has received 83 Special Tribal Ashraya Projects from districts.

### **Special focus on Edamalakudi in Idukki district**

Edamalakudi the first tribal Grama Panchayat in the State was impressed out of Munnar Grama Panchayat. Idukki is one of the districts in Kerala where majority of tribes exists. To reach Edamalakudi, one has to travel about 20 km by jeep till Pettimudy, and walk on foot for another 15 km through thick forest area. The tribal settlement has 28 Muthuvan hamlets, each lying three to four km away from each

other. The Muthuvan tribe here is one of the most isolated forests in the State. They have a distinct tradition and lifestyle. During the years we formed 37 NHGs covering 716 families, 5 soap units and 5 stitching unit covering 25 members in 5 hamlet (Ambalappadikudi, shedukudi, parappayarkudi, edalipparakudi and societykudi) and also formed JLGs unit, 5 stitching units and both of the unit acquire training under the programmes.

### **100 days Paniya Programme**

100 days Programme, financed by the ST department, being implemented in 100 paniya colonies of Wayanad, Kannur, Malappuram and Kozhikode. The project proposes to provide food through a community kitchen in each of the 100 colonies by engaging special NHGs. The food would be prepared in consultation with the need and demand of the tribal population in each district. The project proposes to incorporate certain key interventions, besides providing three meals a day, to address the issues that have pushed the Paniyars to their present vulnerable situation and has resulted in their exclusion and marginalization. Special NHGs, comprising tribal women were identified to cook food, three times in a day, for the beneficiary includes in tribes. The beneficiaries includes under the category of pregnant women, children, lactating mothers, elderly and the bed ridden.

### **Micro Level Planning (MLP)**

Micro Level Planning (MLP) is an inclusive participatory planning process drawing on the principles of grassroots democracy and democratic decentralization and aims to facilitate regional and culture specific sustainable development. MLP facilitates the process of transformation of contemporary socio-economic, political and cultural structures and processes, foregrounding equity, social justice and empowerment of the tribes.

#### **4. Completed and ongoing Interventions**

1. *Orientation training. (Panchayat leaders, CDS leaders, Tribal promoters, ST dept officials, LVEO /VEO, ICDS supervisors, JPHN/JHI & other officers) for ensuring full support from the line department and other organizations.*
2. *Three day training programme for Tribal Promoters for aware the Kudumbashree activities and ensure the support at colony level.*
3. *Oorulsavam / NHGs get to gathers - Convergence programme of line department at ooru level*
4. *Balasabha: formation of Tribal Balasabhas*
5. *Tribal Animators Support -Animators are appointed for helping Tribal NHGs*
6. *Holistic Health programme -Sports and culture based initiatives*
7. *Conducted awareness campaign for unmarried mothers*
8. *Developing an action programme for the formation of NHGs.*
9. *Participatory need assessment – using the services of promoters / Animators /Kudumbashree Volunteers.*
10. **Financial Support** to form a *corpus fund* for each NHGs. A corpus fund amount of Rs 10000 ( under NRLM) distributed to Tribal NHGs
11. *Skill development training-* traditional skills, bamboo, cane furniture etc. Special General Orientation Training, EDP & Skill training programme conducted to promote viable enterprises
12. **Formation of ME unit** –goat rearing, Handicraft making, Chenda melam, Tudi and traditional practices
13. *Formation of JLGs* – Joint Liability Group formed for the promotion of Agriculture activity in tribal sector mainly Paddy. Vegetables cultivation
14. *Corpus fund to tribal JLGs-* An amount of Rs 2000 was given as corpus fund to the tribal JLGs in th initial stage. Now a days it increased to Rs 4000/- including the insurance claim.

15. Orientation training to JPHN/JHI/Anganwady worker.
16. **Supplementary Nutrition** for all children, adolescent girls and aged based on the plan. Till the sanction of tribal Ashraya project this scheme will continue. Maximam food distribution for destitute up to 10 months. Within this period the panchayath should form Tribal Ashraya project.
17. Development of Tribal Ashraya project. 40% fund given as to Challenge fund.
18. Strengthening community network through empowering local leadership- 2 day **Training programmes (Ooru mooppa)**
19. Special financial literacy programme for Bank Linkage and skill development for MF activity
20. Literacy Programme focused with NHG members
21. Setting up of common facility center (2-nos) for ME-in Wayanad
22. Development of programmes for adolescent girls and boys.
23. Traditional medicine practices
24. Medical camps and awareness activity
25. 3 day Training programme for NLH teachers - (100 days paniya programme).
26. 10 days state Level Micro Level Planning Training conducted (6 day theory at Thiruvananthapuram and 4 day practical training at Wayanad Tribal area)

### **Tribal Focus for the FY 2016-17**

- Tribal Adhalath
- Livelihood special campaigns
- Special programmes (Awareness campaign on skill training, health, etc)
- NHGs formation, ADS formation, NHGs training and continues activity, with the support of animators
- Skill and motivation classes
- Ooru level discussion on MLP activity
- Competitive exam classes Literacy programme
- Continues monitoring and grading campaign for NHGs
- Training for promoters and animators
- Training for ooru muppan

- Tribal NHGs gathering
- Distribution of corpus fund
- Awareness classes for JLG and training
- Skill training –stipend for students
- Ashraya formation
- Balasabha activity
- Adolescent based special programme
- Special programme for continuing education
- Financial literacy campaign
- Supplementary food for old age pregnant mothers etc-
- Ooru level cancer awareness programme and detection campaign
- NHGs Strengthening
- NTFP based livelihood programme
- Cultural programmes of tribal NHGs
- Special tribal food fests and promotion programme
- Educational support with bridge courses
- Support to the drop out students.
- Deployment of tribal animators
- Deployment of tribal bank Mithras.
- Special Resource team mobilization
- Community RP team formation
- Convergence programme with CSR

❖ **Funding pattern**

- Plan fund , NRLM and ST department fund