

REPORT ON VISIT

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LOCATION: KOCHI CORPORATION, ERNAKULAM

NHG Meet

Kannampilly, PachalamErnakulam.

Group named Oruma meets every Wednesday at the house of one of the group member. This group has 20 members and all resides in nearby areas. All members are present there. Their average attendance is 19 Oruma belongs to 73rd division of Kochi corporation and the NHG no is 31 under South CDS. 73rd division has 36 neighborhood groups and 2 are newly formed. Oruma group president is Renukaswamy and secretary is Geetha A.S. Majority of the group members are not working so Community Organizer Mrs.Prasinth explained about starting a Micro enterprise unit and availability of loan facility under NULM. Group members clarified many doubts regarding functioning of ME units. Meeting started with prayer. NHG secretary read the minutes book. This group started in 26/06/2015 and today's was 107th meeting. Rs. 3,20000/- linkage loan sanctioned to them and read on last week's reports. Last week they discussed about topic "OnathinuOruMuramPachakari".

CDS

Visited CDS office of south zone and east zone. Both office functions at Kochi Corporation building near North railway station, Ernakulam. First met East zone CDS chairperson Smt. AnithaJyothi. She explained about roles of CDS in community development. This CDS has 27 divisions and approximately 700 NHG's are affiliated. All kudumbashree programs have been implemented under this CDS zone. At present 11 staff work here. She also said that individual-micro enterprise units running smoothly but group enterprise unit has several

internal conflicts. MIS data entry is not completed to get accurate number of NHG's and soon it will be completed. She also introduced other staff members. Ms. Prasinth works as a NULM community organizer I East CDS.

She has raised the issue of delay in sanctioning RO claim from NULM.

Then visited south zone CDS which is functioning in same building. Total 9 staff's works here. Ms. Anju is NULM community organizer in this South zone. We met City Project officer Mrs. Ajitha and CDS chairperson Sindhu Biju. This CDS has 22 divisions, total 630 NHG formed, RF claimed 235 NHG's and 25 ADS.

Councillor Visit

Visit Mr Antony Francis councillor of 25th division Chullickal

Councillor Antony Francis is the elected councilor of division 25 of Kochi Corporation. He said that he is satisfied with the NULM project he has some suggestion regarding the placement of students that after course more focus will be given to placement. Some bank managers are still not giving loans kindly focus into the issue.

Micro Enterprises Unit

ME unit at Kacheripady, Ernakulam.

This ME unit is engaged in cushion work. Baby is an NHG member and availed loan for NHG for self-business. Her husband Leven was working in cushion work field for 25 years and has all knowledge regarding this work. So Baby has given ideas of starting themselves as a business at home. So they took loan 1 year ago and purchased all necessary sewing machines and other needed materials. They reside in 1.1/2 cents land house and home filled with all materials. According to the demand of product both does cushion work. They produce cushion pillows, mattress, mattress cover, all types of curtains etc. both actively doing the business. They also participating Onam exhibition sale at Marine Drive Kochi. This year also they are planning to put up a stall. They both are so enthusiastic to explain their work with us

ME unit at Kaloor, Ernakulam.

This unit for textile shop at Chammany Tower, Kaloor. Saritha is the NHG member and took loan to start new textile shop. During our visit shop was being renovating. She said that she had good business. Now shop is closed for renovating.

JLG

JLG at PachalamErnakulam district.

This JLG belongs to 73rd division of Kochi Corporation. Four NHG's together cultivating in the 69 cents of lands. With the help of division councillor Mr. Albert NHG got a valid land to cultivate from owner without any cost. 4 NHG's group no 10, 8, 22, 27 and councillor started the JLG group. They started to cultivate all types of vegetables initially in first and second phase. They got good harvest from each phase. But later they had water problem so started to cultivate banana tree and tapioca. Now field has 150 banana trees. Besides also cultivating Tapioca. Every day morning and evening members of the group does needed work in the banana field. All members share equal work and income. Geethasajiv is member secretary of 27th NHG resides nearby to land. So gate key is kept in her house. They have well in the land but no electricity for pumping. And cleaning land from unwanted grass also difficult.

Ashraya beneficiary

Visited Ashraya beneficiary at PachalamErnakulam.

Mary George aged 62 years female living alone in a small house at Pachalam, Ernakulam. She is widow since 27 years and has health problems. 2 years ago she fell down and injured to back bone. Also undergone for surgery. After that she has difficult to move, sit and stand. She is unable to do any household work. Her siblings lives in neighborhood and with their help she goes to hospital. So Ashrayaprogramme is very helpful to her. She also is getting benefit of Antyodaya Anna Yojana per month 28 Kg Rice and 7 Kg Wheat free of cost.