

Report

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I. NHG :

NHG is the primary level of Kudumbashree community organization. 10-20 women from a neighbourhood can form a NHG. Around 282 NHG are affiliated with Attingal CDS and it includes 42 SC group and 1 group of mothers of differently abled persons.

Field Report

I've visited the Kodumon ADS, ward no. 23 and attended the NHG meeting of Kailasam group, Moozhiyil on 05-08-2017. The group has 20 members including 10 BPL and 10 APL women. Five members were elected as the governing body, including president, secretary and three volunteers. They look after income generation, Health and infrastructure. They usually arrange their meeting on every Saturdays. The group strictly follows a dressing code and meetings are well structured. They start every meeting with prayers. After prayer the president deliver a introductory speech and the secretary presents the financial report of last one week. After that they will move to an open discussion about current problems, funds and loans. The meetings end with national anthem. Then the volunteer who look after the income generation will collect the weekly fee amount of Rs. 50/- and fine from last days absentees. President will write the minutes and secretary maintains the cash book and pass book.

Observations

Four women among the twenty doing businesses like cattle farm, poultry farm and stitching unit at home. NHG has given financial support to two of them as loan and other two are doing it independently. The group borrowed a linkage loan of 1.5 lakhs and gave small amount loans to group members and they were repaying it now.

Problems

Absenteeism due to health issues, and most of the members were not participating in group activities are main issues I've identified as problems.

Solutions

Motivating them to start a new group business will be a solution.

II. CDS

It is the apex body of Kudumbashree community organisation. There is only one CDS in Attingal Municipality and is headed by Chairman. There is 31 ADS/Wards and 31 councilors in it. The chairman is Mr. M Pradeep and Chair person is Ms. Rekha RS. The Municipal Secretary is Mr. Pradeep kumar K. The member secretary is Mrs. Beena and CDS chairperson is Mrs. Radhamani.

There is 31 elected councillors from 31 CDS, and six committees are formed to carry the works smoothly. They are Finance standing committee chaired by Mrs. Rekha RS, Development standing committee chaired by Mr. R Raju, Welfare standing committee chaired by Mrs. S jameela, Health standing committee chaired by Mr. Avanavanchery Raju, Public work standing committee chaired by Mr. Rukhainath A and Education, arts and sports standing committee

chaired by Mr. C Pradeep. They organize CDS meetings once in a month and will arrange a meeting second time if there is any emergency. The general body meetings will conduct once in three months.

III. Micro Enterprises

1. We Help Unit

It is a micro enterprise formed on 2003 and working inside Attingal municipality land premises. They help people who come in municipality to write their applications for a small amount of fee. The “We Help Unit” helps in applying for various licence and certificates. Five women are working as the part of we help group. They deposit the profit amount to bank and transfer salary amount to each one’s account monthly. They conduct meeting on the 1st working day of every month and updates the minute book properly.

Problems

The majority of the certificates are now applying through online medias, that has reduced their profit.

2. Annapoorna Group

Annapoorna is a canteen working at Attingal Municipality compound. They started working from 2007. Four women are working there. They provide tea and snacks in morning and evening to the staffs of municipality. Due to some issues, the Canteen building has closed and annapoorna group shifted their working to a small shed at parking area. They divide the profit daily.

Problems / observation

Due to lack of infrastructure they are unable to make lunch service.

Opinion

They can work better if they are provided better infrastructure and facilities.

IV. JLG

Joint Liability Group (JLG) is the farming initiative of NHG group under kudumbashree. There is seven active farming groups at Attingal Municipality. At the beginning there was more JLG were registered but most of them are not working now.

Surya Kudumbashree

It is a farming initiative of 5 women and they are farming at municipal colony property. They started it almost 10 years ago. The property is around 1.5 acres of land and two groups doing farming activities there. I visited the place and met Mrs. Radhamani who has initiated the

farming. She is investing the capital amount and others are working there as employees, they get wages and profit share. They pay rent of amount Rs. 175 to municipality per year. They cultivate vegetables like Banana, Elephant foot, Colocasia, Chilly, Ladies finger, Brinjal, Bitter gourd etc. The harvest time is different for different corps. They use organic fertiliser and pest repellents for farming.

Problems

People stress pass to their farm land and steal their crops without permission.

V. Asraya

Asraya is a destitute rehabilitation program designed by Kudumbashree. The program is targeted towards the poorest of the poor population. 24 families and 28 individual persons in asraya program are enjoying the financial support being provided. Normally amount of Rs. 760 for person and Rs. 1150 for person + family.

I have collected the details of two members, couldn't visit them due to short period of time. There is a 3 member helpless family including a mother and two mentally challenged daughters Rema and Remya at Thottavaram ADS, ward no.28 and they are getting Rs. 1150 each per month.