

REPORT

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(i) Aasraya project

On 04.08.2017, I have visited a Aasraya Member Mrs. Omana Krishnankutty's house who lived under Kottayam Municipality with her only daughter 30 years old Sini. Omana is a widower and her daughter is mentally challenged and suffering from Seizures. Omana is a blood pressure patient as well, the daughter Sini is not willing to take treatment because of her mental illness. Omana could not go for work due to Mini's illness and her own difficulties. She is getting widower pension 1000/- rupees from the Government of Kerala and 500/- rupees from nearby church as well. Aasraya giving Nutrition Kit to each of them also. The floor of their house is fully damaged and they gave application for gas connection which did not get till now. Omana has AAY card (Anthyodaya Anna Yojana). Their living atmosphere is not good.

(ii) Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs)

I have visited a Neighbourhood Group (NHG) registered as the name "Karunya" in the Nattassery, ward no:2 of Kottayam municipality in Kottayam District on 5th August 2017. Karunya Kudumbasree was started functioning from 2002 (number 119/2003) onwards with 17 members. Every Saturday at 3 pm there will be a meeting conducted in each member's house. They are conducting their meeting in the houses of each member in a rotation. The president of the Kudumbasree is Smt. Shamla and the Secretary is Smt. Aji Prakash.

The 815th meeting of Kudumbasree is conducted in Lissy Thomas's house with prayer. Lissy Thomas welcomed all the members of the group. Last week report is presented by the President of the Group. The secretary marked the attendance on the attendance register and collected the weekly amount of Rs.30 from the members of the group and it will be entered in the account register. 16 members are participated in this meeting. Each member has their own passbook in which the amount they are giving is noted. The secretary marked her sign on each member's passbook. The total amount of thrift collected by members is Rs. 187930/-. Then Secretary wrote the report of that day in the minutes book. The amount will be deposited to the bank account in the next working day itself.

Then they discussed the informations to the group members about the details of ADC and RC meeting that is conduct auditing at the proper time and the problems about the linkage loan. The members informed the committee about the revolving fund that they did not get till now.

It is informed the members that the NULM providing training for Data Entry Operator, Ayur spa therapy and diet assistant. The participant who is interested will be given names to city livelihood centre. After that everybody is discussed about the programmes which is run by the group. The members took 2 Lakh rupees loan from the kudumbasree and they are making soap, paper bag individually and selling it to their nearby houses. They are getting good ground support and can be sell it to neighbours and shops. More than that they are collecting plastics from the neighbours and giving it to the nearby church for recycling. The members of the Karunya Kudumbasree is giving awareness about the consequences of the usage of plastic materials. So in order to avoid plastic, the members of the Kudumbasree is decided to use steel materials.

The ADS is mentioned the catering service which can be run by the members. All members of the Karunya Kudumbasree is saving some money for the people who is ill and the ADS congratulated them for all their charity service. The ADS is very much impressed by hearing about this service and she promised to select 2 members for encouraging this type of work in another units. The meeting is over with the National Anthem.

(iii)Joint Liability Group (JLG)

In Kottayam Municipality, I have visited the Karshakasree JLG on 4/08/2017. There are 6 members in this group. Each member took a loan for RS. 25000/- to start agriculture. The main crops are tapioca, brinjal and ladies finger. All the work in farm are done by the 6 members like watering the plants, maintaining the land and the all. Their main aim is to the sale the vegetables on the occasion of Onam. They are not using any pesticides in their crops. So many people demand these vegetables and they get more satisfaction and good income from it.

(iv)Micro Enterprises (Hatchery Unit)

In Nattassery under Kottayam Municipality (5th ward) hatchery unit is started under SJSRY project. The name of the unit is jwalanam and it is run by 6 members. The 4.5 month old BV-III 80 is distributed to the members. Then each member will get 25 numbers of chicken and its cage. It costs Rs. 20000/-. The members are getting 35% subsidy in this price. It includes the feeding tray, drinking system, and the egg collector as well. One sack costs 1325/- for spending for eatables. Rather than that they are giving assola, grass, rice etc. Every day 80% of eggs are collected from hatchery unit. These eggs are sold to the neighbours and the nearby shops. So they get good income from the hatchery unit.