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Duration of service as CDS chairperson: **Six years**



### Life Changes

I am a resident in Thiruvandoor, a small village in Chengannoortaluk in Alappuzha district. I had no courage at all. In my childhood, I use to shiver even when my teacher asks me questions. But now I acquired confidence and courage to speak to a large community after coming to Kudumbashree. Wherever you go, you can get things done precisely. In 2000, when I was only taking care of my children's education, I got an opportunity to work in the neighbourhood under the Thiruvalla Social Service Society voluntary organization. I worked for 6 years as an animator too. I got many chances to participate in awareness classes and training programmes. Kudumbashree started operations in my Panchayat in 2002. In 2007, I joined the Kudumbashree neighbourhood and was chosen as the secretary of our group. In 2009, I was elected as ADS secretary. I was working as a moderator in the NREGS since 2008. It was in 2012 I was elected as the CDS Chairperson. I'm getting full support from my husband and family for my work. I was made myself by Kudumbashree.

### Challenges Acquired

The second phase of Ashraya started after I was elected as the CDS Chairperson. I did not have any knowledge regarding this and wanted to implement this project as earlier as possible. We successfully completed the project and received the fund from the Challenge Fund. Also, we provide them nutritious food every month without any delay.

## Go ahead

After taking over asCDS chairperson, I went to each ward and took necessary measures to encourage and to increase the number of JLG units and discussed the project in detail in every ADS. Paddy fields and ponds are included in the NREGS program and introduced rice and banana cultivation. Various Kudumbashree neighbourhoods have been reconstructed and renewed its registration procedures. The famous people, who went through in the past were honoured in Balasabha activities.