PK Kalan Project in the tribal sector of Alappuzha

In yesterday’s article of ‘Making an Impact’ Series (Making an Impact-134), the details of the campaign for preparation of individual micro plan of tribal families are explained. Micro plan of tribal families will be prepared by Kudumbashree NHGs and animators at the hamlet level. Thereafter we will submit the plan to local bodies. This process was explained in detail in the above referred article. Such a program is being implemented in Alappuzha Constituency of Alappuzha district of Kerala since the past one year. While implementing this project, we understood that it is practically possible to prepare
individual household micro plans and bring in changes in the lives of tribal families. The results of this project motivated us to scale up and plan a campaign in state level.

Today, I intend to explain about the programme which was implemented under the leadership of Kudumbashree in Alappuzha. This project is titled PK Kalan project. This project is implemented by kudumbashree for tribal department with their 100% financial support. 144 families from Ullada Community are living in scattered houses (not as a colony or hamlet) at various locations of Alappuzha Constituency. This programme was planned and implemented after thoroughly studying the need of each family. Based on the need, project is planned to improve their social and financial position. As per the G.O (Rt) N.O 413/2018 dated 26/03/2018 of Tribal Department, Rs 5.06 crores was allotted for Kudumbashree for implementing this project during 2016-17 financial year.

As part of the implementation of this project, at first, we visited the houses of the Ullada families who are living isolated in the Alappuzha Constituency. On completing the visit, understanding the needs of each families, we prepared micro plans according to the need. This micro plan document was submitted for approval of tribal department and state level approval was received for the same. There were 5 major components in the micro plan. They were Renovation of houses, construction of new houses, livelihood programmes, construction of toilets and other health/education related needs. Likewise, the individual needs of each family was prepared and compiled as project. This project worth Rs. 5.06 crores was submitted to the Tribal Department. After getting approval, our team had started implementing PK Kalan Project.

As of now, PK Kalan Project is being implemented in an exemplary manner. Out of the 74 houses which needs to be renovated the renovation works of 72 houses had already been completed. The construction of 15 houses out of the 17 had been finished. For livelihood programme, skill training is being extended to a group of 36 people in association with Kerala State Coir Corporation (KSCC). They are engaged in coir mat weaving. We are also framing new projects for 50 men who are finding their livelihood through wood cutting. We are designing livelihood projects to form micro enterprises for 30 women in the sector of their choice. Once this project worth Rs 5.06 crores be completed, it may turn out to be the first of its kind in the country which was framed by preparing the individual micro plans of each tribal families. This project will be the one bringing tribal communities to development by knowing their needs after thoroughly studying the same.

To know more details about this project or to visit the project area, you may contact Ms. Molji, District Programme Manager at 8848020224. The detailed project report of the programme is available in this link: http://kudumbashree.org/pages/159. As mentioned in 'Making an Impact-134', the success of the PK Kalan project led us to the confidence that Kudumbashree would be able to make individual micro plans in the hamlet level and thereby can coordinate to solve the issues of the tribal communities. Through this programme, we are trying to solve the issues, eradicate poverty and to make new projects by planning and implementing in the micro level.