As many activities like production of mask, sanitizer and cloth bag, volunteering activities, extending counselling services etc are being planned and implemented in state level in the background of covid-19 pandemic. In addition, there are some special activities that are being implemented by each districts considering the local needs and conditions. Such activities implemented by Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode, Alappuzha, Wayanad, Thrissur, Malappuram and Kottayam districts have been elaborated in this article series before. Today, I would explain about the special activities of Kannur district. Kannur with care

There are 81 CDSs (Community Development Societies- Panchayath level federation of NHGs) and 20,168 NHGs in the district, which has 3,31,713 members. Some of the special activities implemented by the district is given below:

1. Parcel food for guest labourers, foreign returnees at railway station and airport

The Kudumbashree team of Kannur district had arranged parcel food to the guest labourers who returned to their lands from Kannur and also to the foreign returnees who came back to their homeland. These activities were implemented as per the directions received from the District Administration. Food kits (chapatti, vegetable curry, biscuit, banana, bottled water) to the guest labourers were delivered four times. Likewise, food kits were distributed to the 1142 passengers of the Kannur-Bihar train on 3 May and to 450 passengers in the...
train to Madhya Pradesh on 6 May. Also, food kits were distributed to the 1140 passengers each of the trains to Uttar Pradesh on 7 May and 10 May. In addition, food was served to the 200 passengers at the airport who came in Air India Express from Dubai on 12 May. The food kits were arranged by the Kudumbashree staff and CDS members under the leadership of the District Mission Coordinator.

2. Doctor @ Home
The ‘Doctor @ Home’ programme of Kannur district is being a solution for the issues faced by the people who have health issues and lifestyle diseases. The programme is being implemented by the Panniyannur CDS in convergence with the Health Department and Panchayath. The programme functions through the whatsapp groups which include doctors, health inspectors, Panchayath Governing Body members, CDS, ADS, NHG members. The patients may avail the services and directions of the doctors from 9 AM to 5 PM and in case of emergency, even after that. The medicines are arranged for those who needy through Asha workers. In case of emergency, the doctors extend their services by visiting the patients. Santhwanam Volunteers would perform the tests for the lifestyle diseases. In addition, the service of the veterinary doctors are also extended as part of the programme.

3. Home Delivery of the food grains to the tribal families at Aralam Farm
Kudumbashree Kannur District team had delivered rice and other food grains from the ration shops to the 1400 tribal families living at the Aralam farm ward under Aralam Panchayath. The activity was implemented by Kudumbashree associating with the District Administration and Scheduled Tribes Development Department. There are 1600 tribal families living in Aralam Farm. 200 families living near the ration shops bought the ration by themselves. The remaining could not buy their rations due to the lack of the transportation system. Knowing this situation, we implemented this activity. The ration cards were collected from the families, rations were bought and took it to the households in the vehicle of Aralam farm by 1 April, 2 April and 4 April. Aralam Tribal Special Intervention Programme is also being implemented through Kudumbashree aiming at the sustainable development of the tribal families at Aralam Farm, in the model of Attappady Comprehensive Tribal Development and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group Development Project. It’s funded from National Rural Livelihood Mission Programme.

4. ‘Homeshree’ extending support
In the Homeshop system of Kannur, through 350 home shop owners, 52 products are being sold. Home shop system is available in all blocks of the district. District Administration and Kudumbashree District Mission came into a decision to make use of the home shop system to deliver to the public, the essential goods including medicines and supplyco grocery kits along with the Kudumbashree products during the crisis situation of covid-19. As per this, the District Collector gave special permission to the process of delivering essential goods through 200 home shop owners and CDS members. The service of Homeshree is excluded at the hotspots in the district.

From 12 March until now, sales of Rs 60 lakhs was recorded through Homeshree.

As in other districts, Kannur is also implementing unique programmes developed on the basis of local needs and are moving forward with sheer confidence and enthusiasm. My appreciations to all Kudumbashree staff and Kudumbashree members in the district.