Attappady Special Project

Attappady Special Project (Attappady Comprehensive Tribal Development and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group Development Project) is the project being implemented by Kudumbashree in Attappadi block of palakkad district. It envisages formation of exclusive institutions of tribal people for bringing in sustainable development in Attappady. Kudumbashree functions through women neighbourhood groups (NHGs) aiming at their development and empowerment. Kudumbashree Mission implemented this innovative idea of formation of exclusive neighbourhood groups for the tribal families in Attappadi for bringing social development and empowerment. This project, which was launched at Attappady in 2014 with a big vision has moved much forward with many notable achievements in hand.
For implementing the Attappady Special Project, we set up an organisational system for intervening in the issues of the tribal people. We formed exclusive NHGs for the tribal community. As of now, 752 special tribal NHGs are functioning in Attappady under the broad umbrella of Kudumbashree. 7848 women have became members of the tribal NHGs of Attappady. 98% of the families of Attappady has became part of the Kudumbashree organisation.

There are 192 hamlets in Attappady. Oorusamithi, the federation of NHGs were formed focusing on these hamlets. As of now, there are 135 Oorusamithis. In some areas, two where there are nearby hamlets with small population, Oorusamithis were formed clubbing two hamlets. This is why there are only 135 Oorusamithis for 192 hamlets. Panchayath samithis were formed in panchayath level as the federation of Oorusamithis. As of now, there are 4 Panchayath Samithis functioning as part of this special project.

In the next phase, we tried to provided necessary funds to the NHGs for local economic development. For income generation activities and micro finance activities we supported NHGs with corpus fund, livelihood fund, startup fund, vulnerability reduction fund, revolving fund etc and thus resulted in financial empowerment. Parallel to this, we are intervening in the social sector focusing on the development of tribal families solving their problems. We had already discussed in detail about the Bridge School started at Attappady which envisaged to bring the dropout children of Attappady to the mainstream. Information about the other activities would be discussed in the upcoming articles. Kudumbashree would always be there for the development of tribal families Attappady.