We have been explaining about the details of the activities implemented by various district missions on their own under ‘Through the districts’ the special section of ‘Making an Impact’ Article series. As the 14th edition of that section, today we will explain about the special activities of Palakkad district.

**Magnificent Palakkad**

3,54,977 NHG members are part of the 25,088 NHGs in Palakkad district. There are 96 CDSs (Community Development Societies-Panchayath level Federation of NHGs) in the district.

1. **Spreading awareness among the vulnerable communities**: Kudumbashree used various ways to spread awareness about corona virus spread among the public. Palakkad District did a program focusing on the vulnerable communities and implemented activities for spreading awareness among them. This activity was carried out under the leadership of the officials of Snehitha Gender Help Desk. The awareness activities were communicated among the members viz., the parents of the specially abled children of BUDS.
institutions, beneficiaries of the Anti Human Trafficking Programme being implemented through Kudumbashree for the survivors of human trafficking, families supported by Snehitha Calling Bell programme, and elderly people and people who live alone. Snehitha staff contacted them during regular intervals and extend needed guidance. Also they ensure about their health and availability of good food. Tele Counselling services are also extended as per the directions of the District Administration. Mental support had been extended to more than 5000 people during the months of April and May.

2. Vegetables from Attappady:
The community kitchens started as per the directions of the Government of Kerala for ensuring that none would starve during the lock down period was implemented well in the district. The vegetables cultivated by the farming groups formed as part of the Attappady Comprehensive Tribal Development and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group Development Project was taken to the community kitchens in Attappady and to the needy people by the Attappdy special project team. The organic vegetables were collected from the farming groups in Attappady and were delivered to the community kitchens and needy people under the leadership of ‘Kanikoluma’ the tribal enterprises that takes the agri products to the market. The Nutrition Garden Mobile unit was used for this.

3. Kudumbashree cafe at Valaya Check post:
Kudumbashree is serving food to those who are engaged in covid countering activities at Valayar Check Post, at the Kerala- Tamil Nadu border in the district. From the cafe which started functioning from 4 May in the name ‘Global Kudumbashree Cafe’, food is being served to health workers, volunteers, police officials and public who come to Kerala crossing the borders. Daily, food is being served to more than 700 people including around 300 officials. The food is prepared and are served as parcel by the 15 member team of Puthussery CDS maintaining the security protocols of covid-19. The food items being served include tea, coffee, idli, dosa, snacks, meals, lemon rice, tomato rice, chappathi etc. Alike other districts, Palakkad district is making relentless efforts to counter the spread of corona virus spread and survive by making use of Kudumbashree system to the maximum. Appreciations to the Palakkad DIstrict team and all NHG members who extend full support for these efforts.