Through the districts - 2

Let me continue writing about own projects implemented by the districts teams by considering the local needs. Some of them are replicable got all other districts as well. Hope you have read the ‘Making an Impact’ Article - 245 yesterday, in which the best practices of Thiruvananthapuram district was well explained. Today, it’s Kozhikode’s turn.

Model projects @ Kozhikode
There are 82 CDSs (Community Development Society or the federation of NHGs at LSGI level) and 28706 NHGs in Kozhikode. The activities implemented as part of countering covid-19 is progressing well in Kozhikode district. Following are few of the best practices, the districts had implemented, in addition to those projects planned from head office. Some of the key activities implemented by the district is given below:

1. Contribution to Chief Minister’s Distress Relief Fund
3493 NHGs registered with 3 CDSs of Kozhikode Corporation contributed Rs. 3.73 lakhs to Chief Minister’s Distress
Relief Fund. Though it is tough crisis time where many had lost their source of income, every NHG volunteered to contribute Rs 100 each to CMDRF. Some NHGs contributed more than 100, making it 3,73,000.

2. **Special Programmes for NRIs**
   Koduvally Municipality, by using NULM (National Urban Livelihood Mission) project implemented through Kudumbashree is framing new programmes for the NRIs who lost their source of income and are returning to their homes due to covid-19 crisis. The important among them are the programmes which ensures bank loan with interest subsidy for the NRI returnees. Banks in the municipality will provide loans to NRI s for starting manufacturing or service units. Also there will be support for marketing products of these new enterprises. As part of the loan scheme of NULM, an individual would get loan upto Rs 2 lakhs. Entrepreneurs will be eligible for interest subsidy of more than 7 %.

3. **Special care for the tribal community**
   ‘Oorinoru Thuna’, programme intended to give special care to the tribal community in Kozhikode is being implemented successfully in the district. Under the leadership of the tribal program team of Kudumbashree, all tribal families in the district are contacted over phone through tribal animators. The aim was to know about their welfare and to enquire about their needs. Support was given for providing medicine and food. Medical aids were also provided through the local government s. Animators calls tribal families in their locality before 10 AM everyday and to know their needs. The report of the same is given to the District Mission to ensure convergence s for fulfilling these needs. The team tried their best to find solutions for their issues and normally they do it on the same day. My appreciations to Kudumbashree team members @ Kozhikode who are implementing such innovative activities. Also, my wishes to all the NHG members for providing leadership to implement all these activities.