Some livelihood opportunities were provided to Kudumbashree members as part of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission. The details of the same was elaborated in ‘Making an Impact’ Article - 480. Kudumbashree now received an opportunity to function as the Implementing Support Agency of Jal Jeevan Mission being implemented by the Water Resource Department of Kerala. This opportunity is received in some panchayaths. There are Project Implementing Agencies in all LSGIs of Kerala to implement the projects of Jal Jeevan Mission. Kudumbashree has been selected as Implementing Support Agency in 262 panchayaths. The aim of ISA is to support the Project Implementing Agencies who implement the projects as part Jal Jeevan Mission.

The opportunity to function as the Implementing Support Agency of Jal Jeevan Mission was available for NGOs and Government Missions. On knowing about this, we decided to take up these activities through Kudumbashree and took part in the tender process. Based on our request, Kudumbashree got the opportunity to
function as Implementing Support Agency in 262 panchayaths. In the other panchayaths, selected NGOs function as the implementation support agency. Now Kudumbashree Mission is making greater efforts to showcase the best of their performances, where they received the opportunities.

The Jal Jeevan Mission has demanded to do the activities of Implementing Support Agencies in two ways. The activities should be implemented by deploying 5 persons where the project should be completed within 7 months. Whereas, at the Panchayaths, where the project should be completed within 18 months, 3 persons will get the livelihood opportunity as part of the agency work. It is the responsibility of the Implementing Support Agency to complete the aims/goals of the Jal Jeevan Mission, to oversee the project implementation and solve if there are any issues. ISA will smoothen the project implementation and support the Panchayath and the Project Implementation Agencies.

In a Panchayath, the Implementing Support Agency would get Rs 8.30 lakhs for the activities for 7 months. ISA will get Rs 17.26 lakhs for the activities for 18 months. Kudumbashree CDSs would be entrusted with the task of overseeing the Kudumbashree ISA team at the Panchahayaths, where Kudumbashree got the opportunity to function as Implementing Support Agency. We would be able to give a livelihood opportunity to more than 750 people across the state through this opportunity to function as the Implementing Support Agency.

The details of the Panchayaths, where Kudumbashree got the opportunity to function as the Implementing Support Agency of Jal Jeevan Mission is available in this link: https://www.kudumbashree.org/pages/895. We were unable to start the activities during the crisis of covid. We had already given directions to start the activities by selecting those who are interested to become part of the team. Once lockdown relaxations are announced, activities will be started. We will write about this topic once again, once the activities would be started.