Success story of Punnapra North CDS

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**Punnapra North** panchayath is a part of Punnapra. It is in Ambalappuzha taluk of Alappuzha district. Borders are Alappuzha municipality in north, Nedumudy panchayath in east, Punnapra south panchayath in south and Arabian sea in west.

**CDS at a Glance:**

**Punnapra North** CDS under the leadership of Smt. Ajitha Sasi, has been made significant achievement in last three years of Kudumbashree movement. CDS Chairperson said that tremendous support from CDS members and welfare committee chairman helps in the success of CDS. It consists of 17 wards.

| Organisation: | 40 New NHGs formed and total 3223 members covered by Kudumbashree network. 17 Elderly NHGs formed including 170 members. |

| Total NHGs | 220 |
| SC NHGs | 4 |
| Special NHGs | 4 |
| Elderly NHGs | 17 |
| General NHGs | 212 |
| No of ADS | 17 |
| New NHG formed | 40 |
| Total NHG Members | 3223 |
| No of SC Members | 40 |
| No of Special NHG Members | 30 |
| Elderly Members | 170 |
| General Members | 3223 |

*Elderly NHG Formation Meeting*
Micro Finance: 76% of NHGs have live linkage including RKLS & CMHLS loan. Community Based Repayment Mechanism is effectively conducting every month. And also MF subcommittee is very actively involving the bank linkage process and timely submission of interest subsidy claim.

Micro Enterprise: The total number of MEs has been increased from 12 to 37 group. In order to improve the living standards of Kudumbasree women, 10 new group ventures and 15 individual ventures have been formed with 5 to 10 members. CIF loan of Rs. 6 lakh provided to 12 groups and CEF loan of Rs. 5 lakh provided to 14 ME groups. Kudumbasree conducts monthly bazaars involving ME groups and JLG groups on 28th and 29th of every month.

Kudumbasree ME products are also sold on Saturdays through Nano Market. They have been able to organize a wide range of Onam and Vishu markets and has been able to give a turnover of Rs. 150,000 and a profit of Rs. 27,350 to Kudumbasree members.

Social Development

Inactive Balasabhas were revived. There are currently 17 Balasabhas functioning. Film fests and drama festivals were organized for the benefit of the children. 10 children from different wards participated in the football camp organized by District Mission to cultivate children's interest in sports. Jersey and boots for children were donated from CDS Own Fund. During Jagratholsavam, the children were trained by the Fire and Safety Department officials to avoid sudden accidents. Conducted a two-day hygiene class for children through the Pecil Campaign.

Beneficiaries involved in the Agati Asraya scheme, one of the pious activities of the panchayat, were able to conduct a medical camp and submit the project. A total of 113 beneficiaries were approved. Distribution of food kits started in July. CDS has taken necessary
action to sanction 3 lakh from the District Panchayat for the construction of a house for Asraya beneficiary Smt. Komalam and house construction has been completed.

Agriculture & Animal Husbandary:

CDS, which had 54 Sanghakashi groups, was able to register 45 new groups. Banana seeds, vegetable seeds and fertilizers were provided to the Sanghakashi groups. Implemented Vegetable Agri Therapy Project involving children from Buds School.

Agri Therapy Project

Gender: The GSLP study class, GRC weekly celebration, knowledge festival and Snehitha calling bell were conducted as per the instructions of the commission. As part of the Snehitha
Calling Bell, CDS members visited the homes of isolated people in various wards and provided them with the necessary assistance.

**DDUGKY:**

25 persons have been enrolled in the DDUGKY scheme started by Kudumbasree with the objective of providing employment to the youth. 5 persons got employment through this scheme.

**Special Activities:**

- Five CDS members have started a Stiching training centre at Panchayat Compound and the project is functioning smoothly.
- In addition to this 3 new catering units, 2 chicken centers, a new venture called “Veetile Oonu” and a fish processing unit have been set up in coastal area.
- The Dhanyashree Pickle Unit, which participated in the Chengannur Saras Mela, received a UNDP grant of Rs. 14000 and Kudumbasree’s ME unit Minus Stationery, which was damaged in the floods, was also able to get a UNDP grant of Rs.14000.
- As part of the plastic ban, CDC was able to register 2 cloth bag manufacturing units in all the wards. Disposal of plastics is also being done by the Haritha Karma Sena.
- Kudumbasree members participated in a fashion designing course conducted at Ambalapuzha South Panchayat Hall.
- As part of the Green Protocol, 1250 steel plates and glasses sanctioned from the Panchayat Fund are being rented out at moderate rates.
- The display board of MGNREGS is being constructed using the construction team of CDS.
- One of the Life project and 6 houses sponsored by Ramoji Film City have been completed, including women masons trained through Kudumbasree.
Pratibha theeram and Kayikatheeram inaugurated and Coastal children study in the library in the evenings.

**Flood Related Activities:**

Under the leadership of Kudumbasree, clean-up operations were carried out in the flood-affected areas during the last two years. An amount of Rs.116930 was collected from NHGs and donated to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund and about Rs 3 lakh worth of daily necessities were sent through the panchayat to the disaster affected areas of Kavalappara, Malappuram. Punnapra North Kudumbasree CDAC was able to provide 6 houses donated by Ramoji Film City through Kudumbasree for the reconstruction of post-flood Kerala. 5 Cr disbursed as RKLS loan to 66 NHGs. UNDP provides relief to flood victims An amount of Rs. 68250 was provided to JLGs and Rs. 28000 was provided to ME groups.

Punnapra North CDS has been able to successfully implement all the projects implemented through Kudumbasree due to the excellent work of CDS.