Kudumbashree’s ‘Karshika Karma Sena’ s

In the previous articles, we had elaborated about the 70,000+ farming groups (JLG-Joint Liability Group) of Kudumbashree. Farm based livelihood activity being done by these groups include fallow land cultivation and lease land farming. As part of the ‘Subiksha Keralam’ Programme, we have intensified these activities. Hope you recall the ‘Making an Impact’ Article - 280, in which we had explained about the 20 suggestions that Kudumbashree intends to implement associating with the Subiksha Keralam Programme. Many activities of that 20 suggestions are progressing converging with the Local Self Government Institutions. Today, we will explain about one such activity. Forming ‘Karshika Karma Sena’ (Agriculture labour bank) wherever possible was one innovative idea among the 20 suggestions which the Local body could implement through Kudumbashree. This could be done as a part of Subiksha Keralam Programme. The District Mission Coordinators are moving forward with the feasibility study of forming these Karshika Karma Sena in all districts and its primary activities converging with the respective Local Self Government Institutions.

These activities were first implemented in Thrissur district, where Kudumbashree Thrissur District Mission took the leadership. Porkulam Panchayath converging with the CDS formed the first Karshika Karma Sena in the Panchayath on 23 August. Forty five members of the Karshika Karma Sena of Porkulam are now engaged in various works. 60 people have already registered in the team. They were able to make income of Rs 7 lakhs within 35 days from the farming activities at 100 acres of
paddy field. Their activities include fallow land cultivation, taking the land on lease for farming, taking up the farming activities at households as per request etc. Karshika Karma Sena have been formed in 24 other CDSs in the Thrissur district, with a total of 245 members.

We hope that, other Local Self Government Institutions would come up to form Karshika Karma Sena converging with Kudumbashree, replicating this model. Hope another source of livelihood would be opened for Kudumbashree members.