Hope you all will recollect previous articles in which we explained about Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDUGKY) being implemented in Kerala through Kudumbashree. In ‘Making an Impact’ Article - 20, it was mentioned that Kudumbashree had been selected as an Appraisal Agency in the National Level to do the Qualitative Appraisal (QA) of the training partners. QA is to be done for agencies who apply to become partners of DDUGKY in all states. In that article details about the special QA team formed to implement the same was also elaborated.

Our State Program Managers of DDUGKY team provides leadership to the activities related to QA. For ensuring a dedicated and responsible team for Wualitativr Ap-raisal process, a special appraisal team has been formed. The team includes an Appraisal Coordinator, two Appraisal Executives and Two Communication and Documentation Specialists. Our DDUGKY team is moving forward with the appraisal activities in the best possible ways.

We had signed MoU with 7 states (Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Karnataka) for qualitative appraisal activities. Appraisal of 494 agencies of these states have already been completed. The details of completed appraisal till date is given below (In the order of the name of the state, number of agencies appraised by our team)
1. Uttar Pradesh (365)
2. Rajasthan (67)
3. Andhra Pradesh (23)
4. Meghalaya (8)
5. Maharashtra (5)
6. Nagaland (8)
7. Karnataka (18)

Through our appraisal process, states are able to identify the best agencies for training and hence it’s a step to assist the states to ensure quality of project implementation.

Due to Covid-19 lock down, we were unable to continue the appraisal activities of these states as the travel to other states was not possible. But now, we have received direction from the Ministry of Rural Development to start the qualitative appraisal activities in various states and continue the appraisal of applied agencies. We have to complete appraisal of 152 PIA s as of now (in partner states). The initial activities regarding the same is progressing now.

The selection of Kudumbashree as the Qualitative Appraisal Agency could be considered as the acceptance received for implementing the DDUGKY training activities in the best way possible. Within this short period of time, seven states have signed contract with us for appraisal activities and the QA process is progressing well. I am sure that this is because of the quality work of our team. We have received Rs 9.14 crores through these appraisal activities. Wishes to the team for all their further activities.