At a Glance

Kanjikuzhy Community Development Society (CDS) located at CherthalaTaluk in Alappuzha District. Total area of the Panchayath is 16.94sq km. The population is 29951. Kanjikuzhy CDS has achieved the second position in best CDS award in the district in 2018. The number of Area Development Societies (ADS) in Kanjikuzhy is 18. The number of NHGs is 399 with 6269 members.

General Achievements

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Awards


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CDS won “Pre-Onam market” award in Alappuzha District in the year 2018.

Overall Champion of Sports in Arang 2018

CDS won “Drishyam documentary film” award for Balasabha in Alappuzha district.

CDS won Special Jury Award in State level for ideal Plant Nursery formed in all the Area Development Society

Financial achievement

Distributed 2.72Crore to NHG members through Chief Ministers Helping hand Loan Scheme. NHGs availed Rs. 4.25 Cr as loan through Backward Development Corporation at lowest interest rate (4%).
Agri& Non Agri Enterprises

Major enterprises running successfully in CDS are Tailoring Unit, Snack production unit, poultry farming, goat farm, dairy farm and ChendaMelam group etc.
Paddy & Tapioca are the crops cultivated by JLG. Paddy is cultivated in 325 acres by 150 groups.

2. Special activities

CDS conducted gardening, farming, children’s camp etc. for Balasabha members.

CDS provided Snehitha beneficiaries with mental support, medicines, food kits and clothes.

Medicines and food kits were distributed to AGATHI - ASHRAYA beneficiaries by CDS members.
3. Efforts during COVID/ Flood

In all 18 wards awareness classes were conducted in the context of Covid-19. Community kitchen was started by the CDS members and distributed food to the needy ones including migrant labourers, street vendors etc. Cloth bags were stitched by the Kudumbashree members. During lockdown cleaning and disinfection of public places were conducted by the CDS. Six lakh masks were made by 250 tailors and sanitizers (250ml) were provided twice by the CDS members to all the houses. Preventive medicines both Ayurvedic and Homeo were distributed to houses by ADS members along with Health workers in all 18 wards.

Through District Mission, essential clothes, food kits and financial assistance was given to all flood affected people. The collected fund has been contributed to CMDRF. All NHG members participated in cleaning activities of flood affected houses.

4. Best practices of CDS

Rs.13,00,000/- donated as Snehanidhi fund (Rs.5/- collected from each NHG members each month) to 403 members affected by severe illness (Medical aid given Rs.2,500/- to Rs.10,000/- per person).
5. Most satisfying experience of CDS chairperson

Asraya beneficiary Mrs. Sumathy Madathingal, was a cancer patient and the family refused to take care of her. The CDS has taken care of the poor lady and rehabilitated her in a care home and taken steps to provide medical support. This is one among the various incidents in which the CDS has made fruitful intervention to change the life of the most needy people.

6. General feedback/ comments/ opinion/ observation from CDS chairperson

All CDS members are taking maximum effort to identify the eligible and needy people and providing benefits through Kudumbashree.

7. Learning points and conclusion

It is the great experience that, we can understand how a woman or team of women can anchor the development of the society.