Kudumbashree activities in Kerala are steered by the Community Development Societies (CDSs) functioning in convergence with Local Self Governments. We envisage to implement the process of turning selected 152 rural CDSs (one from each development block) out of them into Model CDSs. The initial activities for the same had already been started.

This ‘Model CDS project’ would be implemented as a comprehensive development initiative. This programme aims at elevating our organisational system, which is owned and monitored by Kudumbashree members. The aim is envisaging and implementing a program aimed at sustainable development of a locality in convergence with various departments and agencies.

In addition, these activities have some corollaries as well.

It aims at developing Model CDSs as a space for handholding CDSs with weak organisational systems. Model CDS will help weak CDSs and will handhold them to development. It also aims at democratizing all the activities under CDS and turn the three tier system (NHG, ADS, CDS) into a system that intervene in the social matters of the respective areas. Model CDS will encourage participation of families in all forums including Gram Sabha, School PTA and other public platforms and thereby elevate the status and recognition of women in the society. The broad aims of this programme also include turning the CDS into active forum which will implement the livelihood, micro
In the first phase, one CDS is selected from each block for turning it into Model CDS. Selection will be after analysing the performance for the last two years. The selection would be made after the meeting and analysis by a committee of 4 Block Coordinators dealing with the organisational system, micro enterprise development, agricultural activities and social developmental activities in the block. The details of the selected CDS is handed over to the respective District Mission Coordinator. The selected CDSs would be granted Rs 2 lakhs each as Infrastructure Development Fund for renovating the offices and for arranging the furniture.

Core Committees would be formed by including all Kudumbashree Mission teams in state level and district level for evaluating the activities of the Model CDSs and for extending needed technical support. It is aimed at turning the selected CDS into Model CDS within three years. Through this, it would be ensured that the programmes being implemented through Kudumbashree are implemented in a most effective way in these CDSs. In addition, various activities would be implemented for increasing the income of the CDS.

Likewise, through this activity, we aim at developing such Model CDSs and thereby increasing the quality of the other CDSs in the block.