



# CDS Report

## VANDIPERIYAR



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

### VANDIPERIYAR GRAMAPANCHAYATH

An overview

**Vandiperiyar** is the spice town in Idukki district, Kerala, India. It is known for tourism, tea and coffee plantations, black pepper and other spice products. . Total area of the Panchayath is 119.5 sq km. The population is 45843.

#### An overview

Name of Panchayat	:	Vandiperiyar
CDS Registration Number	:	585/2002
Number of Wards	:	23
Number of ADS	:	23

CDS Chairperson	Lissy Babu
Vice Chairperson	Kanchana Muthu
Accountant	Swapna Anil
Member Secretary	Shahul Ahama

Number of Board Members	:	23
Total No. of Families	:	11228
Total No. of NHGs	:	410
Total No. of NHG members	:	4920
No. of General NHGs	:	176
SC NHGs	:	214
ST NHGs	:	8
No. of Elderly NHGs	:	6

No. of Special NHGs	:	9
Total Thrift Amount	:	Rs. 10,25,00000
Total Internal Loan	:	Rs. 10,11,00000
Total ME Units	:	44
No. of Balasabhas	:	63
No. of JLGs	:	210
Vigilant groups	:	23
Ashraya beneficiaries	:	180

### **General achievements over the last three years**

- ARISE 100-The aim of this programme is to provide skill training in 10 selected areas. It includes House Keeping, Housemaid, Plumbing, Electronic Repair, Electrical Work, Day Care, Agriculture Labour, Sales, Data Entry and Laundry & Ironing  
Self-employment ventures are aimed at finding employment for about 100 women. As part of this, various projects were inaugurated on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 under the leadership of Kudumbashree. Five projects are inaugurated in the event “**PENTHILAKKAM 2020**”.. They include Gender Resource Centre, Arise Janaseva Kendram, Tamil Online PSC Coaching centre, Carry Bag Unit and Kudumbashree Matrimonial. Around 400 Kudumbashree members participated and was a unique event that commended women working in different and rare areas that were dominated by men. About 60 women joined and employed in various self-employment ventures like tailoring centres, readymade cloth units, bio fertilizers unit, computer centres and DTP centres.





- **Scheme AADU GRAMAM**-There are 19 goat rearing units functioning in connection with the “GOAT VILLAGE PROJECT”.
- **JLG**-At present 210 J LG have set up and vegetable cultivation has been expanded and loans have been taken from various banks and as a result subsidized tools and incentives have been procured.



- **Start up Fund**-4 Entrepreneurial groups were formed and start up funds were given to those who were interested in starting new ventures and those who were financially disadvantaged.
- **Matching Grant**-Provided loans to 13 groups for the last 3 years in Vandiperiyar Grama Panchayath and matching grants were provided as part of this.

- **Corpus Fund**-The corpus fund of RS 10,000 was provided to 31 groups operating in different wards.

- **Community Enterprises Fund**

CEF funds were provided to enterprises formed by groups of Kudumbashree members who were interested in generating their own income. Currently 27 units are operational.

- **Flood Relief activities**

Vandiperiyar is a panchayath which suffered a lot during the last 2 floods. Shutters of the 123-year-old Mullaperiyar Dam, was opened for the first time in history, leaving large areas of the district at the risk of floods. Heavy inflow of water from reservoirs in Idukki district into the Periyar river has thrown life out of gear.

Thousands of families were affected by the opening of shutters of the dam. The Kudumbashree members of the area greatly assisted in relocating them, delivering the necessary supplies and later cleaning the houses and cleaning the River Periyar. Collected and arranged transport of food items, cloths and other essentials to the needy people stayed in the camps and houses.



During the massive floods, the CDS pooled finance from the NHG members and transferred the amount to Chief Ministers Disaster Relief Fund. Provided assistance to distressed groups during the floods in 2018 and 2019 by purchasing Resurgent Kerala Loan Scheme (RKLS) and provided interest subsidies.

The assistance of kudumbashree members by providing mental and physical support for cleaning their houses and premises enabled them to restore normal life in the regions scarred by the disaster to a large extent.

Vigilant group members were very active in the camp. They were involved in the rescue and relief operations and also initiated activities like providing counseling, collection and distribution of food, water, clothes and other basic necessities to the relief camps.



Also conducted counseling for children at the camps, conducted house-to-house counselling.

Conducted tele-counselling and data collection for Snehitha Calling Bell beneficiaries.

### **COVID-19 activities**

- Cloth masks were made and distributed in wards for free of cost.
- Food was provided through Community kitchen to the Snehitha Calling Bell beneficiaries and other needy beneficiaries.



- CDS co-ordinated program to deliver vegetables, groceries, medicines, clothes and other essentials to houses through NHG members.
- Awareness program on Covid-19 was conducted for elderly groups. All the senior citizens were given counseling. Provided laptops to children through Vidyashree Chitti by giving interest free loans.
- Rs. 1,35,00 was collected from Kudumbashree NHG members and handed over to Chief Ministers Covid Relief fund.

- **Kudumbashree Sthree Suraksha Bima Yojana (KSSBY)**

80 students got scholarship by insuring their family members under KSSBY scheme.

- **Loan Subsidy**

Interest subsidy announced by the government was provided to 28 groups who availed loans from banks.

- **Assistance for flood affected JLGs**

Crisis management funds provided to the JLGs and M E units which got affected by the floods.

### **Backward Development Corporation**

19 groups were able to avail loans from the Backward Development Corporation and thereby augment CDS'S own fund.

- **Bala Sabhas**

There are 63 Balasabhas working effectively to build self-confidence in children from poor families and expose them to society and nature.

- **Special Ayalkoottam**-There are 13 Special NHGs registered with Kudumbashree and their own M E units are functioning.

- **Vayojana Ayalkoottam**

There are currently 6 Vayojana Ayalkoottam groups operating.



- **Online PSC Coaching in Tamil**

Online Tamil PSC Coaching is being provided at Abhimanyu Library (Vattavada Grama Panchayath) in Idukki district with the help of Gender Resource Center functioning in Vandiperiyar CDS.

- **Haritha Karma Sena**

Kudumbashree members have formed HarithaKarma Sena in 23 wards.

- **New Groups**

Only 315 groups were activated before 3 years. Formed 95 new groups and thus 410 groups are now operational.

- **R S B Y**

CDS members participated in matters related to the renewal of health insurance.

- **OPPAM Scheme-**

The scheme "OPPAM" was implemented as per the instructions of former M P Mr. Joyce George. IDCB gives ATM model preloaded cards for NHG members and Maximum credit of Rs.10000 to a NHG member. It was a zero balance account and repayment interest is 4% and Savings interest in 7%. This credit is repayed in 6 months, if no dues amount enhanced by 5000 after 1 year.

- **Sneha Nidhi Scheme**

All members of CDSs contribute one rupee to Rs 10 towards the Sneha nidhi fund and this is being used for funding construction.

Under the SNEHA NIDHI scheme, funds were raised and financial assistance was provided to 17 sick Kudumbashree members.

## PROJECTS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PANCHAYATH

- **Agathi Rahitha Keralam**

The scheme, which helps needy families, has 180 members. They also bought food kits and clothes for special occasions with the help of good locals.

- **Janakeeya Hotel** - Janakiya Hotel is run in collaboration with the Panchayath and Kudumbashree.



- **Comfort Station**

Kudumbashree has decided to take over the functioning of the comfort station constructed in association with panchayath.

### Special Activities

- The Hollow bricks unit was set up with the help of Panchayath fund.

- Organic Fertilizer Production Unit

The organic production unit functioning with the help of the panchayath comprising members of Haritha Karma Sena.

- My Home

The first phase of the “MY HOME” project (Building identified) was launched to streamline the work of the Friendly Home at the local premises and to provide accommodation for female employees working from far and wide.

- Entrepreneurial unit (Rising Stars)formed only for differently abled. This includes tailoring units and readymade garment manufacturing units.
- Driving School unit
- Kudumbashree members acting as instructors to impart training to women for 2 wheeler and 4 wheeler driving.

### **Satisfying experience and suggestions**

As CDS Chairperson for the last two terms Smt.Lissy Babu remembers with great satisfaction that she was able to finish about 75 percentage of Kudumbashree's projects and purchase the benefits. During her tenure, the activities of Kudumbashree became one of the best undertakings in flood affected areas of Vandiperiyar Grama Panchayath and she felt gratified to spread out helping hands to the needy.

Also suggested that there should be an effective proposal for the benefit of Kudumbashree Workers while allocating funds.