



## An overview on the Success of Vazhoor CDS



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## **Vazhoor –At a Glance**

**Vazhoor** is a ISO 9001:2015 certified panchayat in Vazhoor Block consist of two villages, Vazhoor and Kangara .Basically an agrarian community inhabits whose income depends on rubber cultivation. As of 2011 India census, Vazhoor had a population of 25169 with 11331 males and 13838 females. The total geographical area of village is 2860 hectares. There are about 6,110 houses in Vazhoor village.

## **Vazhoor CDS**

Vazhoor CDS (124/3) was registered in 9.2.2003. It is one of the best CDS in Kottayam. In 2018 January 26, present CDS administrative committee took charge under the leadership of CDS chairperson Mrs.Sindhu Chandran and completing their tenure successfully.

<b>Community Based Organization</b>	
Number of ADS	16
Number of NHG	218
NHG members	3654
General NHG	210
Number of members in general NHG	3556
Number of SC NHG	8
Number of SC members	98
Number of ST members	4
Number of elderly NHG	17
Number of NHG members in elderly NHG	181
Number of PWD NHG	1
Number of PWD NHG members	6

## **General Achievement (2018-2020)**

### **Community Based Organisation**

Every year CDS will complete NHG affiliation in April –May months. Regular meetings are conducted in three tier system and regular monitoring in book keeping ensures smooth functioning. Corpus fund given to 8 SC NHG (Rs.10000/NHG).Through Snehanidhi program, Rs.80,500 were given to destitute family for medical emergency.CDS have won first place in District Kalolsavam(Arangu) and also participated in state level competition.



### **Microfinance**

CDS had declared 100% Bank Linkage. CDS linked 187NHGs and availed Rs 6.22Cr as Bank Linkage. Total thrift of NHGs is Rs 3.56Cr and internal loan is Rs 2.68Cr.103 NHG got matching grant and got revolving fund to 53NHGs(Rs 7.95Lakh) .Community Based Repayment Mechanism meeting is conducting every month and irregular repayment of NHG and loan pending status were discussed and timely intervention were done . 257 NHG members enrolled in Kudumbashree Sthree Suraksha Bima Yogana and 108 children got scholarship.

### **Micro Enterprises and Marketing**

There are 61 live Micro enterprises includes stitching unit, confectionery unit, umbrella making unit, catering unit, flour unit, soap ,soap powder and lotion making unit etc. They conducted ME meet every month .Community Entrepreneurship fund given to 17 micro enterprises (Rs.11.5 Lakh).Every month they are conducting 3 day market for selling micro enterprises product and JLG products.In arise programme 157 members

enrolled. There are 1 Pratyasha micro enterprises and 3 elderly micro enterprises and given startup fund to 3 elderly NHG (Rs.3.5Lakh). They have given revolving fund to 6 ME groups (Rs.1.2Lakh)



Different Micro enterprises in CDS

**Farm Livelihood**

There are 74JLG s (298 members) and 24 JLG have live linkage (Rs 24Lakh). There is agriculture help desk which give agriculture related equipment for rent at low. There is 5 organic JLG which cultivate in 13acres.

**Kerala Chicken**

There are four Kerala chicken unit and two unit get Community Entrepreneurship fund(Rs.150000/unit)



**Social Development Activities**

**Destitute Free Kerala-** 76 families are getting benefits from program. Every month before 10<sup>th</sup> ADS is supplying food kit to ashraya beneficiaries.

**Balasabha-** There are 34 Balasabha with 390 children. CDS had conducted 5 days camp programme in association with gender resource centre. They have conducted different programmes for children like darshan, study tour etc



### **Gender Development Activities**

In 2018 October, Gender resource centre had started in the panchayath which provide counseling, training, legal aid etc. They have conducted different programmes on Women's day, Calling bell week etc

### **DDU-GKY**

CDS had conducted mobilization camp and capacity building programme at CDS and ADS level. Through DDU-GKY 34 children got job like Sales associate, travel & tourism, IT help desk attendant, Couriers and Logistics, Industrial sewing machine operator etc

### **Special Activities**

- **Cleaning campaign** in connection with contagious disease prevention and health awareness were conducted in all wards.
- CDS have donated Award prize money to CMDRF
- In connection with **Haritha Protocol**, CDS bought steel utensils and given to all programmes in Panchayath with low rent. They also planted saplings in Panchayath.



- **Medical Camp**-They have conducted Ayurveda Medical Camp for women.



- Placed **drinking water** for travelers



- **Hunger free Panchayath** – CDS members are giving ‘pothichoru’ to 10 members identified from different wards



- **Help Desk-** There is a help desk in Panchayath office



- **Construction unit** -There are 14 members in the construction unit and they have constructed one house under Life project



- **Kudumbashree canteen-** A Kudumbashree canteen is working in Panchayath office through this five CDS members got an income
- **Harithakarmasena** is working strongly in the panchayath. There are three micro enterprises unit consist of 17 members collect plastics from houses and collect in MCF
- **Pakalveedu-** There is a Pakalveedu in ward 6 with 40 members.Two active elderly NHG is managing Pakalveedu
- **Onam Kit and Onam market-CDS are collecting Rs. 200 from all NHG members every month and supplying onam kit which contains 42 items which is enough for house to make food during onam**



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### **Activities related to flood**

- CDS have donated Rs 25000 from best CDS award prize money and Rs.20000 from own fund and bought dresses ,food and other essential things and given to panchayath for distribution to camps
- They had supplied food, medicines and other essentials to 186 families of Aymanam Panchayath and supplied 1500 chapattis to Kumarakam disaster relief camp and supplied dresses worth 25000/ to members in disaster relief camp in Villikunnu
- CDS collected Rs.140360/ from NHG members and transferred to CMDRF
- Supplied 10kg rice and stationary items to 100 destitute families in Vazhoor panchayath
- Sold 780 Navakerala lottery



### **Activities related to Covid 19**

- During Covid epidemic, CDS in association with panchayath started Community kitchen distributed food to 280 members including destitute, persons who are alone in houses not able to cook etc.
- CDS with the help of ME units made two lakh masks and distributed to banks and other nearby institutions
- CDS in association with Vazhoor Service co-operative bank supplied mask to all houses in CDS
- Rs 78700 given to ashraya member for marriage of her daughter and one nhg member sponsored wedding saree
- CDS micro enterprises have stitched one lakh cloth bag to supply food kit

- Government school and its surrounding were cleaned and sanitized by CDS to convert it as Covid First line Treatment Centre and also supplied 50 plates and glasses
- CDS have donated Rs 50000 from own fund to CMDRF. They handover cheque to Shri.P Thilothaman, Minister for Food and civil supplies.
- CDS are distributing food kits to NHG member who loss job
- Cleaned and sanitized Panchayth surroundings and main roads.
- Placed electronic sanitizer in CDS
- 147 NHG availed Rs 1.69Cr loan under CMHLS and 1690 families benefitted out of it.



## **Most satisfying experience of CDS Chairperson**

According to Prof.S Pushkaladevi, President of Vazhoor Grama Panchayath,there is a dynamic change in the role from mere housewife to CDS chairperson and became a indispensable figure in the community. Last three years a handful of program were arranged by CDS for the welfare of children, women and elderly of panchayath.Now she is a “snehitha” to all needy people. The convergence between panchayath and CDS helped a lot to improve the performance of CDS and panchayath.she succeeded in making CDS office a great channel for communication between Panchayath and public.She is transparent ,trust worthy and an industrious person who made Vazhoor CDS NO.1 at district level.

During Covid-19 pandemic, she took the responsibility of managing the community kitchen by offering packets to 280 persons observing green protocol. Vazhoor is a hunger free panchayath for last two years.

The wordings of Panchayath president shows how good CDS functions under the leadership of CDS Chairperson. According to CDS Chairperson Mrs Sindhu Chandran most satisfying experience is that “ in 2018 as part of Declaration of Hunger free panchayath, they have identified 12 poor members from different wards to provide food. Panchayath has entrusted CDS chairperson to give Pothichoru to them everyday. Eventhough everyone told that it is not possible to supply food because of distance .She accepted the challenge and supplying pothichoru to them till date without any vested interest .

### **General Opinion /Feedback**

Team work of CDS members and Panchayath made the success of CDS.