

## ***Kudumbashree Constructions- The Background***

The construction industry segment is booming in the State and is providing a lot of employment opportunities to skilled and semi skilled employees. But the scenario is such that the industry is dominated by men and to penetrate the dominant market by women is a major concern. When it comes to poor women even though qualified is extremely difficult. The women who are engaged in the industry acts as casual laborers and their payment too is limited. Kudumbashree Mission identified that a lot of women from the poor families are having engineering or diploma in engineering qualification and are unable to find jobs that will cater their income levels along with family engagements.

The Kudumbashree Mission as part of supporting women for self-employment and women empowerment considers the construction segment as a potential area meeting the desired objectives. The Mission conducted studies on the concept of SEWA Nirman, Gujarat and is making efforts to implement the concept suited to Kudumbashree strategies.

Kudumbashree state mission along with HUDCO initiated a project for skill up gradation of women in the construction sector. Kudumbashree Ernakulam District took the challenge; identified 130 women, 40 civil engineering graduates, 30 civil diploma and ITI holders and around 60 masons. Trainings have been provided by reputed agencies like KITCO (for engineers and supervisors) and Arcahana Women's centre for masons. The project took off in August 2013.

After successful completion of the training one collective with the name "Kudumbashree Constructions" - an all women construction team with 8 members- had been initiated comprising of engineer and supervisors on 01/01/2014. They have the technical competency to take up construction activities like building plans, estimates, supervision and overall technical consultancy services. As and when required, they are employing masons trained by Kudumbashree.

### ***Objective***

- To provide decent living for the people.
- Reach out to the people those who have received houses through various agencies – but not able to make it on their own - provide them maximum benefits out of the amount they received;
- To take up other construction activities also without leakage of public money.
- To ensure all the members receive a reasonable income from the works they take.

## ***The activities***

The Construction team has successfully completed the following activities till date.

- **9 thatched roof houses (2.5 lakh/ house) and 19 concrete roof houses (3.5 lakh/ house) completed and handed over to the Tribal Rehabilitation Mission, headed by District Collector, at Edakkattuvayal Gramapanchayat.**
- **3 houses constructed for Ashraya families at Mookkannoor Gramapanchayat**
- **Canteen renovation and plant extension activities at Forest Industries Travancore(FIT) Limited , Aluva**
- **Painting at KSTE Techno Lodge , Piravom**
- **Construction of Concrete handrail and painting works at Railway Premium Parking at Ernakulam and Aluva Station.**

## ***Awards***

Honored by HUDCO for the successful completion of the “**Tribal rehabilitation housing scheme**”, at Edakkattuvayal Gramapanchayat

### ***House Construction activities as a part of Tribal Rehabilitation at Edakkattuvayal Grama Panchayat***

#### ***Proposed site before construction***



Construction activities



**Thatched Roof Houses completed by the team**



Total Square feet / building – 300 Square feet

Total Building Cost / Building - 3.5 Lakhs

**Concrete roofed Houses**





Total Square feet – 350 Square Feet

Total Building Cost / Building – 3.5 Lakhs

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