

MONTHLY REPORT

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About Kudumbashree - National Resource Organisation

In 2012, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India recognized Kudumbashree's potential to support other States by anointing it as a National Resource Organisation (NRO) under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). As a NRO, Kudumbashree holds the mandate to partner with interested State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) and provide them with technical and implementation support.

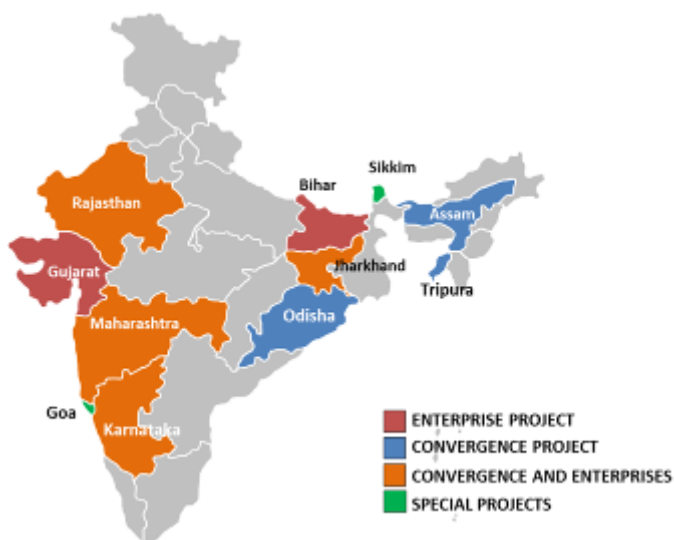
The NRO became functional from May 2013 onwards. It is an integral part of Kudumbashree Mission.

KS-NRO provides technical support to partner-SRLMs in the following areas:

- Working together of women's institutions with local governments to enhance governance – **Panchayat Raj Institutions – Community Based Organisations (PRI-CBO) Convergence Project**
- Micro Enterprise Development approach through community based support system – **Micro-Enterprise Consultant (MEC) Project & Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP)** .

Since 2013, KS-NRO has developed long-term partnerships with 11 States, namely Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Gujarat, Goa, Sikkim, Tripura and Rajasthan. KS-NRO has special short-period projects in 2 States, namely Sikkim and Goa. Foreign countries such as Ethiopia and South Africa have also demonstrated interest in taking the support of KS-NRO in adapting Kudumbashree's model in their respective countries.

Map depicting partnerships of KS-NRO with other States in India:



PRI-CBO Convergence Domain

The PRI-CBO Convergence approach is based on the premise that if institutions of the poor such as Community Based Organisations (CBO) and PRI collaborate with each other to work for the development of the village, they can significantly enhance the livelihood and social security of the vulnerable and poor. It is based on Kerala’s experience of NHG-ADS-CDS working closely with the Gram Panchayats. The pilots implemented in various states have helped develop a ‘Proof of Concept’ for universal implementation of this programme under NRLM.

Local Resource Group (LRG) consisting of locally identified resource persons, trained in aspects of local governance and development schemes provide the anchor role in the PRI- CBO convergence process.

PAE is SHG level interaction based tool that helps in generating awareness on various entitlements and local-self governance systems. Using PAE, the community generates a database on its access to schemes and participation in governance process.

Entitlement Access Plan (EAP) is a target plan prepared by each Village Organisation (VO) to address the gaps in the access to entitlements identified during PAE.

The Gram Panchayat Poverty Reduction Plan (GP2RP) is a comprehensive demand plan for local development prepared by the self-help groups and their federations in partnership with the gram panchayats.

Pilot Locations and Resource Pool (January, 2017)

<i>State</i>	<i>Districts</i>	<i>Blocks</i>	<i>Gram Panchayats</i>	<i>Mentors from Kudumbashree</i>	<i>MoU Status</i>
Assam	2	2	36	8	MoU expired on 20 th January 2017 and set to be renewed before March 2017
Jharkhand	4	6	29	20	MoU expired on 20 th January 2017 and set to be renewed before March 2017
Karnataka	2	4	40	15	MoU will expire in February and is not being continued
Maharashtra	3	3	58	6	MoU expired on 20 th January 2017 and is not being continued
Odisha	4	4	12	11	MoU will expire on 03 rd March 2017 and is set to be renewed
Rajasthan	3	3	67	15	MoU will expire on 06 th August 2017
Tripura	1	2	12 GPs and 5 Village Councils	6 (from existing pool)	MoU will expire on 15 th December 2017
TOTAL	19	24	259	75	

Coverage Status of partner-States under Participatory Assessment and Planning Tools (January, 2017)

<i>State</i>	<i>% of SHGs completed PAE</i>	<i>% of VO prepared EAP</i>	<i>% GPs prepared GP2RP</i>
Assam	100%	100%	100%
Jharkhand	100%	100%	100%
Karnataka	100%	100%	92.5%
Maharashtra	95.41%	100%	92.5%
Odisha	88.63%	100%	91.67%
Rajasthan	100%	100%	0% - Initiated in January 2017

Key Highlights from partner-States (January, 2017)*Assam*

- All major activities and trainings were completed in December 2016 and mentors were withdrawn from the state
- MoU between Kudumbashree and ASRLMS ended on 20th January 2017
- It has been proposed to renew the MoU in 22 scaled up panchayats in 2 pilot blocks and scale up the project to 51 panchayats across four new blocks

Jharkhand

- Review and planning was done for the project
- Orientation on the project was given to DPMs and BPMs of scaled up panchayats
- LRGs and internal mentors were engaged on the field for EAP and formation of Bal Samuh and Bal Samitee
- MoU between Kudumbashree and JSLPS ended on 20th January 2017 and scale up of the project has been proposed with support from Kudumbashree

Karnataka

KUDUMBASHREE NATIONAL RESOURCE ORGANISATION

- GP2RP was completed in 37 panchayats
- Orientation was given for Bal sabha children on sanitation and health in Roopa panchayat, Pavagada Taluk
- Taluk level training for GPCC members of 6 panchayats at Pavagada Taluk
- Gram Sabha was held in 10 panchayats across 3 talukas and in 9 panchayats GP2RP plans were submitted and approved
- Major challenge which exists in the state is with respect to lack of support from the Taluka Sanjeevini staff
- GPCC formation and training has been planned in all Talukas and training has also been planned for Bal Sabha RPs



Submission of GP2RP plan in a special meeting by loosely formed federations and LRGs in Hagalwadi GP, Gubbi Taluk



Initiative of WLF for awareness generation among school children about sanitation as part of making the GP Open Defection Free in Roopa GP, Pavagada Taluk

Maharashtra

- MoU between Kudumbashree and MSRLM ended on 20th January 2017 and no further intervention or scale up is planned in collaboration
- A review meeting was conducted with Umed after the end of the project which was attended by the SPC of Maharashtra

Odisha

- Due to panchayat elections in February, code of conduct was in place and no work was undertaken in the field

Rajasthan

- The major focus was on mobilizing SHGs and VOs to generate work demand for MGNREGS, which was not only an initial preparatory activity for GP2RP, but was also incorporated into the labour budget during the Gram Sabha on January 26th 2017.

- GP2RP activity has been rolled out in Rajasthan with rallies being used as a mobilization technique by LRGs to sensitize women towards the GP2RP activity.
- For the Gram Sabha, LRGs were able to mobilize 1180 SHGs and 112 VOs. 2616 SHG women from 37 panchayats participated in the Gram Sabha held on 26th January 2017.
- There has been a major shift in the roles of VOs who are now taking a lead in creating a dialogue at their own level and taking it forward to their panchayats.
- A major challenge that has been identified is the lack of motivation from the side of panchayats in organizing Gram Sabhas.
- Preparation of GP2RP and identification of VOCC members have been planned for the month of February.

Tripura

- Project activities were initiated in Tripura from 24th January 2017.
- 6 mentors were deployed from the existing pool and their field immersion, debriefing and planning for future activities have been completed
- Orientation for PRI have been conducted for elected representatives from pilot panchayats at the district level and was attended by 40 elected representatives, BDOs of both blocks, ADM of Gomiti district, block/ district teams and CEO of Tripura SRLM
- Orientations for block teams, LRG identification and their capacitation have been planned for the month of February



SHG members at a Gram Sabha in Mandita GP, Sangod Block, Kota District, Rajasthan on January 26, 2017

Emerging Outcomes from partner-States after the end of the Project

Assam

Development & Placement of Internal Cadre		Establishment of Robust Institutional Structures	Placement of CBO as an agency delivering institutional services	Planning and monitoring tool for Entitlements access	Local Innovations	Proposed Scale Up Plan
LRG	Internal Mentors					
From the 234 LRG identified initially, 209 are active and well capacitated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 selected from phase 1 GPs • 61 with potential in phase 2 GPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VO follow up committees and VOCC sub committees formed and trained • VOCC formed and trained in all GPs • GPCC formed and trained in 35 GPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHGs and VOs have taken up contracts for IHHLs in both blocks • 31 VOCC received office space within panchayat premises • Some GPs have given the responsibility for preparation of beneficiary lists to the CBO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAE, EAP, GP2RP have been completed in all GPs • GP2RP has been integrated into GPDP in 32 GPs • There has been relative increase in the access of entitlements overtime • Participation in Gram Sabhas and women’s qualitative engagement have improved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bal Sabhas have been formed in all 36 GPs • Medical camps, veterinary camps etc. have been organized jointly by the GP, line departments and VOs • Poverty eradication committee formed as a local initiative to address poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51 GPs across 4 new blocks • 22 scaled up GPs of 2 pilot blocks

Jharkhand

Development & Placement of Internal Cadre		Establishment of Robust Institutional Structures	Placement of CBO as an agency delivering institutional services	Planning and monitoring tool for Entitlements access	Local Innovations	Proposed Scale Up Plan
Local Resource Group	Internal Mentors					
Out of the 851 LRGs identified at the initial stage of the project, 221 LRGs are active.	50 I-Mentors and 9 Mobile trainers have been selected and capacitated	GPCC has been formed in 27 panchayats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing beneficiaries lists to GPs • Supporting VOs and SHGs in accessing entitlements of welfare and development schemes. • Supporting Balsamuhs for their rights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAE, EAP and GP2RP have been completed in all GPs and follow up is being done 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bal Samuh, Bal Samitee and Bal Panchayats have been formed across 29 GPs in 6 Blocks. 	Scaling up has been planned in 100 GPs in 2017-18

Maharashtra

Development & Placement of Internal Cadre		Establishment of Robust Institutional Structures	Placement of CBO as an agency delivering institutional services	Planning and monitoring tool for Entitlements access	Local Innovations	Proposed Scale Up Plan
Local Resource Group	Internal Mentors					
Out of the 413 LRGs identified at the initial stage	15 Master Trainers (CTC), 30 Trainers	VOCC and GPCC have been formed in 58 GPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing lists of aspirants to service providers and getting details of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAE, EAP and GP2RP have been completed in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopting a destitute family through VO and GP (Railway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturating 3 blocks consisting 209 GPs

of the project, 170 LRGs are active.	(CRPs), and 62 Convergence Sakhis have been selected by MSRLM		<p>the trainings and helping training agency to percolate information on skill development modules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting SHG members in accessing State and Central schemes • Helping beneficiaries to get documents from state machinery • Active role of VO in financial inclusion by creating bank accounts, aadhar card, and Ration card etc. 	all GPs and follow up is being done	<p>Kawatha (Deoli) Panchayat)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balsabhas helping GP to spread messages regarding Sanitation and Health through awareness campaign. (Lahe GP (Shahapur)) • Taking active role in conducting Mahila Sabhas in Gram Panchayat when local state machinery boycotted Gram Sabha and district level bureaucracy failed to address the issue. (Khandobachwadi Gram panchayat (Mohol)) . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project scale up would be executed by 3 tier cadre formed
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Odisha

Development & Placement of Internal Cadre		Establishment of Robust Institutional Structures	Placement of CBO as an agency delivering institutional services	Planning and monitoring tool for Entitlements access	Local Innovations	Proposed Scale Up Plan
Local Resource Group	Internal Mentors					
From the	25-30 have	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gram Panchayat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBOs are taking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAE, EAP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Card Mela in 	32 GPs ccross 6

<p>initial pool of 136 LRGs, 110 are active and have been capacitated</p>	<p>been identified as internal mentors</p>	<p>Coordination Committee has been formed and 2 rounds of meetings conducted in 7 pilot GPs of Odisha (Project was withdrawn from Dharamsala where we have 4 GPs). Sub committees of CLF and GPLF of pilot GPs have been capacitated and are now aware of their mandated roles and responsibilities</p>	<p>up various responsibilities in pilot GPs informally and without any official order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Gumma and Malkangiri block, many CLFs are identified as Rural Sanitary Mart under Swachh Bharat mission. • In Padmagiri GP of Malkangiri Block, CLFs were given responsibility by GP to prepare the beneficiary list and prioritized beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) List was shared by GP in 2nd October, 2016 Gram Sabha. • In Sindrimala and Padmagiri, during spread of Japanese Encephalitis disease (JE), Block Administration 	<p>and GP2RP have been completed in 11 pilot GPs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the efforts by CBOs and LRGs, there has been a fair and consistent achievement of targets and community has been able to access their entitlement. • Women have become more active and confident and started to visit blocks, meetings block officials etc. <p>Participation in Gram Sabha and Palli Sabha have increased with greater qualitative discussions</p>	<p>Gumma Block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy campaign in Padmagiri GP of Malkangiri Block • Pension Adalat in Tumulo GP in Gumma Block • Model CLF in Padmagiri GP, Malkangiri. • Health Camp organized jointly by GPLF, Panchayat and line department (NRHM). 	<p>Blocks in 6 Districts</p>
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			and Panchayat gave responsibility to GPLFs and CLFs to launch door to door awareness campaign in their GPs.			
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Key Highlights from Special Projects

Goa

- Work in Goa has been on hold since code of conduct for elections have been declared.
- Streamlining of SHGs and shortlisting of SHG leaders and CRPs for SIRD training has been planned for February

Sikkim

- No interventions were conducted in the state in January
- Future activities are being planned together with the Sikkim SRLM

Forthcoming Programmes/Activities

- A 25 day training module is being prepared for the capacitation of Convergence Community Professionals (CCPs) which is being jointly planned by Kudumbashree NRO and NMMU.
- Planning is underway for the National Sharing and Learning Workshop for Convergence.

MEC Project

The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) gave the mandate to Kudumbashree to develop the idea of the MEC Project in 2012. The MEC project aims at ensuring appropriate and effective business management support for enterprises of first-generation, rural entrepreneurs supported among NRLM compliant self-help groups. Micro Enterprise Consultants (MEC) are drawn from the community, trained and placed locally to provide handholding support to existing and potential entrepreneurs on a chargeable basis. The MEC mechanism is designed to be a self-reliant business model, reducing the long-term financial burden on the State.

Progress Status of MEC Project (Month, Year)

<i>State</i>	<i>Districts</i>	<i>Mentors</i>	<i>No of MEC</i>	<i>No of MEC Groups</i>	<i>No. of MEs supported</i>	<i>PTS Roll out (Paper based)</i>	<i>PTS Roll out (App based)</i>	<i>MoU Date</i>
Bihar	2	0	93	9	1068	✓	X	Jan 2013
Jharkhand	3	6	239	8	1027	✓	X	Sep 2013
Karnataka	3	6	83	9	2042	✓	X	Sep 2014
Maharashtra	3	3	107	8	3100	✓	X	Sep 2014
Gujarat	3	0	105	9	-	-	-	May 2015
Rajasthan	3	5	57	7	1128	✓	X	Nov 2015
TOTAL	17	21						

Key Highlights from partner-States (January, 2017)

Bihar

- MoU with partner state ceased to be effective from Nov 2016.

Jharkhand

- Participation of Entrepreneurs in the Saras Mela. A total of 50 entrepreneurs guided by MEC project participated in the SARAS. Twenty five entrepreneurs were part of the JharFood stall.
- Training of new MEC has been conducted at state level, Screening of candidate for selection of MEC in new district.
- 90 MEs were newly supported in the month of Jan 2017.

Karnataka

- One more MEC group (Nanjangud, Mysuru) has finished registration process in Jan 2017, 7 out of 9 MEC groups are now registered as partnership Firms.
- Issues like pending MEC allowance and delay in policy implementation still persist.
- 76 enterprises were newly supported in the month of January 2017.



A weekly market in progress in Hombala GP, Gadag (D), Karnataka

Maharashtra

- Proposal is being developed to start a Sales and Marketing Enterprise on a partnership basis by members of three MEC groups of Osmanabad.
- The SRLM is planning to scale up the project and preliminary discussions on this front are underway.
- 461 enterprises were newly supported in the month of January 2017

Gujarat

- Project has been suspended owing to payment delays to MEC. Mentors have been redeployed to other partner-States.

Rajasthan

- MECs have been oriented on the Consultation Slip process by the Mentors.
- MEC groups have planned to implement the Consultation Slip process in from Feb 2017.
- 258 MEs were newly supported in the month of January 2017.

SVEP Project

The Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) is a sub-component of NRLM. The MEC Project was among the models that went into the design of SVEP. KS-NRO played a crucial role in the development of SVEP.

MoRD has identified Kudumbashree as a NRO for SVEP. So far four States have taken up SVEP Projects with KS-NRO as the implementation agency. These include Bihar (6 blocks), Jharkhand (5 blocks), Rajasthan (2 blocks) and Kerala (2 blocks). The approval from the Empowered Committee of SVEP for the two blocks in Kerala is pending. KS-NRO is also responsible of developing the content and teaching materials for SVEP nationally. This is based on the TEAM training course that we have been using in the MEC Project pilots.

Progress Status of SVEP Blocks (Month, Year)

<i>State</i>	<i>Blocks</i>	<i>Mentors</i>	<i>No of MEC</i>	<i>No of enterprises promoted</i>
Bihar	6	7	114	-
Jharkhand	5	4	91	-
Rajasthan	2	3	42	102
Kerala	2	3	30	59
TOTAL	15	17	277	161

Key Highlights of SVEP project from partner-States (January, 2017)

Bihar

- MECs training are underway in 2 new blocks taken up under SVEP. TED 3 module has been completed.
- ToT of 12 Master Trainers for CBO orientation activity has been completed were selected MECs from each MEC group participated.
- BRC Management Committee has been oriented.
- Orientation for CBO members (BRC management committee, CLF and VO) in 2 blocks has been completed. Over 150 CBO members were oriented during this activity.

Jharkhand

- BRC members have been elected in all 5 pilot blocks and bank accounts have been opened in 2 blocks.
- 38 Master Trainers have for CBO orientation has been completed and they have completed ToT program.
- Infrastructure set up for BRC office is underway.

Rajasthan

- TED 3 and TEAM A2 modules were completed.
- As part of their field assignments MECs have initiated enterprise development.
- 102 micro-enterprises were started/expanded with the support of 44 MECs in the pilot blocks Kekri and Begun in span of one month as on Jan 31st, 2017. This included business plan preparation, maintaining books of accounts, etc.

Kerala

- TEAM A2 was completed and the MECs are carrying out on field assignments.
- As part of the assignments MECs have supported starting of 60 enterprises across the two pilot blocks.
- The MECs are providing orientation to the entrepreneurs on PTS concepts.

Thematic Progress in the Enterprises Domain (January, 2017)

- Thematic anchors for CB and Monitoring attended the National level write shop by NRLM at NIRD between 16th and 21st Jan.
- Mentor MEC Certification process was completed during the mentor workshop from 08 to 12 Jan at Trivandrum.
- Modules prepared for Capacity Building of CBOs in the partner states for orienting them about SVEP.
- Training of Trainers (ToT) for MECs from Bihar and Jharkhand was conducted to facilitate rolling out of CBO orientation.
- SVEP Overall orientation module was delivered to BRC in Bihar and Jharkhand SVEP blocks.
- Final draft MoU with Enable Services for annual maintenance cost of PTS has been prepared.

Resource Development Domain

Activities during January 2017

- Plan preparation for Resource Development domain for 2017
- Report and presentation on Kudumbashree-NRO developed for meeting with Chief Secretary
- Co-ordination and editorial support to DAT for The Kudumbashree Story portal
- Editorial support to Rajasthan State Team in developing case studies
- Editorial support to Convergence domain in developing format for State Project Report
- Logistical support for the organising of Mentor's Meet
- Domain related content developed for the exhibition during Mentor's Meet
- Press release for Mentor's Meet
- Assistance to Kudumbashree HO in applying for Martha Farell Award for Excellence in Women's Empowerment
- List of modules to be translated for Convergence domain has been compiled

Challenges/Observations

- Since office server has crashed, the organisation's website that is hosted on the server is not functional.
- Process of initiating translation of modules needs to be spearheaded by the respective domains

Forthcoming Plans/Activities

- Social media strategy for Kudumbashree
- Progress Report for 2015-16
- Re-structuring design, format and content of Kudumbashree-NRO website
- Database of press contacts

Learning Services Domain

Activities during January 2017

- Logistical support for conducting recruitment of Thematic Anchors/Field Coordinators
- Screening of applications for the position of COO
- Supervision of interns from EDII, Ahmedabad and IIT-Guwahati
- Itinerary and budget drafted for proposed exposure visits of Goa and Rajasthan SRLMs

Forthcoming Plans/Activities

- Video interaction with summer internship candidates from VAMNICOM, Pune for deciding their internship assignment
- Rejection emails to be sent FC/TA candidates who were not eligible
- Editing of case studies developed by IIT-Guwahati intern on Assam's PRI-CBO Convergence project
- Review of report submitted by intern from NLSUI, Bangalore

International Engagements

South Africa and Ethiopia demonstrated interest in learning and adapting the Kudumbashree model. Initial discussions and visits have been completed by delegations from the two countries.

a) Ethiopia

- DFID (India) to provide funding support to the one-year project of adapting the Kudumbashree model in one region of Ethiopia.
- To proceed with the project, Kudumbashree needs to apply for FCRA registration. The decision to apply for FCRA registration was referred to Kudumbashree’s General Body. In November 2016, the General Body decided that the issue needs to be studied further before arriving at a decision.
- The project has also been deferred due to the sensitivity of the political situation in Ethiopia.

b) Free State Province, South Africa

- Proposal/MoU for undertaking Kudumbashree project in South Africa has been prepared and submitted to Government of Kerala in 2015. The file pending in Secretariat.
- Need to ascertain if Free State Province, South Africa is still interested to proceed with the project, given the time lapse involved.

Human Resources

No. of COO	-
No. of Programme Managers	2
No. of Thematic Anchors	5
No of Field Coordinators	14
No of Young Professionals	1
No. of Administrative Staff	5
No. of Mentors	116

- The recruitment process for the vacant positions of FC and TA has been conducted. Offer letters to the shortlisted candidates have been sent. 4 Thematic Anchors and 8 Field Coordinators are slated to join during the month of February 2017. The recruits shall undergo a one month immersion after joining.
- Applications for the post of COO have been screened. Eligible candidates have been notified about the selection process to be held on 17th February, 2017.

Financial Progress

Financial Progress of Kudumbashree-NRO (2016-17)

Item	Amount (Rs. Lakh)
Total allocation approved for 2016-17	691.54
Opening Balance 2016-17	581.71
Receipts for the Period April-January 2017	270.86
Expenditure for the period April to January 2017	305.45
Advances against State Projects for April- January 2017	306.52
% Utilisation -NRO Expenditure for the period April to January 2017	36%
% Utilisation – Including state project advances for the period April to January 2017	71%

Status of Financial Transactions with partner-States

State	Type of Project	Amount pending for reimbursement	Status of reimbursement
Assam	PRI-CBO	54.63 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Audited UC Sent on 5.12.2016
Bihar	MEC	1.34 Lakhs	
Gujarat	MEC	47.48 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Project has completed. Provisional UC sent on
Goa	PRI-CBO	4.4 Lakhs	Just started
Jharkhand	MEC	94.82 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Auditing is going on for the Final UC
Jharkhand	PRI-CBO	217.51 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Audited UC will be sent today
Karnataka	MEC	85.18 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Audited UC till Dec 2016 will be sent today
Karnataka	PRI-CBO	90.22 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Audited UC sent on 29.12.2016
Maharashtra	MEC	31.71 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Auditing is going on for UC till Dec 2016
Maharashtra	PRI-CBO	44.57 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Auditing is going on for the Final UC
Odisha	PRI-CBO	54.82 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Audited Final UC will be sent today
Rajasthan	MEC	34.02 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Auditing is going on for UC till Dec 2016
Rajasthan	PRI-CBO	88.60 Lakhs	Follow up with SRLM. Auditing is going on for UC till Dec 2016
Sikkim	PRI-CBO	1.79 Lakhs	Just started the II Phase

Other Developments

NRO Mentor's Meet

The Kudumbashree-NRO Mentor's Meet was held at The Capital Hotel from 8th – 12th January, 2017. Mentors from Kerala who have a first-hand understanding of Kerala's development experience and are supporting NRO's projects in partner-States participated in the event.

During the meet, mentors documented their personal experiences of working in partner-States. These personal experiences were narrated by mentors in groups. Select mentors were presented the opportunity to narrate their personal experiences at the general plenary session of the meet and incorporate feedback received from the audience. Out of these experiences that have been collected, selected ones shall be suitably edited and published by Kudumbashree-NRO.



Mentors preparing for the exhibition that was held on the last day of the Mentor's Meet

On the final day of the meet, an exhibition showcasing NRO's activities in each partner-State and domain was held in Kannakunnu Palace, Trivandrum. Mentors, Thematic Anchors and Field Coordinators collaborated with artists from College of Fine Arts, Trivandrum to develop innovative art and craft that communicated NRO's accomplishments. Hon'ble Minister for LSGD, Dr KT Jaleel, attended the event and interacted with the audience. Many individuals from different walks of life attended the exhibition. The event was covered by reported by media outlets such as Times of India, Deccan Chronicle, The Hindu among others.



Hon'ble Minister for LSGD, Dr KT Jaleel, addressing the NRO Mentor's Meet

Kudumbashree-NRO Retreat

Programme Managers, Thematic Anchors and Field Coordinators participated in Kudumbashree-NRO Retreat held at KTDC Resort in Ponmudi during 13th – 15th January, 2017. During the retreat, a group review of existing activities was undertaken by all participants. Subsequently, each state team and thematic team prepared action plans for March 2016-2017. Thematic Anchors and Field Coordinators were also divided into working groups to plan for priority areas – communication and publicity, skilling, IT and immersion. The takeaways from the retreat were discussed and presented before the ED.

Partnership with Chattisgarh

Kudumbashree-NRO has supported Chhattisgarh SRLM in the the preparation of IEC materials on schemes, regular activities of SRLM and PRI-CBO Convergence. The IEC materials were designed by Kudumbashree-NRO in consultation with the SRLM.

Partnership with Lakshadweep

Programme Manager-Convergence conducted a recce visit to Laskhadweep in January. The field visit was undertaken in Kavratti island which included discussions with the Lakshadweep Administration, Dweep Village Panchayat, SHG network and the the officers of various departments. A report of the visit which includes recommendations, draft MoU and budget has been sent to the Lakshadweep Administration.