**Press Release**

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**Kudumbashree offers helping hands during**

**the Wayanad Landslides**

Thiruvananthapuram: Alike the exemplary confidence and power shown during the crisis of unprecedented floods and covid-19, Kudumbashree women are offering helping hands to the victims of the Wayanad Landslides. From coordination of the Help Desks to Counselling Services, Kerala's women army is extending their compassion to those who are suffering due to the landslides. 10 CDS Office Bearers are given charge of the Help Desks are opened in GHSS, Meppadi, St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Meppadi, St. Joseph's UP School, Meppadi, Kottanad GUP School, Nellimunda Temple Hall, GHSS, Thrikkaipatta and Kappamkolly Aroma Inn. They will be available at the Help Desk until the camp will be disbursed and will coordinate the activities of the Help Desk associating with Revenue/Health/Police Officials and will update the details of the inmates and the physical conditions to the control room opened at Meppadi Grama Panchayath.

About 50 Haritha Karma Sena Members selected from different panchayaths of the district are active in sanitation activities in the relief camps. Kudumbashree is also extending mental support to the survivors of the landslide who lost their dear ones in the landslide. As part of this, Community Counsellors who work under the leadership of Kudumbashree Snehitha Gender Help Desk are extending counselling services to women and children. More than 450 Resource Persons of FNHW (Food Nutrition Health Water and Sanitation) Project are working in various camps extending various services to the inmates of the camps. Around 30 members including Kudumbashree Executive Members, ADS Office Bearers and Kudumbashree members of Meppadi and Moopainad CDS are actively working here.

Around 1000 people, including those who escaped from the landslide site and those in nearby areas facing the threat of landslides, are staying at Meppadi Higher Secondary School, Kaipattukunnu Higher Secondary School and Meppadi Juma Masjid. Also, about fifty families are living in the SKMJ School in Kalpetta. The aim is to provide the necessary assistance to them through the Kudumbashree system in the district. For this, various activities have been planned under the leadership of Kudumbashree Wayanad District Mission. Kudumbashree District Programme Managers have also been tasked with intensifying and coordinating the activities implemented by Kudumbashree for those living in the camps.

The contact details of the CDS Office Bearers who are given charge of the Help Desks opened are given as follows:

1. GHSS, Meppadi

    Reshma-9947549727

    Sainaba-9605394283

2. St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Meppadi

    Bindu Jayan -8086653422

    Vineetha Sasi- 9447081314

3. St. Joseph's UP School, Meppadi

    Rafeena-9947677513

4. Kottanad GUP School

    Omana-9605627288

5. Nellimunda Temple Hall

    Suneera-8086569833

6. GHSS, Thrikkaipatta

    Shobhana-9745367148

    Vijaya-9526912645

7.  Kappamkolly Aroma Inn

     Bindu-7156630323

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