

Field Visit report by Akhila Devi.P (Asst Programme Manager – ME)

Kuroppada CDS

Profile of Kuroppada CDS

District : Kottayam

Block: Pampadi

Wards: 17

NHG : 186

CDS Chair person : Shoshamma Chacko

Accountant : Bindhu S Nair

MEC in charge : Meenu

Block Coordinator: Teena

Gender RP : Aliamma Anil

No of enterprises registered :10

No of JLGs : 23

Ashraya Families : 105

Elderly NHGs : 4

Snehitha Calling bell : 45

Discussion with CDS committee members revealed following points

1. Gender and Balasabha activities are carried out well in the CDS
2. Linkage loan closed but subsidy not received
3. Administrative grant is pending for 1 year
4. 4 groups of Haritha karma sena formed and are working effectively
5. Construction training is partially completed due to the shortage of fund
6. Visited a dance costume making unit
7. JLGs are cultivating variety of crops ranging from ginger to snake gourd
8. Gender resource centre is not functioning in Kuroppada CDS but there is a block resource centre.
9. Vigilant groups are functional in all wards
10. Honorarium and TA for CDS committee members is insufficient.
11. No animal husbandry project in the CDS

Suggestions

1. ***Authenticity of Ashraya beneficiary list need to rechecked*** as there are many genuine beneficiaries found left out .
2. As part of Ashraya project, Kit distribution is going on well. ***Not simply providing kit will address their issue***, because most of the beneficiaries under Ashraya are not in a position to cook the ingredients in the kit or to consume solid food. In such situation, ***there must be provision to attend the beneficiaries in a case to case manner*** to address their real need.
3. Visit of Balasabha Kids to ***snehitha calling bell*** families (especially where elderly abandoned people are residing) will be helpful. Kids will value the importance of relationships and will learn to empathize, in turn elderly people will get attention and other support.
4. Attractive ***scholarship*** schemes need to be developed for ***Balasabha kids***.
5. There should be schemes under Kudumbashree for ***supporting NHG members suffering from serious health issues***.