

CDS Visit –Omassery,Kozhikkode

As part of the immersive training, to understand the community level activities of the Kudumbashree, a visit to the Panchayath Omassry in Kozhikkode district was done on 20 and 21 November 2019.

CDS Profile

Total ADS-19	Number of NHGs linked -194
Total NHG-229	Number of NHG has to be linked -35
SC NHG -2	Number of Live Linkage -132
ST NHG- 1	ME -14
Total NHG Members -2948	Balasabha -25
Total SC members-505	Special NHGs- 23 -22(elderly),(1)PWD
Total ST Members -14	

Following points were learned at the time of visit at the CDS

- ADSs are not strong. Eg. One ADS has only one NHG almost 12 NHGs become defunct.
- Microfinance Institutions has been penetrating by giving Zero percentage loan at home of the each NHG members. This cause weakening of NHGs. This is a curse which makes the economy and community weak.
- Mentally challenged children are there in the CDS but there is no Bud's school or BRC in that CDS. CDS has intervned in the matter and Panchayath has taken some steps.
- The CDS members have complained about the TA, but they are all motivated by the position and respect they get in the society. People in the locality ask doubts more than they ask to the ward members.
- Omasseery is an agricultural oriented area but what they face is the attack on the farms from the wild animals. It creates loss and which make them reluctant to do the farming. It is a factor that a policy maker has to keep in mind on planning.
- Internal auditor is not functions well and the gap is they haven't got any training on the role and the subject.
- Livelihood activities are not getting any importance in the CDS.14 MEs are there which is not active enough. Only 2 MEs are strong.

Suggestions

- ADS strengthening program has to be done to increase the efficiency of the ADS and thus NHGs. The relevance of considering micro planning and implementing is very relevant in this case.
- Microfinance institution penetrating is happening by giving ZERO percentage Loan, Special involvement of Police has to be done to understand the source of the fund and activities.
- CDS had to positively take necessary steps to ensure a BUDs school in the Panchayath.
- Special intervention to stop the wild animals entering the farms has to be done to strengthen the farming activities.
- The livelihood activities have to be improved and more ideas have to be brought as per the need of the locality.

Submitted by

Vipin V C
SAPM-ORG
Kudumbashree state Mission
Kerala