



# Agricultural prosperity @ Attappady



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The details of Kambalam, one of the important interventions of Kudumbashree in the agricultural sector of Attappady was explained in Yesterdays article ( Making an Impact-179). Today we will explain about the exemplary activity being implemented in the agricultural sector of Kerala as part of Attappady Comprehensive Tribal Development and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group Development Project. It's aimed at ensuring food security of 192 hamlets and creates opportunities for livelihood for tribal people. The agricultural activities are being implemented by forming Joint Liability Groups(JLGs) comprising of 4 to 10 tribal women farmers of Attappady.

717 farming groups were formed in Attappady under the leadership of Kudumbashree, which has 3305 women as members. There are 297 farming groups under Agali Panchayath Samithi which has 1347 members. There are 206 farming groups under Sholayur Panchayath Samithi, 143 groups under Puthoor Grama Panchayath and 71 groups under Kurumba Community. There are 704, 978, 276 members respectively in these groups. We have planned to give Rs 4000 as Corpus Fund and Rs 15,000 as Producer Fund.

Through these farming groups, agriculture activity is done in 840.88 hectares of land during 2019-20. Millets, vegetables, pulses, tubers, paddy and plantain are being cultivated by our groups. Millets are cultivated in 385.29 hectares of land, vegetables in 203.52 hectares of land, pulses in 133.18 hectares, tubers in 15.06

hectares, paddy in 9.42 hectares and plantain is being cultivated in 18.21 hectares of land. Other crops are cultivated in 76.2 hectares of land. The reaping festival is progressing under the leadership of Agali, Sholayur, Puthoor and Kurumba Panchayath Samithis.

Many tribal women farmers had come forward taking up farming as their main source of livelihood, as they could produce needed food grains for every families and find better markets for their products. The groups are doing their farming focusing on traditional agricultural techniques. The best farmers including master farmers, community resource persons and para professionals are giving support to this programme. The crops produced by them are brought to the market in 'Hill Value' brand by the farmers