



Community Kitchen

Community Kitchens is one important concept in Kerala's covid-19 pandemic countering activities. Government has issued Government order (G.O (Rt) No.713/2020/LSGD) to start community kitchens under the leadership of Local Self Government Institutions in convergence with Kudumbashree, when the corona virus lock down was notified in Kerala.

With the coordination of all the District Collectors, leadership of the Local Self Government Institutions and with

the active support and involvement of the Kudumbashree team, 1304 community kitchens were started during the first week itself. Out of these, 1072 community kitchens are run in convergence with Kudumbashree. The rest are run directly by the Local Self Government Institutions or through NGOs.

The expenditure for giving free food to the needy through community kitchens are fully met by the Local Self Government Institutions. The LSGs

are directed to meet the expenditure through sponsorship or from own fund or from the plan fund. The government has directed to give free food to the poor, destitute, bed ridden patients, beggars etc. In addition to this, meals are served to the public at Rs 20 per meal. Home delivery system is also available.

As per the statistics on 14 April, 1020 community kitchens functioned in grama panchayaths and 223 community kitchens functioned in urban areas on that day. This makes 1243 community kitchens altogether. On that day (April 14), food was served

to 1,26,162 people in panchayats. Out of this the total number of food given to the needy was 1,13,385. Through the community kitchens in urban areas, food was served to 1,04,778 people on April 14th, and out of this free food was served to 95,361 people. All data s are uploaded and available in the public domain.

More details, data on food production and distribution, contact details and updates about the community kitchens are available in Kudumbashree's in this link : <http://kudumbashree.org/pages/826>