

## **Major Achievements as City Mission Manager, DAY – NULM**

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As a City Mission Manager my duty is to economically empower the urban poor especially women and help them in establishing enterprises as it will enable them to overcome poverty and improve their standard of living. As CMM my work profile includes formation of new NHGs providing them all financial and technical supports which include handholding, providing RF, providing linkage loan & interest subsidy, encourage them to start MEs, etc. Another important task is to promote innovative MEs and follow-up of already started MEs. Identification of Street Vendors and facilitate the ULB to prepare DPR for shelter home are other tasks associated with my post. The most important task is to provide skill training and placement to the unemployed poor of the ULB. For that EST&P mobilizations camps to be organised and frequent follow up is required.

### **Social Mobilization and Institution Development (SM&ID)**

60 NHGs consisting of 1078 urban poor families were formed through the three tier structure of Kudumbashree comprising of NHG, ADS and CDS. CDS is working as the Resource Organisation for implementing the DAY – NULM scheme in Kerala. Revolving fund of Rs.10,000/- has been given to 110 eligible NHGs (Total amount of Rs.11,00,000/-). Two CDSs in the ULB has been given Rs. 3,91,900/- as RO claim towards the expenditure incurred on forming NHGs and handholding them to become stable. Out of total 647 NHGs 13 NHGs which are having some issues in its functioning have been revived. 18 elderly NHGs and one TG NHG have been formed as special NHGs.

58 NHGs of consisting of 986 urban poor families were formed in Varkala ULB and a

total amount of Rs.10,80,000/- was given to 108 NHGs. ADS revolving fund at the rate of Rs.50,000/- was given to 3 ADSs.

### **Employment through Skill Training and Placement (EST&P)**

Under EST& P component we have enrolled 237 unemployed youth of Nedumangad ULB and provided wage employment to 82 candidates out of the 189 passed the assessment tests after completing skill training course. As part of ARISE skill campaign of Kudumbashree 34 youths were given training (trades – electrical, electronics and plumbing) and 11 of them got wage employment. One Multi Task Team has been with 4 members who are available for any requirements of electrical and plumbing related works.

### **Self-Employment Programme (SEP)**

When I joined duty as City Mission Manager, NULM at Thiruvananthapuram Corporation there were very little applications for linkage subsidy from NHGs. In the year 2016-17, 518 NHGs were given linkage subsidy of Rs.74,88,796/-. It increased to 777 NHGs and total amount was Rs.1,58,36,827/-). From this statistics we can see the improvement of inflow of applications for linkage subsidy. On hearing the information about linkage subsidy more NHGs are now availing linkage loans. Most importantly subsidy claims are increasing, which instill confidence in the minds of NHG members that interest subsidy will be provided on linkage loans and thereby reducing the interest amount paid by the NHG members. An amount of Rs.40,39,580/- was provided as interest subsidy to 252 NHGs of Nedumangad ULB. It encourages more NHGs to avail linkage loans. So, more NHGs are turning up now for auditing and renewal of affiliation with CDS as it is a pre-requisite for availing linkage

loans. As a result of this during 2019-20, 60 NHGs were availed linkage loan for an amount of Rs.3.69 crores at Nedumangad ULB.

70 Individual SEP MEs and 30 Group (total 125 members) SEP MEs were started under NULM and they have been provided with Bank loans at 7% interest. All these MEs are working well and earning an average monthly income of Rs.8,000/-

### **Support to Urban Street Vendors (SUSV)**

Surveys were conducted as part of Street Vendors Act and ID cards were distributed to 59 vendors whose list was approved by the Town Vending Committee.

### **Shelter for Urban homeless (SUH)**

A night survey has been conducted for identifying the people who are living at the road sides and a refurbishment of Old age home at Nedumangad ULB. An amount of Rs.20 lakhs has been allotted to the ULB and the whole amount has been utilised.

### **Innovative Projects**

- An Urban Service has been formed in the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation with 64 members from the trades of Mason, Painting, Electrician, Plumbing, Welder, Carpenter, Computer Services & Laptop Technician, Carpenter, Aluminum fabrication, Catering, Paper & Cloth Bag , Tailoring, CC TV Mechanic, Tiles Work, Interior design, Auto Cade, 3D Max and Housekeeping.
- Formed 2 women construction teams with 15 members each with the support

of PMAY team. At the beginning there were 60 women and it reduced to 30 as women are not confident in construction sector. *Grameena Padana Kendram* is the training agency who took up the challenge of instilling confidence in the minds of these women. They succeeded in their task due to their vast experience in the construction field. But when the current team completed a PMAY house those who were not interested to come in this sector is also ready to join now. They are very confident team now. People who believed that the women cannot do construction work are now convinced that women can do the work independently. They are ready to do more construction works. Municipal authorities are also ready to engage them in their construction projects about to start in the coming financial year.

- We could establish a help desk for helping the public to write complaints and filling applications for various services being offered by the Municipality. Two member team from each CDS will be there in the help desk on rotation basis. They charge a nominal fee of Rs.10/- for their service. They also help the public to meet the correct officer for their specific needs. All are having very good opinion about the help desk.