

Field Visit Report

Date:15/11/2019-16/11/2019

Place: Udayannapuram CDS, Kottayam

Snehitha Kottayam

Learning:

- Studied the working and facilities available at Snehitha . The staff structure

Suggestions:

- Counseling, Medical Support and Legal Support should be made available on daily bases.
- If the Snehitha is located at a remote area transportation facility should be made available.

CDS office:

Learning:

- Studied more about the convergence between the Panchayath and CDS
- The relevance of timely updation of records/ledgers
- Role of the CDS chairperson and the 5 CDS executives and their work distribution.
- Strategies used to achieve a target /goals

Suggestions:

- Role of the Panchayath officials should be redefined and orientation must be given to them regarding their roles and responsibilities.
- The orders and circular financial from the State Mission and District Mission must be given to the Panchayath authorities

Elderly NHG:

Suggestions:

- Must design a new elder- friendly livelihood programme.
- Those elderly NHGs who are interested in MF activities should be linked to BHIMA MITRA RP who may be entrusted in handling the bank transitions(for those who are unable to commute to banks only)
- Monthly/ Weekly activity or discussion based programmes may conducted to ensure active participation.
- Activities linked with balasabha may be encouraged

PWD NHG:

Suggestion:

- Need to provide more awareness on BUDS and BRCs to NHG members.
- Prathyasha ME must be given more preference and the choice of trade must be appropriate.
- Meeting frequency must be set according the mobility of the NHG members.

DFK Family Visit:

Suggestion:

- Adopting of Ashraya family by NHGs must be made compulsory.
- Tracking of the monthly expenditure including the sponsorship components must be made a compulsory agenda in the CDS meeting.
- While providing house or house renovation to beneficiaries priority should be give to household with elderly member and only women members.
- GRC should be connected to the DFK families who have only elderly members and are deserted by their descendant. Constant mediation and counseling must also be ensured.

Handicraft ME:

Learning:

- New methods and innovations in pottery making. Effort and time required for making a batch of products is to high that the return is just break even. Modernized machineries used in the field is quiet expensive. Need for customization of those machineries for each kind of product is even more expensive.

Suggestion:

- In convergence with the tourism department – a seasonal Spiritual Tourism Package may be derived. 6 ADS are along the banks of the river home stay, boating, eco-friendly farming, 3 temple visits (Vaikkom, Ettumanoor, Kaduthuruthy), pottery making etc may be included as a part of the package.
- Home décor items developed are of high quality that it can be sold via Amazon or Kudumbashree bazaar.

Nutrimix:

Learning:

- Beneficiary selection is one of the key factors to ensure to sustainability of an ME. Promoting a trade that has scope in the locality with lesser competition is another factor. Fully funded ME are not found to be sustainable.

Suggestion:

- Frequent district level meetings must be conducted to ensure that all units have a platform to address their issues and get a clear picture of the instructions and circulars issued by the State Mission.
- Trainings must be conducted annual to promote more value added products.
- A book on different varieties of recipes which can be made with Nurtimix powder must be published.
- Squad from SM must be commissioned at random intervals to check the cleanliness and quality of the mix.

Food court:

Suggestion:

- Location of the stall at the prime location within the Mela, this must be ensured by the Corporation/ Panchayath.
- MECs and a block coordinator must be given full charge of supervision of each mela
- No plastic utensils or cutlery policy must be promoted. Need to ensure hygiene and quality of dishes.
- Kudumbashree products may also be displayed in the stall. Pamphlets of our projects may also be kept for public viewing.

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