

Place of visit: Kozhikode

Date of visit : 15 October, 2017

Purpose of visit : Supervision of examination conducted for the selection / recruitment of Block coordinators (DDUGKY & MKSP)

Persons met : District mission team including DMC & ADMC

As a representative from state mission to coordinate and supervise the examination for the selection of block coordinators, visited the examination centre at Nadakkavu, Kozhikode.

Activities	Observations	Remarks/ suggestions
Support provided for the smooth conduct of examination, provided assistance to district mission	Examination conducted without any confusions/ challenges.	It could have been implemented more systematic way if proper orientation was given to the state representatives, in advance. Circular received only in the morning.
Provided orientation to the invigilators for the smooth conduct of examination (for two batches)	Help the invigilators to settle issues and to submit the answer sheets in time.	
Verified the question papers and ensured that there are no issues/ irregularities in distribution of question paper meant for batch one & two.	Timely completion of examination.	
Support given for valuation of answer sheets, coding and for finalizing the rank list.	It was a time consuming exercise, got delayed since the number of answer sheets to be assessed were more than 500 units	

Arrangements with regard to the conduct of examination started at 9.30am and the entire process ended at 10.30pm.

Jaison T J

State Mission Manger (NULM)

Place of visit: Kochi (Fort Kochi, Vytilla and Edappally)

Date of visit : 21 October, 2017

Purpose of visit : To understand the scope of branding of street vendors using the fund under the CSR component of a private financial company and to explore the scope of branding of street vendors in PPP model.

Persons met: Chairman, Standing committee (welfare), Cochin Corporation, Mr. Rahim and Mr. Jose, officials of “Blue waters”, City Mission Mangers and street vendors.

Activities	Observations	Remarks/ suggestions
<p>Discussion with Mr. Rahim and Mr. Jose, officials of “Blue waters”.</p> <p>Field visit to potential street vending locations namely Fort Kochi, Vytilla and Edappally</p> <p>Discussion with standing committee chairman of Kochi corporation & city mission mangers</p> <p>Interaction with a few street food vendors</p>	<p>Blue water company proposes to provide support to food vendors; the total cost for rehabilitation is about Rs. 7.5 Lakh. The individual street vendor has to pay Rs. 1.8 lakhs as beneficiary contribution by availing bank loan.</p> <p>All sites visited are potential location for the rehabilitation of street vendors.</p> <p>Standing committee chairman extended all support.</p> <p>Some of the street vendors are not ready to take loans for infrastructure development.</p>	<p>The proposal seems to be a business model where the company takes some percentage of income directly for the repayment of loan. For that the company will establish some financial tracking systems. Identification of beneficiary who is willing to pay Rs. 1.8 lakhs may be a challenge.</p> <p>It may be a big task to identify the real beneficiaries as street vendors. As the business in the specified locations reportedly are done by some other groups.</p> <p>City mission has to identify the potential street vendors who are ready to bear the cost.</p> <p>The company were asked to submit a detailed plan highlighting cost sharing pattern and the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholders (Municipal corporation, City Mission Management Unit NULM, Kudumbashree & street vendors as primary stakeholder) involved.</p>

Follow up action: City mission manger, Kochi Corporation has to share the details of street vending activities including the list of street food vendors and type of street food vending to the company. The company has to prepare and submit roles of different stakeholders involved. State mission will examine the proposal and identify the areas where partnership is possible. Mobilization of eligible vendors who are willing to be part of PPP model rehabilitation package and to bear the beneficiary contribution / the cost share of Rs. 1.8 lakhs should be done by the company convincing the proposal and getting consent from individual street vendor.

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State Mission Manger (NULM)

Place of visit: Kozhikode

Date of visit : 27 October, 2017

Purpose of visit : Exposure visit to selected Micro enterprises units in Ernakulum district to learn the functions and management systems in place for running the units. And to explore the scope of replicating viable models in other districts

Persons met : District mission team, entrepreneurs and NULM city mission managers.

Exposure visit to various enterprises units were planned to accelerate the mission activities under SEP component by making the city mission managers concerned to get some knowledge regarding the scope of establishing similar units.

Activities	Observations	Remarks/ suggestions
Field visit to various micro enterprises units	Most units visited have a good administrative and financial system in place. Team work is very much visible in most units and the same contributes to the success. Members of the units show great sense of ownership and have greater ambition for further expansion Unit members are satisfied with the support provided by the district mission, but demanding for further financial assistances.	Exposure visit was very much useful for all the participants. Since the units were situated some far away (grama panchath) locations, quality interactions with the unit members due to time constraints.

Exposure visit was a learning experience for all team members which gave insight to develop plan for establishing micro enterprises units in different sectors. There were discussions on different areas including the possible challenges and issues faced and the how the group members were able to resolve the issues.

Action point: The city mission mangers has to identify potential entrepreneurs and to provide required training for selected entrepreneurs to start similar micro enterprises units.

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State Mission Manger (NULM)

Place of visit: Koduvally, Kozhikode

Date of visit: 30 October, 2017

Purpose of visit: Visited Koduvally municipality to sort out some technical and political issues with regard to the issuance of ID cards to the street vendors. Also attended inaugural function of “She- homes” organized by district mission.

Persons met: Municipal Chairperson, council members & CPO of Koduvally municipality and District mission team including DMC & ADMC.

Honb’le Minister for LSGD inaugurated ‘She- homes’ in a public function organized by district mission at Parayanchery, Kozhikode.

Activities	Observations	Remarks/ suggestions
Visit to Koduvally Municipality. Review of NULM activities within the ULB	Town Vending Committee (TVC) was not constituted yet even after repeated communications and reminders. Municipal council shown least interest in constituting TVC. By convincing the legal obligations, ULB constituted TVC as per GO. MTP appointed is reportedly on leave, hence there are issues in implementing NULM activities.	Municipal secretary was on leave. Municipal Chairman was unaware of convening TVC meeting Need to appoint MTP since there is no approved position of CMM. TVC meeting may convene as early as possible to speed up the process of ID card distribution. The list of street vendors needs to be approved by the committee.
Kudumbashree district mission visit. Attended ‘She homes’ inaugural function organized by District mission	It is a new initiative of district mission as well as municipal corporation to ensure safe stay for girls and young ladies. She homes also provides livelihood opportunities for women seeking long term stay.	At present the rooms/ beds are given in monthly basis. Some beds/ rooms may be kept for accommodating ladies on daily rent basis, benefiting to women travelers.

Action point: Koduvally Municipality may take immediate steps to issue identity cards to all eligible street vendors identified through survey by convening Town Vending Committee meeting and get the list approved by TVC. Handholding and mentor support required for “she homes’.

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