

DISTRICT : KOTTAYAM

BLOCK : KANJIRAPPALLY

CDS : KORUTHODU

Learning

The CDS chairperson and CDS members are very actively involved in the activities of Kudumbashree and panchayath. The participation in the CDS committee was very good and everyone gets the opportunity to express their views on various functions and issues. The member secretary was also participated in the CDS meeting

As the panchayath includes forest areas, the members of Kudumbashree find it difficult to reach to the CDS office. It also affects the training programs in the CDS as the members have to spend a lot of money to reach the venue. As the members faces difficulty in travelling often, the CDS conducts most of the trainings in ADS level. Mostly the fund is allotted to the CDS trainings alone and has a little time to complete the trainings. So it is difficult for them to complete trainings in the stipulated time. Some areas are high in tribal population and has unique problems.

NHG members are actively involved in the meetings and discussions in the NHG. They also try to help the underprivileged people around them with their small savings. The members are proud of being a part of the NHG.

As it is difficult to reach the CDS, some members feel that the support team members (MEC, Volunteers etc) doesn't really focus on the work in these areas.

The CDS has formed special NHG s in all ADS. Shortage of fund is the major issue faced by the CDS. Many of the elderly as well as PWD NHGs are ready to start any livelihood activities. They want a buds school in the panchayath as there are a few kids in the area who are not going to school as the special school is expensive and the distance to the school is high. The parents of the intellectually disabled children (who are the part of an NHG) wanted some income generation activities as they all are coming from poor families. The fund for prathyasa is not sufficient as the demand is huge. The elderly NHG members want some kind of recreational activities to be introduced for them as they get bored of sitting idle in the whole day.

As the area faces the threat of wild animals, it is difficult to maintain agricultural activities. The CDS also have a few ME groups that are functioning well. Marketing of the products is the prominent issue for them.

Suggestions

A special fund can be allotted to some CDS considering the geographical specialities of the area to conduct various programs

Fund assistance to vulnerable groups must be increased

The brief timelines for the programs makes it difficult to reach to the exact beneficiaries.

The quality of the implemented programs needs to be analysed in stipulated time intervals.

A buds school can be started in the area as they have a genuine demand

The Volunteers and supporting staffs need to be monitored well. The support groups such as MECs, volunteers need to visit and support people in the interior area too.

Special activities can be suggested for special NHG members. Recreational activities for the elderly and other NHGs will be helpful in improving the physical and mental health of the people.

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