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Youth Social Service Organization (YSSO) is a non-profit, charitable social development initiative, doing charitable services for socially and economically excluded sections of the society all over India. The noble vision of the organization is to create a just society through participatory effort. We aim a society with the existence of equity and equality. YSSO focus on the rural section specially women, children, marginalized farmers, tribes and such other needy. The organization implements different sorts of programmers for the upliftment if these sections.

To attain the sustainability of the community YSSO entered into Watershed Development Programs in the intervention area with the support of Western ghat Cell and Panchayath Raj Institutions. The programs are in progress. In the women expowerment field the organization conducted a number of awareness generation programs through women self help groups and provided skill development training programs for the economic upliftment of the rural women. Health awareness classes were organized in different areas. Besides, this reporting year we could conduct orientation programs on NREGA and RTI. And during the Onam festival YSSO initiated an Onam vegetable market which helped the marginalized to purchase vegetables in marginal price. I use this opportunity to remember and express our sincere gratitude the organizations and persons specially WGD Cell, and PRIs who extended their support to YSSO for the implementation of development programs for the welfare of the society.

ABOUT US

Youth Social Service Organization is a registered Non-profitable, Social Development Organization working all over India. Youth Social Service organization is working with the weaker sections of rural population. Youth Social Service Organization Promotes integrated people centered rural development for improving the quality of life and living of village communities irrespective of Caste, Creed and Political Leaning. The main focus is on the weaker section of the community.

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OUR MISSION

YSSO actively supports and works for a just and sustainable society by creating opportunities for the participation of socially and economically marginalized sections in the development process through networking, alliance building and strengthening of their organization. YSSO supports local self-governance, protection of human rights, peace and reconciliation and sustainable livelihood measures and responds to the environmental issues, natural and manmade disasters and strives to bring the victims to the mainstream while upholding the human dignity. YSSO promotes gender mainstreaming at all appropriate levels, mobilizes resources in favor of the poor and optimizes all potentials and capacities existing within the organization and other partners.

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OBJECTIVES

1. To introduce high quality of education (Climate Change, Watershed Management)
2. To enhance quality of education
3. To support weak part of our country
4. Beneficiaries
5. Landless Labourers
6. Scheduled Caste
7. Scheduled Tribes
8. Marginal Farmers
9. Small Farmers
10. Rural Artisans

NEED OF THE PROJECT:

The proposed target area for is agricultural zone of Wayanad, Kerala State. Because of lack of irrigation facilities farmers are suffering. They cannot get proper and sufficient water for their crops. The target area is healthy rainfall zone also but there is no management is in practice for utilizing rainwater during the rainy season. Water of rainfall goes waste and it goes to the drains and pits. If there will be some arrangement for utilizing this rainwater during the rainy season it could be very helpful for irrigation of crops. If farmers will get sufficient water for irrigation, production of their fields will increase. This will also help people not to migrate in search of livelihood to the nearest towns. The villagers will utilize water stored in the Community Tanks for irrigation for the crops collectively.

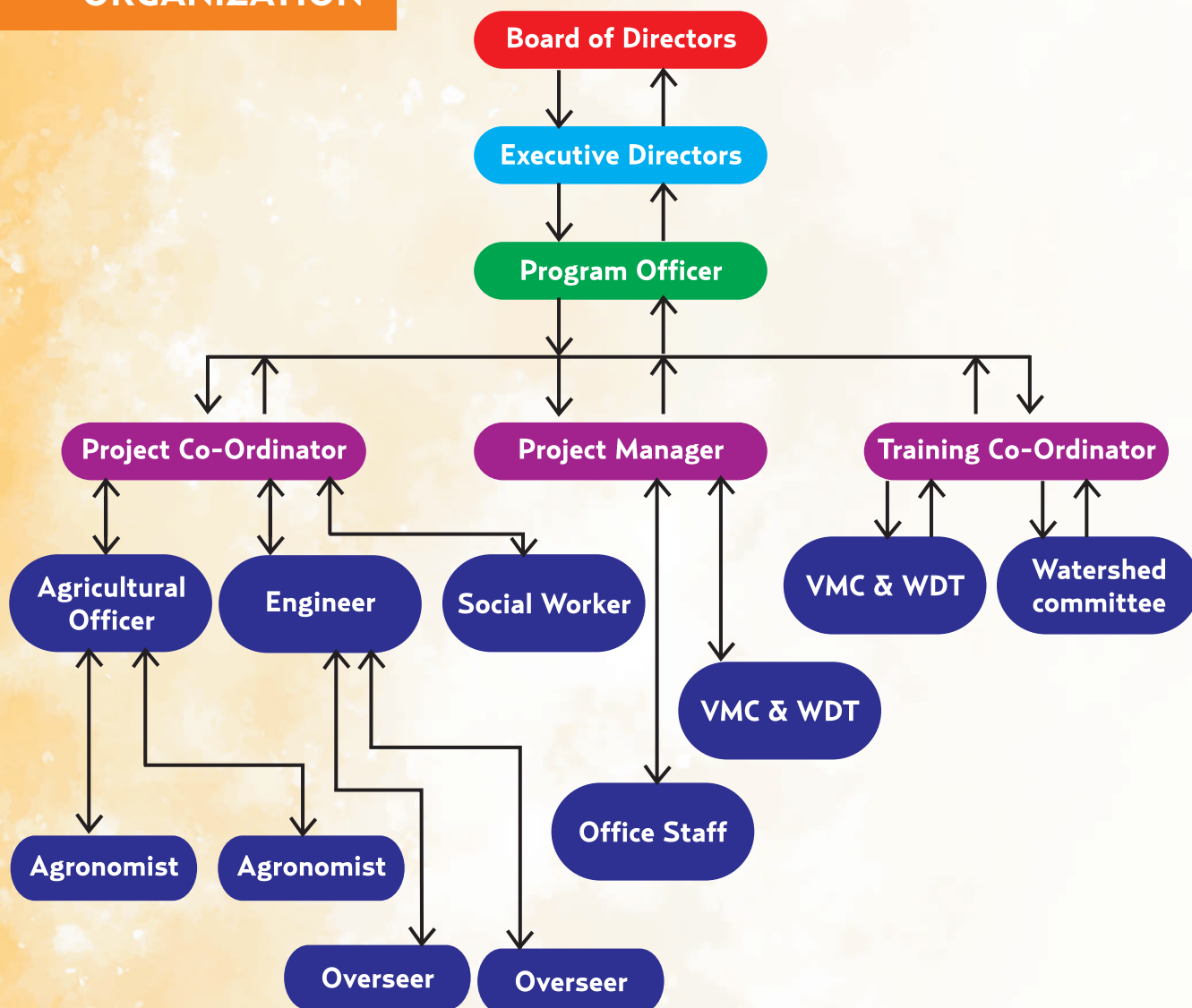


OUR LOCATION



Youth Social Service Organization Administrative office is located at Sulthan Bathery Wayanad District, Kerala State India, Mountains Plateau in the crust of the Western Ghats, and it is 25km away from Kalpetta the District Head Quarters. The Location is wounded by the Nilgiris district of Tamilnadu and Chamarajnagar district of Karnataka.

ORGANIZATION



ACHIEVEMENTS / AWARDS

- Æ ISO 9001:2000 Certified NGO
- Æ Approved by Govt. of India (FCRA)
- Æ State track 'A' Level Accredited agency (Western Ghat Cell, Kerala)
- Æ Accredited agency by Govt. of Kerala for MNREGA Master Plan Preparation
- Æ Watershed facilitating agency approved by NABARD
- Æ Accredited agency of Women's Development Corporation, Govt. of Kerala
- Æ Affiliated to Confederation of NGO's of Rural India (CNRI)
- Æ Affiliated to ANGOS – 'An International Voluntary Organization for promotion of Human cause'

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Natural Resource Management Program



Youth Social Service Organization as a non-governmental organization working in the field of community development believes that the sustainable development of the community depends on the conservation of Soil, Water and Biomass. To protect this trinity of nature Youth Social Service Organization involved in the watershed development programs with the support of Western Ghat Cell and Grama Panchayaths.

1. Western Ghat Development Programme (WGDP)

We are doing western ghat development programme at three districts in Kerala. The names of the watershed programmes are given below.

Sl.No.	Name of watershed	Name of panchayath	Name of district
1	Inchimalakkadavu	Mananthavadi	Wayanad
2	Kuttamangalam	Muttill	Wayanad
3	Chamundi	Panamaram	Wayanad
4	Thondupally	Muttill	Wayanad
5	Nadunilam	Kalpetta	Wayanad
6	Vadakkangara	Makkaraparambu	Malappuram
7	Edand	Nellikuzhy	Ernakulam
8	Elambrathodu	Nellikuzhi	Ernakulam
9	Cheruvattoor	Nellikuzhi	Ernakulam
10	Valiyapadam	Thirumaradi	Ernakulam
11	Parathattalthodu	Maradi	Ernakulam

2. Nabard Holistic Watershed Development Programme (NHWDP)

Youth Social Service Organization has four watersheds under Nabard Holistic Watershed Development Programme at various panchayaths in Wayanad Districts. These are;

1. Anapanthy Watershed, Poothadi Grama Panchayath.
2. Chettipambra Watershed, Poothadi and Pulally Grama Panchayaths.
3. Chekadi Watershed, Pulpally Grama Panchayath.
4. Chooralmala Watershed, Meppadi Grama Panchayath

3. National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP)

Youth Social Service Organization prepared Seven masterplans for seven watersheds in Thariodu Grama Panchayath in Wayanad District.

• Medical Aid

Youth Social Service Organization provided medical aid to the community as the part of charity.

• SHG/JLG Promotion and Training Programme

1. Women Empowering Programms

The aim of Women Development Programme was to empower the women through different training programmes. Women are considered as the weaker section of the society who do not have economic at personal freedom compare and the men folk. So to address the issues, we organized the women in the villages through self-help groups, provided different forms of training and conducted capacity building programs and skill up gradation trainings.

2. Skill Development Training Programme

Continous efforts were made for skilling and reskilling the women through training initiatives in order to develop the skills to find alternatives for their economical stability and to develop their bargaining skills.



Skill Trainings Provided on;

a. Herbal bath soap

Participants : 50
Venue : Sulthan Bathery, St. Mary's Church auditorium
Duration : 1 Day
Date : 24th May 2009

b. Detergent Powder

Participants : 45
Venue : Pulpally, Co-operatives Bank Auditorium
Duration : 2 Days
Date : 2nd - 3rd March 2009

c. Cleaning Powder

Participants : 55
Venue : Meenangadi, st Peter's Church auditorium
Duration : 1 Day
Date : 13th October 2009

d. Chalk making

Participants : 30
Venue : Mananthavady, Vyaparabhavan
Duration : 3 Days
Date : 6th - 8th September 2009

e. Bee Keeping Training

Participants : 3
Venue : Pulpally Office
Duration : 15 Days
Date : 15th - 30th January 2010

The Programs

1. Construction of Erathen bounding
2. Rain pits
3. Rain water harvesting
4. Biogas plants
5. Cow and goat rearing
6. Agro forestry
7. Vermin compost
8. Fodder cultivation

We implemented these programs through community participation after identifying the real needs of the watershed communities through PRA exercises.

Women Empowerment Programs

The Programs

1. Formation and maintaining of Self Help Groups
2. Skill Development Trainings
3. Awareness generation programs

Objectives

- Empowerment of women through skill up gradation.
- To increase the bargaining capacity of Women
- To develop Leadership Skill
- To develop Self-Confidence
- To develop Self-Esteem

Total Number of Groups

The organization promotes 300 Women Self Help Groups in wayanad and the Nilgiris the neighboring District in Tamilnadu.

Social Composition

Religion	Percentage
Hindu	21%
Christian	40%
Muslim	42%
Others	17%

AWARENESS GENERATION PROGRAMS

To sharpen the mind, desire and aspiration of women we organized different awareness generation programs and motivation classes for the rural women. Eminent trainers facilitated the sessions on National rural employment Guarantee Act, Right To Information Act-2005, Domestic Violence Act – 2005.

Total Parenting Care, Self Esteem, Positive Thinking

Health awareness Generation and Medical Camps

Objectives

- Promote Health seeking Behavior of the people
- Maintain the Health Status of the community
- Locate Sick and Admit the sick
- Provide awareness regarding environmental Sanitation

Awareness Class

During this reporting period the organization conducted seven health awareness classes on various health issues. Special classes were conducted for women on gynec issues. Besides, we organized classes on the topics mentioned below.

- a) Alcohol Consumption
- b) HIV/AIDS
- c) Life style Diseases
- d) Environmental Sanitation

Six tribal people who were in need of immediate their attention for treatment were spotted and admitted in the hospitals. Contacted with TDO and insisted to provide more care for the sick tribals.

Research and Documentation Programme

We did research and Documentation Programs. Conducted research studies. All the documentation process related to the human life were done in this department. The socio-economic problems of the people in Wayand are the main target of our studies. We had conducted research on social issues, that affect the human life. We conducted research on the factors which lead to increase of mild production charging.

Supporters Who Guided "YSSO" into the path of Success

Given below are the supporters who were responsible for the successful activities of "YSSO" charging the year of 2010-2011.

- NABARD
- WGDP (Government of Kerala)
- LSGD
- Koodu Trust

INTRODUCTION

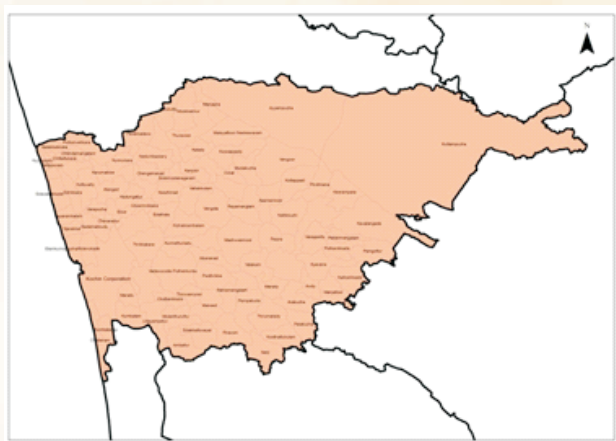
Kanjoor and Sreemoolanagaram are the two Gramapanchayats situated in the Eastern side of Ernakulam District. These two panchayats are just 35 km away from Kochi metro city and 4 km away from the birthplace of Adisankara, a Hindu Philosopher who advocated the treatise of Advaita Vedanta. It also shares the boarder of Cochin International airport Ltd. and Periyar River. Just as the case for most other Gram Panchayats in Kerala, the main occupations of the people in these panchayats are agriculture and allied works.



In olden time, at Kanjoor, there used to be an office of the princely state of Kochi, probably for collection of taxes. This was referred to as Kachery in the local language and the present day town of Kanjoor came to be referred as 'Kacheriparamb'. Sreemoolanagaram (3 KM), Kalady (3 KM), Nedumbassery (4 KM), Angamali (5 KM), Thuravoor (7 KM) are the nearby Villages to Kanjoor.

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Kanjoor is surrounded by Angamali Taluk towards North, Koovappady Taluk towards East, Parakkadav Taluk towards west, Alangad Taluk towards west. Perumbavoor, Chalakudy, Ashtamichira, Chendamangalam are the nearby Cities to Kanjoor and Sreemoolanagarm. The Panchayat can be divided into places like Thuravumkara on the North-West, Kozhikkadanpay – Thattanpady in the west, Puthiyedam on the south, Parappuram on the east and Arankaavu in the north-east.



The main religious centres in these villages are Kanjoor Church, Puthiyedam Temple and Thiruvyranikulam Temple. St. Mary's Church Kanjoor, one of the historic Churches in India. The Saint Sebastian at Kanjoor, The Kanjoor Punyavalan is the Living saint who removes all the diseases and epidemics. St. Sebastian is known for his quick reply to those who call on him in distress especially those who seek the assistance of the saint for deliverance from incurable diseases, epidemics, and shattering problems of life. Puthiyedam Temple is the main deity is standing posture of "Parthasarathy" strangely holding butter in his right hand rather than a weapon. Legend is it that this bhagavathy was worshiped by one among the many maternal branches of the then-local kings of Kochi dynasty as their mother goddess, when they lived in this part of the village. Sakthan Thampuran, probably the only king worth his name in Kochi dynasty, was born in this place. Thiruvairanikulam Mahadeva Temple is a famous Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvathi temple situated near a village called Sreemoolanagaram in the banks of Periyar. The unique feature of Thiruvairanikulam Temple is that the shrine of Lord Shiva is open all round the year, but the temple of Parvathi is open only for 12 days in a year.

Environment Day 2017-18 - Beat Plastic Pollution



As per 2011 census, the total area 27.83 Sq.km which covers both the panchayats. Total population is 48249, in this 9% include SC category, 0.1% include ST category. Both the panchayats together has 42 Colonies which includes 9 SC Colony, 1 ST Colony. In this area we get around 3259mm rain during raining season. The area has got 52 public open wells, 2192 Domestic water connections and 48 Public Taps. The main water source of the area is Periyar River.



Kanjoor and Sreemoolanagaram Panchayats are selected for Kerala Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency's Jalanidhi Project for which Youth Social Organization has been appointed as the Support Organization. Accordingly an agreement between the Youth Social Service Organisation (YSSO) and the two Gramapanchayat were signed on 15.06.2017 for Social Mobilization in these two panchayats.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION OF KANJOOR AND SREEMOOLANAGARAM PANCHAYATS AS PER 2011 CENSUS

Youth Social Service Organization has not yet started the baseline survey. But the organization has collected secondary data from both the panchayats. The panchayats have given data as per 2011 census.

KANJOOR PANCHAYAT		SREEMOOLANAGARAM PANCHAYAT	
District	Ernakulam	District	Ernakulam
Taluk	Aluva	Taluk	Aluva
Block	Angamaly	Block	Parakkadavu
Total Area	14.32 Sq.Km	Total Area	14.41 Sq.Km
Ward	15 (General-7, Women-7, SC-1)	Ward	16 (General-7, Women-7, SC-1, SC Woman-1)
Population	22518	Population	25731
Male	10960	Male	12766
Female	11558	Female	12965
SC	1678	SC	2594
ST	42	ST	12
Colonies	18 (SC-5, ST-1, Others-2)	Colonies	24
BOUNDARIES		BOUNDARIES	
North	Kalady Panchayat	North	Chengamanad
South	Periyar River	South	Periyar River
East	Periyar River	East	Kanjoor Panchayat
West	Sreemoolanagaram	West	Chengamanad Panchayat

1. PUBLICATIONS

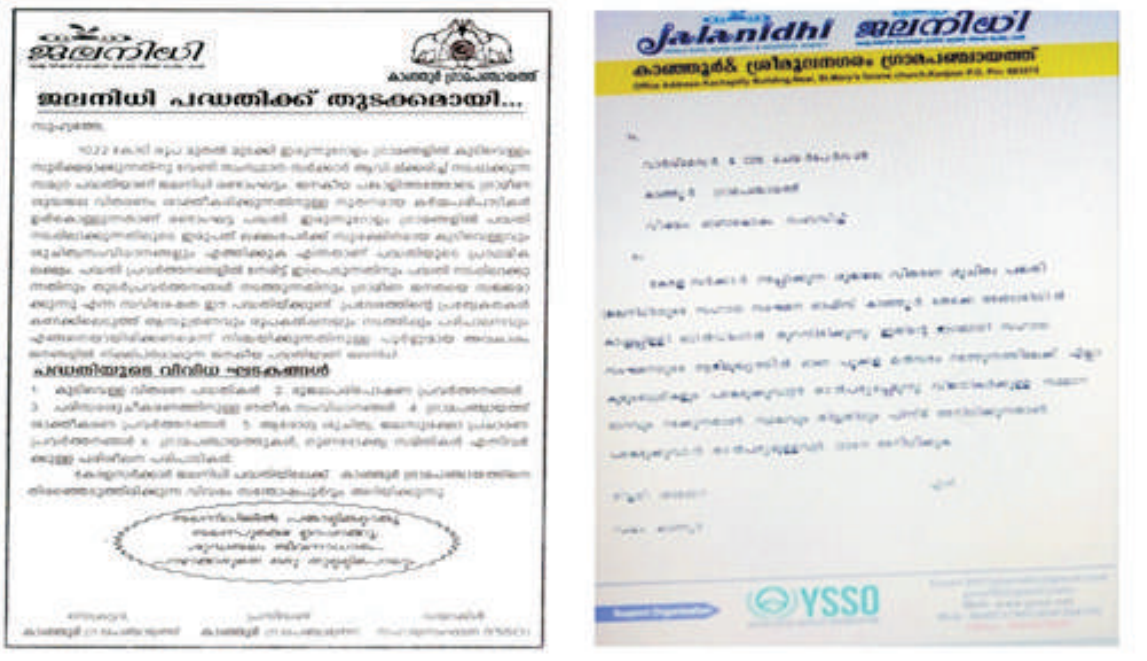
a. Special Gramasabha Notice

Special Gramasabhas were conducted in every ward of the GP to provide an introduction and awareness regarding Jalanidhi Phase II. The time schedules for the Gramasabhas were fixed by making discussions with the Panchayath governing body. Notices which contained a brief description of the project and the time schedule of the Gramasabhas were published. The notice explains the present water scarcity of our state and also the significance of a project like Jalanidhi in the present situation. 10,000 notices were published and distributed throughout the GP and the matters in the notice were clearly explained in the local language. These notices were distributed in every household and fixed in the notice boards of major junctions, public institutions of the GP. Gramasabhas were scheduled from 22-09-2017. Through these notices people could get an idea regarding Jalanidhi and it helped the GP to conduct the Gramasabha more easily.



b. Jalanidhi Leaflet

A leaflet giving short description regarding Jalanidhi was prepared and distributed among the people of GP. The matters in the leaflet were an introduction about Jalanidhi, roles and responsibilities of different stake holders, importance of Jalanidhi etc. 10,000 Leaflets were printed and distributed among the people.



2. SIGN BOARDS

Kanjur Grama Panchayat is situated Ernakulam district very near to Sreemoolanagaram Gramapanchayath. It was proposed in the IEC plan to fix boards with writing of Janalidhi at all major entrances of the GP. The post is 7feet in length and the board is in size of 4x3 feet. The boards were provided with writings of Welcome and Thanks on alternate sides. The boards also contain the emblem of Janalidhi, name of the GP and name of the SO. Three such boards were made and fixed at three major entrances of the GP. The posts were fixed by concreting the bottom.



JALASURAKSHA SEMINAR

A Seminar on Ground water recharge and Jalasuraksha was conducted in the conference hall of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Chowara. Principal led the seminar. He explained the current water scarcity situation in the GP and the importance of ground water recharge. He also talked the simple, traditional and indigenous techniques of ground water recharge that could be done in homes by themselves. After the class, there was an open discussion regarding the water supply schemes and Jalanidhi in particular. 154 people attended the seminar and cleared their doubts regarding the topic. The participants also contributed the seminar with their knowledge in this regard. The seminar organized on 10-10-2017, began at 10.30 am to 3.00 pm. The people were provided with small refreshment in the form of tea and snacks at 11.30 am and lunch at noon. The seminar succeeded in imparting the idea of ground water recharge and in spreading the concept of Jalanidhi.





3. AWARENESS CLASSES

a. Awareness Seminar for School Students

As part of the project a study class was conducted for school student at Govt. Higher Secondary School Chowara in Sreemoolanagaram Gramapanchayath on 10th October 2017 and the class took Sri. Rajesh Rajan. Various aspects of around water preservation were explained in the study class.



b. Training for Women

Participation of women in all the activities is given peak importance throughout the Jalanidhi project. With this objective the training for women was kept as an important activity in the IEC Plan. As per this a one day training class was arranged for some of the active women (CDS/ADS Members) of the Panchayath in the Panchayath seminar hall. Ward members were given the responsibility to bring ADS/CDS members from each ward to make sure that the concepts of Jalanidhi is spread everywhere in the GP. The training was arranged on 15th October 2017 efficient management of water was taken as the main subject for training. Since the women are the most important users of water in every family, this topic was considered to be relevant for the training. The training was started with an inaugural ceremony presided over by Sri. Lonappan, President of Kanjoor Grama Panchayath and explained the necessity for efficient water management. Felicitations were given by the Standing committee members namely Smt. Alphonsa, Sebastian Varghese and Fr. Jose Paruthuvayalil the programme was ended with a vote of thanks by Savitha Sajeesh.

The training session was started with the class by Babu Mathew. He started his session with the collection of the details regarding the daily consumption of water in homes through the method of brain storming. He also pointed out the facts regarding the actual amount of potable water available with the Panchayath and the actual amount required with the help of statistical data and other available data. The increasing intensity of droughts in the successive years was explained to the gathering by the trainer. An informative PowerPoint presentation was also presented to give a visual idea of the subject to the people. The trainer narrated simple tips that could be practiced within homes for the efficient utilization of water to avoid its wastage such as use of waste water for watering plants, awareness to the children, well recharging, collection of rain water etc.

After the First Presentation the concept of Jalanidhi Phase II was also presented before the gathering. All the components of Jalanidhi were made clear to the participants. Special emphasis was given to the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder of Jalanidhi. Doubts regarding the project raised by the participants were cleared by the trainer. The training was ended with the promise given by the participants to bring into practice the knowledge that they acquired through the training and also to ensure

maximum participation in Jananidhi. All the participants were motivated to spread the message of Jananidhi in and around their locality. The training started at 10.30 am. to 3 pm. A total of 83 people participated in the training and they were provided tea snacks and lunch.

C. Training for Ward Members

Training for GP and Ward Members is an inevitable aspect of Jananidhi. The ward members are to be trained well in all the aspects of Jananidhi. With this concern one day training was arranged on 3rd October 2017 for the ward members. The resource person for the day was Sri. George Mathew. He clearly explained all the components of Jananidhi and the role of each stakeholder of the project. All the participants felt that the training was very much useful. The training began with a formal meeting presided over by Mr. Lonappan, President Kanjoor Gramapanchayath Smt. Alphonsa, President Sreemoolanagaram Gramapanchayath inaugurated the training. Felicitations were made by standing committee chair persons namely Manju Siju and Sebastian Jacob. Fr. Jose Paruthuvayalil said the vote of thank for the gathering.





CONCLUSION

The IEC activities have given a good mileage to the Jalanidhi Project. The message of Jalanidhi reached each and every corner of the Grama Panchayath. The IEC programme focused on general community more and included more activities to give awareness to general folk. The leaflets distributed through gramasabha and during home visits. This helped to reach the message to every home in the Panchayath. As a whole the IEC activities has given an overall mobilization throughout the Grama Panchayath.





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