

## MEETING WITH NISSA - UPAD

Meeting Date: 09.02.2021

Meeting Time: 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Meeting Attendees: Nissa Ma'am, Project Director UPAD  
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Meeting Venue: UPAD Office, Near Town Hall, Kochi

- NHG (ayal kootam) is comprising of 15-20 families, so when they form an NHG the president and secretary are supposed to create a bank account in the NHG name through which all the funding comes to the needs of the people of the group.
- Ideally one NHG will have 20 members because a lesser number will be only 5 members other than the executive members.
- These executive members will be joining at the ward level to form the ADS. All the executive body of the NHG forms general body at the ward level and the general body elect the 7-member executive body of the ADS.
- What are the functions of the executive body of the NHG.
  - Other than the president and the secretary there are 3 volunteers in the NHG which are health volunteer, education volunteer and infrastructure volunteer.
  - What the volunteers do in that for example the infrastructure volunteer they will notify the shortcomings, and issues in that particular area regarding the road, streetlights, drain etc. and notify it to the ADS at the ward level or directly put it out to the ward councilor during the ward committee meeting.
  - The president and the secretary are the one who keeps tabs on the overall state of the families in that NHG. For example, if one of the families does not have a proper house, their name will be added into the beneficiary list of people who require housing and will be submitted to the ADS with needed documents.
- These kinds of shortcomings are listed by all the NHG groups at individual level as well as community level and area level and the proposals are submitted to the ADS at the ward level. Consolidating proposal from all the NHGs the ADS create ADS level action plan.

- All ADS will forward their division level ADS action plan to the ULB level CDS. CDS will forward the beneficiaries and other requirement regarding employment, livelihood and others into an action plan and will be submitted to the welfare standing committee.
- The NHGs or the ADS are part of the WC meetings happening at the ward level so they present few issues at the WC and I forwarded like that but in reality, when the council look at the proposal that include proposals from WC meetings, ADS and CDS action plan, there are merging of these projects and it is according to the necessity or urgency and validity of the project it is selected into the projects of annual plan preparation.
- Kudumbashree members for the working groups are selected from representations of all wards, who are interested and have proven themselves in the sectors.
- Any members of the working group can put out their word for any specific project it is not necessary that only the sector project can be initiated. All these projects are crossing through all the platforms before the finalization.
- The CDS action plan is also handled by the women and Children working group under the welfare standing committee. The proposals are discussed there and further put forth into the development seminar.
- LIFE mission (Housing):
  - First survey at the NHG level is done to create a priority list of beneficiaries. After this the priority list id published and verification is done.
  - For the verification they have to submit Aadhar card, ration card, income statement, document stating they do not have another house etc. to be listed into the eligible category.
- UPAD is an institution at the ULB level and it is part of the corporation system. Mainly focusing on the poverty eradication, but the ground work at the grassroot level is done through Kudumbashree platform as they have the maximum reach to all sections of the society.
- Kudumbashree is a state mission and at the ULB level the infrastructure for the CDS is done by the corporation.
- The main objective of kudumbashree is to identify the eligible and needed beneficiaries for all the state and central initiated schemes, the UPAD is the wing which oversees the awarding and implementation of the poverty eradication programs.

- Since it is hard to find land for mass housing project for or they formulated a plan which gives the beneficiaries money to buy land for which the fund is allotted from the plan fund given by the state government.
- According to this scheme they give landless houseless beneficiary a provision to buy land within the urban area. For 121.4 sqm land up to 5 lakhs can be given (1.5 lakhs per 40.4 sqm or 1 cent) is provided by the government and this amount is directly transferred to the landowner's account.
- This is mainly to create an ownership feeling for the beneficiary that they find the land and the money will be given by the government and rest of the amount if it is there should be paid by the beneficiary.