ANALYSIS OF THE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & LIVELIHOOD SECURITY UNDER MGNREGA IN KODUMBU GRAMA PANCHAYATH

Women & work

India has among the world’s lowest levels of female labour force participation- the proportion of working-age women who are either working or looking for work.

Of 131 countries, India ranked 11th from the bottom in terms of women’s workforce participation in 2010, with Pakistan and Afghanistan among the countries doing worst, say data analysed by Steven Kapsos, an economist with the employment trends unit of International Labour Organization (ILO). Less than 25% of rural women & 15% of urban women were in the workforce, women are underrepresented in the booming sectors of the economy. Women’s share of the employment growth was less. (Vidya Venkat 2015)

MGNREGA in Kodumbu grama panchayath

The total number of MGNREGA registration are 1936, out of this Total registration of women workers 1630. On the basis of community General-1113, OBC 138 & SC shares the 9 wards have above 100 women workers. Thasrak is the highest women work participation ward(176) Kodumbu ward is the lowest women work participation (55).

SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE OF THE RESPONDENTS
Kodumbu grama panchayath have 15 wards & the selected sample questionnaire is 75. To get the percentage of the respondent the number of respondent is divided by the total number of respondent & then multiplies into 100.

- The total number of the respondents for questionnaire are 75 & also conducted 5 interviews.

- The respondents age group are categorized into 5. they are below 30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-60 & above 60. the 48% of the respondents comes under the age group of 30-40.

- The respondents community is grouped into General(29.33%), OBC(33.33%), SC(37.33%)

- Majority of the respondents comes under 4-6 family members (64%)

- The educational qualification of the Mgnrega workers are 10TH level & 6.66% of women workers are illiterate.

**ANALYSIS OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

**Sense of vision of future**

- Through the programme the marginalised poor women have open bank account in their own name. This is helpful for the financial security of future through the savings.

- Women can spend their earnings for children’s studying.

**Mobility & visibility**

- The 64% of the respondents have able to visit their friends.
and the 22.66% of women workers are visit their family members

- a small percentage (10.66%) workers meet their associates.

**Decision making power in the household**

- from most of the respondent able to buying household appliances (64%)

- more than twenty percentage (22.66%) of women are capable to take decision related to children’s studying.

**Interact effectively in public sphere**

- more than 80% of the respondents are agree that they are speak different matters related to their work infront of their concerning authorities.

- this shows that self confidence of the women under the programme arises a little compared to non-job card holders.

- but a small percentage (6.66%) always keep silence in the public sphere

**IMPACT OF MGNREGA ON LIVELIHOOD SECURITY**

**Economic security**

- through the agricultural & non-agricultural activities the women workers get 500-1500 rupees per month 66.66%

- after joining the MGNREGA the women can able to receive 1000-2000 rupees per month (70.66%) Educational security
➢ through this programme the women can able to give higher education to their children (57%)

➢ the silent literacy revolution is happened in the part of MGNREGA works. the old age illiterate people have ability to write their names in muster rolls.

➢ Health security

➢ the old age people can get better medical treatement trough in their own earnings.

➢ the people are mainly depending on govt. hospitals which are about (69.33%)

Household expenditure from earnings of MGNREGA in Kodumbu grama panchayath
Summary of findings

- The MGNREGA’s women workers are mainly in Thasrak(176) & low participation in Kodumbu(55)

- The SC population is high in Chirappadam & MGNREGA women workers also high in this ward.

  So the benefits of the programme is reaching to the poor people especially SC women

- The six wards of the panchayath have show the below 100 women workers. They are kadamkode(61), karaikkad(59), erattiyal(91), kodumbu(55), Althara(57) and canal(91). These wards need more awareness about MGNREGA.

- They can able to face shocks in their life and share the experience and informations to the workmates.

- The six IAY households are participated in the MGNREGA works.

- The old age women and Disabled person are joining in the work of MGNREGA and uplift their livelihood security and empowerment.