

Case Study on Mobilizing Fisheries SHG in Kerala

Society for Assistance to Fisherwomen (SAF) in Kerala under the Department of Fisheries, Kerala have been working on empowering the fisher-women of the State by promoting livelihoods opportunity by forming SHG groups of fisher women and is one of the notable programs with major role in the formation of SHGs in fisheries sector. Skill development and capacity building of the under-employed and unemployed fisher-women was initiated to induct them into remunerative fishery activities. Insights into fisheries enterprises and alternate livelihood options were included as part of their training programme. Continuous monitoring and evaluation of the SHG groups with a road -map strategized along with regular performance appraisal helped in the women fisher folk to find new livelihood avenues and strengthened economic efficiency. The 'Theeramaithry' programme of SAF helped the economic and gender empowerment of women fisher folk. One of the key enterprises that is formed under SAF facilitation is Theeramythri sea food kitchen SHGs in various locations of Kerala.

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