

The case of Sangam Mahila Village Organisation

Introduction:

The Sangam Mahila Village Organisation (VO) was formed in 2014 in the Staundi village, Gharaunda Block, Karnal District, Haryana.

Background:

The Sangam Mahila VO leaders are all from a disadvantaged Scheduled Caste community in the village. They have emerged as leaders through their dedication and commitment to the activities of the VO. In FY 2016-17, the VO received an award as the best VO of the country and in 2018 it was listed as one of the best performing VOs under DAY-NRLM.

Details of the Intervention:

There are 3 sub-committees of 4 members each, who support a 5-member team of Office Bearers. These sub-committee members, alongside with other executive members, were successfully trained in the VO management, including financial management of Community Investment Funds (CIFs). In this regard, the contribution of a pool of trained internal Community Resource Person (CRPs) is noteworthy. As a result of their hard work, the VO showed remarkable performance in self-reliance and sustainability in all its features. The roles and responsibilities taken up by this VO included the resolution of significant social issues, such as domestic violence, girl-child marriage, and child and maternity health.

Impact:

Currently, the Sangam Mahila VO has 17 SHGs associated to it. Comprising 202 SHG members and with an elected Executive Body of 34 members, the VO has been functioning regularly as per norms since its inception. The VO has been efficiently using CIF of Rs. 4.5 lakh for promoting the livelihoods of the poor. The CIF disbursed to all the 17 SHGs under the VO has a recovery rate of 100 percent. The VO corpus was Rs. 7.7 lakhs at the end of June, 2017.

Source: Ministry of Rural Development. (2018). An introduction to best performing Village Organizations under DAY-NRLM. Government of India.