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*Grameena Mahila Okkuta*





# **GRAMEENA MAHILA OKKUTA**

Kolar District

## ***Annual Report (2021-22)***

Honnasettahalli, Yelagondahalli Post - 563127  
Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar





## **About Us**

Grameena Mahila Okkuta (GMO) is a community-based organisation of rural women. It is the apex body of the federation of CDC in four taluks of Kolar district in Karnataka. GMO was formed in 1997 and registered as a society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act. GMO was created with the purpose of facilitating CDC, Community Resource Centre to develop the groups as grassroots level community institutions to develop leadership and skills among Community members.

In the year 2017, GMO extended its work to 5 districts in Karnataka State and continued its work till 2021. The focus of our work to educate the people about incidents of violence against women, disseminating information about women's rights and skill development and livelihoods. The organisation has been implementing various programmes and activities under the SWALLOWS and We Trust projects. In this regard the organization has been working in coordination with various Government Departments, Banks and through Gram Panchayats, Community Development Committees, Village Development Committees, Vigilance Committees, Community Resource Centres, and has been striving to reach out economical resources to the beneficiaries under various government programmes and projects.

## **GOAL**

The goal of GMO is to facilitate social, political and economic empowerment of rural poor women by developing self-managed and sustainable people's institutions.

## **Experience**

During the year 2021-2022 GMO had tried to carry out all its activities along with some new activities and new programmes and happened to face some new challenges to reach new milestones.

Like the previous year Covid had spread to most of the families in the current year too creating hurdles to carrying out the planned activities. This had impacted the lives of the people particularly the ones who depend on wage labour. During November to January people faced lot of health and financial issues. Second was the natural disaster faced by the people - had heavy rainfall for about 5 months and it disordered the lives of people? It negatively impacted the day to day affairs of the people thereby losing employment, food, agriculture and health. Those who depended on agriculture and its labour had to face hardships as the crops were lost, shortage of food products, low price for the produce, crop loans, price rise etc. had hit the livelihoods of the poor people. It was not easy for the organisations like us and federations to organise people and work. It was difficult to work as per the expectations of the people.



Feel proud to share with you all the important activities / programmes that were conducted and its impact. Basically the community's needs and expectations and the steps taken.

### **Important Activities for the year 2021-2022**

1. Desilting of tanks in collaboration with Rotary club
2. Jatha for tank rejuvenation
3. Awareness programme for voters
4. Wall writings
5. Stitching of cotton bags under skill development programme
6. Workshop on livelihood and organic farming
7. Training programme on grama panchayats for the elected representatives and community members
8. Programme to take precautionary measures for COVID
9. General body meeting
10. FCRA renewal, FCRA new account, 80 G, 12 A updating, visit to MHA
11. Important persons and organizations who visited GMO
12. Collaborating with other organization to conduct programmes (Network)
13. Completion of four year programme of We- Trust
14. Evaluation
15. National partners meeting
16. Zoom meeting

17. Digital equipment support
18. Audits
19. Society renewal
20. IT returns
21. Bank accounts
22. Board meetings
23. Staff
24. Furniture support from GV/HP
25. Case studies

### **Significant events that has taken place during the year 2021-2022**

- Identified the ASHA workers who had served during lockdown and honored them by giving ration kits and health sanitary kits
- Identified the families who had been tested covid positive during lockdown and distributed ration kit and health kits as well as cash support
- Survey was conducted during April and May to know about the various benefits from the government
- Trained 200 women to stitch cotton bags
- 50 women were given tailoring job under small scale production unit
- International women's Day was celebrated among elected grama panchayat women members
- During lockdown health kits (oximeter, infrared thermometer, N95 masks) were distributed and posters on corona awareness were given to Grama Panchayats

- 110 women were given seeds of vegetables and greens to promote Kitchen gardens for improving nutrition intake at families
- 'Women Farmers Day' was celebrated and 120 women were given training on organic farming and alternative livelihood options
- Jatha was done to educate communities in 16 villages of 2 grama panchayats to rejuvenate the tanks and Desilting of tanks were discussed
- To access direct loan schemes from Dr. Ambedkar SC & ST Development Corporation, a list of 200 beneficiaries were made and given to our Taluk MLA Shri. H. Nagesh
- Programme was conducted in Chitteri village by inviting District President of construction workers and labour department
- Initiated and sustained the community resource centre at Bevenatha village
- Wall writings were done in 10 villages about the ill effects of child marriages and Prevention and awareness on prevention of corona
- Evaluation of Swallows 5 year Project LEAP programme was done during the year by external agency. Good results / outcomes / Impact have come out as the key Results.
- 40 women and girls from 4 villages were trained in tailoring and the required materials were also provided
- 1600 meters of kora cotton cloth was given to S P G women to stitch bags as

part of providing employment. In order to get small income from this activity

- So far 2500 cotton bags have been stitched and SPG women have earned Rs. 15000/-
- A small initiative by the women So far in marketing and 500 bags have been sold

### **Administration**

#### **Structure:**

The Grameena Mahila Okkuta conducts the General body meeting once in a year. Office-bearers will be selected by forming the Executive Committee. The office-bearers include President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Administrator is laid with the responsibility for the Admin and office works. The Project team includes a Team Leader, Program Coordinators, Field Coordinators and CRC animators are appointed to manage the Community Resource Centre, and the Vigilance Committee members in every village in the Community for this program. People who are active in the Community Development Committee are encouraged to involve and the work has been carried out with the support of the local government officials. Two persons from the Board were asked to participate in the implementation of every program compulsorily and cooperating with the staff members.

#### **Annual General Body meeting:**

The annual general body meeting for the year 2021-2022 was conducted on 26.08.2021. Reports about the topics discussed during the earlier general body meeting, programmes implemented and problems solved was





submitted in this meeting. The following decisions were taken:

#### **Agenda:**

- Presentation -2019-2020 minutes of the meeting of previous year
- Presentation of annual report of the Okkuta for the year 2020-2021
- Presentation and approval of the 2020-2021 audit report
- Election of board members and office-bearers for the year 2021-2022
- Appointment of auditors for the year 2021-2022 and fixing of honorarium
- Regarding new donors and future activities of the Okkuta;
- Discussion about the selection of new members for the board as invitees
- Other topics with the permission of the chair.

#### **Governing Board Meetings**

A total number of 11 board meetings at the rate of two meetings per month have been conducted during this year. Discussions about the various administrative programs, financial issues and donors visits, network develop-

ment, administrative board members rules, policies and responsibilities, and programme planning's have been held in these meetings. This year 11 Board meetings have been held where several decisions have been taken like how to work in the community in the COVID-19 Pandemic time, distribution of ration, printing and distribution of posters, financial Issues and government rules and guidelines were discussed. Decisions taken in the meetings:

The board members for the year 2021-2022 have been elected with the consent of all the members. Likewise, Elections of office-bearers for the year 2021-2022 has also been made as per the decisions of the board members.

#### **Annual General Body and Governing board Minutes for the year- 2021-2022**

##### **I. General body Meeting -Minutes 2021-2022**

Date : 26.08.2021

Venue : Okkuta Office

Total Members Attended : 105

#### **Discussion of the meetings based on the agenda**

- Society Renewal Report and passing Resolution
- New Board Election for the year 2021-22
- Presentation of annual Reports/Accounts
- Passing of annual audit reports
- Election of Office bearers
- Appointment of auditors
- Fixing remuneration for auditors
- About new donors and Budgets
- Signatories and financial transactions for the year 2021-2022