End of the Pandemic and Beyond

Role of Local Governments

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Sub National Government and Local Governments

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The Background

• Kerala – a Province / State in India

• Kerala Development Model

• Well developed Public Health System

• Strong Local Government System

• Experiences from People’s Plan Campaign
Stages of Action

• Endemic

• Epidemic

• Pandemic

• National Disaster
The Pandemic

• Awareness Generation
• Isolation
• Testing
• Contact Tracing
• Physical Distancing
• Treatment
• At home
• Firstline Treatment Centres
• Covid Treatment Centres
• Tertiary Care
In the Times of Disasters

• It is an emergency
• It is War Situation, Deal it like in a war
• There needs to be coordinated efforts
• Uniformed and Non-Uniformed forces to come together
• Single point of command

\textit{We need Command and Control}

Also, in Disasters

• Who is the First Respondent?
• Who Knows the Area?
• Who Understands the Community?
• Who can Reach the Communities?
Local Governments in Action

• Awareness Generation - ‘Break the Chain’.
• Rapid Response Teams
• Gathering Details
• Monitoring Quarantine
• Food and Support Services – No one to be Hungry
• Community Kitchens
• Taking care of the Vulnerable and the High Risk
• Migrant Workers
• Daily Stock Taking and Reporting
• Covid Firstline Treatment Centres
How Does this Happen

• Women Neighbourhood Group Network (Kudumbashree)
• Health System Staff
• Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA)
• Anganwadi (Child Care Centre) Workers
• Volunteer Teams
• Local Government Functionaries (Elected members and officials)

All under the Broad Umbrella of Local Government System
Guided and supported by the State Government
Multi level Governance and Action
Rome Was Not Built In A Day

• 3 Fs – Functions, Functionaries and Funds – In Real Terms
• Local Planning – the People’s Plan Campaign
• All local institutions managed by Local Governments

• Experiences over the last 25 years
• Yeoman Services during 2018 Flood
• Local Action Plan on Climate Change
• Local Disaster Management Plan
How do They Do?

• Working with others
  • Planning
  • Doing
  • Coordinating
  • Leading
  • Supporting
  • Facilitating
  • Negotiating
  • Devolving
  • Delegating
  • Networking
  • Grievance Redressal
As We Move On

• Primary Recovery Activities and Future
• Continued awareness generation
• Prevention of misguided/unscientific information
• Continued Surveillance and Monitoring
• Post Covid Health
• Vaccines
• Knowledge, Attitude, Practice Leading to Behavioural Change
• Not at Individual level alone, but Community Level

*Leave No One Behind*
Address

• Food Security
  • Short Term
  • Long Term (Subhiksha Keralam)
• Poverty and Hunger
• Employment and Livelihoods
• Local Economic Development
• Health, Sanitation, Waste Management
• Land and water
• Education
• The disadvantaged, the elderly and other vulnerable populations
• Climate Change, Epidemics, Endemics and Disasters

*Capacity Challenges*
Building Back Better, Greener, and More Resilient

- No one to be Hungry - 1000 People’s Hotels
- 5000 Clubs for the elderly
- Clean and Green Kerala – Haritha Keralam Mission
  - Rejuvenation of canals and rivulets, 10,000,000 trees, Organic vegetables
- Local Employment Assurance Programme (5000 new enterprises) + Skill mapping
- Solid and Liquid Waste Management and 12000 public toilets
- Education sector – Higher
- Palliative Care
- Development of the Marginalised
- Strong Local Disaster Management and Climate Resilient Plan
- Community Volunteer Force (one person for 100 persons)

Rebuild Kerala Initiative

Resilient Kerala Programme – Climate Change and Disasters
We shall overcome