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Planning For Solid Waste Management: A Case Of Pathanamthitta Town

Housing and related livelihood issues accompanying the rehabilitation is a major issue faced by the Government from time being when they address the housing issues. The Housing and Livelihood were addressed under different schemes so far by the central and state governments. But the Kerala Government has now planned to bring these two components of housing together so that it can be addressed together in a single policy named as LIFE Mission.

But when we go through their objectives it is evident that even though they have the idea of merging the schemes they don't have the proper strategies to be implemented in the Housing project ensuring livelihood. They haven't considered the livelihood as an equal important factor as of housing. Only the Fishermen community and the plantation community were considered as a traditional community in Kerala that will get affected in the rehabilitation project. So there is a need to address the grievances of other communities and their livelihoods especially the other traditional communities of Kerala like coir and cashew. There is a need of in depth study about the livelihood activities of these communities and the issues and potentials needs to be addressed in a way that it can help in the socio-economic and cultural upliftment of the community.

In this project we studied about the traditional coir community of Cherthala who are beneficiaries under the Landless Houseless category of the LIFE Mission programme. The survey done by the LIFE Mission was studied and from that the missing details on the livelihood activities of the beneficiaries were studied in detail through primary sample survey and the data was cross checked, analysed and inferences were drawn out of it. Recommendations based on the study to ensure livelihood along with housing particularly for the study area was formulated.

The similar character of the livelihood in the sample study area and the profile of the beneficiaries and the nature of their living conditions etc. along with the study on successful strategies adopted by other states helps in deriving the strategies and recommendations. Hope this project can be a base for the LIFE Mission programme in conducting studies and developing strategies for other areas where livelihood needs to be ensured in Housing where they need a rehabilitation.