



# Impact of SHGs on socio-economic status of women members in Latur district of Marthwada region

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## ABSTRACT

The present investigation was conducted in villages of Latur district of Marthwada region of Maharashtra state to examine the impact of SHGs on socio-economic status of the members. The chairman or secretary or one of the the active members of the group was interviewed for collecting the information. The findings revealed that employment generation was higher in elder age group of SHGs. However, per family employment generated in goat keeping was comparatively less than employment in buffalo keeping activity. Percentage on food consumption decreased after joining SHG in both age groups. It indicated clearly that there was positive impact on the income of respondents. The proportion expenditure on traveling and recreation, education and housing etc. also increased due to participation in SHG. The absolute amount of money expenditure increased on the above said items of the family budget. This is obvious that if income increases it is spent on traveling, education and housing etc. The total income was found increased after joining the activities of SHGs. This study will be useful to the planners, research workers and NGOs for the expansion of the scheme on large areas covering large population for achieving the national goals.