



Nature of activities organised by self-help groups formed by two non-governmental organisations for the integrated development of the members and the community

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ABSTRACT

A study was conducted in the Mulbagal and Bangarpet Talukas of Kolar district in Karnataka state to know the nature of activities organised by the self-help groups (SHG), which are formed by two non-governmental organisations (NGO) for the overall development of the group members in particular and community/village in general. The study revealed that, the SHGs were involved in developmental activities and also took part in natural resources management, health, hygiene and sanitation activities apart from their regular and the core purpose of thrift and credit. The self-help groups were very actively involved in getting good education facility to their children through different sponsored programmes. In the groups organised by one NGO, Grama Vikas observed that these SHGs played a major role in implementing the forest nursery raising and also taking up afforestation in the common land for the betterment of the community. Self-help groups of Grama Vikas of one particular village had came together and established a Milk Producers Co-operative Society exclusively maintained by the women. There were about 31 different types of activities carried out by the SHG. They have shown that the women can do anything and everything if they were organised and trained in proper way. These self-help groups are the very good forum for the rural women to expose themselves to the mainstream and become economically independent and took part in the decision making process their respective families.