CONSORTIUM MODEL ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC) PROGRAMME IN PATHANAMTHITTA

Livelihoods (Farm Sector)

Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme

ABC Programme is aimed at reducing stray dog population density, decrease mating/ maternal/ pack aggression in stray dogs. The program involves capture, neutering, and release of stray dogs based on a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for animalbirth control programs outlined by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI).

ABC PROGRAM IN PATHANAMTHITTA

There are five ABC ME units in pathanamthitta district to implement sterilization of stray dogs. These ABC units were formed from Mezhuveli, Naranammoozhy, Enadimangalam, Thannithodu, Pandalam Thekkekkara panchayaths. There are 26 members in 5 units. The unit was formed in March 2017 and the members were given a 15- day training from Kodumon Veterinary hospital. At present Pathanamthitta district, facilities for conducting surgery of stray dogs are only available in Kadapra vetenary Hospital.

ABC ME Unit members with District Mission Team

District panchayath and Grama Panchayath provide necessary fund to Kudumbashree for conducting surgery. ABC unit catches stray dogs and fetch to Veterinary hospital from the Panchayaths which allow necessary fund. The unit members provide assistance to the veterinary doctor for the surgery. The stray dogs are taken back to the place from they are caught after the 3rd day of surgery. ABC ME unit members have to look after the stray dogs and also provide food and medicine properly during the period. The unit is given Rs 2100/- for sterilizing one dog.It includes

* Medicine- 500
* Doctor fee - 400
* Unit - 1200

The report regarding sterilization of stray dogs is to be certified by a veterinary surgeon.When this report is submitted at district mission office, RS 2100 is transferred to the accounts of units proportionally to the number of stray dogs.Rs 400 is given as doctor fee from the accounts of units for each dog and the amount for next surgery should also be given by the units. But, it is very difficult to get money from ABC units. Bulk purchase of medicine can't also be done transparently. As a solution for these problems, Kudumbashree district mission pathanamthitta has started a consortium model ABC programme.

Consortium model of ABC programme

There are five ABC units in Pathanamthitta now.A consortium has been formed by selecting one member from each group. A secretary and a president have also been selected for it. Besides the secretary and the president, there is also a member secretary for the consortium. The member secretary is the district programme manager of animal husbandry. There's a joint account for the secretary, the president and the member secretary.

The cash which is allowed to the account of District Mission from GramaPanchayaths and District panchayath is transferred to the consortium account. Rs 2100 is transferred to the consortium account based on the number of stray dogs after surgery. Doctor
fees are transferred from consortium account. The amount which is allowed to the five units is to be transferred. Bulk purchase of the medicines can create a profit and this profit can be used for generating a capital for the consortium.
A resource person can be posted from this profit and an honorarium can be given. In addition to that, common expenditure can also be managed.

Benefits of Consortium model ABC programme

- Work can be given equally among the five groups by forming consortium.

- Medicine Purchase can be done transparently.
- Consortium can make a capital income.
- Common expenditure can be met by using this capital.
- Profit comes after common expenditure can be given to group members as an extra income.
- Audit point of view transparency can be ensured.
- A resource person can be posted using the additional income and that person can be given sponsibilities of accounts, thereby, one more members can ensure an income.
- Each members in consortium can earn min 4000/- rupees per month.

- *ABC Surgery Unit at Kadapra*

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