

A Report

Seminar on Punalur Model and KASH

Venue: MAHATMA Hall, KILA

Date: 07-01-2019 Time: 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.



The major two premises upon which the QIPHS Project is build on are the replication of Punalur Model at Irinjalakuda General Hospital and compliance of KASH at CHC Vellanikkara and PHC Vaniyampara. It is in this context we have conceived this seminar as a launching event of the project to disseminate the idea into a larger group. From our experiences under HTI and from first quarter of the project we came to a understand that to ensure greater participation from LSG's and Health Department association with a governmental agency is inevitable. It is in this background we approached KILA (Kerala Institute for Local Administration) nodal agency and an autonomous training institute which provides training and capacity building for the members of LSG. We were successful in convincing the importance of the seminar with the Director of KILA Dr. Joy Elamon and he agrees to join with Jananeethi for the conduction of the seminar. This partnership not only helped us in bringing the LSG members in large number to the seminar it also turned out to be a strategic move considering the small budget earmarked for the seminar under the project. With this association we got the opportunity to use the Hall with all modern amenities free of cost



and they also agreed to provide food for the participants of the seminar which in turn helped us saving money worth around Rs. One Lakh. Along with KILA the District Medical Office of Thrissur was also briefed about the seminar. The District Medical Officer Dr. Renna K.J. appreciated the initiative and offered full support for the seminar. She

agreed to send official notice to all the hospitals in Thrissur District asking them to send the Health Inspector of each hospital who is in charge of projects to attend the seminar. She did sent letter as promised and resultantly there was representation from each hospital in Thrissur district. As a result of these combined efforts we had more than 200 participants attended the seminar.

The seminar had three technical sessions and experiences sharing from the ground. Before the technical sessions there was a very short formal meeting. This meeting was presided over by Dr. Peter M. Raj, Associate Professor of KILA. Formal welcome speech was delivered by Prof. Kusumam Joseph, Chairperson of Jananeethi. Adv.Sunilkumar, Executive Director of Jananeethi gave short narration about the project and the expectations of the seminar. After this brief official gathering the first technical session of the seminar “ Punalur Model- Possibilities and Challenges was presented by Dr.Shahirsha. His presentation mainly focused on the transformation of Punalaur Taluk Hospital from an abandoned hospital to a hospital with global standards on a periodic basis. He interacted with the participants and motivated them to take up the challenge in the hospitals under their locality. After his



presentation next technical session on KASH started which was handled by Dr. T. Jayakrishnan , Associate Prof. Government Medical College , Calicut. He made a detailed analysis of KASH applicable to hospitals in Kerala. He also gave directions to the participants how they can start their efforts to achieve KASH for their hospitals. After the two sessions there was a one hour lunch break and third technical session started after the lunch. The third session was on importance of Public Health which was presented by Dr. K.G. Radhakrishnan , Assistant Prof. Government Medical College, Thrissur. All the three sessions were highly appreciated by the participants. Participants were also introduced to hospitals in Thrissur District which made remarkable improvements through proper planning and clear vision. The experience sharing was lead by LSG members and doctor from Chalakkudy Municipality, Thalikulam Block Panchayath and Manalur Grama Panchayath. Chalakkudy Thaluk Hospital got best hospital award both at state and national level. Similarly CHC Thalikkulam won best hospital award at state level. Manalur PHC under Manalur Grama Panchayath is the only hospital in Thrissur District which has KASH Accreditation. After the ground level sharing the participants was given time to speak on their experiences, feedback and suggestions. Participant's details were collected and information kit made under the project was given to all the registered participants.

While concluding the seminar Adv. Sunilkumar informed the participants about Jananeethi's interest and willingness in supporting the initiative in other places with a view to scale up the reach of the project to beyond the project locations. He also extended heartfelt gratitude to all the resource persons, participants and especially to KILA for their generous support in making the seminar a grant success. Through this



seminar we hope that many more local governments will come forward to replicate the best practices that made Punalur possible in their respective hospitals.
