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## UNNAT BHARATH ABHIYAN – PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023

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To be involved in the development process of rural areas in the country to achieve sustainable development and better quality of life, Assumption College Autonomous, Changanassery, Kottayam, Kerala as a participating Institute has initiated steps to adopt villages under the UBA program.

On 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022, an application for participating institutes along with the relevant documents was sent to Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA). The five villages in the districts of Kottayam and Alappuzha were proposed to be adopted are:

1. Kumarankary
2. Mampuzhakary
3. Paittupakka
4. Vettithuruthu
5. Eara

On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023, we received an acknowledgment from UBA stating the release of seed money along with further guidelines in the first week of March 2023.

A UBA committee was formulated in the college to do the activities under UBA and to conduct village surveys and household surveys to understand the livelihood of the local people in the adopted villages.

On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, our Institution has received the seed money of 50,000/- (10,000/- per village). As part of the survey initiative, several meetings have been conducted at our Institution since March 2023. Preceding the survey, dedicated committee members visited all adopted villages, engaged in discussions with panchayat secretaries, and scheduled survey days for each panchayat. The village engagement involved educational sessions, recreational events, interactive programs, exhibitions, and demonstrations. The focal points encompass health and fitness, waste management, energy conservation, organic farming, and financial literacy.

Initially, a meeting of the officials of the adopted villages was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Institution. Subsequently, the team members of the UBA committee met officials and councillors of each panchayath to ensure their assistance. Subsequently, the students of our Institution were allocated to each village panchayat for the survey. The survey was carried out using a random sample from the population. The pilot survey of 220 houses was carried out on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 in Eara, Mampuzhakary, and Kumarankary by the students of Social Work program. An orientation class for the second-year NSS volunteers was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and a baseline household survey of 85 houses in Eara was completed on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Then, the orientation class for the second-year and third-year students was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The survey in Vettithuruth and Paittupakka was successfully completed on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 by the second-year students. The next phase involves consolidating the collected data and conducting a rural participatory appraisal, scheduled for the month of December. A comprehensive final report, encompassing fund utilization, will be submitted in January 2024.

However, due to the inclement weather conditions in our area, we have encountered significant delays that have made it impossible for us to meet the original deadline for the completion of the survey and submission of the Utilization Certificate. We have sent an extension request of 90 days for the submission of the Utilization Certificate on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

I express my sincere gratitude to the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan for providing the invaluable opportunity to engage in transformative rural area activities.



  
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