

Role of Kudumbashree in Combating COVID19: A Case Study of Edakkara Panchayat

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The study aims to understand the various activities undertaken by Kudumbashree to combat COVID 19 through a case study of Edakkara Panchayat in Malappuram district. The study adopted qualitative research methods and majorly relied on primary data. In-depth telephonic interviews were adopted to collect information from CDS chairperson, Panchayat officials, Kudumbashree members, members of the community kitchen and two entrepreneurs. A significant finding of the study is the substantial role played by the Kudumbashree in conducting various activities in the Edakkara panchayat like Community kitchen, mask production, awareness programs, and assistance through Snehitha. The concludes by making specific suggestions to improve the functioning of Kudumbashree during the lockdown.