

## Counteracting Covid-19 through Decentralization: A Case with Special Reference to Enadimangalam Grama Panchayat

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The study examines the effectiveness of decentralisation to counteract the COVID-19. Focusing on the Enadimangalam Grama Panchayat in Pathanamthitta district, the study aims to understand to how and to what extent government instructions and directions related to COVID are implemented, to assess awareness of the public about activities of the local self-government and beneficiary satisfaction. Both primary and secondary data are used for the study. In-depth telephonic interviews was conducted 22 individuals to assess the situation. The study documented various activities and relief measures undertaken by the Enadimangalam Grama Panchayat during COVID crisis. Results from the study highlight the significant role played by self-help groups and critical attention to the welfare of weaker sections in the locality. The grama panchayat has taken a range of initiatives to ensure food security, medical assurance, financial assistance and precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID. This study concludes with some suggestions that could enhance well-being of people in the Enadimangalam Grama Panchayat and elsewhere.

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