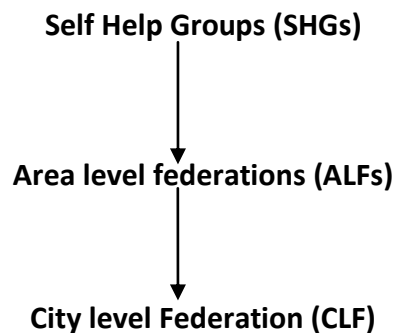


UPLIFTING LIVELIHOODS PROTOTYPE WITH A NOVEL APPROACH BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SOLAN (H.P.)

Municipal council Solan started the implementation of National Urban Livelihoods Mission activities in September 2014 from ground zero and till date March 2016; after the diagnostic and baseline survey of actual beneficiary under NULM. The mobilization and sensitization has been done of community level and the three tier community institutional architecture has been formed, i.e. as follows:



After the formation of community institutions on each tier they were linked with the banks and NULM schemes. In the meanwhile different livelihoods models were developed on each community institutions level by City Mission Management Unit (CMMU) with the support of District administration, municipal council Solan and other Government and Non-Govt agencies for exposing the poor and pro-poor of the community with better employment opportunities.

To bring about a novel approach towards implementation of NULM and Swach Bharat Mission and providing ample facilities to the lower, middle and higher class residents of the city at adequate rates.

These are the few new initiatives were taken by municipal council Solan; likewise

- 1st novel employment opportunity were provided to two SHGs in the form of cleanness of two wards of the city at monthly wages. This work was previously assigned to local Thekedar but now the tender is being given by MC to SHGs as on initial stage.
- 2nd novel employment opportunity was provided to Seven SHGs in which women collected garbage from door to door at specified rates of municipal council Solan. Also they keep of record of this activity at SHGs level in their books.
- 3rd novel employment opportunity was provided in the form of different type of household survey being conducted by the SHGs and ALFs .It is done at adequate rates and encouraged both by Government and Non-Govt agencies.

- 4th novel employment opportunity was provided in the form of running of water ATM in which elected members of SHGs/ALF/CLF are likely to get sustainable livelihood. This project was financed by district collectrate (DC) office
- 5th employment opportunities are being provided as per mandate of NULM likewise Skill training through beautician, electricians, retailers, hotel management, stitching etc.

All the above novel employment/livelihoods opportunities are primarily discussed in City level federation (CLF) meeting further implemented through ALFs and SHGs as per their terms and conditions also which is being minutiae in their books of record.

Municipal council Solan is further planning to give the door to door house and water tax collection to the self help groups. Before implementation all the novel employment opportunities are primarily discussed in MC house meeting in the presence of all the ward councillors and NULM-CMMU team.

These women SHGs are happily engaged in the work providing them regular income, some employment, self sufficiency and contentment. This episode served as a success base for both SWACH BHARAT MISSION and National Urban Livelihoods Mission program creation of sustainable livelihood/employment for women consequently encouraging women empowerment.
