End of the Pandemic and Beyond
Role of Local Governments

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Sub National Government and Local Governments

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The Background

- **Kerala – a Province / State in India**

- **Kerala Development Model**

- **Well developed Public Health System**

- **Strong Local Government System**

- **Experiences from People's Plan Campaign**

Stages of Action

- **Endemic**

- **Epidemic**

- **Pandemic**

- **National Disaster**

The Pandemic

- **Awareness Generation**
- **Isolation**
- **Testing**
- **Contact Tracing**
- **Physical Distancing**
- **Treatment**
- **At home**
- **Firstline Treatment Centres**
- **Covid Treatment Centres**
- **Tertiary Care**

In the Times of Disasters

- It is an emergency
- It is War Situation, Deal it like in a war
- There needs to be coordinated efforts
- Uniformed and Non-Uniformed forces to come together
- Single point of command

We need Command and Control

Also, in Disasters

- Who is the First Respondent?
- Who Knows the Area?
- Who Understands the Community?
- Who can Reach the Communities?

Local Governments in Action

- **Awareness Generation - 'Break the Chain'.**
- **Rapid Response Teams**
- **Gathering Details**
- **Monitoring Quarantine**
- **Food and Support Services – No one to be Hungry**
- **Community Kitchens**
- **Taking care of the Vulnerable and the High Risk**
- **Migrant Workers**
- **Daily Stock Taking and Reporting**
- **Covid Firstline Treatment Centres**

How Does this Happen

- **Women Neighbourhood Group Network (Kudumbashree)**
- **Health System Staff**
- **Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA)**
- **Anganwadi (Child Care Centre) Workers**
- **Volunteer Teams**
- **Local Government Functionaries (Elected members and officials)**

All under the Broad Umbrella of Local Government System

Guided and supported by the State Government

Multi level Governance and Action

Rome Was Not Built In A Day

- **3 Fs – Functions, Functionaries and Funds – In Real Terms**
- **Local Planning – the People's Plan Campaign**
- **All local institutions managed by Local Governments**

- **Experiences over the last 25 years**
- **Yeoman Services during 2018 Flood**
- **Local Action Plan on Climate Change**
- **Local Disaster Management Plan**

How do They Do?

- **Working with others**
  - **Planning**
  - **Doing**
  - **Coordinating**
  - **Leading**
  - **Supporting**
  - **Facilitating**
  - **Negotiating**
  - **Devolving**
  - **Delegating**
  - **Networking**
  - **Grievance Redressal**

As We Move On

- **Primary Recovery Activities and Future**
- **Continued awareness generation**
- **Prevention of misguided/unscientific information**
- **Continued Surveillance and Monitoring**
- **Post Covid Health**
- **Vaccines**
- **Knowledge, Attitude, Practice Leading to Behavioural Change**
- **Not at Individual level alone, but Community Level**

Leave No One Behind

Address

- **Food Security**
  - **Short Term**
  - **Long Term (Subhiksha Keralam)**
- **Poverty and Hunger**
- **Employment and Livelihoods**
- **Local Economic Development**
- **Health, Sanitation, Waste Management**
- **Land and water**
- **Education**
- **The disadvantaged, the elderly and other vulnerable populations**
- **Climate Change, Epidemics, Endemics and Disasters**

Capacity Challenges

Building Back Better, Greener, and More Resilient

- **No one to be Hungry - 1000 People's Hotels**
- **5000 Clubs for the elderly**
- **Clean and Green Kerala – Haritha Keralam Mission**
  - **Rejuvenation of canals and rivulets, 10,000,000 trees, Organic vegetables**
- **Local Employment Assurance Programme (5000 new enterprises) + Skill mapping**
- **Solid and Liquid Waste Management and 12000 public toilets**
- **Education sector – Higher**
- **Palliative Care**
- **Development of the Marginalised**
- **Strong Local Disaster Management and Climate Resilient Plan**
- **Community Volunteer Force (one person for 100 persons)**

Rebuild Kerala Initiative

Resilient Kerala Programme – Climate Change and Disasters

We shall
overcome