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Equality and Empowerment for Women

By increasing their resource base through area development plans

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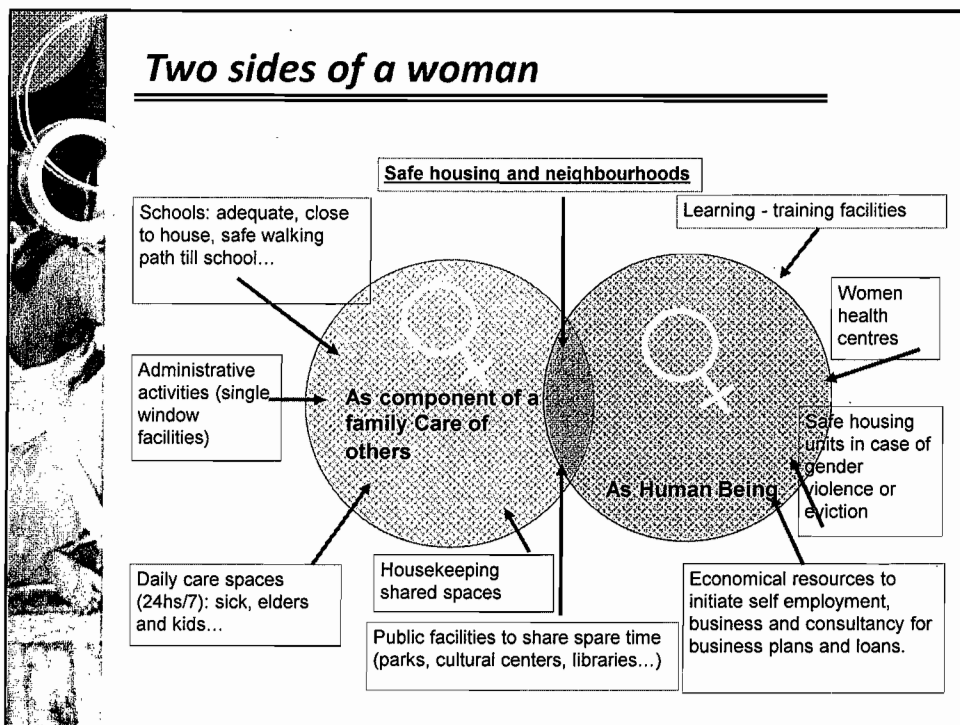
- Since 2004, based on consultations, *Sathi All for Partnerships (SAFP)* has promoted an action agenda for women in a way that family, the State and the market take specific action to increase resources in the name of women individually, jointly and collectively.
- Tapping into an existing under-utilised resource can lead to:
 - Women becoming employed and empowered to own and sustain property in their names.
 - Women becoming visible contributors to the community.
 - Women having a say in how the community develops.

Moving a step closer to GENDER EQUALITY

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Increasing Women's Resource

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- Women and men benefit equally from budgets and area development plans.
- Creation of spaces for women's groups for a long term use rights.
- Providing communities skills needed to manage property and resources.
- Create capital with social gain through ownership of productive assets.

The SDZ idea requires technical support from town planners, UN agencies and Governments (Local, State and Central)

A system of "use rights" for built infrastructure, natural, financial human resources land for WReZ needs to be developed as a State Plan with grants from Central government.

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What needs to be done?

- Collect sex disaggregated data on resource access and budgets to estimate the gender resource gap and its transparent disclosure.
- To promote equality within family and also in a district through PRI.
- To revitalize the local area with gender lens for developing sustainable as well as empowering women zones.
- LDP should include houses, shops manufacturing units/workspaces for women.



Discussion with women groups*

In Jamia women had difficulty accessing widow pension.

In Chilla domestic workers have identified areas and projects

In Bawana women had difficulty to get ration from PDS

In **Edakochi**, Kochi under Cochin Corporation:

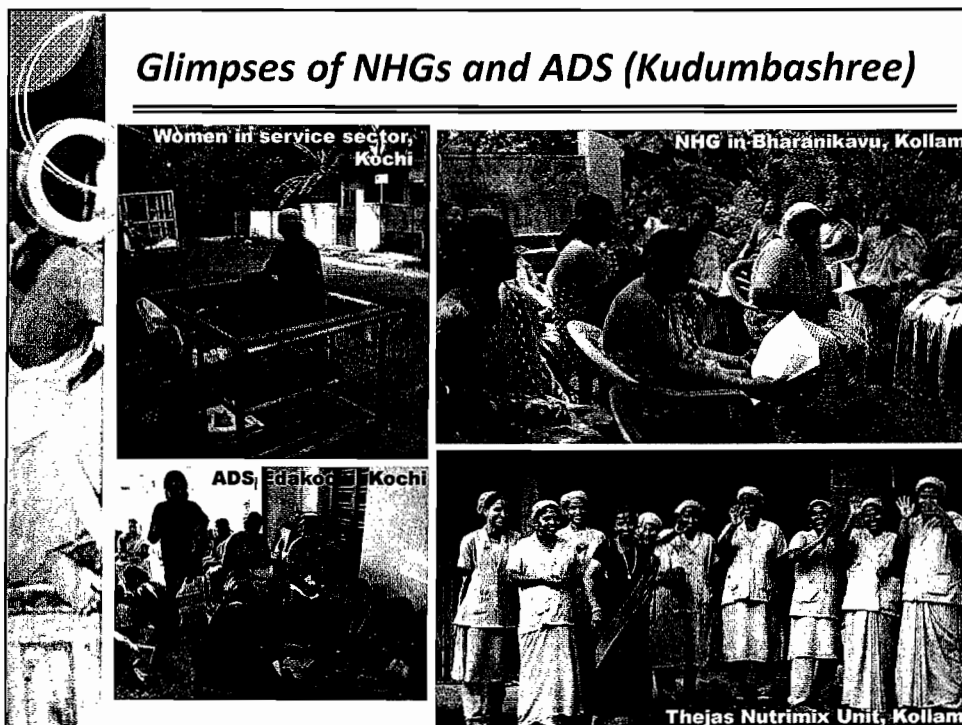
- Women work in small unhygienic sheds to shell the shrimps
- No care facilities for old or young so women need to be near by
- No space for micro enterprise.

In **Bharanikavu** (urban slum) and **Perupumzha**, Elampallore Panchayat (rural) in Kollam

Dumping of solid waste collection in the lake

- No Local Convenience Centre
- Workers do not have basic facilities (ex cashew workers).

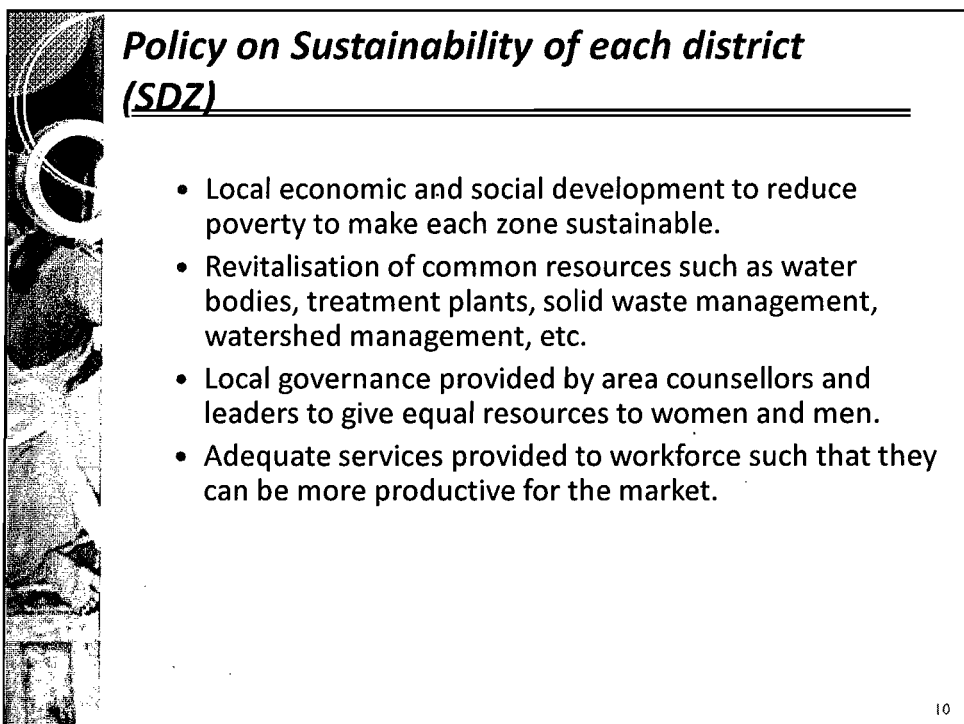
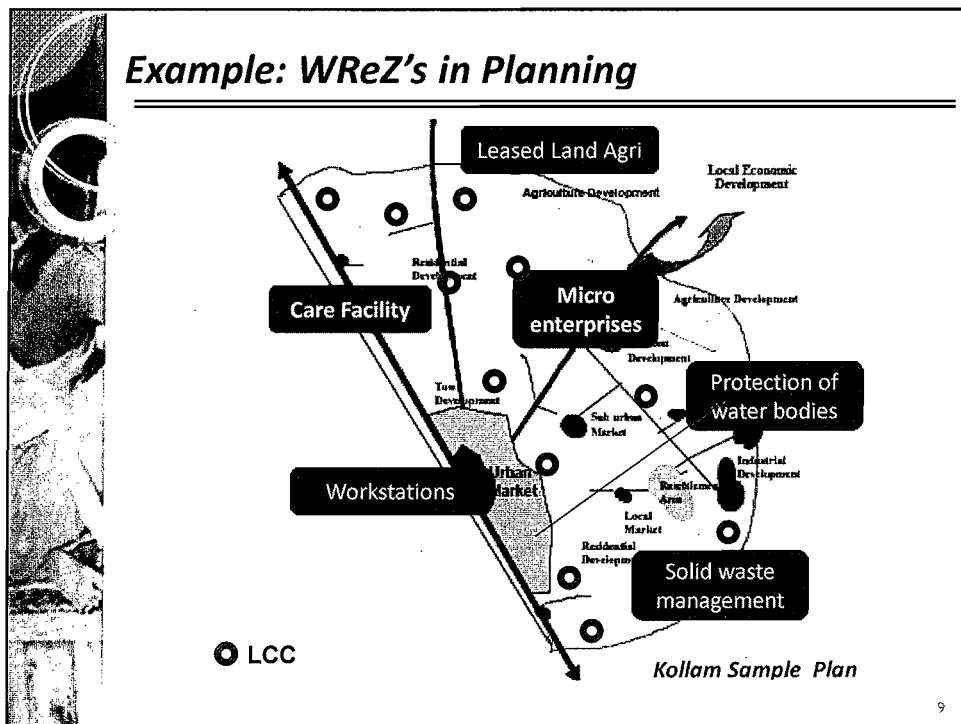
* Based on the Discussions with GRC of Delhi and ADS of Kuttanadu



Redesign neighbourhood :

Designed, owned and managed by women.

- Local Convenience Centre (LCC).
- LCC having care facilities for young and old.
- LCC with space for meetings and share.
- Safe temporary migration homes.
- Space for women's group to run their micro enterprise minus loans and bank interests.
- Joint Workstation for labourer women.
- Sub-health centres.
- Giving natural resources like lakes, forest to NHG groups to maintain and manage.
- Toilets or dining facilities in a factory where the women are working.





Steps to Impact a Local Area Plan

- ***STEP 1: Train existing women collectives to get land grants for use rights to start up an enterprise.***
- ***Step 2: Building social, financial and infrastructure capital through PPP and developing component for WReZs.***
- ***Step 3: Identifying local human resource and train them to source technical inputs to develop feasibility for each neighbourhood care and livelihood project***
- ***Develop a gender sub plan after the LDP***



Policy level intervention in IDDP, Kollam (WRZ)

- District planning committee to ensure equal resource distribution between men and women with opportunities for their growth.
- Sex disaggregated data on resource access and ownership for all sections of society needs to be collected in each punchayat and ward.
- The vulnerable sections of the society will as usual get priority to reduce the data gap in ownership and access to infrastructure.

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Policy level intervention in IDDP, Kollam

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- Self-sustenance of the district in terms of the management of livelihood resources like coastal areas, agricultural land, Industry, forest and water bodies.
- Environment regeneration like water harvesting mechanism, horticulture and other programmes offered should be monitored for equal distribution between men and women for livelihood.
- Special projects should be awarded to women groups for management and restoration of water sheds, forest and backwater/coastal areas resource regeneration.



Thank You!

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