

Women Empowerment for Sustaining Development

Convention on Women Empowerment for Healthy Society

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Federations
(FPO) for
Livelihoods

SUHAM
Federations for
Health

Federation as an Institution

DHAN Foundation, a pioneer development institution known for its model on people institutions. The Kalanjiam, a brand of Women Self Help Groups and Vayalagam, a brand of farmers' groups is the primary cum decision making organisations in the people institutions' structure promoted by DHAN. The primary organisations promote its apex organisations at panchayat and block level called Cluster Development Association and Federation respectively. Each federation consists of 200 groups at minimum serving 3,000-4,000 families. The major purpose of the Federation is to bring all SHGs at block level under single roof and facilitate financial and developmental services to the women and farmers towards alleviating the poverty. It is registered as a legal entity to work with various mainstream organisations to leverage the services for the betterment of community.

Federation Collective

As mentioned the Kalanjiam and Vayalagam federations are majorly with financial focus and some technical support like water, agriculture etc. The deepening of development interventions like social security, health, livelihoods, education etc needs some technical interference. DHAN Foundation, a visionary institution promoted specialised institutions called SPICE – Specialised People Institutions for Community Empowerment with technical expertise to support Kalanjiam and Vayalagam Federations. In the growth path of federations, development interventions need both vertical and horizontal growth and the demand also emerged at community level. Hence, the concept of

Federation Collective was evolved where multiple federations will be promoted to expand and deepen various development interventions to fulfill the needs of the community. The purpose of Federation collective is to intensify the holistic development of member households at block level through expansion and deepening of various development interventions with sustainability for generations.



The Federation Collective meant for institutions for collective action, or institutional arrangements that are formed by primary groups in order to overcome certain dominant common development problems and accessing the resources and services by the group and owns collectively, and management of these resources and services. Collective action refers to action taken together by the institutions promoted by the primary groups whose goal is to enhance their status and achieve a common objective.

DHAN Foundation facilitates development processes among people institutions through its subsidiaries, SPICE Institutions and programmes. The following institutions are specialised in supporting promotion of People Federations under Federation Collective.

Mother Federation for major themes	:	Kalanjiam Foundation/ Vayalagam Federation / Rainfed farming/Coastal Conservation
Mutual Federation for social security	:	People Mutuals
SUHAM Federation for health	:	Sustainable Healthcare Advancement (SUHAM) Trust
Jeevidam Federation (FPO) for livelihood	:	Jeevidam/ Kalanjium Thozhilagam Limited
Federation for Education initiatives	:	Education Programme of DHAN Foundation
SUHAM Federation	:	An Institution for deepening health interventions

Purpose of SUHAM Federation

The purpose of SUHAM Federation is to expand and deepening of health, nutrition and sanitation interventions towards integrating with other themes and benefiting the community. This federation will sustain the health interventions at block level institutionally and financially.

Features of SUHAM Federation

- It is a member owned institution, found by involving existing SHGs promoted by DHAN Foundation. The federation will be registered under Charitable Trust Act.
- Member groups will pay annual subscription for SUHAM Federation, as a member for legal binding. A separate AGBM for decision making process.
- An Exclusive board of trustees plays governing role in the federation, where the Secretary of thematic federation (Kalanjiam/ Vayalagam) plays president role in SUHAM Federation
- An Exclusive staff team consists of Federation Coordinator and number of health associates implements medical, health, nutrition and sanitation programmes. The service provider institutions like primary care hospitals, labs are coming under the position of this federation.
- Source of funds for programme implementation: Fund Allocation from SHGs or federation/ external fund sources / income from health infrastructures
- The sustainability of the institution: Service charges from SHGs/ income from service providing institutions
- Separate books of accounts, systems and management, bank accounts and legal formalities
- Operational groups such as adolescent groups, mothers' clubs are also coming under this federation. Adolescent federation will come under SUHAM federation at block level
- The SUHAM Federation across the country is confederated and form SUHAM Health Movement
- SUHAM Trust plays a role of technical and strategic institution to guide, support and handhold the federation to run the initiatives

Women Empowerment and SUHAM Federation

The Federation will be promoted to expand and deepening health interventions. The federation will concentrate majorly the life cycle problems of women – children, girls, pregnant women and postnatal mothers. The women empowerment will be significantly achieved through nutrition enhancement and reduction in morbidity and mortality indicators.

The Convention

The Convention 'Women Empowerment for Healthy Society' would focus on sharing the knowledge on SUHAM Federation as part of Federation Collective with the community leaders, professionals and people functionaries. This convention would evolve way forward in promoting SUHAM Federations across the country. The event will clarify the community and professionals to move forward on the concept of Federation Collective.

Objectives

1. Knowledge building of community and professionals on the concept of Federation Collective.
2. Evolving process steps for registration of federations
3. Finalising action plan for registration of federations during this financial year 2019-2020

Participants

The board of trustees of federations, Regional Coordinators, Federation Coordinators and People functionaries are the participants for this event. Around 200 participants would participate in this event. The Executive Director of DHAN Foundation would provide introductory note for this community convention.

Programme Content and Structure

1. Presentation on the concept of Federation Collective towards building the knowledge
2. Interactions and subgroup discussion for evolving action plan
3. Subgroup presentation and finalising action plan

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