

Gender mainstreaming in coastal zone management



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Origin of the study

- ◆ The plight of “Chellavanam” village
- ◆ Threats of environmental degradation to the people
- ◆ Possible role of women
- ◆ Lack of coastal zone management efforts
- ◆ Hence an action oriented micro-level research to mainstream women

Thematic areas for gender mainstreaming

- ◆ Responsible fisheries
- ◆ Sustainable aquaculture/agriculture
- ◆ Natural resources & coastal zone protection
- ◆ Drinking water & waste management
- ◆ Alternate livelihood

Validation of the thematic areas

- ◆ Expert consultation- One regional workshop
- ◆ Interactive discussion sessions with people- PRAs

Issues identified

- ◆ **Natural**
 - ◆ Repeated sea erosions
 - ◆ Very narrow strip of land between lake & sea
 - ◆ Scarce fresh water sources
- ◆ **Man made**
 - ◆ Unscientific shrimp farming & salt water entry
 - ◆ Poor management of land & water resources
 - ◆ Pollution
 - ◆ Negative attitude in solving public issue

Intervention points identified

- ◆ Agricultural practices-(Vegetables, paddy, medicinal plants, etc)
- ◆ Aquaculture system-(prawn-paddy)
- ◆ Fishing practices
- ◆ Land use (canal encroachments, constructions, etc.)
- ◆ Waste management
- ◆ Alternate livelihood options

Intervention modes

- ◆ Nature camps
- ◆ Interactive sessions for responsible fisheries techniques
- ◆ Awareness classes & discussion with local authorities
- ◆ Focus group interactions
- ◆ Ward level (12 nos) interactive workshops with villagers
- ◆ Demonstration of demonstration of waste management methods
- ◆ Trainings for alternate livelihood option

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