

**A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE
UPLIFTMENT OF QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE
PEOPLE IN THE MANMUNAI WEST
DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT DIVISION**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The main theme of this dissertation is to uplift the quality of life of the people in the Manmunai - West divisional Secretariat division by developing the economic sectors i.e., agriculture, fisheries, small industries, self employment and co-operative and the social sectors i.e., education, health, housing, rehabilitation and reconstruction in that division.

Regarding the development of agriculture, this is the principal economic sector in the division. Analyzing the agriculture environment it has some main strengths of availability of irrigational facility, skilled labour force and fertile lands. But it also has some weaknesses of limited irrigation, under utilization of lands, less productivity of labour and unavailability of capital, inputs etc. The objectives of development of this sector include maximizing the use of agriculture resources, commercializing agriculture and increase labour productivity. The main strategies involves expanding lands cultivated, expanding irrational facilities, ensure effective extension services increasing investment & marketing facilities.

Considering fisheries sector, lagoon fishing is the major fishery in the division. Availability of in land water resources is the main strength in fisheries. Lack of fishing equipments, traditional fishing methods are the main weaknesses of this sector. Providing credit facility for purchasing fishing equipments, training fishermen on modern fishing methods and providing storage and marketing facilities are the main strategies for promoting this sector.

Small industrial sector is not populated in the division. But, it has many resources like clay, reeds, agro-products which are used as inputs for small industries. Lack of capital, unskilled labour, lack of marketing facilities are the main weaknesses of this sector. Providing capital accessing facilities, know - how trainings and marketing facilities are the main strategies to develop this sector in the division.

Availability of inputs for self-employment venture is the major strength. Lack of credit sources, absence of training facilities, poor marketing infrastructure are the main weaknesses in self-employment sector. Providing capital sources, providing know - how

trainings, and establishing marketing facilities are main strategies to create many self-employment opportunities.

Co - operative plays an important role in promoting and satisfying the needs of most people in the division. This is a strength for co - operative. Mis management, lack of awareness of people, uneducated members, unqualified members of board of directors are the main weaknesses of this sector. Reorganizing board of directors, educating members, training personnel, administrators are the main strategies to develop this sector.

Education standard is weak in the division. Lack of physical resources, shortage of teachers, high drop outs, unsuitable curriculum, low standard of teaching are the main weaknesses of this sector. Providing adequate physical resources, filling up shortage of teachers, training all the teachers and administrators, and implementing suitable curriculum are the main strategies for education development.

Health care services are poor in the division. Absence of health institutions, shortage of health personnel, lack of knowledge of people about health care, under nutrition, high mortality rates are main weaknesses. Establishing domiciliary facilities, engaging adequate health service personnel, educating people on health care are the main strategies of developing health in the division.

Housing is the major problem in the division 85% of the people are living in small cottages. Availability of housing materials (bricks, timber, etc.) and cheap labour is the internal strength for housing. Lack of investment on housing due to lower income, high cost of construction, lack of credit sources, backward attitudes of people are the major weaknesses. Implementing the strategies of providing credit sources for housing, grading, donating, implementing foreign aided housing programs will satisfy the needs for Shelter of the people.

MWDS / division is a war - torn area where the life of the people and their properties, the properties of government & private sector have been damaged. Rehabilitation & Reconstruction works are going on. But, shortages of funds, absence of

proper supervision, inaccuracy of assessment of needs & property damaged, are some of the weaknesses of these programs. By implementing several new rehabilitation & reconstruction programs, ensuring effective implementation the affected people and property damaged can be rehabilitated and reconstructed respectively perfectly.

Concluding this summary, it is sure that the above mentioned development process will bring about the upliftment of quality of life of the people in the MWDS / division.