Annexure -3

NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
AND
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT STRATEGIES
A CASE STUDY OF AN NGO IN TAMILNADU

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Name of the village:

4. Block:

5. Age:

6. Marital status:

7. Husband’s Name: (if married)

8. Caste:

9. Religion:

10. Educational Qualification:
11. Occupation:

12. Family Type:

13. Head of the household:

14. Family Details:

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15. Details of land ownership: (in acres)

16. Name of the titleholder:

17. Type of house: pucca/tiled/thatched/any other

18. Name the titleholder of the house:
19. Is your house electrified? Yes / No

20. Details of movable assets: Radio, Television, Mixer, Grinder, Two-wheeler,
   Bicycle, Telephone, Any other...

21. Monthly income of the family:

   Association with the SHGs and Group Dynamics

1. When did you come to know of this NGO?

2. How did you come to know of this NGO?

3. What are the programmes implemented by the NGO for the women in your village?

4. What is the name of the group you belong to?

5. What was the role played by the NGO in your joining the group?

6. How long have you been the member of the group?
7. What is the purpose of you joining the group?

8. Was there any objection from your family members to your joining the group? Yes / No.
   If yes, how did you manage that?

9. How often the SHG meetings are held?

10. Do you attend all the meetings? Yes / No. If No, assign reasons.

11. Do your family members object to your attending meetings? Yes / No.
   If yes, what kind of objections and how did you overcome it?

12. What are the issues discussed in the group meetings?

   If yes, state the trade.

   If yes, state the nature of such network.
15. Do you think your group membership has helped you to gain better respect in your family? Yes / No.
   If Yes, How is it expressed?
16. Has there been reduction in dependence on male members because of your group membership? Yes / No.
   If yes, to what extent and in what areas?

17. Has your access to organizations outside the village improved through the group? Yes / No. If yes, explain:

18. What are the social changes these groups have been able to bring about in your village?

19. Were there any protests organized by your group? What are the achievements?

20. How has the membership in the group helped you?
   
   Identity as women

   Exchange of ideas

   Help to solve problems

   Access to credit
Leadership development

Any other.

Economic Empowerment

21. Do you have any savings? Yes / No. If yes, where do you save?

22. How much do you save monthly?

23. Did you have the habit of saving before joining the group? Yes / No. If yes, give details.

24. Did you have any loan before joining the group? Yes / No. If yes, state the source.

25. Have you taken any loan from the group/bank through the group? Yes / No.

26. What is the amount of loan?

27. State the number of times you have borrowed from the group so far.
28. State the purpose of the loan.

- Income generation activity
- Education of children
- Health
- Marriage in the family
- Consumption
- Housing
- Any other.

29. If you have availed any credit do you have full control to decide the use of credit? Yes / No. If No, what are the reasons?

30. What is the nature of repayment? Weekly/fortnightly/monthly/any other.

31. What is the source of repayment?

- From income generation activity / from wages / by cutting down consumption
- Expenditure / by cutting down luxuries / by borrowing from male family members.

32. Does the repayment schedule put pressure on you? Yes / No.

If yes, how do you cope with it?

33. What is the total liability now?
34. Were there any occasion to pledge jewellery or vessels? Yes / No.
   If yes, to what extent the problem is reduced now?
   completely / To a large extent / To some extent

35. Can you say that the programmes of the NGO have helped you to be free
   from the indebtedness from moneylenders? Yes / No. If yes, to
   what extent?
   Completely / to a large extent / to some extent.

36. In what way do you think the NGO has guided you to meet your credit
   needs?

37. What are the new moveable productive assets purchased during the last
   two years?

38. Do you have savings bank account in your name? Yes / No.
   If Yes, where?

39. Do all the members of your family receive three meals a day throughout
   the year? Yes / No. If No, for how many months do you have that
   problem and how do you manage that?
40. Did you have the problem of seasonal migration among your family members? Yes / No. If yes, to what extent has it come down now? Completely / large extent/ some extent.

41. Did you have access to some entrepreneurial training? Yes / No. If yes, name it.

42. Has the training programme helped you to gain employment? Yes/No. If yes, state the nature of employment / new economic activity.

43. How much of your income increased per month due to the new employment?

44. Has it increased your self-confidence? Yes / No. If yes, share the indicators.

45. What is the nature of help provided by the NGO in marketing your products?
46. Did the new employment actually increase your workload? Yes/No.

   If yes how has it affected you?

47. Do you have control over the income you earn? Yes/No.

   If no, give reason:

48. If you are paid labour, has your wages increased due to the intervention of the NGO?

49. Has your economic condition improved after the NGO has started its services in your area? Yes/No.

50. State the economic improvements:

   Availability of easy credit

   Creation of assets (specify the like land, house, livestock, vehicles, jewels, others)

   More income

   Financial independence

   More saving

   Any other

Training and Awareness creation

51. What are the types of training you have undergone through the NGO?
52. Did you undergo any gender sensitization-training programme?
   If yes what are the areas covered?
   About work sharing
   Decision-making
   Assets
   Access and control

53. Are men also sensitized on gender inequalities? Yes / No. If yes who did that?

54. What are the means of creating awareness by BLESS?

55. What are the legal rights you are aware of?

56. Has there been awareness about the need to avoid the early marriage among girls?

57. Do you have the awareness about the methods of contraception?
   Yes / No.
   If yes, what is the source of this awareness?

58. Do you have the understanding of the common illnesses? Yes/No. If yes, name them.
59. Are you aware of the nutritional aspects of the food items?

60. What is the source of knowledge on nutritional matters?

61. Give details of the govt. programmes available for women.

62. Are you aware of the govt. officials in charge of developmental work?
   Yes / No.
   If yes, name them.

**SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT**

63. Is there any improvement in your social status after joining the SHG?
   Yes / No.
   If yes, state the indicators

64. Do men help in the household work now? Yes / No.
   If yes, what kind of help?

65. In decision-making do you think your family members regard your views important in the following areas?
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66. Are you able to assert your rights at home? Yes / No.

If yes specify the areas.
67. Do you have the access to labour saving devices such as cooking gas and pipeline water supply?

68. What is the average time spent on various activities daily?
   - On income generating activity
   - Fetching water
   - Cattle care
   - Collection of firewood
   - Cleaning utensils
   - Washing clothes
   - Recreation
   - Childcare
   - Cooking food

69. Can you say your self-esteem has increased now? Yes / No.
   If yes, specify the indicators.

70. Have you gained the ability to speak in group meetings?

71. Do you think you are able to acquire leadership skills? Yes / No.
   If yes, how do you demonstrate it? (Leadership positions held)

72. Do you think there is reduction in domestic violence as a result of your being a group member? Yes / No.
73. Do you have the problem of male alcoholism at home? Yes / No.

74. Has this problem been solved now?

75. Has your freedom of movement increased? Yes / No.

   If yes, state the benefits.

76. List the new places you have visited during the last two years?

77. What are the sources of healthcare?

78. What are the changes do you see in your children’s lives?

79. What is the source of drinking water?

80. What was the role of the NGO in providing information and training on sanitation?

81. Do you have toilet at home? Yes/No.

   If yes, did the NGO help to build it?

82. What are the benefits of having a toilet at home?
83. Do you think your hygienic behaviour has improved your health?
   Yes/No.
   If yes how?

84. How do you think adult literacy is important for women empowerment?

85. Have you got an opportunity to express your abilities now?

86. Do you have any dropout in your family below the age of 14? Yes / No.
   If yes, give the reasons and number gender wise

87. Do children help in domestic work? Yes/No.
   If yes, what is the gender wise distribution of work?

88. Do all the family members eat together? Yes/No.
   If no, who is served first?

89. How has the NGO helped you to avail the govt. programmes?

90. Has the programmes of the NGO in your area has reduced the caste
differences? Give examples
91. What are the sources of accessing information?

POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT

92. Has the women’s participation increased in politics? Yes/No.

If yes, what are the indicators?

93. What was the role NGO played in the process of increased participation?

94. How has this helped in women’s empowerment?

95. Do you attend all gramsabha meetings? Yes / No.

96. Are you able to express your needs and problems in gramsabha meetings?

Yes / No.

If yes, did you get your needs met?

97. Are you an active member of any political party?
98. What was your role in the last local body election?

   Voting
   Canvassing
   Contesting
   No participation

99. Do the women’s groups have a say in the elections of local panchyat elections?

   Yes / No. If yes, specify the role:

100. How many women have become members of panchyat bodies in your village due to the positive influence of the NGO?

101. Is there a change of attitude among govt. officials towards women?

   Yes / No.

   If yes, what are the indicators?

102. To what extent did the NGO play a role in empowering women in your area?

   Please express your opinion.