AN ASSESSMENT OF URBAN HEALTH PROJECTS UNDER PPC IN KERALA: LESSONS FROM THE FIELD

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Methodology & Objectives

Methodology

- Case Study of a Municipality in Kerala.
- Name of the Municipality is kept Anonymous.
- Intensive Fieldwork by covering Field Visits, Site Visits, Interviews (face to face), FGDs and Administering Questionnaire.
- Vetting and Verifying Data/Information with the Key Functionaries.

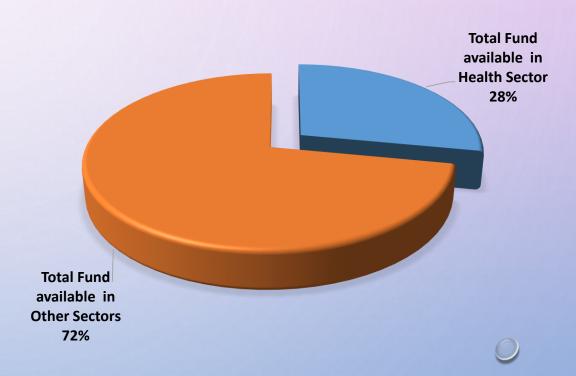
Objectives

• To Study Issues and Trends in Public Expenditure under Health Sector in a Municipality(Kerala).

Receipt & Expenditure (Case of a Small Municipality)

Allocation & Expenditure under Health Sector (2022-23)

SI No	Details of the Fund	Receipt (Rs in Lakhs)	Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs)
1	Total Fund Available	1191.13	744.54 (62.51%
2	Total Fund available under Health Sector	333.67(28.01 %)	178.86 (53.60%)
	Number of Projects		
1	Total No. of Projects	255	
2	No. of Projects under Health Sector	54 (21.18%)	



Implementing Officer Wise Fund Available & Expenditure in Health Sector (2022-23)

SI	Implementing	No. of	Estimated	Expendit	% of
No	Officer	Projec	Cost (Rs	ure (Rs in	Expenditu
		ts	in Lakhs)	Lakhs)	re
1	Medical Officer Ayurveda	2	9.50	9.48	99.79
2	Medical Officer -Homeo	1	5.00	5.00	100.00
3	Municipal Secretary	5	86.00	14.00	16.28
4	Health Supervisor	6	27.29	8.40	30.80
5	Medical Officer Govt. Hospital	10	53.50	51.33	95.95
6	Municipal Engineer(ME)	1	8.06	4.86	60.26
7	Assistant Engineer(AE)	29	144.32	85.79	59.44
Tot	al	54	333.67	178.86	53.60



SI. N	lo. Name of the Projects	Spill Over/New	Estimated Cost(In Rs.)	Expenditure (In Rs.)	%	Source of Fund	Project Suggested by
1. lm	olementing Officer : Medical Office	r (Ayurveda)					
1	Purchase of Medicine	New	900000	900000	100	Maintenance Fund (Non Road)	Doctor
2	Yoga Training for Ladies	New	50000	48000	96.00	Development Fund (General)	Doctor
	Sub Total		950000	948000	99.79		
2. lm	olementing Officer : Medical Office	r (Homeo)					
3	Purchase of Medicine	New	500000	500000	100.00	Maintenance Fund (Non Road)	Doctor
	Sub Total		500000	500000	100.00		
3. Im	olementing Officer :Municipal Secre	etary					
4	Fund release to Kerala Social Security Mission	New	1400000	1400000	100.00	Development Fund (General)	GO
5	Furniture for Health and wellness Centre	New	1500000	0	0	Health Grant	GO
6	Establishment expenditure for Health and wellness Centre	New	1500000	0	0	Health Grant	GO
7	Training for the staff of Health and wellness Centre	New	1500000	0	0	Health Grant	GO
8	Establishment expenditure for Urban Poly Clinic	New	2700000	0	0	Health Grant	GO 5
	Sub Total		8600000	1400000	16.28		

Sl. No.	Name of the Projects	Spill Over/New	Estimated Cost (in Rs)	Expenditure (in Rs)	%	Source of Fund	Project Suggested by		
4. Implem	4. Implementing Officer :Health Supervisor								
9	Supply of Health Instruments	New	125000	115150	92.12	CFC Grant	Health Supervisor		
10	Compost Pit for Solid Waste Management	New	1163880	166075	14.27	CFC Grant & Beneficiary Contribution	Working Group		
11	Camera Repairing for Observing Waste Dumping in Public Places	New	147500	147500	100	CFC Grant	Working Group		
12	Plastic waste Management	New	287147	287147	100	CFC Grant	Working Group		
13	Camera for Observing Waste Dumping in Public Places	New	180000	45000	25.00	CFC Grant	Health Standing Committee		
14	Plastic waste Management	New	825000	79424	9.63	CFC Grant	Working Group		
	Sub Total		2728527	840296	30.80				

SI. I	No. Name of the Projects	Spill	Estimated Cost	Expenditure	%	Source of Fund	Projects
		Over/New	(In Rs.)	(In Rs.)			Suggested by
5. lm	plementing Officer : Medical Office	er, Govt. Hospita					
	Water Tax for the General	New	500000	500000	100	Maintenance	Doctor
	Hospital	Non	1000000	002725	00.27	Fund(Non- Road)	Dooto :
	16 Electricity Charge for	New	1000000	982725	98.27	Maintenance	Doctor
	General Hospital Purchase of Medicine for	New	1500000	1500000	100	Fund(Non- Road) Maintenance	Doctor
	General Hospital	INCVV	1300000	1300000	100	Fund(Non- Road)	Doctor
	Pulse Polio Programmae	New	20000	0	0	Development	Doctor
						Fund(General)	
1		New	50000	49753	99.51	Maintenance	Doctor
	General Hospital					Fund(Non Road)	
2		New	420000	417816	99.48	Maintenance	Doctor
	Oncology, Palliative and					Fund(Non Road)	
	Postmortem Department						
2	Palliative Project	New	1000000	957972	95.80	Development	Doctor
						Fund(General)	
	22 Kottayam –Cancer Control	New	500000	418776	83.76	Development	Doctor
	Programme					Fund(General)	
	Palliative Project	New	300000	300000	100	Development	Doctor
						Fund(General)	7
	Assistance for Dialysis	New	60000	6295	10.49	Development	Doctor
	Patient (poor family)					Fund(General)	
	Sub Total		5350000	5133337	95.95		

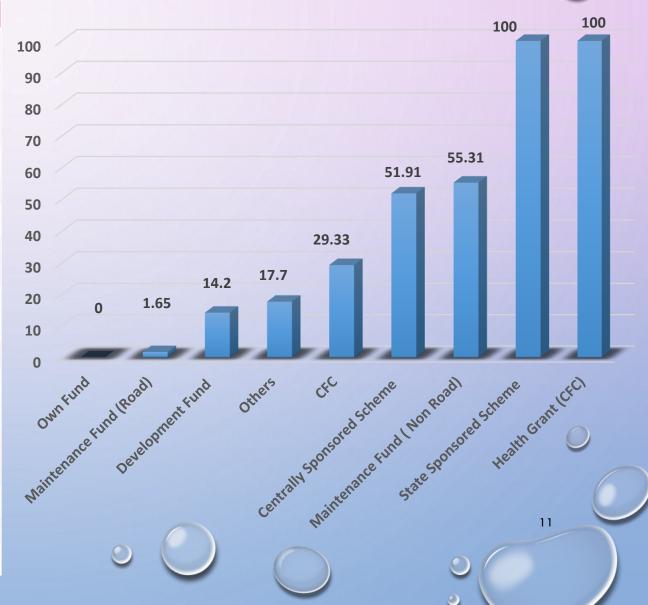
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6. Implem	nenting Officer :Municipal Eng	ineer					
25	Gas Crematorium	Spill Over	806565	486000	60.25	CFC Fund	Ward Sabha
	Sub Total		806565	486000	60.25		
7. Implem	nenting Officer :Assistant Engin	eer					
26	Construction of Toilet in Municipal Area	Spill Over	1200000	1194000	99.5	State Sponsored Scheme(SSS) & CFC Fund	Ward Sabha
27	Gas Crematorium (Additional Project for Completing the Activities)	New	966500	922806	95.48	CFC Fund	Working Group
28	Construction of MCF	New	553172	432896	78.26	CFC Fund	Health Standing Committee
29	Renovation of the Grave Yard	New	500000	477569	95.51	CFC Fund	Working Group
30	Construction and Maintenance of Drainage and Toilet in the SC/ST Colonies	Spill Over	300000	299706	99.90	CFC Fund	Ward Sabha
31	Toilet and Drainage Maintenance of the SC/ST Colonies	Spill Over	400000	391765	97.94	CFC Fund	Ward Sabha
32	Installing Thumboormozhi Model Plant in General Hospital	Spill Over	405584	369762	91.17	Central Sponsored Scheme (CSS) ,SSS & Development Fund (General)	Working Group

SI. No.	Name of the Projects	Spill	Estimated Cost	Expenditure	%	Source of Fund	Projects
		Over/New	(In Rs.)	(In Rs.)			Suggested by
33	Construction of Septic Tank in Market Complex	Spill Over	170725	170725	100	CFC Fund	Working Group
34	Installing Thumboormozhi Model Plant in Different Ares of the Municipality	Spill Over	400000	263054	65.76	CFC Fund	Working Group
35	Slab Construction of Drainage	Spill Over	288459	283456	98.27	CFC Fund	Ward Sabha
36	Modification of the General Hospital	New	2700000	2502448	92.68	Maintenance Fund (Non- Road)	Health Standing Committee
37	Installing of Thumboormozhi Model Plant in Public Institutions	Spill Over	500000	411090	82.22	SSS	Working Group
38	Baby Friendly Toilet for Anganwadies	Spill Over	98000	97548	99.54	CSS & Maintenance Fund(Non Road)	Anganwadi Workers
39	Maintenance of Public Toilet	Spill Over	176332	17543	9.95	CFC Fund	Working Group
40	Maintenance of Govt. Ayurveda Hospital	Spill Over	75625	68958	91.18	Maintenance Fund - (Non Road)	Ayurveda Doctor
41	Modification of Govt. Ayurveda Hospital	New	600000	0	0	Maintenance Fund (Non- Road)	Ayurveda Doctor
42	Slab Construction of Drainage	Spill Over	19520	18241	93.45	Maintenance Fund (Road)	Ward Sabha
43	Completion of the Drainage	New	45175	35313	78.17	Maintenance Fund (Road)	Ward Sabha 9
44	Construction of Mini MCF	New	2643885	0	0	CSS, SSS & CFC Fund	Working Group
45	Maintenance of Govt. Homeo Hospital	Spill Over	200000	0	0	Maintenance Fund (Non- Road)	Doctor

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		Over/New	(In Rs.)	(In Rs.)			Suggested by
46	Toilet Construction in	Spill Over	40769	0	0	CFC Fund	Working Group
	Private Bus Stand						
47	Slab Construction of	Spill Over	51292	0	0	Maintenance Fund	Ward Sabha
	Drainage in Parallel Road					(Road)	
48	Slab Construction of	New	347000	0	0	Maintenance Fund	Ward Sabha
	Drainage in Public Road					(Road)	
49	Maintenance of Septic Tank	New	108000	0	0	CFC Fund	Ward Sabha
	for Public Toilet						
50	Renovation Work for Health	New	1000000	0	0	Health Grant	From the GO
	and Wellness Centre						
51	Construction of Drainage	Spill Over	196140	177273	90.38	Maintenance Fund	Ward Sabha
						(Road)	
52	Maintenance of Drainage	Spill Over	200000	200000	100	Maintenance Fund	Ward Sabha
						(Road)	
53	Construction of Drainage	New	159000	158356	99.59	Maintenance (Road)	Working Group
	Construction					050	W 1: 0
54	Additional Septic Tank for	New	87000	86688	99.64	CFC	Working Group
	Public Toilet		4.4.4.2.4.7.0	0570407	50.44		
	Sub Total		14432178	8579197	59.44		10
Grand ⁻	Total		33367270	17886830	53.60		, •

SOURCE OF FUND FOR HEALTH SECTOR

	Detail	s of the Fund 2	022-23	
		Total Fund	Fund for Health	
SI		(Rs. in	Sector(Rs.	
No	Source	Lakhs)	in Lakhs)	%
- 1	Development Fund	234.44	33.30	14.20
2	CFC	303.23	88.95	29.33
3	CSS	20.79	10.79	51.91
4	SSS	21.97	21.97	100.00
5	Own Fund	22.43	0	0.00
	Maintenance Fund			
6	(Road)	337.05	5.55	1.65
	Maintenance Fund (
7	Non- Road)	162.64	89.95	55.31
8	Others	6.58	1.16	17.70
9	Health Grant (CFC)	82.00	82.00	100.00
Tota	d	1191.13	333.67	28.01



REASONS FOR THE POOR EXPENDITURE (2022-23)

S	l No	Name of the Project & its	Explanation for the Poor Expenditure P	Cattern by Implementing Officers .Political Fund	ctionary and Local citizens
		Implementing Officer	Implementing Officer	Political Functionary	Stake Holder
1		Furniture for Health and Wellness Centre (Municipal Secretary)	Since Maintenance work is not completed amount for furniture could not spend.	After maintenance work , this project will start. Only tender process is completed.	No idea.
		Establishment expenditure for r Health and Wellness Centre(Municipal Secretary)	Since Maintenance work is not completed amount for furniture could not spend.	After maintenance work, this project will start. Only tender process is completed.	No Idea
		Training for the staff of Health and Wellness Centre(Municipal Secretary)	Since Maintenance work is not completed amount for training could not spend.	After maintenance work , this project will start. Only tender process is completed.	No Idea
ı		Establishment Expenditure for Urban Poly Clinic(Municipal Secretary)		After maintenance, this project will start. Only tender process is completed.	No Idea
		Waste Observation Camera (Health Supervisor)	Change in Health Standing Committee	Work completed, the bill is not provided to the Municipality	No Idea
	6	Compost pit for Solid Waste Management (Health Supervisor)	Change in Health Standing Committee	Bill is not the Municipality	No Idea
		Pulse Polio Programmae(Medical Officer, Govt. Hospital)	Bill is not submitted to the Municipality	Bill is not submitted to the Municipality	No Idea
		Assistance for Dialysis Patients for in Poor Family (Medical Officer, Govt. Hospital)	Due to frequent the Staff Transfer	In the Sabarimala Season, the Dialysis - Technician is transferred to other Hospital	Timely Service of Dialysis- Technician' is not Available

REASONS FOR THE POOR EXPENDITURE(LESS THAN 50%) (2022-23)

SI No	Name of the Project & its	Exp	planation for the Poor Expenditure pattern	
	Implementing Officer	Implementing Officer	Political Functionary	Stake Holder
9	Modification of Govt. Ayurveda Hospital(Assistant Engineer)	Tender work is completed. Staff shortage is the main problem	Tender work is completed. DPC has approved the work. Work will be completed this year .	Contractor visited the site . During the discussion with the Standing Committee (Chairman), it is revealed that the work will be completed in the current year.
10	Construction of mini MCF (Assistant Engineer)	Staff shortage is the main problem. Out of the six overseers only three are appointed.	DPC approved the spillover, This year it will be completed.	No Idea
11	Govt Homeo Hospital Maintenance (Assistant Engineer)	The color selected by the contractor is not approved by the Homeo Hospital Superintendent	Some issues related to Color code	The Color Code Selected by the Contractor is not Approved by the Ayush
12	Toilet Construction for Private Bus Stand (Assistant Engineer)	PRICE-3 Software is running very slow and the technical wing has not completed the data entry in time.	In 2023-24 it will be completed , DPC approved the spillover work.	No Idea
13	Slab Construction of drainage in Parallel Road (Assistant Engineer)	Out of the six overseers only three are appointed, so the work site inspection is very difficult	In 2023-24 the work will be completed , DPC approved the spillover work	No Idea
14	Slab Construction of drainage in Public Road (Assistant Engineer)	 PRICE-3 Software is very slow ME & AE having Additional Charge in other Block and Municipality 	In 2023-24 the work will be completed , DPC approved the spillover work	No Idea
15	Maintenance of septic tank for public toilet (Assistant Engineer)	PRICE-3 software is very slow and The Technical Wing not completed the Data Entry in Time.	In the work 2023-24 will be completed, DPC approved the spillover work	No Idea
16	Renovation work for health and wellness centre (Assistant Engineer)	Project approved only in the End of the Year	Tender work has completed. DPC also approved the work. This year, it will be completed.	No Idea ¹³

HEALTH STAFF PATTERN OF THE MUNICIPALITY & THEIR CAPABILITY

SI No	Designation	Sanctioned Post	Filled Post	Vacant Post	Whether the Designated Officer is Capable to Manage his/her Responsibility	Nature of the Work
1	Health Supervisor	1	1	Nil	No	Overall Supervision
2	Health Inspector Grade-I	1	1	Nil	Yes	Birth & Death Registrar
3	Health Inspector Grade-II	2	2	Nil	No	Field Supervision
4	Junior Health Inspector Grade-I	2	2	Nil	No	Field Visit
5	Junior Health Inspector Grade-II	4	3	1	No	Field Work
6	Senior Clerk	1	1	Nil	Yes , (Multitask is Needed)	Clerical Work
7	Clerk	1	1	Nil	Yes (Multitask is Needed)	Clerical Work
8	Office Attendant	2	2	Nil	Yes	Office Work
9	Driver HDV	1	1	Nil	Yes	Driver
10	Driver LDV	1	1	Nil	Yes	Driver
11	Sanitary Workers	49	21	28	Yes (but not performing)	Cleaning
12	CLR(Casual Labor Roll)	5	5	Nil	Yes (but not performing)	Cleaning

STAFF PATTERN OF AYURVEDA HOSPITAL (20 BEDDED HOSPITAL)

SI	Name of the Post	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
No				
1	Chief Medical Officer	1	1	0
2	Medical Officer	1	1	0
3	Specialist Medical Officer	1	1	0
4	Pharmacist	1	1	0
5	Nurse	2	2	0
6	Attender (Pharmacy)	1	1	0
7	Attender	1	1	0
8	Nursing Assistant	3	3	0
9	Cook	1	1	0
10	Sanitation Worker	1	1	0
11	Part Time Sweeper	1	1	0
12	Physio Therapist (male)-	1	1	0
	Contract Staff			
13	Physio Therapist (Female)-	1	1	0
	Contract Staff			
	Total	16	16	0

STAFF PATTERN OF GENERAL HOSPITAL

SI No	Name of the Post With cadre	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
- 1	Lay Secretary & Treasurer	1	1	0
2	Junior Superintendent	1	1	0
3	Head Clerk	1	1	0
4	Senior Clerk/Clerk	6	5	1
5	Senior Grade Typist	1	1	0
6	Clerk typist	1	1	0
7	Office Attendant	3	3	0
8	Nursing superintendent Gr-I	1	1	0
9	Nursing superintendent Gr-II	3	3	0
10	Senior Optometrist	1	1	0
11	Head Nurse	15	15	0
12	Staff Nurse Gr-I	27	27	0
13	Staff Nurse Gr-II	27	27	0
14	Pharmacist Store Keeper	1	1	0
15	Pharmacist Gr-I & Gr-II	6	6	0
16	Radiographer/X-Ray Technician	4	4	0
17	Dental Hygienist	1	1	0
18	Dental Mechanic	1	1	0

STAFF PATTERN OF GENERAL HOSPITAL

SI No	Name of the Post With cadre	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
19	Medical Record Librarian Gr-II	2	2	0
20	Public Health Nurse	1	1	0
21	Junior Health Inspector Gr-I	1	1	0
22	Junior Public Health Nurse	1	1	0
23	Physiotherapist	1	1	0
24	Laboratory Technician Gr-I	4	4	0
25	Laboratory Technician Gr-II	2	2	0
26	Blood Bank Technician	1	0	1
27	CSR Technician	1	1	0
28	ECG Technician	1	1	0
29	VD Technician	1	0	1
30	X-Ray Attender	1	0	1
31	Treatment Organizer	1	0	1
32	Junior Lab assistant	1	1	0
33	Nursing Assistant	28	27	1
34	Hospital Attendant Gr-l	6	5	1
35	Hospital Attendant Gr-II	26	24	2
36	Driver	1	0	1
37	Lift Operator	3	3	0
38	Part Time Sweeper	3	3	0
	Total	187	177	10

STAFF PATTERN OF GENERAL HOSPITAL (DOCTORS)

SI No		Post	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
1	Administrative	Superintendent	1	1	0
2	General Side	RMO	1	0	1
3	General Medicine	Chief Medical	1	0	1
		Medical Consultant	1	1	0
		Junior Consultant	4	4	0
4	General Surgery	Medical Consultant	1	1	0
		Junior Consultant	2	2	0
5	Gynecology	Medical Consultant	1	1	0
		Junior Consultant	5	5	0
6	Anesthesia	Junior Consultant	1	1	0
7	Pediatrics	Medical Consultant	1	1	0
		Junior Consultant	2	2	0
8	ENT	Medical Consultant	1	1	0
		Junior Consultant	1	1	0
9	Ophthalmology	Medical Consultant	1	1	0
		Junior Consultant	1	1	0
10	Orthopedic	Medical Consultant	1	1	0
		Junior Consultant	2	2	0
- 11	Dental	Medical Consultant	1	1	0
		Junior Consultant	1	1	0
12	Radiology	Junior Consultant	1	1	0
13	PMR	Junior Consultant	1	1	0
14	Respiratory	Junior Consultant	1	1	0
15	Blood Bank/Clinical	Junior Medical Consultant	4	4	0
	Total Specialist		37	35	2
16		Assistant Surgeon	4	4	0
17		CMO	Λ	2	1

STAFF PATTERN OF HOMEO HOSPITAL (25 BEDDED HOSPITAL)

SI	Name of the Post	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
No				
1	Hospital Superintendent	1	1	0
2	Resident Medical Officer	1	1	0
3	Medical Officer	1	1	0
4	Clerk	1	1	0
5	Pharmacist	1	1	0
6	Nurse	3	3	0
7	Nursing assistant	2	2	0
8	Cook	1	1	0
9	Cleaner	1	1	0
10	Part Time Sweeper	1	1	0
11	Medical Officer (Contract Staff)	1	1	0
12	Nurse(Contract Staff)	1	1	0
13	Pharmacist(Contract Staff)	1	1	0
14	Lab Technician (Contract Staff)	1	1	0
15	Lab Attender(Contract Staff)	1	1	0
16	Physio Therapist(Contract Staff)	1(Geriatric Clinic)	1 (Geriatric Clinic)	0
17	GNM Nurse(Contract Staff)	1(Geriatric Clinic)	1 (Geriatric Clinic)	0
18	GNM Nurse(Contract Staff)	1 (Palliative Clinic)	1 (Palliative Clinic)	0
	Total	21	21	0

DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

- Implementation of Health Project may be explained in the Overall Poor Performance of Urban Governance
- Implementation of Health Projects Need Separate Strategy
- Capacity Deficit in Implementing Health Projects
- Health Wing of the Municipality Lacks of Capability & Efficacy
- Restructuring the Staff Pattern
- Issues in Identification of Health Projects
- No Proper Monitoring & Evaluation
- Information Asymmetries (mainly among the local citizens and other stakeholders)
- Lack of Coordination & Synergy
- Frequent Changes in the Political Regime (Health Standing Committee & Health Staff)
- Structural (Other) Imbalance between Municipality and Health Institutions(Transferred)

