

Convention on
SUHAM Federations and Community Swaraj
for Community's Health Sustainability



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People's Institution for Community's Health Sustainability

DHAN Foundation was built on several core principles, out of which grassroots action plays a predominant role. Creating sustainable people's institutions is one of the most effective ways of eradicating poverty. DHAN's thematic federations include Kalanjiam Community Banking, Vayalagam Tankfed Agriculture Development, Rainfed farming and Coastal Conservation & Livelihood Development. These institutions are developed on the principle of cooperation and mutuality; by making decisions, monitoring their progress, and solving conflicts, people acquire a sense of solidarity, as well as competence to govern their institutions.



DHAN's thematic federations include Kalanjiam Community Banking, Vayalagam Tankfed Agriculture Development, Rainfed farming and Coastal Conservation & Livelihood Development. Each federation works on cross-cutting themes such as social security, health & nutrition, education, livelihoods, marketing, housing to address development issues and deepen the interventions. Poor health is a cause and consequence of poverty. Poverty also causes unequal access to health services between the rich and poor. Healthcare should be affordable, accessible and adequate to address the needs of the people from the bottom line.

SUHAM Federation and its Healthcare interventions

SUHAM federation is promoted to expand and deepen the health, nutrition and sanitation interventions by integrating with thematic federations to benefit the poor community. SUHAM federation will be represented by the Secretaries of Kalanjiam and Vayalagam SHGs where they will be part of various health councils at village/panchayat level, block/region and district levels, and bring attention to several lacunae in the healthcare sector. SUHAM Federation focuses on preventive, promotive and curative programmes for the benefit of the community.

The SUHAM Councils constituted at the Village, Panchayat, Block and District level are governed by local people who are the Secretaries of either Kalanjiam or Vayalagam SHG which are rooted in the respective area. They work with the government and private healthcare system in addition to building their capacities to design and implement locally relevant health interventions in partnership with the mainstream institutions in a sustainable manner. The ultimate goal is to build people's institutions using these inputs as vehicles of change and enabling them to sustain the efforts and results for a long time, even beyond generations.

Distinctive Value Addition of SUHAM Federation



Functional aspects of SUHAM Federation

- It is a member-owned institution, involving existing SHGs promoted by DHAN Foundation. The Federation will be registered under the Charitable Trust Act
- For the decision-making process, a separate AGBM will be constituted
- An exclusive board of trustees plays a governing role in the federation, where the Secretary of the thematic federation (Kalanjiyam/Vayalagam) plays the president role in the SUHAM Federation
- An exclusive staff team consists of the Federation Coordinator and Health Associates, implement medical, health, nutrition and sanitation programmes. The service provider institutions like primary care hospitals, labs will come under the respective 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 book for accounts, systems and management, bank accounts and any other legal formalities
- Social Capitals as operational groups namely,

adolescent groups, mother's clubs are also coming under this Federation

- Associating with AWCs and PHCs for the enhancement of Health, Nutrition and Sanitation of Community members and their household locality by conducting Village Health, Nutrition and Sanitation Committee (VHNSC) and Anganwadi Level Monitoring and Support Committee (ALM&SC) once a month
- SUHAM Trust plays a role as a technical and strategic institution to guide, support and handhold the federation to run the initiatives



The Convention

The Convention "SUHAM Federations and Community Swaraj for Community's Health Sustainability" would focus not only on sharing the knowledge but also to evolve operational guidelines, systems and procedures, role of governance and policy areas for the operationalization of SUHAM Federations across the country. This will give clarity and in-depth knowledge to the functionaries of registered SUHAM Federations and leading to contextualize the operations of each SUHAM Federations promoted across the country.

Objectives

- Deepening the concept and functions of SUHAM Federation for the realization of Community Governed Healthcare System
- Evolving exclusive health initiatives and social capital formation for community Swaraj
- Facilitating promotion of SUHAM Federation in all the potential regions for community's health sustainability health improvement of the community members

Participants

The Regional Coordinators, Federation Coordinators and Health Associates of registered and potential SUHAM Federations across the country.

Programme Content and Structure

1. Presentation on the concept and functions of SUHAM Federations
2. Interaction and subgroup discussion on “Health Inventions for Community's Healthcare Sustainability – Role of Health Governance”
3. Evolving action plan and declarations

Date and Venue

The workshop (hybrid mode) will be held on October 27, 2021 Wednesday at DHAN Foundation, Madurai, Tamil Nadu from 10am. to 5pm. The link will be shared to the participants.

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