

PREFACE

Centre for Rural Management (CRM), Kottayam, Kerala has been assigned to prepare the District Perspective Plan of MGNREGS in Lakshadweep Islands. CRM has constituted a team for this assignment, under the leadership of Dr. Jos Chathukulam, the Director. The members of the team consist of Mr.C.V.Balamurali, Mr. Anish Mathew, Mr. T.V. Thilakan, Ms. Shamla Beevi, Mr. Sidhik Ashraf,. Mr. Anish Kuriakose, Ms. K.V. Siji & Mr. Tom. K. Thomas.

During the field visits in the Islands, interactions are made with people's representatives, officials, senior citizens, local community leaders and women SHG leaders. During the focus group discussions (FGDs) and participatory rural appraisal (PRA), the team has received excellent support from different stakeholders of MGNREGS.

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