

## **Perspective Plan for Gram Panchayats**

Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993, mandates that the Gram Panchayats shall prepare a 5 year perspective plan. The specific provisions as per Sec 309 (b) highlights that :

- Vision Plan for the whole term of GP to be prepared through PRA within 3 months from the date of Constitution of GP
- Set targets and develop outcome indicators for measuring performance
- It shall form the basis for needs-based annual plans for each year for the next five years of its term

The State during the year 2022-23 initiated the process of preparation of GP Perspective Plan after long deliberations to finalise the process to be adopted for the preparation. It was decided that following issues are strictly adhered to while preparation of the Plans.

A major decision that was taken was that the plans will be prepared based on the Localised Sustainable Development Goals using the set of indicators as prescribed by the Expert Committee. The Gram Panchayat Development was conceived as a subset of the perspective plan. The other major initiatives were

- All other scheme plans to be based on the GP perspective plan
- 8 sectors were identified in the State for detailed plan.
- Each sector to have detailed format identifying the problems in the village and setting the goals for the next 5 years
- Pilot to test the process and formats in selected GPs
- A well structured capacity building programme for the elected representatives and officials of Gram Panchayats.
- A highlight of the initiative was constitution of GP and Village Planning Committees and the composition of these committees are as follows:
  - GP President - President
  - Vice President and all Elected members
  - All GP level Line department officials
  - GPLF representatives

- Retired officials residing in the village
- NGO representatives working in the Panchayat
- Members of Yuvak and Yuvathi Mandal
- Sector experts in the village
- Panchayat Development Officer – Member Secretary

The Composition of the Village Planning Committee was similar to the above with the Ward member heading the VPC with GP Secretary as Member Secretary.

#### Sectors for GP PP

- Poverty free, Livelihood and Skill Development
- Health
- Education
- Women and Child Development
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Social Justice and Socially Secured Panchayat
- Self Sufficient Infrastructure Panchayat
- Good Governance

#### Steps for preparation of Vision Plan

Step-1: Constitution of Village and GP Planning Teams

Step-2: Data Collection

Step-3: Focussed Group Discussions and PRA

Step-4: Organising Habitation and Ward Sabhas

Step-5: Situation Analysis and Preparation of Draft Vision Plan by the GP Planning Team

Step-6: Presentation to GP Standing Committee on Finance, Audit and Planning

Step-7: Discussion and consolidation by the GP General Body

Step-8: Discussion on Draft Plan and approval by Gram Sabha (Orientation and Final)

Step-9: Consolidation of GS suggestions by the GP General Body

Step-10: Uploading in State specific software Panchatantra 2.0

In order to provide support to the Gram Panchayats a Monitoring mechanism was put in place by the state. The details are as follows:

- Commissioner RD, Commissioner PR and Director, e-Governance and Director ANSSIRDPR – nodal officers at State level
- Director level officers from the State as nodal for 3-4 districts
- CEO supported by DS and CPO at district level
- 1 District Level Officer for each taluk
- 1 Taluk Level Officer for every 5 GPs
- One Academic Institution to provide handholding support in each district

The State also provided handholding support to the Gram Panchyats apart from initiating steps to reach-out to the community.

- 31 Pilots were done– one gram panchayat in each district and their feedback was incorporated
- Reaching out to the community through IEC Brief of Perspective Plan in other Languages – Hindi, Urdu, Tulu, Marathi, Soliga dialect, Koraga dialect and Sign Language
- One trained resource person is assigned for each GP to support the PDO in PRA and FGD activities