



TO UNDERSTAND THE WORKING SYSTEM OF SHGs and KANTAPHOD
FEDERATION IN KANTAPHOD & LOHARDA PANCHAYAT OF DEWAS,
MADHYA PRADESH



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INTRODUCTION

SELF HELP GROUP An Integrated Framework for SHGs. Constituted of 11 to 20 Members. Preferably Members should be preferably from similar socio economic. Women SHGs have Greater Sustainability and key to women Empowerment & rural development.

Kantaphod Pragati Samiti (KPS) is a Women Federation/ Support Voluntary Organization (SVO) which is 90 km’s from Dewas & same distance from Indore. Kantaphod Pragati Samiti is a non-political, non-religious, grass-roots people’s organisation. For the last Fifteen years KPS has carried out many projects in the remote, tribal dry lands of India, focusing on the tribal enclave in the Dewas District of Madhya Pradesh. Their work has primarily cantered around watershed development, but also embraces interventions in the allied areas of repair and maintenance of hand-pumps for drinking water, sustainable agriculture, forestry, land rights, low-cost housing, women’s empowerment, health care, sanitation and renewable energy.

The Main aim of the study is to learn & understand the working system of shg’s for economic development. The management strategies & interventions initiated by KPS.

Objectives:

- ❖ To understand the importance of SHG as an institution
- ❖ To understand improvements in socio-economic status of women SHG members & their position in the society
- ❖ To understand the challenges relating to better livelihood options, creating linkages with markets to develop business of SHG



METHODOLOGY -

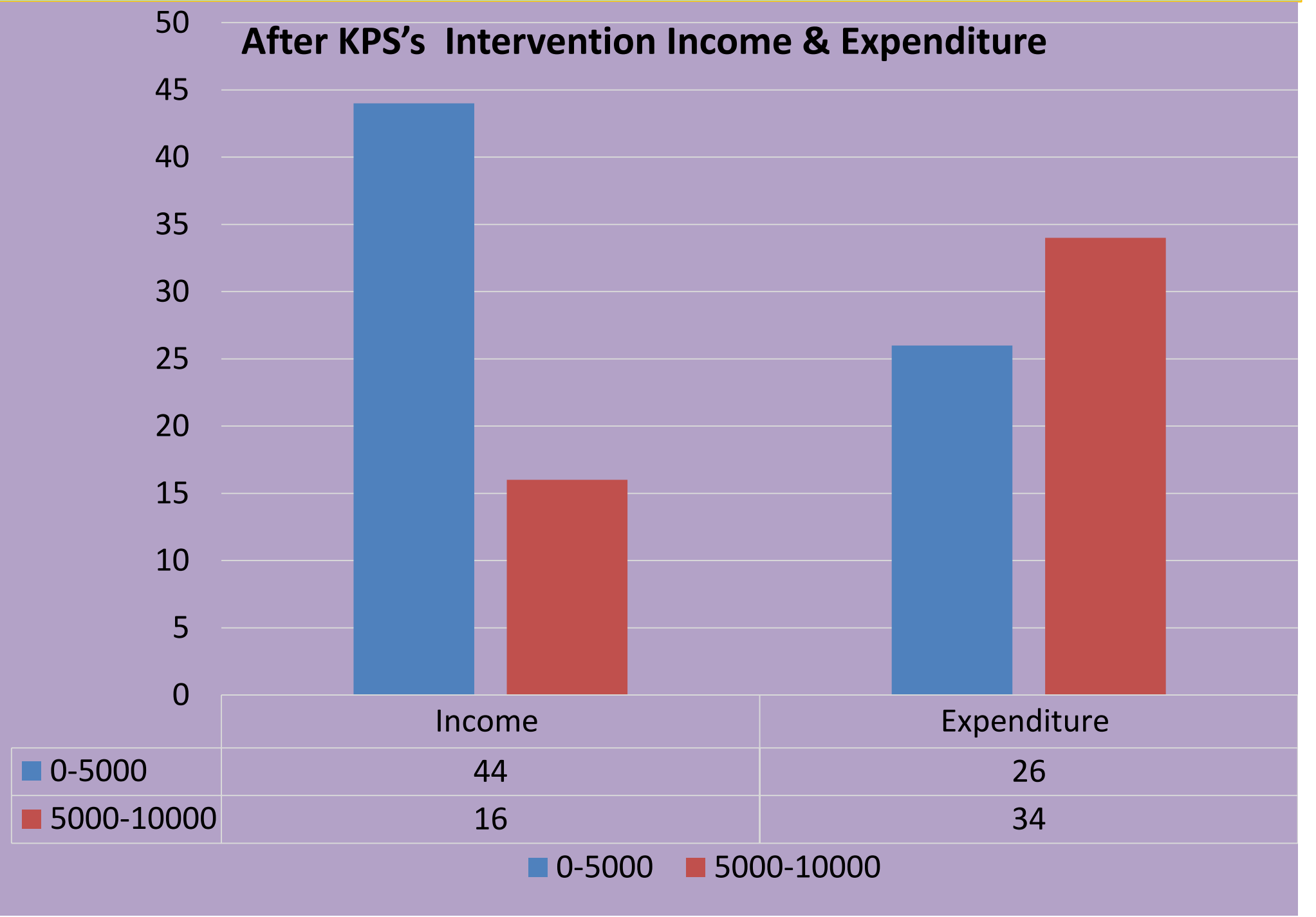
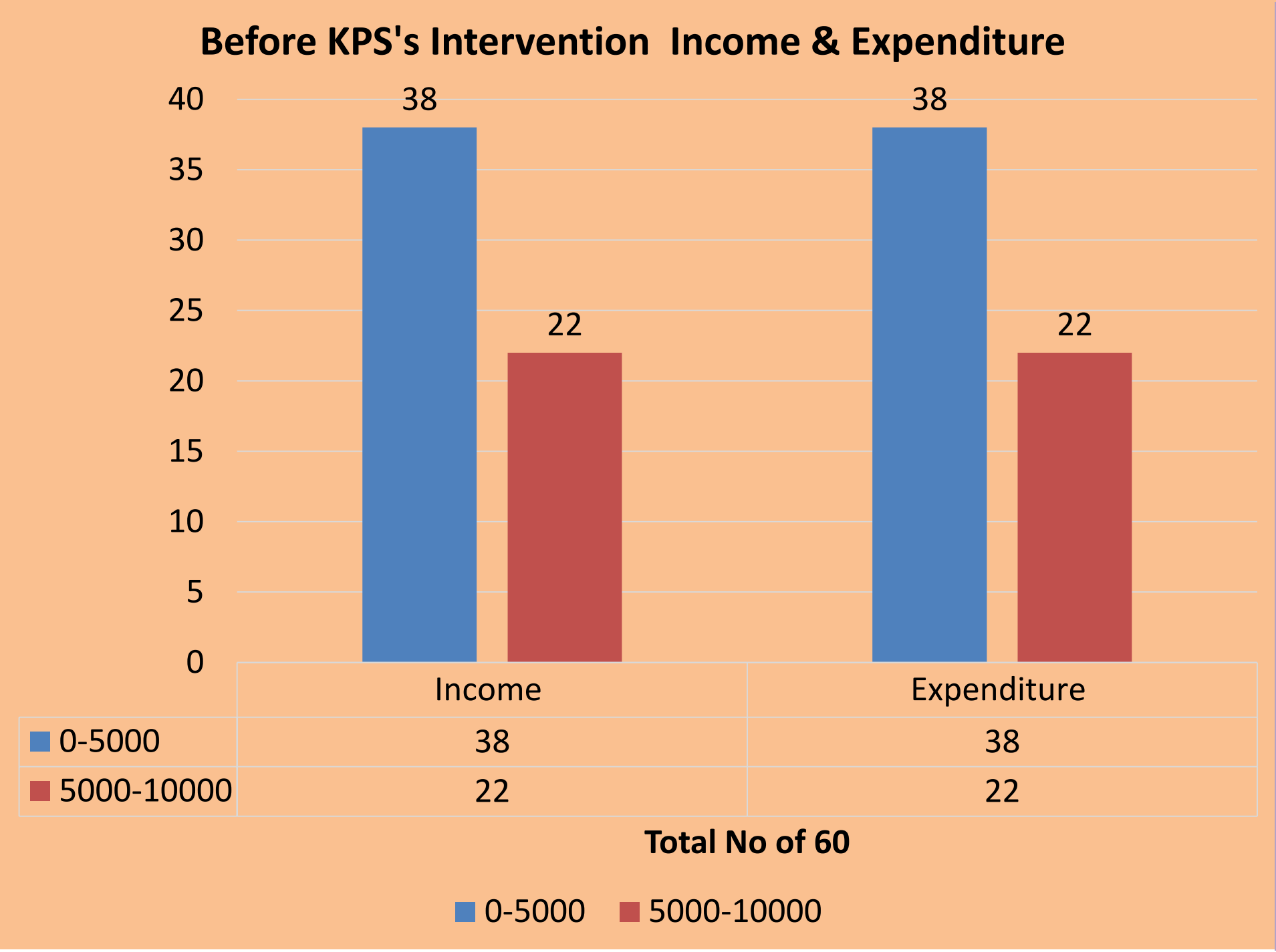
- ❖ Type of study - Cross sectional, retrospective
- ❖ Research Design - Descriptive and Explorative
- ❖ Tools - FGD & Structured questionnaire
- ❖ Study Area - 5 villages and 2 nagar panchayats Kantaphod & Loharda Panchayat of Dewas, Madhya Pradesh
- ❖ Sample size – 60 women SHG members from 8 SHGs
- ❖ Sampling – Purposive Sampling

OBSERVATIONS AND CHALLENGES

- ❖ Awareness levels of community are still low and making and sustaining them as active members of SHGS is a challenge
- ❖ Staff members of Kantaphod need more training in efficient operations of SHGs especially to deal with loan defaulters

FINDINGS

- ❖ Most of the people are engaged in agricultural activities, goat rearing, back yard poultry (KADAKNATH CHICKEN) and in skill based work apparel designing (KUMBAYA).
- ❖ Monthly incomes have improved due to participating in SPS initiatives in agriculture, animal husbandry (Back yard poultry, Goatary), Watershed development, ‘Kumbaya’ a Producer Company for apparels and Ram Rahim Producer company for agriculture.
- ❖ Quality of life has improved due to interventions of SHG.



CONCLUSION

- ❖ Kantaphod Pragati Samiti is a self sustaining federation working with 228 SHGs with a membership 3767 women members.
- ❖ Women are more respected and have become important decision makers in matters of bank linkages, in upkeeping of accounts, and family and social matters
- ❖ SHG as a collective institution effectively deals with issues of community development be it school education, water supply and sanitation facility.

SUGGESTION

- ❖ Regular training & visit of the shg’s to maintain loans & repayments.
- ❖ Processing units for agro produces like cereal, Soybean, Gram, Wheat etc.
- ❖ Collection centres for agriculture products for sale to market
- ❖ Organised slaughter centres/ Poultry farms
- ❖ Market linkage for meat selling
- ❖ Processing units for goat meat & chicken pickle.

