

ABSTRACT

This study deals with analyzing a microfinance initiation for the sample villages in the state of Kerala in India. Most importantly we are interested in looking at the determinants of asset creation of the beneficiaries of the microfinance scheme. The objectives of the study are (1) to assess the benefit of the microfinance of the study area and (2) to link SGH and asset creation at the household level and to find out the determinants of asset creation for the sample of households. For this purpose a housing micro-finance scheme implemented in Kerala known as "*Bhavavashree*" was selected and a primary survey was conducted at household level. Preliminary analysis was done using statistical tools such as Ratios and Percentage, for the purpose of cross-tabulation; graphical representations were used to understand the nature of the data. Measurement of central tendency is used to understand the variability in information collected at the household level and econometric analysis was used to figure out the impact of household characteristics like income, saving, bank association and employment on repayment of loan and the quality of asset created