Assessing role of self-help promoting institutions (SHPIs) in empowering women through SHGs

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ABSTRACT
Empowerment of women through SHGs would lead to benefit not only the individual woman, women group but also the family and community as a whole through collective action and solidarity. SHPIs in the whole process under the micro finance programme play a very vital role into a productive group for attaining economic sustainability through formation of Self Help Group (SHG). A study on assessment of the role of SHPIs in economic, social and political empowerment of women SHGs was conducted under Intra Mural Research Project funded by Central Agricultural University. Data were collected from 29 villages of West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya. The study conducted revealed that more than economic and political empowerment, the SHPIs played a major role in social upliftment of women entrepreneurs.

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