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A Study on Performance of Self Help Groups in Empowerment of Women in Marine Fishing Community of Krishna and Prakasam Districts, Andhra Pradesh

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Women-Empowerment is a multidimensional social approach that assists women in managing day to day issues and hurdles that come across in their own lives. Under development of women always leads to poor economic escalation and quality of life. Women in marine fishing community mostly depend on non-institutional source of credit such as money lenders, middlemen and boat owners for fulfilling their operational expenses. This study aims to empirically investigate the impact of SHGs in empowering women with respect to Socio- Economic aspects, also to find the entry of SHG in minimizing the dependency of marine fisher women dependency on informal source of finance and to find the perception of marine women in diversifying their economic activity in the situation of depletion in marine fish catch. The data is collected from 800 SHG members who are involved in income generation activities. The important variables were formulated and the relevant data collected from the field were coded and analyzed using SPSS (version 21). The results indicated that SHGs has positive relationship in empowerment of marine fisher women especially with respect to economical factors and in the context of depletion of natural resource the marine fisher women who are in the age group of 25-45 years desire to change their economic activity if any other training programmes are provided to them.