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**THE SPREAD OF WOMEN SELF HELP GROUPS IN
RURAL AND URBAN TAMIL NADU****Mrs. C. Vaishnavi¹**¹Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Business Economics (Self-Supporting), Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India**ABSTRACT**

Self help groups has evolved over the past quarter century across India into various operating forms and to a varying degree of success. The development of the self-help movement based on the concept of “self-help” small groups of women has formed into groups of ten to twenty and operates a savings first business model whereby the member’s savings are used to fund loans. The results from these self-help groups (SHGs) are promising and have become a focus of intense examination as it is proving to be an effective method of poverty reduction. This paper examines the SHG operating model, the state of SHGs today, their impact on civil society and its contribution towards the Nations economical development through women empowerment.

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