Project Update: November 2008

List of Activities under Livelihood	Period
Micro Saving in Groups	August 2008 onwards
Candle Production Training	10-11 August 2008
Organic Fertilizer	28-29 August 2008
Tree Plantation	5 th September 2008
Distribution of Vegetable Seeds	6th September 2008
Incense Production Training	12-13 October 2008
Soap Production Training	20-21 October 2008

Details of activities

Micro Savings in Groups

Micro Savings within the groups started from august. The savings are compulsory and are being collected within each of the groups on a regular basis. Based on the funds collected, a matching grant will be provided by Centre for Rural Resource Promotion for extending micro credit for the development of micro entreprises.

Candle Production Training

Candle production training was conducted on the 10th and 11th of August. With most of the project participants having no access to electricity, the training was intended to improve their lives by meeting their lighting needs as well as to engage communities in commercial production of candle for earning their livelihoods. Mould and raw materials required for making candles were also distributed to each of the groups.

Organic Fertilizer

Training on making organic fertilizer from household wastes and other agricultural residues was conducted on 28th and 29th of August. The long term impact of chemical fertilizers on soil and the importance of organic fertilizer were also discussed in the programme.

Tree Plantation

Tree plantation was carried out to promote public forestry in the proposed area. The participants were oriented on the importance of afforestation and its impact on the environment and ecology. This activity was conducted on the 5th of September.

Distribution of Vegetable Seeds

Seeds of different seasonal vegetables were distributed to a number of project participants to promote commercial vegetable farming. The seeds were both of indigenous and high yield highbrid varieties. The seeds were distributed on the 6th of September.

Incense Production Training

This training was conducted on the 12th and 13th of October. The raw materials for the insense production is available locally. The process for manufacturing the incense sticks is simple & incense sticks are easier to market due to the low cost of poduction.

Soap Production Training

The soap production training was conducted on the 20th and 21st of October. The local communities were not using soap previously which has had a direct impact on the health and hygiene. The use of liquid soap and washing soap is expected to improve their health and hygiene. Soaps can also be produced and marketed locally for income generation.

Outcomes/Major achievements till date

- Around 51 toilets constructed including one in school
- Entrepreneurial skills imparted through different skill development training programmes.
- Tree plantation carried out at a number of places
- Increase in awareness levels related to Organic farming
- Social mobilization achieved with participants turning out in significant numbers for each project activity











