



Synergised Efforts for Women SHGs in Bundelkhand

A one day consultation was organised at TARAGram Orchha, Madhya Pradesh, on 25th January 2018, under the project, 'Providing access to sustainable banking services to poor households by formation and nurturing of SHGs in Bundelkhand'. It witnessed participation from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and implementing Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) from 5 districts of Uttar Pradesh - Jhansi, Jalaun, Banda, Hamirpur and Lalitpur. As part of the initiative, local CSOs of 15 blocks have been engaged as 'Implementing Agencies' in the development of women Self Help Groups (SHGs) to link the underprivileged women to banking services. The workshop aimed at identifying the process and methodologies, and thus yielding an integrated perspective on how to align the different efforts of various government and private organisations, while linking SHGs with NRLM, leading to women's access to optimal services and opportunities. Another objective was to explore the potential pathway for collaboration of Development Alternatives (DA) and NRLM with a long term vision. For this, the District Mission Managers visited Radio Bundelkhand, TARA Livelihood Academy (TLA), TARA Nirman Kendra (TNK) and TARA Paper facilities in TARAGram Orchha. DA looks forward to building long term partnerships and synergising efforts with NRLM for strengthening women SHGs in Bundelkhand.