

Tejaswani Rural Women Empowerment Programme in Niwari, Madhya Pradesh

1. Title: Tejaswani Rural Women Empowerment Programme

2. Duration: Feb 2008 – March 2015

3. Overall Objectives

The overall goal of the programme is to enable poor women to avail of choices, spaces and opportunities in the economic, social and political spheres for their improved well-being.

4. Strategic Orientation

Empowerment of women by making use of economic, social and political opportunities

5. Funding Agency: Madhya Pradesh Mahila Vitta Evam Vikas Nigam.

6. Thematic areas covered: Strengthening Institutions

Substantive Activity – Review and Assessment

Review: Against a total of 400 SHGs to be made in the project, 421 SHGs have already been made last year. The focus of the project during the current year has been on building capacities of the women and making them aware about the government schemes and programmes to take benefits from. Many capacity building programmes in terms of trainings and exposure visits have been conducted with SHG members.



Several trainings and programmes for promoting literacy among SHG women and building their capacities on financial viability of different livelihood options (like livestock rearing, enterprise initiation and other small IGAs) have been conducted. In addition, Bank linkages have also been established through opening bank accounts and facilitating Cash Credit Limit to the SHGs for facilitating livelihood support to these SHG members.

Assessment: The Project is delivering the expected to the community by facilitating the capacity building. Against a target of capacity building of 500 women, 510 women have been trained. A group of 5 women from different SHGs have been linked with the Khadi Gramodhyog, under the brand name of Vindhya Valley for the sale of candles made by the SHGs.

Summary of the Project

1. Key Results

- Bank Linkages: 51 Bank accounts and 51 CCL.
- Initiation of 606 IGAs against the target of 500 IGAs.
- Convergence with different schemes and programmes of 1767 women (HH) against the target of 1000.
- Formation of 67 Village Level Committees (VLSs) against the target of 75.

2. Expected Outcomes

- Empowered women contributing confidently in the growth of their families and society.
- Extended outreach of government programmes along with more transparency due to awareness among the target community.
- Increased resilience of the rural poor households against various odds prevalent in Bundelkhand.

3. Most Significant Achievement

- Linkage of 5 SHG members with Vindhya Valley (Khadi Gramodhyog) for marketing of the candles