

Project Update: April 2012

Several meetings were held with groups and individuals of the various communities before the project started. Due to on-going development projects at the Amurum Forest Reserve, getting communities to participate in and support our project was not a problem. So far we have conducted a baseline survey on the level of environmental awareness, use of the fuel-efficient brick wood stove and use of the forest stream. Feedback from interviews supported findings from a previous evaluation of the stove project, which showed that women abandoned the use of the stoves after they were broken because they lacked the skills to repair them. We therefore conducted a stove-repair workshop and a second stove-making workshop. In total, 34 women participated. We have also completed the construction of a water borehole operated by a hand pump in one of the communities. We are currently embarking on a tree planting campaign.



Left: A mason working on the newly constructed borehole. Right: Newly constructed borehole operated by a hand-held water pump. © Dinfa Barshep.



Left: A demonstration of how to repair a damaged fuel-efficient stove. Right: The newly repaired stove. © Temidayo Adeyanju.