

Project Update: April 2013

After receiving an official permission from the Community Chief on 14th March 2013 which allowed us to start officially implementation of the project, FOFCOD has up to now completed the training of 100 influential women in the use of Improved Cooking Stoves (ICS). These women have been provided with training and skills to provide training to other women in their communities.

These 100 women have been divided into a group of five women in each community; these will act as leaders of the project in the respective community. Each group will construct an improved ICS in one selected home of their members. These women volunteers have completed successfully a three day training course in Improved Cooking Stoves construction.

The training was divided into three sessions:

Day 1 – FOFCOD staff introduced the project to the community and explained the role of ICS, the local leaders identified different local environmental problems (deforestation) and causes and made suggestions.

Day 2 - demonstration of ICS construction, local leaders prepared and organised all materials to be used in construction and asked the volunteers to clarify each and every step of construction. Our volunteers took them through a practical approach on how to construct the stoves; this has helped them to understand a whole system of ICS and construction effectively.

Final session – 100 local Women leaders of each group were split into five groups to construct an ICS by themselves. This will help them to practice their knowledge gained from second session. After this training local leaders have agreed to conduct teaching sessions and raise public awareness among their communities FOFCOD will do the supervisory part now, the current activity being carried out is to begin constructing ICS in women's homes, families and schools.

