

## Project Update: October 2013

On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013, we carried out an evaluation meeting to assess the overall impact of the Empowering Women through Improved Cooking Stoves project. In general, the project has been well accepted by the women who are benefiting from it in seven sectors: 50 local leaders and different women groups of community have understood the role of Improved Cooking Stoves as a method of tackling local problems and the Improved Cooking Stoves are being used properly by the selected vulnerable families. In some of the sectors especially Kuda village there is increase in the number of women requesting new Improved Cooking Stoves.

We have also found out that the IEC materials provided, especially t-shirts, have played an important role in the message it communicates, one member has this to say, and “these days when I am moving around my community I hear children singing the phrase **No Trees= No Oxygen =No Life**” This is the phrase that was printed on the t-shirts.

