



The GEF Small Grants Programme

COMMUNITY ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT



EFFORTS TO LINK CBA AND SME'S IN CREATING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE: NAMIBIAN CASE

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Fortifying Community Resilience Strategies

NGO/CBO

Creative Entrepreneurs Solutions (CES)

- Plans, organizes and coordinates CBA implementation with SHGs, support systems and other stakeholders
- Provides direct support to CCs and CBA SHGs
- Facilitates procurements, trainings and reporting

SUPPORT SYSTEMS

- Creates enabling environment
- Offers support, trainings & services to CBA SHGs

CLUSTER COORDINATORS

- Coordinates the CBA SHGs
- Facilitates planning & organizing at community level

SELF HELP GROUPS

- Address CC issues of their concern and
- Implement adaptation strategies, improve livelihoods and create credit & savings schemes

VULNERABILITY REDUCTION ASSESSMENTS

- Establishes baseline information & measures vulnerability reduction at various stages of implementation
- M & E



Tested attributes for Enhancing Community Resilience

1. Communities are connected by self-help groups (SHGs).
2. Individuals and existing social structures are engaged and empowered.
3. Communities have clear channels of communication to link into resources.
4. Communities have realistic expectations of the levels of support available during a CC event or disaster.
5. The private, public and community sectors linked to the SHG are prepared to respond to an emergency and return to business quickly.
6. Local councils own and understand their role in emergency management of CC events such as floods and drought if prompted by SHG.
7. Communities reduce the impacts of hazards across the SHG region of influence.
8. Communities have strong and honest partnerships throughout the SHG region.

Rationale for Community Resilience and SME's

CBA projects
&

SHGs: primarily engaged in
dryland agriculture & water
resource mgmt.

Embraced appropriate stove
(EZY) to **help fellow community
members adapt to better
agricultural technologies &
farming habits, newer & cleaner
ways of cooking** that do not only
look at the energy saving devices
but also methods

I. Led to Adaptation Benefits

- Improved efficient utilization of wood fuel resources,
- Agricultural waste management,
- Optimized utilization of farm level biomass resources used for cooking
- Provision of a cleaner & healthier cooking environment

II. Moving away from traditional sources of cooking and embracing technologies such as EZY stoves has a lot to do with **cultural modifications, attitudinal and behavioral changes** which are cardinal aspects of adaptation process

III. Better link of CCM and CCA get SME's to appreciate and work with communities directly on **adaptation efforts**

EZY STOVE

Links Adaptation & Mitigation Aspects

The EzyStove was developed with rural and urban women concerned with rapid de-forestation, desertification and respiratory illnesses.

It contributes to:

- I. Improved health due to less indoor air pollution;
- II. Reduced greenhouse gases emissions;
- III. Local environmental and adaptation benefits by reducing pressure on wood reserves;
- IV. Economic benefits due to household savings on wood.

