Solar Lights Brighten Women’s Life
8th March 2020, Mundar, Kallara, Kottayam district, Kerala

On international women's Day, people of Mundar have a reason to cheer. In a special event, Shri Thomas Chazhikadan, Member of Parliament, Kottayam distributed 175 solar lanterns and lights with charging stations to the flood-affected vulnerable women households. To address the electricity problem in Mundar, Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) decided to distribute 800 solar lights with charging stations to 200 households. Apart from this 75 street lights will be installed shortly.

During his speech, Shri Thomas Chazhikadan said, "I am very proud that Mundar will be the first village to cover under solar energy solutions for all households in Kerala. This is a wonderful thing that SSP promoted renewable energy systems in this village.” Shri Thomas Chazhikadan, M.P, Kottayam.

The program was organised by SSP, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity India and HSBC. SSP responded to 2018 Kerala floods and decided to change the life of Mundar with a long-term vision.

“Unless women bring to the centre of development no activities will sustain. He wishes the people of Mundar and SSP for working together to bring a sustainable community.” Shri Thomas Chazhikadan, M.P, Kottayam.

“Now my children can study easily in bring lights.” Said, Mrs Prameela Shibu

Soumya Anup, President, Kallara Panchayat appreciated SSP and Habitat India partnership and launched the “Solar lighting programme by distributing solar lighting systems to three households.

Prior to the event, women of Mundar celebrated the International Women’s Day by singing and dancing to show their strength and solidarity. "We need better road, lights, schools and health centres in our village and we demand our government to provide it.” Swapna Shaji

Mundar is an isolated land surrounded by backwaters from all sides. Lack of pure drinking water, schools, primary health centres and roads deprived these communities to walk with times and development. In this context, SSP envisioned the programme in such a way that communities need to be given priorities and women should take the lead.

Various leaders and government representatives attended the gathering. Mrs Soumya Anoop, President Kallara Grama Panchayat, Mr Johny Thottunkal, Vice President, Kallara Grama Panchayat, Mr K. Davidson, Habitat for Humanity India, Mrs Sujatha Shaji, Member Ward 1, Kallara Grama Panchayat, Mr Joseph Jefri, Agricultural Officer Kallara Grama Panchayat, Mr Praveen Kumar, Village Extension Officer, Kallara Grama Panchayat, Mr Biju Pazhayapurakkal, Block Panchayat Member, Mr Johnson, Former Panchayat President, Neezhur were attended the function.

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