



Introduction

The Gambia Red Cross Society in partnership with World Food Program (WFP) through the funding of the United Nations Peace building Fund is supporting three provincial regions in the Gambia (NBR) on measures to mitigate climate induced conflict, promote gender participation among communities and improve their livelihood needs. This training started from the 20th and ended 26th February 2022.

Under the project GRCS embarked on Women's skill capacity building on cooking eco-stove Production at Njawara Agricultural Training Centre (NATC) in lower Badibou, under the leadership of the Gender & Diversity and Peace Building Fund focal point of the project **at the Gambia Red Cross society. Sixty (60) women from Ten (10) communities of the UN Peace Building communities in NBR, CRR, and URR are trained on alternative energy saving technology / Eco Stove.**

Empowering women in skill development in order to contribute to the national development, while enhance them with a livelihood that will contribute in fostering their socioeconomic stability with a reducing mechanism on the impact of climate change.

Peace is the power of the togetherness, that these women are trained as ambassadors to enjoying peace in their various communities, thanks to the PBF project this training is done successfully.

Methodology:

Each community was tasked to select Six (6) Trainable women which were identified from each of the Ten (10) communities to be part of the training. It was a centralized training hosted and conducted by the Njawara Agricultural Training Center (NATC) in lower Badibou. The group was divided into Two (2) Groups of 30 women, which was also broken into Two groups of 15 women, whom were trained for a period of Three (3) days each with 2 trainers.

MRS. Natoma Touray, the trainer for one of the groups of women from the age of 29 years upwards, were trained on the traditional Eco- Stove made out of Mud/ Clay and will consume lesser fuel as fire

wood (minimum of 2 and Maximum of 3 pieces of fire wood), animal dung, groundnuts sells as fuel for cooking this can also be done in a shorter period of time.



Process of Moulding of the Tradintional Eco-Stove



Completion of moulding process



Burning process



Pounding of the mud

The second group of young women were trained by Mr. Mbaye Secka who was the facilitator for the Metal work class ages from 16 to 28, this groups were also trained for a period of three (3) days on Modern Eco- Stove made out of metal, this training includes the measurements of the metal, cutting, biting, bending and joining the metals to the shape of a Stove, that can also be used in cooking for a shorter period of time while reducing the impact of calamite change. It can used fuel with minim of one and maximum of two piece of wood as fuel, charcoal groundnut cells as Fuel for cooking.



Mesuarng metal for processing



Metal cutting



Bending process



final product of the modern Eco- stove



Painting of the Eco stove



Briefing of Group one 20th February 2022



Briefing of Group Two 23rd February 2022

Objective

- To build the capacity of the 60 women on alternative energy saving technology/ Eco Stove
- To create a peaceful coexistence amongst women within the 10 targeted communities of the project
- To enhance new skill and empowered the livelihood of 60 women within (NBR, CRR, URR)

Challenges:

- Part of the challenges were language barrier, from the beginning of the training as one of the trainers was wolof speaking and only few of the participants were wolof speaking while majority were fula and Mandinka speaking which was a difficulty in communication between the trainer and participants

Achievements:

- Bringing together 60 women for the 10 communities and they were able to co-exist without any conflict,
- Some of them were translating for those that were having difficulty in communication
- They've built new friendships during their stay at the training site.
- Out of the training the women were able to create two WhatsApp groups where they exchange ideas, communicate to each other and maintain their friendship

Recommendation

- The trainers recommended for the project to provide the training tools for the participants, for sustainability of the trained women in their various communities
- This can also create employment for other women in the beneficiary communities who were not in attendance during this training
- Continue monitoring for sustainability of the training within the various communities.

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