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ECO-VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT (EVD) PROGRAM: People centered grassroots level initiative in

10 villages to meet the challenges of climate change in India

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Some of the key problems identified by the WAFD's adopted villages due to Climate Change which has been effecting the villagers negatively and Solutions found together with WAFD

Problem -1:

Degraded land and poor yield of crops

Solution: Organic Farming

Problem - 2:

Higher cost of crop production, as cost of seeds, fertilizers & irrigation has gone up

Solutions: 2

Organic farming, own compost (Nadep & Vermi-composting), enriched organic manure from biogas plants, and use of local seeds

Problem - 3:

Lack of water and lowering of water table

Solutions:

Roof water harvesting in the house and community building

Rain water harvesting on community land and individual farmers fields

Problem - 4

Increased drudgery for women-smoky kitchen, many trips for collecting firewood, fodder and water and added work load

Solutions:

Biogas, Improved Cook Stoves, Solar Cookers and Biomass Briquettes as clean cooking energy, roof water harvesting and organic farming for food and fodder

Problem - 5:

Health problems among children and adults

Solutions:

Nutritious diet, kitchen garden & organic food

Promotion of sanitation through toilets an soak pits construction in the homes





Problem - 6:

Temperature increase

Solutions:

Tree plantation in the court yard s of the homes

Tree plantation on the boundaries of the agricultural fields and on community lands



























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