



Climate Change



SGP The GEF
Small Grants
Programme



GREEN PROJECT

A Hand Print Action to Recycling Waste Paper

Project Introduction

Paper is a commodity with which we all are very closely related in our daily life. Its use in communication and information, storage and transfer, science and technology, industry and education is very well established. Per capita consumption of any country speaks by itself, its standard of living, literacy, and advancement in science and technology etc. With the increase in industrialization, growth at literacy etc the per capita consumption of paper is growing in our day-to-day life. We need to set up alternatives for better environment.

With this growing pattern of high consumption and less recycling, more so in the urban environments, we need to recycle our own paper in our homes, schools and other related places of consumption.

Project Background

Schools, Institutions and communities of practice which are the hub of a range of positive and constructive actions need to be encouraged to be involved in recycling of paper. All activities in these offices, institutions starting from planning, scheduling, inter and intra office communications, postage, photocopies, letters, scribbling ideas all consume the one quintessential thing- which is **paper**. Even after the advent of computers we haven't been able to create a paper less office environment. Unfortunately in most of the places paper finds it to be mercilessly torn and put into the waste bins, ready to be disposed as a waste along with other wastes. This results in paper burning at land fills and waste dumping sites. Institutions need to take initiative of moving from outsourcing, recycling, or discarding waste in to a more pro active approach of recycling it in-house. **Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Global Environment Facility (GEF), United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and Small Grants Programme (SGP)** through this brochure is enabling to create a hand print action approach, which would facilitate recycling practices of paper. The idea is for **each institution, school** to have its own paper recycling project. CEE proposes to train concerned persons in recycling the waste paper to fresh useable paper.

Project Description

Goal of the project: Provide opportunities to move from paper disposal to paper recycling in-house. A 'hand print' action towards sustainability .



Project Budgeted Expenses

The total cost of the project Rs. 10,000 (approx).

Project Partners

Respective offices, universities, schools, colleges and institutions etc.

Project Location CEE Delhi Office.

Region/State Countrywide INDIA.

Duration

3 months hand holding and can be extended as required.

Person Responsible for the Project

Mr. Prabhjot Sodhi & Mr. Dinesh Bisht.

SGP The GEF Small Grants Programme

Objectives of the project: Promote the habit of recycling in corporate, institutions and offices, schools etc and **using the resources more sustainably**. Providing opportunities to the communities for enhancing incomes. Reviving a cultural shift in terms of resource consumption and creating the sensitivity for reuse, reduce and recycle. We all have to challenge our mindsets in using resources and lifestyle consumption patterns eg. Why wrap flower in cellophane; increased packaging.

Project Outputs

Waste paper as a **resource recycled** at the communities of practice premises. Stationery and gift items made from recycled paper like files, file holders, and scribble pads etc to be promoted and used in our day to day life.

Project Strategy

Centre for Environment Education (CEE) proposes to start with training and Hand Print Action for the concerned institutions managing the unit. Hands on capacity building demonstration would be done for the concerned person(s) or institutions. Exposure visits would be made to the ongoing programs run by **CEE, GEF, UNDP and SGP partners**. **The training would also be provided on this 'entrepreneurial model' which will be a simple user friendly model. Small units will be replaced into a bigger paper unit as per the need and desire of the institution.** Trainings would separately be given for the bigger units. The trained persons would then work with organizations and collect their waste paper, convert it to usable recycled paper.

It is suggested that the institutions would then purchase the paper produced and paper products at nominal prices agreed between the entrepreneur ('Paryavaran Mitra') and the Institution. This will set up a business model approach and also ensure that the minimum wages are met. This revenue would be the earnings of the 'Paryavaran Mitra'.

Sustainability of the Project

The sustainability of the project comes from the arrangement by which the 'Paryavaran Mitra' (PM) would lead to collect the used paper, recycle it and market the same with a profit margin.



National Co-ordinator

GEF UNDP Small Grants Programme, CEE

C-40 South Extension-II, New Delhi-110049 Ph.: 011-26262878-79-81

e-mail : ceedelhi@ceeindia.org, sgpdelhi@ceeindia.org www.ceeindia.org



Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF), India



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



India

CEE

Centre for Environment Education