

Rural Electrification through Solar Lanterns



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Goals:

- Distribute solar lanterns to attend to the need of lighting in rural areas of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
- Build a better rapport with the villagers, in order to collectively plan a way forward for village development

State : Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh

Location : Jaisalmer, Ratan ka Bans and Ratlam

Brief of the activity : Lighting was the prime need in the potential development of the people in Jaisalmer. Suzlon Foundation initiated Solar lanterns at Jaisalmer and Jodhpur districts to accomplish this need. This has also increased the scope of activities that now can take place even later in the evenings due to availability of light in the area. Currently the foundation has implemented only the pilot phase of the project but is looking at more number of lanterns to be distributed in the coming year.

Progress : Foundation has distributed 123 solar lanterns in Rajasthan and 212 solar lanterns in Palsodi, Madhya Pradesh.

Benefits : Working potential of the people is increased due to the use solar lanterns. Students can study in the evenings with the availability of adequate light.

Traveling at night for the villagers is a lot safer.

Quick Information : Time Period: May 2008 to June 2008

Partners : Suzlon Foundation team in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh is independently handling this project.