

# **LIVELIHOOD AND ENTERPRISE**

## **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

The report outlines the progress of a project aimed at livelihood generation through masala powder/paste activities as a micro-enterprise, implemented by Priyasakhi Mahila Sangh, Indore, with NABARD funding. The project started in February 2023 and is set to run until January 2025, with a sanctioned amount of Rs. 9,75,000. As of now, Rs. 3,8,500 has been claimed for various project activities.

Key achievements include the completion of skill mapping and the selection of 90 beneficiaries for the first batch of training starting in August 2023. However, no exposure visits or refresher training have taken place yet. Raw materials have been purchased for off-farm activities, and a Common Facility Center (CFC) has been established with Usha brand machines, managed by local trainers and coordinators.

Financially, the agency has claimed Rs. 3,8,500 out of the sanctioned Rs. 9,75,000, with expenses on trainee selection, skill training, boarding charges, raw materials, and more.

Challenges in project implementation include the lack of local expertise, training institutions, and low education levels among beneficiaries. Finding and appointing resource agencies and trainers also proved time-consuming. Additionally, the project faces challenges related to motivating beneficiaries and addressing transportation issues.

In summary, the report highlights the project's progress and financial status, showcasing completed tasks and areas requiring attention. Challenges related to local resources and beneficiary education are notable, and efforts are needed to overcome them for successful project implementation.

