

**Women engaged in Box Making
at Nagla Sumera**



Nagla Surmera is a small Schedule caste hamlet situated in the interior part of Mathura district of UP. HCDI in partnership with NIRPHAD has formed and strengthened various SHGs and provided skill oriented programmes to enhance the livelihood of women. The project has tried to develop linkages with NABARD for availing loans to the members for group activities. The women groups were assisted under Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programme (REDP) scheme offered by NABARD. They were trained by experts to set up individual and group units for Cardboard box making. The groups were also networked with banks for a month. The members of “Maha Laxmi Mahila Bachat Sangh” received a bank Loan of Rs 25,000.00 and six members of the group started a unit of cardboard box making. The machine for cutting the cardboard was provided by the project NIRPHAD. Initially, the project provided market assistance and introduced the group members to the wholesale dealers to sell the finished products. In a short period of time, the group captured the market and started to collect orders by themselves. Currently, they are receiving regular orders from enterprises such

as the sweet shops, stationery shops, etc, and are earning a good income. A woman is able to earn Rs. 30 – Rs. 50 per day regularly, by engaging herself daily for 3-4 hrs, after completing her household works. The group has repaid the bank loan and are further contacting the Government and other NGOs for marketing of their products. This has enhanced their economic condition.

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