

# MOBILISING FOR EMPOWERMENT (ME)

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## - PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Long-Term Objective: Economic, political and social empowerment of rural women allowing them to take on leadership roles within the family and community.
- Short-Term Objective: Improve access to credit to enable them to start self employment enhance dignity and improve solidarity among women to enable them to overcome challenges in daily life in their community and family.

## – PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### Enhance Financial Management and Business Skills

- Objective : To provide training aimed at enhancing the financial management and business skills of women in target communities. **This includes continued provision of vocational training in hair/bridal dressing.**
- Location (s) : Small Groups in all project locations ????

### Preparation of 12 Discussion Kits for Awareness Raising

- Objective : Prepare discussion kits to use as references/ resource materials for and by the small groups in awareness raising activities.
- Location (s) : ????

### Training of Women in Small Groups to Manage Development Collectives

- Objective : Provide training for members of small groups to take charge of 6 collectives that were established using the funds of COW FUND  
Australia
- Location (s) : ????

### Establishing an Emergency Fund for Women

- Objective : Set up an emergency fund to support women during crisis situations, arising from various disasters, relationship breakdowns,

accidents, etc.  
Location : Fund available to all women in the project area (???)

### **Progress Review Field Visits by Colombo Staff**

Objective : To conduct progress reviews and to ensure the successful implementation of the program by encouraging positive aspects and overcoming negative aspects of the project.  
Location(s) : ????

### **Ongoing Activities and Meeting of Small Groups and Collectives**

Objective : Strengthen capacity of small groups and collectives through increased income, awareness raising, collective problem solving and strengthening solidarity amongst members.  
Location : All project locations

### **Attend Training Program in India (??)**

Objective : Provide opportunity for 3 social mobilisers to attend a training program in India and to share mutual experiences with people of different cultures and nationalities.  
Location : ???

### **Establishing the Women's Weekly Fair**

Objective : To create an alternative market for the local small producers, particularly women, in the days of globalization.  
Location : Weligepola junction

### **Protest Campaign**

Objective : build public opinion against alcoholism, domestic violence and other forms of anti-social behaviour that take place in Diyawinna village and encourage good health practices, and so on  
Location : Diyawinna village, with the support of small groups in other villages.

### **Petition to authorities for repairing the public roads in the village**

Objective : To mobilize village support and pressurize local government authorities for proper and timely maintenance of public roads in the village

Location : Handagiriya

**International Women's Day Celebrations**

Objective : ???

Location : ???

**Exchange Visit by Women from Thai Burma Border and IWDA Executive Director**

Objective : ???

Location : ???