



### **Strengthening Self Help Groups to Empower Women –SAATHI project (November 2007- October 2010)**

This program was launched with assistance from Godfrey Phillips India, Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) and covered four villages of Waliawas, Bandhwari, Old and New Gawalpahadi in Gurugram district of Haryana.

The project aimed at developing savings and thrift groups of women and providing them with vocational training and entrepreneurship development support on viable economic activities through training and other support inputs in packaging, marketing etc. to help women become economically self-reliant.

The habit of saving has been used for inter-lending among members for consumption and productive purposes. This has helped women members to become economically self-reliant in whatever limited sense they can give their complex social realities and situational impediments.

The organization during the financial year had established linkages with new corporate houses and strengthened the existing ones. These linkages are being used to help the women of our SPCU units sell their produce by setting up stalls. New corporate houses like Adobe, Avaya India Ltd. LD commodities, Aegis, Religare etc has been added been the valuable supporters of Sukarya.