Promotion of ICS

1. SEC had organized a two days dissemination event of ICS under its approved programme for FY 2015 i.e., “Promotion of SAARC Chullahs (Improved Cooking Stoves- ICS) for their Commercialization / Marketing in the SAARC Member States” in Hotel Lalit, New Delhi, India on 26 - 27 November 2015 and in Mookai Hotel, Male, Maldives on 1st and 2nd December 2015.

2. The SAARC Chullas were handed over to USAID/ SARI office in India for dissemination and replication of chullas in India & to Ministry of Environment in Male, Maldives. The engineering drawings were also shared with the participants along with the brochures.

Participation

3. A total of 50 participants including delegates from SAARC Member States such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and other stakeholders were given briefing of the SAARC ICS(s) in India and 18 delegates from Member States India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka were given briefing on ICS in Maldives. The participants were disseminated the design of the ICS(s) so that the same may be replicated on commercial scale in other Member States. The participants were given USBs containing the detailed engineering drawings of all types of ICS(s) and brochures. Photographs of India and Maldives workshops are attached at Annex I and II respectively.

Prospects of ICS in SAARC Countries

4. A comprehensive briefing to the participants was given by the SEC focal persons for dissemination and knowledge sharing of SAARC ICS. The engineering drawings of ICS(s) were also provided through distribution of USBs to all delegates from the Member State and/or any other interested stakeholder. The participants from Member States will in-turn interact with the relevant organizations working in Cooking Stoves technology in their respective Member States and get these ICS(s) manufactured through small entrepreneurs following their business models, which will popularize these ICS(s).