

**RISHI VALLEY SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AREA(RVSDA)****BUDGET - TYPICAL COST HEADS**

The Rishi Valley Education Centre (RVEC) serves as a facilitator for the RVSDA programme by supporting and catalysing livelihood related activities in the surrounding community of small and marginal farmers. Typical activities supported by the RVEC in 2012-13, from donations, and their approximate costs include:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Budget (INR)</b>
1	Exposure visits (3) for farmers to see demonstrations of sustainable agricultural practices. This includes travel, boarding and lodging for 2 visits and the third was a day visit which includes travel and food.	45000
2	Purchase of indigenous grain and vegetable seeds for one-time distribution among farmers. This is done to promote conservation and revival of local dryland crops. Farmers conserve the seeds from the crop for the next season. Approx 80 small farmers were covered through this effort.	15000
3	Revolving fund is maintained for farmers to take interest free loans. This was accessed by (i) small dairy farmers to purchase milk cans and repayment was made in 2 months from the earnings from milk sales and (ii) another group of small farmers to construct a community borewell which was shared between 6 farmers growing vegetables. Repayment was done in 1 year.	200000
4	Honorarium for one community resource person and one field staff.	200000
5	Facilitating experience sharing across communities twice a year. This allows farmers' groups from various parts of the district to come together, share experiences and enable peer learning.	40000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500000</b>

Similar activities including support for (i) participation in National Level meetings on food security and sovereignty and (ii) studies and documentation to be done by the community for indigenous breed conservation efforts, will also be supported with donations in 2013-2014.