

REPORTING FROM UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Last week I arrived to Cambridge as Marshall Professor in Sustainable Design and therefore my apologies for the delay in writing this blog.

News from the cluster of villages

I am pleased to report that much is happening in the villages through the effort of all the villagers and of course Heritage Foundation Team along with our trainers, since many villagers are becoming trainers for others.

Not only have the solar panels been installed in Pono village but also all the water pumps, which has eked on the development in a big way. The solar panels have extended the time to a degree that the villagers say that contrary to earlier times, now they wait for nightfall so they could work on village tasks.

I will try and give you news regarding each of the villages, as some are doing well through the production of their barefoot enterprises.

But today I thought I will show you the kind of housing that is now coming up there.

Let us first look at the Emergency LOG shelter which was initially provided to 100 households. The following report has been prepared by Ar. Ashfaq Ahmed to show the creativity of women to personalize each home. Some of the windows that have been designed are truly innovative, By publicizing this co building technique, I hope people will understand that so much can be done by village communities if they are treated as partners.



