

Institutional Arrangement and Development of capacities at local levels under the common guidelines of GOI (2008)

Introduction

The role, responsibilities and involvement of local facilitators/leaders, groups and community level organizers as a whole, in the context of Watershed Development are quite important from the points of view of changing the participatory ownership components of the people in planning, implementing and monitoring the activities and the impact of projects on the community. It is important to mention here that these aspects play a vital role for sustaining the livelihoods and empowerment of the people over a long period of time. Besides, the local governance, through appropriate participation by the local people in taking favourable decisions enables them to manage their resources in an effective manner. Hence, strengthening the key organizations and institutions at grass roots levels such as at the village, Gram Panchayat, block level and above is essential to improve the governance leading to improved democratization and quality of life.

Objectives

- To develop clarity and better understanding on institutional and governance aspects of watershed management with emphasis at the levels of village watershed Association & GP levels.
- To strengthen the understanding of the participants and decision making by local organisations at the grass-roots level on local governance in managing watersheds for improved quality of life.

Contents

- Paradigm shift in watershed approach: A comparative analysis.
- Conservation Measures over a heavily loaded constructions measures: A new look into developing manageable interests of the local people and sustaining the activities and the assets created through WSD approach.
- Concern for rural landless poor and with special emphasis to the most vulnerable sections in the WS and in the community.
- Role and need for inputs from the Bare-foot Social Engineers & local organisational path-breakers and motivators in building the resources at the WS level.
- Concern for the marginalisation process of women in the community and a special look into the role of women in building the resources in favour of women empowerment within the watershed .area
- Learning from evaluations in the past from various important projects to provide analytical and consolidated learning on WSD to conceptualise future projects.
- Institutional arrangements at different level i.e. from village to district level for critical examination of empowerment process of change and transformation of power.
- Strength and weakness of PRIs vs WS based institutional relations within watersheds to bring improved governance.
- Functions of the Ministry of RD and the state commission in building the empowerment through WSD.
- Role of state /district level nodal agency,
- Role of PRI at different levels and dynamics of convergence.

Methodology

The entire process of the workshop will be undertaken through Interactive Lectures, group work, case study.

Outcomes

Better understanding by the participants on the need, relevance of institutional role in watershed development. Sustainability of the resources, assets & distribution of benefits among various sections of society within the watershed.

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Duration

3 days: October 27-29, 2009

Venue

Bhubaneswar