

Role of partnership in development projects: strengthening social networks and alliances in rural development

Introduction

The programme is looking forward how government, development agencies, grass root organizations, civil society embers and scholars with better understanding deal with development policies and process of economic, social and environmental change effect within different social groups. The status of poor and marginalized groups is a poignant reminder of their lack of power in society. Grass roots organizations seldom (if ever) achieve policy change in their favor without the participation of other social groups such as NGOs, churches, professional groups and academe.

Multi-organizational, multi-sectoral social networks and alliances are complex. Questions of how interests, participation and power are balanced among members typically arise in alliance formation and during the course of a campaign. They reflect the challenges inherent in forging alliances across groups representing differences in wealth, class, culture and resources. Fundamentally these questions have to do with finding the right balance of “bottom-up and top-down” forces in an alliance. The process of finding this balance is directly related to the questions central to this programme: What does an alliance need to be effective? How alliance accountability to its members is maintained especially to the grass roots interests it supports to represent?

Objectives

- To develop basic understanding with clarity and enable the participants on partnership based development approaches, strategies and processes which play crucial role for successfully implementing the projects.

Contents

- Introduction on partnership in development
- Types of partnership and their characteristics
- Advantages and potentials of partnerships. Analysis of few cases.
- Challenges of partnership & ways to manage the critical relationship
- Best practices in partnership in development

Methodology

Interactive Lectures, group work, case study.

Outcomes

The participants will be made much more aware on the partnership approach in development and will build skills for further adding value to such approach.

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Duration

2 days: February 9-10, 2010

Venue

Bhubaneswar