

Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development in Sri Lanka.

Project Title - Capacity Building of Civil Society and Local Authorities to Define Development through Sustainable Livelihoods.

Target area- Eastern Province; Eravur Pattu, Batticaloa District and Northern Province; Manthai West and Musali, Mannar District, Sri Lanka.

Main Activities:

1.1.1 Orientation and capacitating of stakeholders, staff and volunteers for enhanced understanding on approaches and accountability.

1.1.2 Identification and assessments of CSOs and Co-ops in consultation with Local Authorities to ensure full ownership

1.1.3 Ongoing mobilizations, consultations and monitoring and support of engagements.

1.2.1 Capacity building training for CSOs, Co ops and Local Authority

1.2.2 Formation or Re Organizing of Community Centre's (Sana Samuha Nilayam)

1.2.3 Consultation / Facilitations of meetings

1.2.4 Preparation of village development plans (VDP)

1.2.5 Exploring the possibility of twinning LA with other national and EU based local bodies for exchange, learning, exposure and experience sharing.

1.2.6 Ongoing mobilizations, consultations and monitoring and support of engagements.

1.3.1 Formation and strengthening of People Forum / Common Coordination Bodies at divisional and district levels.

1.3.2 Awareness / Advocacy for the target group rights.

1.3.3 Catalyzing / strengthening linkages / networks among CSOs, Co-ops and Local Authorities.

1.3.4 Issue based proposal development and marketing.

1.3.5 Physical support for CSOs, Co-ops (furniture, books, magazines, computer and other equipment)

1.3.6 Ongoing mobilizations, consultations and monitoring and support of engagements.

1.4.1 Proactive information sharing through visibility, (banners / bill boards / handbills / posters), publications and awareness and knowledge creation.

1.4.2 The use of public events and competitions such as women, children or labour day for proactive engagement and involvement of stakeholders

1.4.3 Organizing competitions among peer CSOs & Co-ops in better management and service delivery engagement with LAs.

1.4.4 Organizing of public discussions and linkages through events such as talk shops and debates.

1.4.5 Legal Aid clinics will be organized with the support and buy in of LAs to help understand and address issues legal documentation, land issues and exploitation.

1.4.6 The actions will be monitored by the staff of SOND and ZOA to ensure continued engagement.

1.5.1 Capacity building on roles and responsibilities improved service provision and securing for CSOs, Co-ops and LAs.

1.5.2 Piloting joint mitigation initiatives (Tree Planting, rain and runoff water harvesting etc).

1.5.3 Ongoing mobilizations, consultations and monitoring and support of engagements by SOND staff.

Partner Organizations are ZOA, YGRO and SOND.

Target group- CBOs, Community Centers, Youth, Local Authorities.

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