

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD CLUSTER HOLDS RTD ON DFID FRAMEWORK

“ Given the evolving definition of poverty, poverty reduction can not anymore be just intact or material relief. It has to look at, and address such a complicated interplay of factors that causes poverty.”

–Tata P. Dela Cruz, Oxfam GB Country representative, main discussant

In an attempt to give more meaning to the now-familiar development buzzword called “sustainable livelihoods” (SL), the Sustainable Livelihood Cluster of the CBCRM Resource Pool has initiated a Roundtable Discussion on a framework advocating this concept. Based on the SL framework of the Department for International Development (DFID) of the European Union, the RTD centered more on understanding this emerging tool of analysis for the still existing poverty situation worldwide.

The SL framework of the DFID is defined as a way of thinking about poverty and development; it guides them in terms of poverty analysis, program design, program implementation and evaluation. It is an analytical framework that identifies the different elements that determines the sustainability of a livelihood.

The RTD participants were one in saying that the framework is not really something novel. It has evolved from the popular income – generating projects (IGPs) and the more comprehensive socioeconomic work (SEW). What it has succeeded in doing now is to redefine poverty in such a way that it expands into elements such as lack of capacity to access or enjoy rights or services and the issue of inequality. Poverty used to be defined only as the lack of or absence of income but with the surfacing of this framework, it was made clear that there is no singular measure of development and that poverty has multiple faces. As such, a poverty alleviation program has to employ a variety of strategies to bring about whatever goals it has set to accomplish.

Most participants noticed the absence of the usual CBCRM components such as organizing and education in the diagram. It was explained that these components comprise the diversity of strategies, which may be used to change a poverty situation, which, assumingly, is analyzed with the use of the SL framework.

On the question of bringing in livelihood projects to the community, it was argued that development agencies do not give livelihoods to people in the community. With or without them, the people already have their own livelihoods. What is being done is only to provide complementary forms of livelihoods, which is, again, still dependent on the decisions of the community.

In conclusion, it was stated that DFID framework can be a helpful guide in targeting livelihood interventions. All elements mentioned in the framework need not be present in the community because in the process of adopting this framework based on the actualities in an area, modifications may be introduced to further refine the framework.

(This RTD was held on August 21 at the Conference Room of the University Center for Women’s Studies. You may visit livelihoods@dfid.gov.uk to locate the materials used during the presentation)

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A CRM NET CAUCUS was held last August 3 to discuss the upcoming activities of the Network. In attendance were representatives of SIKAT, NFR and the CBCRM RC.

The agenda included the drafting of Membership Policies and Procedures, a database of researches and the regional constituency building.

- ❖ The profiling of CBCRM Projects (NGO, PO, Academe, LGU and GO initiated) is still ongoing.

UPDATE ON RESOURCE POOL ACTIVITIES			
Members		Activities held in August 2000	Plans
1. Cluster on Community Organizing			
1. Lito Manalili* 2. Jun Manalo* 3. Orly Arciaga 4. Dick Balderrama 5. Aleli Bawagan 6. Eva Diana Garibay 7. Bimboy Peñaranda 8. Pepe Tanchuling	CSWCD OTRADEV HARIBON SIKAT TDH Phil & CSWCD CBCRM-RC-Anda SNV Tambuyog	Met 4 times between July-August to discuss and plan for a conference that will document and assess selected community organizing efforts in relation to CBCRM in the Philippines. One feature of the conference is the building of capabilities of PO representatives on writing and reflecting from their experiences, and articulating them in a formal forum. These POs will also be given an opportunity to assist in managing the entire activity.	Hold a Conference in December to document, reflect and assess CO experiences in CBCRM work and come up with ideas to strengthen the impact of CBCRM programs to communities.
2. Disaster Management			
1. Mel Luna* 2. Zenaida Delica 3. Mariser Palencia 4. Ed Quitoriano 5. Lyra Untalan 6. Lorna Victoria	UP-CSWCD APDMC CARE GUAVA CNRD CDP	An initial meeting was held in July. Referrals to a training opportunity being offered by CPD was passed on to Resource Pool fellows and the CRMNet	Firm up framework on DM in CBCRM
3. Fisheries Management			
1. Sev Salmo* 2. Sonny Batongbacal 3. Marge Dela Cruz 4. Ed Enderez 5. Arjan Heinen 6. Annette Meñez 7. Maeve Nightingale 8. Andre Uychiaoco	UP-MSI Tambuyog GDF CERD SNV UP-MSI VSO UP-MSI	Met once in August to discuss plans	Conduct activities through the email especially for fellows outside Metro Manila Comparison of processes and methods by which members of the cluster conduct CBCRM Joint study on the impact of MPAs on the communities Pooling of a computer list of gray literature
4. Gender Mainstreaming			
1. Gigi Francisco* 2. Ging Tanchuling* 3. Jovy Cleofe 4. Rosario Del Rosario 5. Verse Logarta 6. Neng Magno 7. Arlene Mahinay 8. Delia Monares 9. Mô Pagaduan 10. Marita Rodriguez 11. Marion Tan 12. Gaynor Tanyag	WAGI Miriam College UP-CSWCD CERD UP-CSWCD MRC-Cambodia School for Intl. Trng. VSO UP-CSWCD UP-CSWCD CERD UP-CSWCD Tambuyog	Met once in August, to comment on the Social Relations Framework research that will be conducted across Oxfam partners.	Conduct activities for deepening awareness and understanding of gender issues in the fisheries sector
5. Sustainable Livelihood			
1. Sammie Formilleza* 2. Orly Arciaga 3. Corrine Canlas 4. Thelma Magcuro 5. Bimboy Peñaranda 6. Joel Rodriguez 7. Milo Tanchuling 8. Allan Vera	UP-CSWCD Haribon SNV UP CSWCD SNV MODE Philnet-RDI SIKAT	Lecture-Discussion on the DFID SL Framework last August 21.	Continuing Education through public symposium and RTDs

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Note: The clusters on Legal and Governance Issues and Participatory Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) did not meet during the month of August.

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