

SSW 5053- PRA for Planning and Management

Course Objectives

- Acquire understanding of a systematic approach to participatory programme planning.
- Develop an understanding of the changing trends in participatory programme planning approach in government and NGOs.
- Develop Analytical skills in preparation, administration, financial management, monitoring and evaluation of projects.
- Provide practical experience on project preparation.

Course Outline

Unit I: Participatory Methods

Definition of participatory methods, Stages of participation, Participation as a process-Forms, Means and Ends, Peoples participation- Advantages and Obstacles, Challenges of NGOs in ensuring participatory planning

Unit II: Steps in Participatory Planning

Development of participatory methods, RRA, PRA and PLA for identifying people's needs, Principle of participatory planning process, Steps in participatory planning process, Preparation of cost plan

Unit III: Tools of Participatory Methods

Types of Participatory Matrix
Time - Time Line, Seasonality Diagram, Daily Routine Chart,
Space - Social Mapping, Resource Mapping, Mobility Mapping
Relations - Chapatti Diagram, Matrix Scoring, Ranking, Card Sorting

Unit IV: Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring & Evaluation – Concept and Purpose
Assessment at various stages of the project: Pre-programme Assessment, Feasibility Assessment, Mid-term and Impact Evaluation
Logical Framework as a tool in monitoring and evaluation

Unit V: Preparation of Project Proposal using PRA Method

Project Title, Executive Summary, Introduction, Objectives, Project Beneficiaries, Activities of the Project, Strategy of Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation Plan, Outcome/Output/Impact, Sustainability of the Project, Budget/Cost Plan, Itemized Budget and Conclusion.

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