

Building Positive Partnerships: Capacity Development of gender advocates supporting and promoting increased access and control of resource rights by excluded women groups

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Background Information:

- The project was implemented in 10 locations in 3 states with 5 excluded groups :

Radhapuram-Tamilnadu with dalit and positive women, Edakochi and Kollam in Kerela with town planners and district authorities and in Jamia with Muslim women, Vinod Nagar, Ashram with women under poverty line, Bawana with unorganized sector workers, Chilla village with tribal women, Ashram and Positive women network members across Delhi. Indirect benefit to CWLR members and their organizations in UP, Jharkhand, Gujarat and Uttranchal

- Organizations worked with :

PWN+, Suzlon Foundation, JWP, Nirmana, Chetanalya, Nirmana, Now Reach, Mamta, and Consult for Women and Land Rights (CWLR) members

- No. of people reached out :Approx 300 women in 10 in 3 states were impacted with:

An increased capacity to work on women resource base increase at a cost of Rs 7.5 lakh in a period of 9 months.

Indirect benefit has been reached to many more through participation of members from different networks globally.

What was done? : Capacity of excluded groups built think resource increase strategy for land and infrastructure. Strategy presented to authority for change in policy, program and projects to propose to the authorities’ ways in which they could get equal share in government programs i.e steps to move closer to gender equality.

Major results

Process indicators	Output indicators	Evidence	Outcome /result
Base line :only one of the 5 excluded groups had access to government programs. 400 people 30 meetings (2 meetings each in 10 locations in 3 states) met to organize 2 state level workshops to build capacity	400 people met at 30 meetings to build capacity to formulate projects for government and private agencies	Proposal documents for UNIFEM, ICCO, EU, UN Habitat, for international work. For national work: NPC Ministry of Stats and labor State poverty alleviation Kudamshree in Kerela and Mission Convergence in Delhi for District level work with Inspiration and Suzlon	End line results : 45 Gender advocate working on the process on their own from all 5 groups. Through SAPP 12 projects 3 got results.
Gender advocates developed capacity to frame policy and project ideas and training tools with excluded women for claiming their resource rights collectively as well individually.	5 tools developed Survey and FGD tool, Training manual and strategy and action plan formulation tools.	Reports: National Planning Commission meeting on Sept 18, 2009. Presentation to Town planners in Kollam Strategy papers submitted to UNIFEM, UN Habitat, govt and Delhi social welfare dept.	The knowledge sharing tool i.e SAFP Publication "Equality and Empowerment For Women by increasing resource base through area development plans got endorsed from planning commission, circulated in international and national and local meetings.
Learning from capacity building used in advocacy undertaken at local, state, 3 national and 3 international level.	Advocacy note for sustainable development gender equal zone circulated to UN, government and women's organizations through 10 country representatives organizations	Photographic evidence and reports of SAFP being invited as gender expert for UN habitat gender equality action development group. Minutes from documenting decision that SAFP in Feb 09 handed the responsibility to coordinate for Women and Habitat Network of Habitat International Coalition	Increased solidarity and support from the gender equality advocates for greater access and control of women's resource rights. Volunteering from professionals, activists and excluded women for work was unprecedented throughout the project period.
Lobby for developing the concept of Sustainable development gender equal zone	A demonstration model for a woman resource right program in the context of enhancing excluded women's social- economic security	NPC circulated the district gender sub plan .Inspiration the town planner accepted wrz within SDZ. Kollam district plan report pasted text from SAFP lobby note in their official plan document. Suzlon printed a brochure on the women resource right agenda and part funded the national consultation	Media report in print from inter press service and times of India, other net postings. UNIFEM head office and many reporters took note of the media report and contacted UNIFEM and SAFP for this innovation.

Future Action in terms of replication and use of the body of work which has come out of your project

Over arching objectives:

1. local For GREAs of excluded women :Projects in half formulated stage now need to be negotiated to get technical and financial assistance such that local groups get projects with access to build and natural resources to develop neighborhood services network
2. District planners These local projects will be one unit of the local area development that should be linked to the gender sub plan supported by local and district governance systems
3. National and international aid agencies: Advocacy for developing sustainable development gender equal zones. This needs to be understood as a basic planning process for national governments to be included within agenda for climate change mitigation, migration safety, livelihood rights as well as housing and access to basic service provision, including food and water security.

Action

1. Develop SDGEZ in Delhi, Kerela and Tamilnadu by continuing to seek support for processes initiated.
2. Get specific groups of women entrepreneurship training and access to infrastructure by continuing to build capacity of the GREAs.
3. Continue to lobby the resource providers, professional project formulators and sanction authorities, as well as political leaders to be active on the agenda.