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Ethnic Minority Working Group

Terms of Reference

Workshop on Effective Community Involvement of Ethnic Minorities in Program Development and Implementation

Background

The pro-active involvement of communities in the implementation of projects plays an extremely important role in creating transparency, bringing more benefits to themselves and greatly contributing to the sustainability of the projects. Each community of ethnic minority has their own values and culture. In the context of economic and cultural integration among ethnic groups and countries, respect to their culture will contribute to the effectiveness of interventions. Local NGOs and INGOs working in Vietnam have their projects implemented across the country with the vastness of experiences in consulting with people. In order to generalize those experiences, the EMWG is going to organize a *Workshop on sharing experiences in effective community involvement of ethnic minorities in program development and implementation*.

Goals of community involvement in community social-economic development:

- To increase people's participation, particularly vulnerable groups (the poor, ethnic minorities, disabled people, poor women, children, etc.) in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of community development process.
- To promote indigenous knowledge to assess the potential, strengths, advantages, opportunities or difficulties, obstacles and provide appropriate solutions for development and adapt to climate change.
- To create opportunities for people to take the initiative and be more responsible in the development process.
- To be a basis for planning socio-economic development at levels (commune, district, province) annually

Objectives of the workshop:

- To learn experiences from ethnic minorities and NGO communities in effective community involvement in development programs
- To have documentations of the effective involvement of ethnic minority people in development programs
- To discuss plan for action for advocating community involved in local planning and cooperating with NGOs, governments to apply effective community involvement models.

Outputs: Lessons learnt/documentations about what to consider effectively involving ethnic minorities in development programs

Participants:

1. NGOs staff
2. CEMA and governmental body's reps.
3. EM representatives (beneficiaries of EMWG core members' projects)
4. Others (defined later)

Methods:

- Presentations
- Discuss plan of action – what to follow up to advocate for community people's involvement in local planning
- Use both posters and screen to present

Contents of presentation:

- Effective community involvement of ethnic minorities in program development and implementation

Time:

- Duration of workshop: one day (half for presentations, half for discussion/planning for following up steps)
- The EMWG workshop will be organized late March, 2013 (between 18-18/3)

Venue: Hanoi (defined later)

Tentative agenda

Morning:

- Registration (30 mins)
- Introduction (5 mins)
- Presentation 1 (25 mins)
- Presentation 2 (25 mins)
- Break time and visit posters (45 mins)
- Presentation 3 (25 mins)

- Q&A (20 mins)
- Wrap-up (5 mins)

Afternoon:

- Group discussion (one hour)
- Present results (45 mins)
- Sum-up (20 mins)
- Close (10 mins)