

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Community participation involves members of communities in studying, planning, implementation and monitoring in social welfare activities.

Community participation is a process in which people assume responsibility for their own development.

Definition:

Community participation means willingness to take part, physically, mentally, psychologically and spiritually in activities aimed at improving the social, economic, political, environmental and cultural life of the community in which one resides.

Develop In Synergy Not Solo

Participatory development is not my development or your development but it is our development that is better development rather best development.

Need and Importance of Community Participation:

Community participation promotes collective development.

- 1 Wings of Independence
- 2 Evolves sense of Ownership
- 3 Rich and Benefit Sharing
- 4 Sustainability

Wings of Independence:

Community participation brings the wings of independency and self-reliance to the insiders giving them a safer future where they can tackle their situations solely without looking for others.

Evolves sense of Ownership:

Keeping the people constantly involved facilitates the promotions of feelings such as "We did it not others". That leads to develop sense of responsibility.

Rich and Benefit Sharing:

Participation holds the people responsible for the both success and failure. In case of rich none is suffer alone but all likewise in the case of benefit and

success.

Sustainability:

The development that sustains and parts composes the idea of sustainability participation of all guarantees the sustainable development. Because no other alone factor is as responsible as the participation does.

Types of Participation:

- 1 Spontaneous Participation
- 2 Duty-Based Participation
- 3 Interest-Based Participation/Voluntary Participation

Spontaneous Participation:

It refers to the participation that comes out of personal will and wish. It is more emotional rather than rational. This is normally short-lived.

Duty-Based Participation:

It refers to the participation that is general against certain incentives in any form. It also worth below the desired level

Interest-Based Participation/Voluntary Participation:

This implies to the participation that takes place purely on the interest of community member. Whereby, people come forward to take part, realizing the need and importance of participation.

(Which we want/ preferable)

How to build effective Participation?

Cultivate desire and commitment to change:

For generating participation a will for change has to be cultivated among the people. A desire will be inculcated in the minds to make them stand up against the pathogenic conditions. People are committed when they are interested in certain wants and sluggish when do not. Hence, desire for change urges them to participation.

Confidence and Trust Building:

Confident insiders are more likely to participate than those are fearful and don't thing the don't confidence is built up that is necessary for participation.

Partnership:

People find more respect in being partner of any Venture instead of being merely user. Locals are taken as partner at equal level and sometime more where they feel obliged to take part.

Ownership of Ideas:

If the ideas coming up from people are welcomed and valued people tend to participate in putting that idea into action. Therefore, let the people say what they want and give their ideas a workable form.