

NORTHERN REGION POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMME (NORPREP)

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I. - GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Improve the livelihoods and living conditions of poor rural communities with emphasis on women and other vulnerable groups through deepening and broadening rural services and community and individual self-help capacity

II. - SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Build the capacity of decentralised local government, civil society and community organisations to better respond to the needs of the poorest strata of the population
- Improve access to resources and services by the large rural population, especially women
- and Introduce operational changes and reforms needed to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of the institutions and community service providers in the Northern Region

III. - AREA COVERED

All 13 districts (now 18) districts of the Northern Region

IV - COMPONENTS

COMPONENT I. - CAPACITY BUILDING

- Improve the capacity of communities to express their demands effectively and to assume responsibility for planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- Strengthen the local government systems to effectively plan deliver and monitor the impact of services and resources
- Provide mechanism for policy evaluation and improvement
- Enhance capacity of NGOs, CBOs and other private sector agencies to deliver services and serve as development partners

Capacity Building will be at national, regional, district and community levels

A) National Level

1. Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development (MLGRD)
 - Focus will be decentralisation policy review and refinement and strengthening of its capacity to supervise
 - Support in the form of training, transport, office equipment and supplies, travel cost and allowances for project monitoring
2. Ministry of Finance (MoF)
 - Strengthen the IFAD operations desk to ensure efficient loan disbursement and resource allocation and training

B) Regional Level

Regional Planning Co-ordinating Unit (RPCU) to be strengthened to ensure:

- Coordination of annual work plans and budgets, resource use, human development, technical supervision
- Backstopping and monitoring and evaluation of district activities
- Oversee financial management including support to disbursement and procurement
- Supervise operations of programme accounts

The RPCU is strengthened by the recruitment of Programme Support Team (PST)

C) District Level

- Support to DPCU and Technical Department
- Adequate staffing of DPCU
- Provision of office equipment and supplies and vehicles,
- Provision of operating costs and allowances for field supervision
- Training of planning teams
- Improvement in financial management and control
- Support to Area Councils. Area Councils would constitute the base for field operations
- Awareness creation workshops
- Annual participatory planning exercise and training of District and Area Council Teams
- Training for sustainable agriculture development
- Training of Economic Extension Volunteers (EEVs)

COMPONENT II - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

- Provision of financial support to proposals emanating from communities and groups synthesised at the Unit committees and Area councils into action plans
- Support to the four following main groups of interventions/activities, which will change over time in response to changes in the needs and priorities identified by communities during the participatory needs assessment, M&E and planning processes :

1. Support to vulnerable groups
 2. Sustainable agricultural development
 3. Rural enterprise development and financial linkage support
 4. Community infrastructure – water supplies, environmental sanitation, water for livestock, irrigation, community access, health facilities, education facilities, housing for health and education workers community on farm storage and processing
- Designing appropriate criteria for activities to be funded

MAIN RESULTS

Not available yet

V - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Not available yet