



**Workshop on
"Scaling up of Umbrella Programme on
Natural Resource Management" (UPNRM)**

**September 12, 2013
at Thamukkam Grounds**

Madurai Symposium 2013

Governance for Advancing Development
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Background

DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation (DVTF) and Kalanjiam Development Financial Services (KDFS) of DHAN Foundation have jointly implemented a programme to support the poor farming community to address their livelihoods depending on the natural resources like land and water through an innovative concept of bankable products with the funding support of the NABARD's "Umbrella Project for Natural Resources Management (UPNRM)". The objective of UPNRM is to provide financial support for improving the livelihoods of the rural poor based on the use and management of natural resources. The programme aims at assisting community managed sustainable natural resource management based livelihood projects.

Salient Features of UPNRM

The programme's objective is to contribute to the mainstreaming of holistic, participatory and financially sustainable livelihood solutions into public NRM policies and financial instruments for improving the livelihoods of the rural poor based on sustainable natural resource use and management. UPNRM envisages a shift from project based approach to programme based approach and a gradual shift from grant based to loan based NRM projects. The funding was through a corpus comprising financial cooperation from KfW as well as fund mobilized by NABARD from various sources.

Governance of UPNRM Programme

In implementation of phase-I UPNRM for three years, two entities namely Kalanjiam Development Financial Services (KDFS) for facilitation of loan component and DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation for effective use of grants for dissemination and capacity development were involved.

There were 11 natural resources development activities financed under UPNRM phase-I. To govern, different streams of functions and responsibilities systemic approaches from selecting right member and to right activity till loan sanction, loan utilization and loan recovery were ensured. The benefitted members followed transparent methods in realization of increased benefits.

Madurai Symposium 2013

The Madurai Symposium is a biennial event organised by DHAN Foundation since 2003 to facilitate sharing of knowledge and experiences on development themes and interventions among various stakeholders of development – NGOs, government institutions, civil societies, financial institutions, academicians and researchers. This year, the sixth Madurai Symposium is scheduled from 11-15 September 2013 at Thamukkam grounds, Madurai. As part of the Symposium, several workshops, seminars and people conventions will be organized on the theme of Governance for Advancing Development. The DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation is organising a Workshop on "Scaling up of Umbrella Programme on Natural Resource Management" on 12th September 2013 as part of the Symposium.

Objectives of the workshop

- To bring successful members of UPNRM to reflect on the benefits and governance aspects.
- To share best practices in governing the UPNRM programme.
- To document the lessons learned for improving UPNRM implementation in subsequent phases for scaling up.

Participants

The expected participants for the workshop are development practitioners and stake holders such as mainstream institutions, NGO representatives, leading farmers, academia and interested individuals who are actively involved in implementation of different watershed development projects. The select organisations would make lead paper presentations that would be followed by discussion and deliberations on the theme.

Expected outcome

- Better understanding of UPNRM and its governance by relevant Stakeholders.
- Best implementation practices and their relevance for UPNRM.
- Identifying scalable NRM activities.

Programme Schedule

- 09.30 am : Prayer and welcome
- 10.15 am : Purpose and background of the workshop
- 10.30 am : Opening address: Chairperson
- 10.45 am : Lead paper presentation
- 11.15 am : Discussion on lead paper findings
- 11.45 am : Tea break
- 12.15 pm : Paper presentations by the practitioners
- 01.30 pm : Lunch break
- 02.30 pm : Sub group discussion
- 04.00 pm : Group presentation and synthesis
- 05.00 pm : Resolutions and concluding remarks

Venue and Date of the Seminar

The seminar is planned to be organized in Thamukkam Grounds on 12th September 2013

Registration and contact

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Tankfed Agriculture Development Programme was one of the thematic programmes of DHAN Foundation towards the purpose of reducing rural poverty. For up scaling the tank programme and for enriching the water related development interventions, DHAN Foundation promoted DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation (DVTF) which became operational with effect from October 2, 2006. The DVTF is striving for the conservation and development of small scale traditional water resources such as tanks, ponds, ooranies, supply channels etc in addition to the development of watersheds through people's participation. At present DVTF is working in 6 States with the support of Government, National and International Corporate Philanthropies and other funding agencies.



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