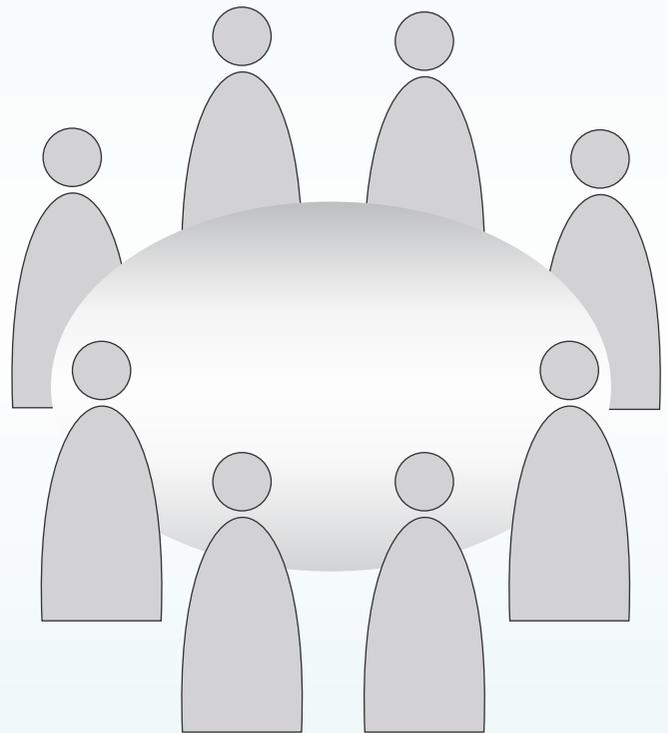


National Convention on
**Advancing Governance of
Community Federations**



Madurai Symposium 2013
Fostering Development Knowledge

September 11-12, 2013



Madurai Symposium 2013



The Madurai Symposium is a development platform where development stakeholders such as community institutions, the Government, non-government organisations (NGOs), financial institutions and academia converge at Madurai for a development carnival of conventions, conferences and workshops. Five biennial symposiums were organized in Madurai since 2003 focusing on several development themes. Each Symposium was attended by over 20,000 participants. The sixth edition of Madurai Symposium is scheduled on September 11 to 16, 2013. The theme of Madurai Symposium 2013 is “Governance for Advancing Development” and would focus on governance of some of the nationally

important programmes such as poverty reduction, microfinance, financial inclusion, social security, water, agriculture, panchayats, digital divide etc.

Background

People institutions such as SHGs federations are owned and governed by the communities themselves. Governance plays a vital role for the sustainability of SHGs federations. In addition to the basic governance functions such as setting vision and strategies, establishing structures and systems, many people institutions set example by advancing the scope of governance by deepening the development interventions. People institutions with effective governance result in establishment of strong linkages between the poor and marginalized with other development stakeholders such as banks, government departments, Panchayati Raj institutions and corporate houses thus ensuring access to entitlements and basic amenities and resources.

The successful experiences, best practices and institutional mechanisms are available with

different federations at their level. Unless it is shared across, such a treasure of knowledge would not be available for many other people institutions. This necessitates for a forum to facilitate the knowledge building on advancing governance by sharing of governance experiences, tools and techniques across people institutions.



The National Convention

Kalanjiam Mutual Movement in collaboration with DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation (DKF) and Indian Network of Federation of Micro Finance Self Help Groups (INFOS) is organizing the "National Convention on Advancing Governance of Community Federations" on September 11-12, 2013 at the Madurai Symposium. The convention will facilitate the sharing of knowledge on various components of governance building in SHG federations including policy practices, self regulation practices related to financial, institutional and developmental parameters and would suggest participatory mechanisms for strengthening governance for sustainability of the institution as well as the development impact.

Objectives

1. To share and consolidate best practices of people governance related to self management, self regulations, system for cost effectiveness, working directly with poor on impacting poverty and participatory decision making.
2. To develop an understanding about present scenario of stakeholders in the development sector and explore the possibilities of partnership with public, private and voluntary institutions for poverty reduction.
3. To identify potential areas for enhancing effectiveness of governance and evolve tools related to perspective building, self reliance, building ownership etc.

Participants

A total of 300 participants are expected to participate in this event. The participants include, representatives from Kalanjiam Mutual Movement, SHG federation leaders from INFOS network and resource persons from Government Programmes, NGOs, Academia, etc.

Expected Outcomes and way forward

The federation leaders and NGO representatives from more than 125 SHG federations would be sensitized about advancing governance to impact poverty on a larger scale in a sustainable manner. The specific outputs of the convention include,

- ✍ Documentation / Publication of best practices
- ✍ Developing framework for the tools for leadership and self regulation standards of financial, institutional, and development parameters for effective governance
- ✍ Identifying relevant leads and plan of action of the respective SHG federations on advancing governance

Date:

September 11-12, 2013 (Wednesday & Thursday)

Venue:

Thamukkam Grounds, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

Kalanjiam Mutual movement

Kalanjiam Mutual movement is a network of Kalanjiam Federations promoted in 1998 and has reached a membership of about six lakhs. The Movement aims at inculcation of values among Kalanjiam members, abolition of usury, leadership development of Kalanjiam members, self growth and self sustainability, eradicating alcoholism and protecting women from domestic violence. Governance building and emphasising self regulation practices form part of its agenda. <http://www.enablingpovertyreduction.in>

Kalanjiam Foundation

Kalanjiam Foundation is the first subsidiary of DHAN Foundation, established in 2002 to upscale the Kalanjiam Community Banking Programme. The institution envisages stabilising the livelihoods of poor and empowering the women by providing access and control of microfinance by poor women by promoting Kalanjiam Self Help Groups and their federations. The institution promotes linkages between the people institutions and public & private mainstream development institutions. Kalanjiam Foundation operates in 11 states of the country with an outreach of over six lakhs poor women as members organised into 42,500 groups and 180 federations as on March 2013. <http://www.dhan.org/themes/kf.php>

Corporation Bank

Corporation Bank is a public sector bank headquartered in Mangalore, India servicing since 1906. The bank has pan-India presence with 6,677 functional units comprising 1707 branches, 1425 ATMs & 3545 branches banking units as of 31st March 2013. This bank operates with a vision of "The Most Preferred Bank with Global Standards". <http://www.corpbank.com>

Indian Network of Federations of Microfinance Self Help Groups(INFOS)

INFOS is a national network of SHG Federations established in 2004 with an aim of sharing a common mission of contributing to the growth and sustainability of SHG Federations in India. INFOS has a membership of 66 Federations and has wider geographical representation across the country. INFOS offers various capacity building programmes, policy workshops, regional conventions, national seminars, exchange visits for its member federations and various stakeholders in the sector. www.infosindia.in

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