

People Seminar on Advancing Community Governance in KDFS



Madurai Symposium 2015

Venue: Thamukkam Grounds, Madurai

September 14, 2015

About Madurai Symposium

Madurai symposium, since its inception in 2003, has emerged as development knowledge place where various stakeholders' people/community institutions, civil societies, Government, NGOs, Banks, donors, philanthropies and academia share, learn from each other's' experience and practices and looks at opportunities for collaborative endeavors. The Symposium attracts over 15,000 participants and the one being organized in 2015 is the seventh edition. The theme of the Symposium – 2015 is 'Localizing Sustainable Development Goals'

About Sustainable Development Goals

The global development agenda of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which defined our development interventions to impact poverty, gender, education and health will be coming to a close in 2015. The MDGs campaign made considerable progress globally in addressing hunger and poverty, though a lot remains to be done in eliminating poverty, health and education. In asking the question what next the global community has already started debating on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SDGs are broader in scope in identifying the development priorities based on the assessment of the progress made by MDGs. Poverty eradication, changing unsustainable and promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production and protection and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are the overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development.

Sustainable Development Goals seeks to build on the foundation laid by the MDGs, complete the unfinished business of the MDGs and respond to new challenges. Sustainable Development Goals are accompanied by targets and will be further elaborated through indicators focused on measurable outcomes. They are action oriented, global in nature and universally applicable. They take into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respect national policies and priorities. There are 17 such Sustainable Development Goals are evolved. While the SDGs await global launch in September 2015, it is in the fitness of things that Madurai Symposium looks at contextualizing the SDGs. Which means localizing the SDGs with the people / communities





at large, development stakeholders. Setting the priorities from actionable perspective with the time bound road map.

Community Governance and SDGs

The Sustainable Development Goal 16 talks about 'Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels'. To promote peaceful and inclusive societies with effective, accountable and inclusive institutions the community ownership and governance of their own institutions are inevitable. The Kalanjiam Development Financial Services is an institution owned by and controlled by community. By enabling the community governance the effectiveness and efficiency of KDFS will raise in multifold to benefit larger society.

Also another SDG (No.8) insists 'Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all' which also implies financial inclusion and affordable credit services. The community governance will enable KDFS to achieve this goal.

Objectives of this People Seminar

1. To bring shared understanding on community governance at KDFS among its members
2. Find out hot-spots where the role of governance to be strengthened further.
3. Promotion of support mechanisms at respective federation and regional level (such as regional councils, steering committees, etc.,) for better governance
4. Improve overall efficiency of KDFS by community participation and response

Target participants

1. SHG and Federation leaders from various states and regions
2. Federation coordinators and people functionaries

Date and Venue

14th Sep 2015 from 02.30 PM to 05.30 PM at
Thamukam Ground, Madurai

Deliverables

1. The participant will be able to appreciate importance of governance in KDFS operations
2. The areas of focus for enhancing KDFS performance will be identified
3. Specific region wise plan for next one year towards interfacing with KDFS prepared

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Programme Schedule

02.30 pm	Welcome and Purpose sharing
02.45 pm	Presentation on KDFS and its operation model
03.30 pm	Role of Governance in KDFS performance
04.00 pm	Hot Spots for leaders and people functionaries to address
04.30 pm	Sub – group discussion
05.30 pm	Sub – group presentation
06.00 pm	Valedictory and Vote of Thanks