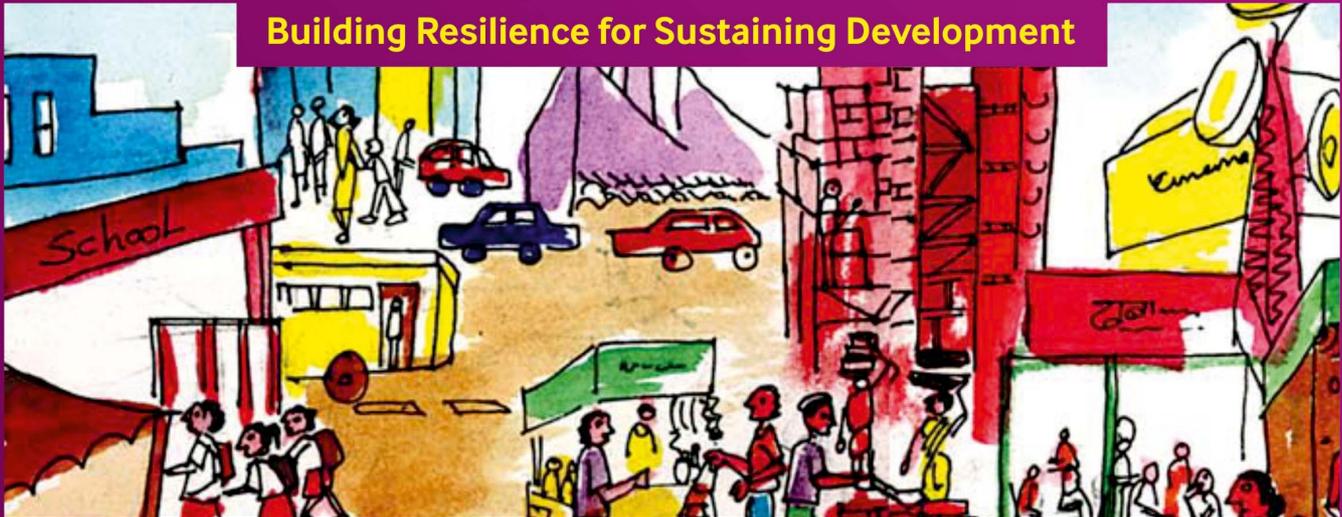


Building Resilience for Sustaining Development



Workshop on

BUILDING RESILIENT URBAN LIVELIHOODS

Madurai Symposium 2017

Thamukkam Grounds, Madurai on September 22, 2017



Madurai Symposium

Madurai Symposium is a development platform where development stakeholders - community institutions, the government and non-government institutions' (NGOs), banks, donors, philanthropists and academia would converge at Madurai for people conventions, workshops, seminars and conferences so as to share and learn from each other's experience and practices for setting up collaborative endeavors. The Madurai Symposium 2017 would connect with the critical element of challenges in sustaining development processes towards achieving the goals. Building resilience is one of the crucial Challenges and Madurai Symposium 2017 seeks to engage with the topical theme in the context SDGs.

Relevance of building resilience in Urban Livelihoods

Urbanization will be the defining trend over the next several decades. Today, 50% of the world's 7 billion people live in cities, and, by 2050, this will rise to 70%. Cities are home to extreme deprivation and environmental degradation with one billion people living in slums. At the same time, roughly 75% of global economic activity is urban, and as the urban population grows, so will the urban share of global GDP and investments.

Cities in India are emerging as the country's engines of economic growth, with a contribution of more than 60 per cent of GDP. The Report on Conditions of Work and Promotion of Livelihoods in the Unorganized Sector by the National Commission on Enterprises in the Unorganized Sector brought out in August 2007 (NCEUS, 2007) reveals that in 2004-05, out of India's total workforce, 92 percent worked in the informal economy. Urban poor livelihoods are based on a fragile or an unbalanced set of livelihood assets, unable to sustain shocks, changes or trends. Hence the need for understanding the factor conditions, demand conditions, industry conditions and the institutional conditions which influence the livelihood choices.



The livelihood capacity of a household is determined not only by the number of people in the family, but also on the skills and knowledge set of the people, their attitudes towards new activities, their asset base, and their opportunities, as well as cultural and social conditions of the area. Multiple actors like input suppliers, credit providers, technical service givers, processors, whole range of marketing system, etc, influence the choice of urban poor in deciding their mix of livelihoods. As on, these members are disorganized which are making them vulnerable to the exploitative forces in the market. This calls for understanding the present status of their livelihood and their adaptation strategy during risks and vulnerabilities.

Development organisations in their endeavour of building resilience to shocks, trends and seasonality in the context of changing structure and process among the poor communities are on the process of consolidating their knowledge base. This symposium aims at understanding and taking stock of the

individual / household and communities existing resilience practices in their livelihoods in terms of coping mechanism, long term investments and enabling conditions and explore possibilities of new initiatives to address the gaps.

The members of self-help groups, clusters and SHG federation are invited for the workshop to share possibilities of deepening and expanding the predominant urban survival livelihoods and tries to assess the potential linkage for advancing their livelihood by sharing their best practices and also their constraints. It will be a chance to identify the institutional mechanism among themselves and multiple actors for enhancing their livelihoods.

Objectives

The workshop aims at facilitating participants to

- Understand and appreciate the possibilities of deepening and expanding the predominant urban survival livelihoods.
- Build a system for adaptation strategy during risks and vulnerabilities.
- Identify the areas for enhancing the capabilities, assets and activities.
- Develop products or services which reduces the variance in income due to risks and vulnerabilities.
- Scope for promoting institutions to build the demand system and secure their entitlements.
- Areas of support in building infrastructure for their collective action.

Participants

- Women engaging in housemaids, vendors and small enterprises, development professionals and academicians



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Programme Schedule

- 09.30 : Registration
- 10.00 : Prayer
- 10.15 : Welcome address
- 10.30 : Key Note Address
- 10.45 : Lead Paper Presentation
- 11.30 : Experience sharing by House maids, vendors and Women Entrepreneurs from SHG Federations
- 01.30 : Lunch
- 02.30 : Sub group discussion
- 04.00 : Sub group presentation
- 04.50 : Synthesis, Way Forward and Concluding
- 05.00 : Resolutions

