



Community-Based Micro-Finance and Income Generation Management for Poverty Alleviation

Programme	Annual International Training Course, Thai - Colombo Plan Secretariat Trilateral Cooperation Programme
Course Title	Community-Based Micro-Finance and Income Generation Management for Poverty Alleviation
Duration	July 2007 * (3 weeks)
Closing Date for Application	March 31, 2007
Number of Participants	20
Invited Countries	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Colombo Plan Developing Member Countries, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Mauritius, OAS Member States, Sudan, Tajikistan, Timor Leste, Uzbekistan and Thailand *

* Subject to change by further notifications

Objectives

- to learn about overall theory, concept and approach on community development for self-reliance;
- to exchange knowledge and share experiences among the countries on the policies, strategies and best practices, implemented in the respective countries, with particular focus on micro-finances and income generating activities;
- to strengthen networks of government agencies, national institutions, and academic among the countries, leading to possible adoption of implementation of best practices in community development at the country level.

Qualifications

The course is designed for the government, stage enterprise or private sectors who are currently in the middle rank or equivalent staff and have at least 5 years of working experience in rural development or community development works. The participants are also required as follow.

- Be nominated by their respective government;
- Have basic knowledge in the area of Rural Development;
- Be strictly between 30-45 years old of age;
- Be physically and mentally healthy to participate in both class room and study visit;
- Have proficiency in English to participate fruitfully in training activities.



Course Content

Course contents cover the concept of community micro-finance and income generation, which are:

- Introduction to Development Theories and Concept: Development Paradigm, Sustainable Development Strategy, and People-Centered Development Approach: Participatory Approach.
- Introduction to Development in Thailand: Past and Present Experiences and National Economic and Social Development Plans.
- Community Development Concept and Practices: CD Philosophy, Principles, Methods and Activities.
- Community-Based Micro-Finance and Income Generation Promotion by Government Organizations, e.g. Community Development Department, Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperative (BAAC).
- Community-Based Micro-Finance and Income Generation Promotion by Non Government Organization, e.g. Population and Community Development Association, Community Organization Development Institute (CODI), Union Cooperative Federation of Thailand, Asian Confederation of Credit Union.
- Grassroots Experiences on Community-Based Micro-Finance and Income Generation Activities, e.g. poverty alleviation projects and related activities, Saving Group for Production Credit, Credit Unions, and Eco-Tourism Village and the Occupational Women Groups.
- Problems and Suggested Solutions to the Promotion of Community-Based Development Programmes.

Training Methods and Techniques

In order to attain the highest performance and efficiency, the training is designed on participatory approach. The training methods include presentations of resource persons, country paper presentations, workshop, group discussions, assignments, case studies, and study visits with techniques on AIC, mind mapping, buzz group, brain storming and practiced, etc.

Country Report

A country paper must demonstrate your government's efforts and experiences to promote community-based micro-finance and/or income generation activities in local communities. The country paper must be double-space typed written and not longer than 4 pages (A4 size), and diskette excluding charts or diagrams used for a presentation, and to be submitted with your completed nomination form by the deadline. The paper should contain the following items/areas:

1. Project/Programme Title
2. Implementing Agency
3. Rationale/Concept/Principles of the Project/Measures (why does your organization have to implement this project?)
4. Objectives (what is this project for?)
5. Target Groups (who are the beneficiaries of this project?)
6. Operational Procedures/Steps (how is this project carried out?)
7. Successes and Constraints (lessons learned from the project/programme)
8. Suggestions/Ideas for Sharing with other participants in the course.

- Notes:**
1. A participant may bring along posters, photographs, transparencies, slides, and etc. to help his / her presentation of the country paper and introduction of their country which is expected to be about 15 - 20 minutes.
 2. Bring light clothes suitable for climate, rainy season.
 3. If possible you may bring native dress for farewell party and some souvenir for your friends.

Institution

The course will be conducted by:

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