

Enable Network Quarterly review meeting (Virtual)

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 14th March 2022

Participants :

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Agenda of the Meeting:

- Last meeting outcomes
- Identifying issues and challenges faced by promotion and nurturing of FPOs
- Sharing SHG Federations vision 2030 workshop outcomes – progress
- Discussion on Annual Plan 2022-23
- Any other points suggested

Welcome Address by CS Reddy – CEO APMAS:

- Need to discuss how FPO ecosystem development can happen.
- Self-regulatory systems for SHG Federations (Model CLFs)a
- Karnataka SRLM are planning a workshop. The objective is how to involve NGOs to strengthen self-help movement.
- The ideas/concrete suggestions by all on how do we take forward this network may be in terms of regulations and how do we develop this ecosystem.
- Fund Management issues for CBBOs in promoting FPOs under CSS program
- Role of Enable network in ToTs, Policy advocacy
- Self-reliance for SHG federations should be developed in collaboration with NABARD

Agenda 1: Last meeting (10th December 2021) Outcomes shared by Ms. Rama Laxmi APMAS:

After the National level workshop a limited discussions was done during the meeting and agreed follow-up Action plan to take forward the Vision 2030 of the SHGs & SHG federations in India

The action Plans were:

- 3 - Conduct Regional / State level workshops in collaboration with ENABLE
- 1- SHG policy dialogue with Sa-dhan
- 2- Workshops & Consultations with NRLM & NABARD
- During the period conducted one workshop at Bengaluru, Karnataka on Vision 2030 with all stakeholders
- Shared the Vision Document to all the stakeholders across the country
- The workshops with NABARD and NRLM not done due to pandemic situations and various reasons but still continuously following up to complete the same to come up with operational related guidelines to SHG federations – CLF become umbrella organizations for the FPO. The workshops postponed to April 2022

Agenda no; 2 On Annual Plan 2022-23:

Based on the National SHGF workshop on Vision 2030, there is emerged major 4 areas from the workshop.

1. Policy Advocacy for SHG Federations to become credible institutions – SHG Fed Bank Linkage, SHG Fed as Banking Correspondent
 - a. Conducting study on performance of SHG federations playing role of financial intermediation & business correspondent
 - b. Developing case studies of best performing SHG federations (Award winning federations)
 - c. Conducting study on role of SHG federations in promotion FPOs & synergy between SHG Federations and FPOs
 - d. Advocating standards through Awards for SHG Federations & also conducting national level workshop
2. Suitable Legal frame work SHG Federation – (Separate or existing laws)
 - a. Understanding about self-reliant coop act in practice – status paper - 1
 - b. Create Awareness & Advocate States which has SCAs – 3 state level workshops
 - c. States only has traditional coop Act – Revision of Act
 - d. Cooperative Initiatives Panel (CIP) at National level & also in interested states
 - e. Meeting with state governments on the need for SCAs
3. Advocacy and self-regulation system at National Level – The study on self-regulation is revealed that its present pace of piloting to mainstream for SHGs and FPOs at National level to cover all the SHGs and Their federation
 - a. Work with NRLM/SRLMs, NABARD, NGO SHPIs and also NULMs to adopt the Self-Regulation System - SHG version 3
 - b. Conducting studies / documenting case studies or experiences – 2 papers
 - c. Advocating Self-Regulation System through National Workshop / trainings on FPO - 1
4. Work with FPO promoters & CBBOs on creation of awareness and Advocate Gender development

- a. Work closely with NRLM, NABARD and other FPO promoting institutions for advocating Gender policy & integrating Holistic development agenda
 - b. Conducting study / documenting practices and bringing reports – 1
5. Material Development:
- a. Develop Standard Operational Procedures for SHG Federations (Governance & Management and Financial Management) – 2 manuals
 - b. Certificate program for CEOs of FPO – 1
 - c. FPO BoD Self-learning modules (Business and Services) – printing three booklets and posters in English

Discussions, Suggestions and Action points:

- Need to link all the activities with Sustainable Development Goals
- There is the need of CB for SHG federations on financial management and SRLMs also not able to meet the need.
- Mentoring of the CLFs – NGOs can involve as in non-financial
- SHGs and Federations are independent – Autonomous and not belongs to Govt or NGOs. And SHGs are not commodities to handed over
- All the activities proposed is taking lot of time to pursue the same
- We not dissipate so many things and need lot of funds
- As we are network agencies, we have so many priorities.
- As a network, whether we may bale to generate required funds and source funds, or whether we have source financial and human resources to undertake this activity
- Some funding source we may have from DGRV is funding for some of the activity and we need to generate lot more.
- APMAS had to use its DGRV fund for the logistics and NABARD fund for the Awards event.
- NABARD – 3 Decades of the SHG Bank Linkage (need to know)
- Some suggestions on the Action Plan are below:
 - Study on SHG Federations in FPO promotion - Is FWWB /NABARD can provide funds
 - Proposal submitted to NABARD to study on Women FPOs – (MAKAM)
 - Conducting this year next National level workshop – Sufficient preparatory time
 - All Enable network members can take up one each study
 - Constitute a task force to Develop uniform legal framework for SHG Federation
 - Need to revive Cooperative Initiative Panel (CIP), NLU, WMANICOM, IRMA is also interested in working on this – Constitution provided 19(1) C is in fundamental right to form institutions
 - Proposed plan not able to achieve in one year need to revisit
 - One or to studies could take up
 - Enable network members can lead each state level activities
 - Work on support from NABARD.
 - Keep agenda is simple
 - Convert the plan into detailed plan of action and link all the activities with Sustainable Development Goals
 - Work on funding sources for the activities

- Next national workshop preparation starts now and applications can get up to 500 SHG Federations from all over the country. The entire network together can plan a big event next time for National level workshop. The workshop may be conduct out of Hyderabad also.