The Human Rights Based Approach to Development & Accountability

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The expected outputs/outcomes of the workshops are enumerated below:

HRBA Training

1. CSOs trained on practical methods and approaches in HRBA
2. Identification of researches to be produced before year end

CSO Accountability Training

1. Roadmap on CSO Accountability that will be the guide for the creation and implementation of the National CSO Accountability Charter
2. Country-level Working Group on CSO Accountability to implement the Roadmap on CSO Accountability

Objectives

- Introduce participants to the human rights based approach to national CSO accountability – the code

- Introduce participants to the process of formulating questions that identify research questions for the future

- Introduce how the Participants' knowledge from this session is complemented by resources materials distributed and later sessions

What are these resources materials?

- Resources emailed by Ms Alanieta Vakatale on Monday 16th Nov 2015; plus
- *"Human Rights Based Approach"* in the post 2015 process: The challenge of a global accountability framework
- *Rights-Based Approaches to Development*: Implications for NGOs
- *Promoting A Human Rights-based Approach (Hrba) Within The Development Effectiveness Agenda*
  - Briefing Paper prepared for the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) Working Group on HRBA
- *Principles And Guidelines For A Human Rights Approach To Poverty Reduction Strategies*
- Focus Session 17: Human Rights Based Approach for Inclusive Development;
- *Integrating HRBA and Equitable Partnerships into Development Programming* – Hard Copy Circulated

Session 1 – Setting the Stage

- Situate the relevance of this workshop in building their capacity as self regulating development practitioners.

- Participants begin by getting to know each other, by exploring the eight Istanbul Principles and by getting an appreciation for the concept of development effectiveness.

- Participants to review expectations for the workshop;
  - ✓what they have to offer the workshop and what they need from it,
  - ✓ explore the elements of a participatory approach and reflect on how they can work effectively as a group.

Future session:
1. Human Rights-Based Approach

- How to integrate HRBA into development programming.

- Participants gain greater familiarity with the main elements of HRBA, its value-added to development, as well as opportunities and challenges connected to its implementation in their work.

- Practise applying the elements of HRBA

- Participants then work on integrating HRBA into a current project of their organization that they are either in the process of developing or already implementing.

- Focus on the "how" of development programming though a human rights-based lens, and the "who" of development in identifying equitable partnerships.

Future Session 2: Human Rights and Development

- Participants build their understanding of human rights and the links to development.

- Begin by reflecting on personal ideas about human rights and on the basic principles that underlie human rights such as:
  - equality, non-discrimination, inalienability, indivisibility, interdependency, universality and responsibility.
  - gain greater familiarity with the foundations of human rights and the main features of international human rights standards and instruments.
  - An opportunity to reflect on the value added of human rights in the development process.

Future session 3: Working Towards Equitable Partnerships

- Focus on deepening participants' understanding of successful equitable partnership – as identified by Istanbul Principle 6.

- The process begins with participants reflecting upon their current partnership experiences to identify common lessons learned about effective collaboration.

- Through analysis of emerging partnership theory as well as power and ethical frameworks, participants will continue to examine their own experience and how truly effective CSO partnerships should be both intentional and equitable.

- Participants will be given an opportunity to test '***an approach to working with partners on how to identify what successful equitable partnership actually means'*** – including indicators of what it might look like.

Future Session 4: Working for Change and Moving Forward

- An opportunity for participants to consolidate what they have learned,

- identify areas that resonated with them most, and build a learning action plan of ideas for how they will personally move themselves forward in terms of their own personal learning, and

- how they hope to transfer some of this knowledge into the work of the organization.

- Participants are encouraged to share their thoughts with others in the group to help them further refine their ideas, and to then prioritize them into a realistic plan going forward,

- Finalise the Code

Setting the Stage 1:
The eight (8) Istanbul Principles are as follows:

- ***Respect and promote human rights and social justice;***
- ***Embody gender equality and equity while promoting women and girl's rights;***
- ***Focus on people's empowerment, democratic ownership and participation;***
- Promote environmental sustainability;
- Practice transparency and accountability;
- Pursue equitable partnerships and solidarity;
- Create and share knowledge and commit to learning;
- Commit to realizing positive sustainable change.

Principle 1: Respect and promote human rights and social justice

- *CSOs are effective as development actors/practitioners when they …* develop and implement strategies, activities and practices that promote individual and collective human rights, including the right to development, with dignity, decent work, social justice and equity for all people.

Principle 2: Embody gender equality and equity while promoting women's and girls' rights

- *CSOs are effective as development actors/practitioners when they …* promote and practice development cooperation embodying gender equity, reflecting women's concerns and experiences, while supporting women's efforts to realize their individual and collective rights, participating as fully empowered actors in the development process.

Principle 3: Focus on people's empowerment, democratic ownership and participation

- *CSOs are effective as development actors/practitioners when they …* support the empowerment and inclusive participation of people to expand their democratic ownership over policies and development initiatives that affect their lives, with an emphasis on the poor and marginalized.

Recap

- **What are human rights?**
- **Are there developing human rights?**
- **What are human rights to development?**
- **Who are the rights holders?**
- **Who are the duty bearers?**
- **What is HRBA?**
- **What is the HRBA to development?**

Rights & Obligations

- International Bill of Rights

- First Generation Rights

- Second Generation Rights

- International Human Rights Instruments

- Substantive rights

- Procedural rights

- Legal Obligations

- Moral Obligations

- Positive Obligations

- Negative Obligations

HRBA and Development

- **Social contract theory**
- **From Monarch to Democracy**
- **The History of Aid**
- **Aid effectiveness**
- **Development effectiveness**
- **From welfare to wellbeing**
- **From charity to human rights based**

Setting the Stage 2: A HRBA to Accountability?

- Levels of human rights
- Human rights based approaches
- HRBA Programing
- Formulating Research Questions

Sneak Previews & Definitions

- **Human Rights are Limitless – they spring up to address issue of oppression**
- **CSOs as development actors/practitioners**
- **Citizens – the people we claim to serve are development beneficiary/recipient**
- **Development practitioner is the Duty Bearer**
- **Development beneficiary/recipient is the Right Holder**
- **The 'human right' is defined by the Right Holder**
- **It is for the development practitioner to understand the human right of the development beneficiary/recipient**
- **Development Practitioners have to interpret the 'human right' issue of the Development beneficiary/recipient and translate it to development language**
- **CSOs are Development Recipients/Beneficiaries, Rights Holders, Duty Bearers**

HUMAN RIGHTS BASED APPROACHES

- There is no one HRBA
- An approach promoted by many to achieve a transformation of power relations among development actors
- The HRBA is that Development is a Human Right – not welfare, not charity, not even an extension of the donour's foreign policy
- The intent is to build the capacity/empower the rights holder and the duty bearer
- This includes different levels of recognition of the different levels of rights and responsibilities
- The Istanbul Principles talks about practices for the CSOs as both Rights Holders and Duty Bearers, what about the people we claim to serve – the development receipients/beneficiaries
- It includes establishing systems, procedures and processes that facilitate the recognition, protection, fulfilment of the human rights

Responsibilities of Duty Bearers & Development Actors/Practitioners

- Identify the discrimination and equality issues at the different levels of society
- Identify the minority groups/development beneficiaries
- Build the capacity of the development recipient/beneficiray

Considerations for HRBA Programing

- The programs have to go back some steps
- CSO as 'development actor/practitioner' to identify human rights issues
- In some cases, these are not 'human rights 'per se'
- Maybe hardships, issues of 'dignity', 'respect', love, humanity, exhausting practices; cultural, traditional or not
- Development recipient/beneficiary/stakeholder to be included in the:
  - ✓ **Identification of HRBA program,**
  - ✓ **The planning,**
  - ✓ **Funding**
  - ✓ **Monitoring and evaluation,**
  - ✓ **Implementation,**
  - ✓ **Reporting,**
  - ✓ **Review**

Session Outcome 1 summarised
Introduce participants to the human rights based approach to national CSO accountability – the code

- The 5 sessions – setting the stage plus
  - Human Rights and Development
  - The Human Rights Based Approach
  - Working towards Equitable Partnership
  - Working for Change and Moving Forward

Session Outcomes summarised
Introduce participants to the process of formulating questions that identify research questions for the future

- On the paper provided
  - ✓ identify your organization, the position you are assuming (rights holder or duty bearers)
  - ✓ Identify against each status – formulate questions that would lead to research questions for future sessions

Questions and Comments

- Final discussion