

Perspective of Best Practice

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Main Areas that Constitute Best Practice

Community Readiness (pre-assessment)

Collaboration & Partnership

Use of Data Monitoring & Evaluation

Sustainability

Evidence of Impact

Community Readiness Assessment

- ▶ “the extent to which a community is adequately prepared to implement a development intervention or programme (Stith, Pruitt 2006) or the degree to which a community believes that change is needed, feasible and desirable” (Foster-Fishman, 2007).
- ▶ the extent to which a community is prepared to take action on issues in pursuit of its development.

Community Readiness involves

- ▶ Awareness of Issue
- ▶ Motivation to get involved and Buy-in of the intervention
- ▶ Social and psychological ties to community
- ▶ Evidence of good governance structure
- ▶ High levels of social capital
- ▶ Knowledge of environment for sustainable livelihood

Collaboration and Partnership

Key Elements

- ▶ Shared goals and values
- ▶ Trust and honesty
- ▶ Openness
- ▶ Regular communication

- ▶ It is a give and take relationship that can strengthen organization capacity for long term corporation and collaboration
- ▶ Its important to build, sustain and evaluate the benefits in an objective way

Why Collaborate and Partner

1. Identifies the problems and gaps
2. Provides an indication of previous attempts and possible solutions
3. Clarify primary stakeholders
4. Opportunity to combine resources (human, financial etc)
5. Engenders greater confidence in local community

► Strategies

1. Engage state bodies and agencies already embedded in community, Civil society, NGO, and foundations that have similar core mission and interest in community needs and projects
2. Engaging international funding agents
3. Joint action with tertiary
4. Engage Local political directorate
5. Cadre of invested volunteers [community and interest groups]

Sustainability in Best Practice

- ▶ “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”
Brundtland Report
- ▶ Both sustainability and community development is concerned, are (i) longevity and (ii) benefits for future generation

Data usage as a Best Practice

- ▶ According to Mandinach (2012) “data-driven decision making (DDDM) pertains to the systematic collection, analysis, examination, and interpretation of data to inform practice and policy” (p. 71).

The Use of Data

Issues of which to be mindful

1. Data use should be part of an ongoing cycle of improvement
2. There must be a clear vision for how data should be used
3. Support and resources must be provided to sustain a data culture

Primary Challenges to Mitigate

1. Labour intensive and costly
2. Selection and proficient use of data software
3. Creating knowledge transferable outputs with data processing

Monitoring & Evaluation as a Best Practice

- ▶ M&E is the only function that provides information on the performance and impact of an intervention.
- ▶ It provides a framework reference for the results the intervention is trying to achieve and how these results are measured, monitored and evaluated.

Evidence and Impact



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