

Building Resilience for Sustaining Development

Round Table on Professional Action in Building Resilience at Grassroots

Madurai Symposium 2017

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“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

Background

Development is complex process, which involves professional action both at grassroots and at policy action levels. The idea of Charity driven development processes have gone, now Development process has transformed in to enabling the communities on the ground of right based approaches. This is not simple as we speak. It needs profound efforts of individuals with right ASK (Attitude, Skill and Knowledge). Social entrepreneurship, which focuses on social returns and impact on any development initiative are now getting mainstreamed.

So, in this scenario, role of development professionals in handling various challenges to deal with communities, build a sustainable social capital, making them aware of new schemes and polices of the government and other institutions are widening day by day. The policies and schemes of the government are changing constantly. Helping communities in making them aware of those changing is a major challenge. The strategies that communities use to manage risk are poorly understood and often ignored by governments and development partners.

Professional Action in Building Resilience at Grassroots

This workshop will serve as platform to development professionals working in this sector in various themes to share their experiences, learning over years and build collective knowledge on professional action towards building resilience at grassroots.

Learning from this workshop would help to promote peer learning processes as a means of transferring knowledge and skills across grassroots groups. This workshop would help to understand the importance of leadership across local government, the business community, and non-governmental organizations.



Building Resilience is not an activity, in-fact it is outcome of our initiatives. Resilience provides leads for sustainability of our development initiatives and make community in to self- reliant. So, understanding our development interventions in the lens of resilience will always helpful to sharpen our focused work.

In this event, a group of development professionals, who are Alumni of Programme in Development Management offered by Tata Dhan Academy will participate in the



round table and share their experiences for collective learning and reinforce the need for development professionals for grassroots action. It is more of reflective practice to gain and spread insights on the development work.

Objectives of the Round Table

- Appreciate the participants on, the need for professional need in building resilience at grassroots.
- Sharing the experience and collective knowledge by different Alumnus in resilience initiatives and actions for the development.

Expected Participants

Alumni of PDM course, Tata-Dhan Academy

Expected outcome

Experiences about Coping mechanisms, Community Adaptation techniques/ approaches, New Development efforts and also professional role in building resilience.

Date of the event

24th September 2017, Sunday from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon

About Tata-Dhan Academy

Tata-Dhan Academy (TDA) is one of the premier development schools in India. It is dedicated to grooming development professionals who strongly believe the development of society as the sole mission of their lives. TDA conducts its flagship programme, 2 years full-time, residential Post Graduate Diploma Programme on “Programme in Development Management”. So far more than 200 Alumni have passed out and working in 30+ NGOs across India. The Academy is also offers one-year Post Graduate Development Executive Education Programme (DEEP) for working professionals to build their conceptualization skills with management perspective. In addition to these long duration educational programmes, TDA offers 100+ short duration Management Development Programmes for practitioners in the development sector at the national and international levels.

About Madurai Symposium 2017

Development Stakeholders gather biennially at Madurai in a development market place, “Madurai Symposium” to share, learn from each other experience and practices and explore opportunities for collaboration. The symposium attracts diverse stakeholders in development: Community Organizations, Civil societies/NGOs, Government, Banks, Insurance Companies, CSR Foundations, Donors, Philanthropists and Academia. The previous edition of 2015 saw participation of 10000 stakeholders and deliberated on localizing the Sustainable Development Goals.

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.



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