IDT – SOCIAL FACILITATION & EPWP BEST PRACTICE

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Preamble

- IDT’s mission & objectives is anchored on:
  - Principle of partnership & people driven development
  - Deliver integrated social infrastructure development programmes for meaningful socio-economic impact
  - Service delivery model that foster participation through community empowerment initiatives/programmes
  - Social facilitation as a ritual or tool to promote community involvement for participatory development
  - Contribution to Nat Strategic Outcomes through; skills development, job creation; assets leverage, sustainable development etc…
What does SF involve

- Processes = different people and institutions in pursuit of common objectives
- Appreciate and recognise genuine participation of the affected people for sustainable development
- Enables people to organize for collective action, through a pool of resources and building solidarity on common problems
- Key components = social mobilisation, policy advocacy, community mobilisation, social marketing, behavioural change and communication.
Why SF

- To mobilise communities around programmes and projects for their support and participation
- To champion the establishment of community based institutions to support development programmes
- To empower community members to actively participate and take ownership of their development
- To create enabling environment for effective implementation of development initiatives or projects at community level
- To facilitate networking, partnership establishment in order to maximize the impact of the programmes
CB Planning Facilitation

- Applicable/relevant for community or ward based plans
- Full participation of local community members at village/ward level
- Participants identify development priorities & opportunities
- Local resources enhanced and harnessed towards development support processes
- Output: Integrated Based Plan
Project Based Facilitation

- Participants specific in a particular project

- Applied to IDT specific project as per client directive

- Distinct from CBPF – no need to identify the community

- Output: guaranteed participation and benefits by participants at community or surrounding communities
Legal Framework

- SA constitution (Act 108, ) recognises the importance of engagement or participation by citizens and non-citizens for efficient governance
- The constitution promotes enabling environment that encourages participatory processes through consultations, open dialogues, debates and discussions without fear of alienation
- Chapter 14 of NDP (vision 2030) on nation building and social cohesion promotes citizen participation in various forums such as IDP, SGBs and CPFs
- MSA ensure community participation, consultation and provision of basic services to communities
Activities- EPWP context

- Community facilitation support
- Community ownership of development initiatives
- Provide support on local labour recruitment
- Coordinate Training & Capacity building activities
- Provide oversight projects monitoring & evaluation
- Programme marketing through lobby & advocacy support
Phase 2 Lessons

- Exclusion of SF at planning stage or at the start of project
- SF not acknowledged by some municipalities – resulted in lack of cooperation & weak relationships
- Confusion of roles by implementation and support parties e.g.; technical vs SF
- Constant change of administration in some municipalities
- Payment of different wage rates on same programme
- Lack of collaboration by affected parties supporting programme implementation
Conclusion

- A need for appreciation by different stakeholders on SF
- Implementing bodies and affected communities to create enabling environment for SF
- SF not use/seen as fire extinguisher tool but a “black box” for effective improvement of sustainable livelihoods
- Constant review and evaluation on role players
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