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Aid Agencies Workshop

Education for rural people: Targeting the poor

12-13 December 2002
FAO Headquarters
Rome, Italy

To boost Education for rural people as a crucial element of sustainable development, multilateral and bilateral aid agencies will meet in Rome, Italy, at FAO headquarters, on 12-13 December 2002. The workshop is organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with the technical cooperation of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the financial support of the Italian Development cooperation.

Background

In a world where the richest 1% of the world's people receive as much income each year as the poorest 57%, most of the 2.8 billion people still live on less than \$2 a day and 70% of this poor live in rural areas. Today inequalities reached alarming levels in world history and the gap among urban and rural people is not closing. It is mainly among the rural poor that the 800 million undernourished people live, as well as the 1.5 billion people that has no access to drinking water, the 2 billion people that does not have electricity and the 854 million adults illiterate (of which 544 are women), the 130 million children out of school and 13 million children lost their mother or both parents to AIDS. Among rural poor are most of the about 250 million children and adolescent obliged to work. They often work more than 12 hours a day, for example in cocoa, tobacco, banana plantations, exploited by local and multinational firms, and in many cases reduced to a condition of slavery. Among these children are those who will be increasing tomorrow the number of adult illiterates. Inequities feed delinquency and criminality which often constitute a sign of the exasperation of the poorest against world inequities. One of the major inequalities affecting the poor is the unequal chance of access to and completion of quality education for rural people, which is crucial to social and economic development.

To bridge the education gap between the rich and the poor, and between urban and rural areas of the developing countries, and to promote equal access to and completion of quality basic education, FAO is organizing this Aid Agencies Workshop on Education for rural people.

Objectives

The workshop objectives are to:

- Build awareness among the world community on the importance of Education for rural people (ERP) as a crucial component of poverty alleviation and rural development
- Strengthen coordination among donors to implement a more effective aid
- Share information, experiences and lessons learned on Education for rural people including good practices experimented by education and rural development specialists of aid agencies, from needs assessment to monitoring systems and indicators of success in Education for rural people
- Present FAO-UNESCO Flagship on Education for rural people and call aid agencies, governments and civil society to become active members of this initiative

- Agree on a common approach to support developing countries willing to develop national actions plans on Education for rural people as part of their existing Education for all programmes.

Outcomes

The Workshop is expected to result in:

- Participants awareness of the importance of Education for rural people and advocating for it within their own institutions as well as among others
- Better coordination between donors for a more effective aid to Education for rural people
- Experiences, lessons learned and best practices shared in the field of Education for rural people
- New memberships from aid agencies, governments and NGOs joining the Flagship on Education for rural people led by FAO and UNESCO as a collective effort to boost education for rural people
- Experiences documented and made available to member countries willing to develop national plans on Education for rural people
- Consensus built among aid agencies on how to move forward and path identified to strengthen Flagship on Education for rural people.

Proceedings

The Workshop is organized around:

- Plenary Presentations and discussions
- One "Show and Tell" session
- Three successive panel discussions

Participants

About 50 representatives from bilateral and multilateral agencies, governments and non-governmental organizations will attend the Workshop.

Agenda of the workshop

Thursday, 12 December 2002

8:00 - 9:00
Registration
Cuba Room (B224)

9:00 - 10:30
Iran Room (B016)

Session one: *Setting the stage*

Chairperson: Ms Ester Zulberti, Chief, Extension, Education and Communication Service (SDRE), FAO

Opening speech by Sissel Ekaas, Director, Gender and Population Division- Sustainable Development Department (SD), FAO:
"Education for Rural People: a Crucial Factor for Sustainable Development"

Greetings from Minister Giandomenico Magliano, Director-General, Directorate for Development Cooperation (DGCS), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Speech by Mr Gudmund Hernes, Director of International Institute for Educational Planning, IIEP/UNESCO:
"The over-all framework and challenges of the EFA initiative and its relation with this workshop and the flagship on Education for

the rural people (ERP)"

"Presentation of the flagship initiative, the workshop rationale, objectives and programme" by Ms Lavinia Gasperini, Senior Officer, Education for Rural Development, Extension, Education and Communication Service, Sustainable Development Department, FAO

10:30 - 11:00
Coffee-break
Malaysia Room (B227)

11:00 - 13:00

Session two: *What is the role of Education in poverty reduction and rural development strategies?*

Chairperson: Ms Ester Zulberti, FAO

Overview of main findings of the FAO/SDRE- IIEP/UNESCO study on "*Education for rural development: towards new policy responses*"

Report from the FAO and IIEP/UNESCO Seminar "*Education for rural development in Asia: experiences and policies lessons*" by Mr David Atchoarena, Program Specialist, IIEP/UNESCO and Ms Lavinia Gasperini.

General discussion

13:00 - 14:30
Lunch

14:30 - 16:00

Session three: "Show and Tell" session. Agencies will briefly present their recent policies, experiences and lessons learned in providing education to rural people.

Chairperson: Ms Ester Zulberti, FAO

Time keeper: Jennifer Gachich, FAO Volunteer

16:00 - 16:30
Break

16:30 - 18:30

Continuation of "Show and Tell"

Chairperson: Mr Gudmund Hernes, IIEP/UNESCO

Concluding remarks of the first day - Ms Ester Zulberti, FAO/Gudmund Hernes

18:30 - 18:35

Communications for next day and closure by Ms Lavinia Gasperini)

20:00

Dinner in Trastevere at a traditional Roman Trattoria

Friday, 13 December 2002

8:00 - 8:45

Facilitators and Panellists Coordination Breakfast

Malaysia Room (B227)

9:00 - 10:30

Panel discussion No. 1:

Intervention frameworks and mechanisms:

How to better focus on basic education for rural people?

The panel will address examples and proposals on how the following framework addresses ERP:

- Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS),

- Sector Wide Approaches (SWAP),
- United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF),
- Education for All (EFA) fast track initiative,
- EFA action plans,
- Rural community driven development initiatives,
- The United Nations Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) Network on Rural Development and Food Security.

Facilitator: John Morris, Principal Advisor, Education Canadian International Development Agency

Panellists:

1. Mr Ahlin Byll-Cataria, Chairperson of the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC): *Education for All (EFA) action plans, Community Driven Development Initiatives: examples and proposals.*
2. Mr Christian Fauliau, World Bank: *Remarks on The 2004 World Development Report - "Making services work for poor people : issues and lessons for rural areas*
3. Mr Herbert Bergmann, German Agency for Technical Co-operation
4. Mr Sibry J.M. Tapsoba, African Development Bank

10:30 - 11:00
Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30

Panel discussion No. 2:

What are the monitoring mechanisms for education for rural people and what are the indicators? The panel will discuss: The basis of donors' monitoring experience, how to monitor improvements in removing disparities in rural people's access and retention in basic education and in the quality of their education within a defined time frame.

Facilitator: Mr David Acker, Iowa State University, USA

Panellists:

- UNESCO Mr Ayagi Shigeru, Chief of Literacy and Non-formal Education section of the Division of Basic Education
- UNICEF
- DIFID, to be confirmed
- Jean Claude Balmes, Agence Française de Développement
- FAO

12:30 - 14:00
Lunch

14:00 - 15:30

Panel discussion No. 3:

Donors' coordination for effective aid policies and practices?

How to strengthen the new EFA Flagship on Education for Rural People and:

- consolidate new partnerships,
- increase access and retention,
- improve quality and
- strengthen capacity to plan and manage education for rural people.

Facilitator: Ms Mary Pigozzi, Director, Division for the Promotion of quality education, UNESCO

Panellists:

- Mr Ahlin Byll-Cataria, ADEA
- Tomas Van Der Bosh ICRAF
- Jean Claude Balmes, Agence Française de Développement
- (NORAD) Fauliau
- Sukhdeep Brar, South Asia Social Sectors Division, Asian Development Bank

15:30 - 16:00
Coffee break
Iran Room (B016)

16:00 - 17:00

Winding up: improving education for rural people:

Conclusions and remarks by the Rapporteur, Mr John Oxenham and proposals for further actions by Ms Ester Zulberti and Ms Lavinia Gasperini, FAO

Official closure and acknowledgements by Ms Ester Zulberti, FAO

17:00 - 19:30

Rome by night. "Walking and talking"; networking on Education for rural people in front of the most beautiful fountains and piazzas of Rome

20:00 Dinner at a typical Roman Pizzeria

List of participants

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