

WORKSHOP ON HORIZONTAL LEARNING PROGRAMME

HLP Good Practices Research

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Reversing the logic!

A. From pilot to research to scale!

- Question: Is the practice scalable?

B. From pilot to scale to research!

- Question: Is scale of sufficient quality?

Potential Research Topics

B. Under HLP, the following are scaling-up:

1. Linking of Holding Tax Increases to conducting of Open Budget Processes.
2. Union Coordination Committee Meetings for UPs to ensure improved quality of services.
3. Pay-for-use Arsenic Screening as the lowest rung of the arsenic mitigation ladder.
4. UP led promotion of the sanitary protection of hand pumps.
5. Mohila Forum for enhancing UP women member voice in the upazila parishad?

1. Linking Holding Tax to Open Budgets

Research Questions:

- What is the carrot & stick for people to pay tax?
- Do the biggest payers of holding tax also have the greatest voice in open budget processes?
- Do open budgets & increased holding tax collection lead to improved service delivery?
- Does open budgets & increased holding tax collection lead to increased citizen satisfaction?
- Does increased holding tax collections lead to an increase / decrease in other own source revenues?

2. Union Coordination Committee Meetings

Research Questions:

- What are the vital ingredients of a UCCM?
- Is UCCM burdening or empowering for UPs?
- Does UCCM lead to improved service delivery?
- Does UCCM lead to increased citizen satisfaction?
- Is UCCM sustainable?
- Is UCCM changing the role of UP to coordinate others in preference to provision by self?
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3. Arsenic Screening & Well Switching?

Research Questions:

- Under pay-for-use arsenic screening conditions are people really switching?
- What is the density of arsenic contamination under which well switching appears to be feasible?
- What is the maximum/ minimum / average distances that people travel when switching drinking source?
- How often should arsenic testing be conducted?
- What are the means for verifying the quality of tests?
- Is it possible to apply this to agricultural sources?
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Cross-cutting HLP Questions

- Why are UPs replicating these good practices?
- Does ‘appreciative inquiry’ assist in prioritizing inclusion?
- Are these practices resistant to shocks? (i.e. political / social / environmental crisis)
- Is the replication of these practices through HLP leading to improved local governance?
- Are these practices leading to changed policies / relations with the central government?

Open Questions

- **Time line?** < 6 months
- **UP Selection?** control / intervention
- **Tools?** community score cards, quantitative & qualitative surveys

Potential Research Topics

- A. Partner identified research (useful to HLP)
- Optimum committees at the UP level?
 - Relations between Parishad & Chairman & Secretary & Standing Committees?
 - What are the expert capabilities of the poor?
 - What is the difference between AI & HLP?
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Thank you



Decisions

Non-HLP funded research

HLP can facilitate topics identified / funded by Research Institutions

HLP funded research

Proposals to be cleared by the HLP working team.

HLP partners to fund particular areas of research.

Preparation of proposals for HLP research assigned as follows:

Research Topic	Academic Institution
1. Linking Open Budgets & Holding Tax	Nazrul University
2. Review of UCCM	Dhaka University
3. Arsenic Screening & Well Switching	not assigned
3. Raising of Own Source Revenues	Brac Development Institute
4. Relations of Parishad & Chairs (future)	Dhaka University

Timeline: Concept / budget to HLP working team by January , 2013

Budget: Modest qualitative / quantitative research

Duration: Less than 6 months to produce research findings

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