

Sharing Knowledge
Enhancing Skills
Changing Attitudes

Certificate Course in
“Community Driven Development”
for Bangladeshi NGOs
from 12 to 18 December, 2011



Organized by



Bala Vikasa People Development Training Center (BV PDTTC) - India
A Center of Excellence in Community Development

In Collaboration with



Village Education Resource Center (VERC) - Bangladesh
A Center for Development Innovation and Education

SOPAR: SOPAR is a Canadian non-profit, secular and a non-governmental voluntary organization founded by Bala Theresa Singareddy Gingras and Andre Gingras in 1977 with a vision to bring about changes in the life of poor and the marginalised in India.

Bala Vikasa: Bala Vikasa is an Indian, non-profit, secular, non-governmental voluntary organisation established by the same founders in 1990 with a view to realise the vision and mission of SOPAR. Bala Vikasa has been extensively involved in the development of the marginalised communities in India since its inception. Many of the Bala Vikasa's activities are supported by SOPAR.

Bala Vikasa People Development Training Center (BVPDTC): The wealth of knowledge gained over the past 21 years through the implementation of projects and programs in more than 2000 villages in the state of Andhra Pradesh is being shared to the development workers across the world through BVPDTC. The participating members in our training programs are chief functionaries, senior and middle level managers of NGOs, GOs and University students.

BVPDTC was established in 2002. Many of the capacity building programs conducted here are sponsored by SOPAR-CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency). The enormous changes brought about in the life of poor through Bala Vikasa's numerous initiatives forms one of the core contents of capacity building programs delivered at BvPDTC.

BVPDTC today is recognised as a 'Centre of Excellence in Community Development' by the NGO sector. The participants from across the globe appreciate the content of the program, especially, the community development concepts, approaches and methodologies of Bala Vikasa. BVPDTC has been attracting participants from various states of India and around 23 countries across the world especially from Asia, Africa, Europe and America.

In the recent past, Bala Vikasa PDTC in collaboration of Village Education Resource Center (VERC) organized a 7 day (7th-13th March, 2011) training program in "Community Driven Development" for Bangladesh Ngo's in Bangladesh. The participants expressed that this unique program not only enhanced knowledge in different approaches, methodologies, tools and skills for sustainable community development but also helped in changing their mindsets and attitudes, to be an efficient "agents of change".

In response to the request the request from Bangladesh NGO's to organize training programs in CDD every year, to benefit more NGO's, Bala Vikasa PDTC has scheduled another training program in the month of December this year.

The Village Education Resource Center (VERC) emerged in 1977 as a project of Save the Children-USA with funding from UNICEF. It was indigenized as a Non Government Organization (NGO) in 1981. VERC was designed to fill the void of in-country capacity building support to government and related community and rural development agencies. Its initial activities included communication, education, training material development, imparting training, conduct participatory action research, technology development and promotion. Its variety of development courses reached almost around 1,000,000 people.

GOAL: To increase the level of understanding of the participants on community development concepts and familiarize them with various approaches and tools that can be applied in the process of empowering the community.

OBJECTIVES

Imparting knowledge: For a better understanding of sustainable development.

To familiarize oneself on various approaches of community driven development.

Developing abilities and tools: To familiarize oneself with community driven community organization tools.

Enhancing values and changing attitudes: To enhance one's understanding of and respect for local communities and their inherent capacities to work for their own development.

PROGRAM DESIGN

1. Development Approaches and Methodologies (3 days)

- **Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)**
- **Appreciative Inquiry (AI)**

2. Organizational Development (3 days)

- **Strategic planning**
- **Result Based Management (RBM)**

3. Skills to be agents of change (1 day)

- **Conflict Resolution**

Duration and Dates of the Course
7 days, from 12 to 18 December, 2011

Course Fee

25,000 Tk. *(including registration fee, food and A/c Accomodation on double sharing basis)*

TESTIMONIALS

The ABCD approach of Bala Vikasa is sustainable and effective. Learnings through AI, RBM and Conflict Resolution provided me skills to focus on the positive instead of the negative. I am now more confident to work with my community. - **Ms. Shilpi**



Thanks to BV & VERC for providing great opportunity to attend this unique program. The participation in this program is a very positive experience with high family spirit which I never experienced in my 25 years of service. Different approaches and skills help us both in professionalism and personality development. - **Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed**



Participants should have good communication skills in English

Applications / Confirmations

- The application form should be duly filled and sent to VERC and CC to BV PDC by e-mail.
- VERC will review details of the participant and intimate acceptance by e-mail.
- Accepted participants will have to pay an advance of 25% of the course fee towards registration, which is non-refundable.
- The registration fee has to be sent by DD/Cash drawn in favour of “**Village Education Resource Center (VERC)**”, Anandapur, by courier/post. Details of dispatched DD should be intimated to VERC through e-mail.

Note: Application forms are available on www.verc.org or www.balavikasa.org

Certificate of Participation

The NGO participants will be awarded a “Certificate of Participation” on completion of the course.



**Group photo of BVPDTCs
first overseas
CDD Batch March 2011
at Bangladesh**

Last date for registration 20 November, 2011

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