

Task Team on Empowerment

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Paris
21st October 2009



Objectives

- **Practical guidance on promoting empowerment processes in areas and contexts of relevance to pro-poor growth**
- **An overarching set of principles which will help donors and their partners promote empowerment processes of poor people throughout their programmes.**
- **Help avoid potential pitfalls where aid delivery approaches and actions may in fact be disempowering the very stakeholders they set out to benefit.**

Products

- **Stories of empowerment - case studies of empowerment processes told from the perspectives of those involved**
- **Good Practice Notes – based on existing evidence and illustrated by the Stories**
- **Over-arching policy guidance note – common principles and key messages from Good Practice Notes**

Progress

Stories of empowerment

- common but flexible methodology
- 12 stories identified and being collected

Good Practice Notes

- 9 GPNs and respective lead authors
- First drafts before year end (Nov and Dec)

Policy Guidance Note

- consultant contracted to draft PGN and support production of GPNs and Stories

Progress

Collaborative working

- Agreement on joint products with Gendernet
- Contribution to Gendernet/UN workshop on Women's Economic Empowerment
- Potential joint product with Govnet on Legal Empowerment and contribution to HR and Empowerment Seminar

Southern participation

- Participants identified and invited to next TT meeting

Good Practice Notes

Topic	Lead
Agriculture and access to and management of natural resources including land	IFAD
Decent Work	ILO
Financial services and markets	GTZ/KfW
Local development processes	Irish Aid
Empowerment, phasing out and sustainability	SDC
Empowerment and Monitoring	SDC
Legal Empowerment	GTZ
Empowerment when working with organizations/federations	
Empowerment, Fragility and Conflict	Secretariat or IFAD
Empowerment and Aid Modalities	Possibly SIDA
Women's Economic Empowerment	GenderNet

Questions

- **Is the coverage of the Good Practice Notes adequate? Should other areas be covered? Are there any members not currently involved in the Task Team work who wish to develop a Good Practice Note or an Empowerment Story?**
- **How should the Stories of Empowerment be published? Any examples of similar products?**