

I Understanding Planning for Local development

Day 1

What is Planning?

- an organized , conscious and continual attempt to select the best available alternatives to achieve specific goals” (Albert Waterston 1965).
- An important step in programme /project management to aid use of limited resources to meet the programme/project objectives

Planning helps in:

- identifying the priorities and targets for development;
- collecting the identified list of available resources
- use of available resources in a rational manner
- deciding the ways additional resources could be mobilized

It answers the questions:

- For What-Objectives
- For Whom-target group
- Where-area
- Who will do it-Staff,community
- How -Activities, schedule of activities, completion time, cost

Why do we plan?

- To ensure success of the project/programme
- To address:
 - existence of problems
 - limited resources
 - unique nature of projects
 - element of uncertainty and risk

Key Steps in Planning

- Participation Analysis
- Problem and Objective Analysis
- Strategy Analysis
- Project Design
- Development of Operational Plan