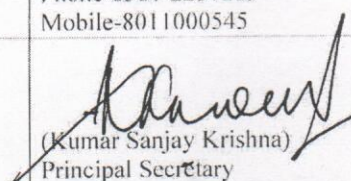
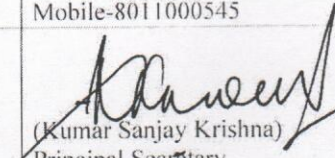


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Introduction:

The project “Human Development –Towards bridging inequalities”(HD-TBI) stems from the strong endorsement of the Planning Commission and State Government Officials and experts to the need for focusing the preparation of another round of state level human development reports emphasizing on inclusive growth and supporting action oriented quality studies on issues of persistent in equality and disparities as well as thrust on capacity development involving a range of stakeholders.

The rationale behind taking up the project is based on the midterm review of the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) that acknowledges that the engagement of HDRs is one of the acclaimed contributions of the UN in India and that the collaboration should continue. The XI Five Year plan document (Planning Commission, 2008) also highlights that economic growth of the country is perceived by many groups, especially SCs and STs and minorities as sufficiently not inclusive. Gender inequality also remains a pervasive problem. In poverty front also India is not making much progress.

The recent evaluation of the UNDP- Planning Commission programme on human development strongly recommends continued engagement on human development approach in India as it continues to offer valuable guidance to planning processes and policy framework. The project “Human Development –Towards bridging inequalities responds to this need of continued Planning Commission-UNDP collaboration on Human development.

Project Objectives:

The principal Objectives of the project are as below:

- I. To prepare State Human Development Report to enable policy makers to take informed decision;
- II. To sensitize peoples representatives , the district and block level fovernment and Non Government functionaries about the status of human development in respective areas;
- III. To strengthen statistical systems to enable relaiable data collection and analysis and facilitate regular updation of the human development status at all three level i.e state, district and block;
- IV. To document and share good practices for improvement of HDI;
- V. To develop curriculum and impart training at the university /institution on human development to strengthen capacity at the state level;

Draft Framework of the whole exercise to be prepared by the consultancy organization will be discussed and finalized. In the draft framework, the sample size of the field survey, sampling techniques to be followed, special focus group areas to be covered, criteria for their selection, workshop(both pre and post survey) to be held at state, district and block level, selection, training and engagement of trainers, responsibilities of RPs in holding FGD in special focus group areas/people etc. including the report writing, dissemination etc. will be detailed ;

For getting expert opinion, experts from UNDP/Planning Commission will be invited to participate in the workshop. Tentative expenditure will be Rs. 3.00 Lakh;

- II. **Field testing of the Questionnaires:** The questionnaires to be administered in field for data collection will be tested in two villages nearby Guwahati . Functionaries from Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Consultancy organization and some field level enumerators and supervisors will be taken to the field for testing of the questionnaires. The Consultancy organization will lead the survey and it will be responsible for finalization of the questionnaires; the activity is planned to be held in early part of October, 2012(preferably before 10th). Tentative expenditure will be Rs. 1.00 Lakh;
- III. **Trainers Training programme :** The TOT to create master trainer to be engaged in district to train the investigators and supervisors to be engaged for the survey is proposed to be held in 4 back to back programmes from end of October after the Puja Holidays to November, 2012. The programme will be 5 days duration and the UNDP module is proposed to be used with modification to suit local needs. Around 90 people is to be trained to cover 27 district simultaneously. It is pertinent to mention here that 90 people (College lecturers, NGO activists, civil society members,) have been oriented on HD under SHPHD project in 2009-10. Some of these people can be utilized for the current project.

Resource persons from ATI Kolkata, Institute of Human Development, Delhi and UNDP are proposed to be invited to deliver some of the lectures in the TOT. Tentative Expenditure for the activity will be Rs. 20.00 Lakh.

- IV. **Seminar on HD topics in Universities:** Seminar on HD theme like completion of schooling by all child upto 14 years of age, immunization of children and mothers, maternal mortality, gender equality and gender budgeting, livelihood issues like structural changes in livelihood pattern in rural areas, etc. is a tool of advocacy through which public and societal debate is created leading to its solution. The student of the universities is the harbingers of revolution in Assam as All Assam

Students Union is very strong. The students will be aware of the diversities and inequalities in Assam and how it effects human development in the state .

The one day seminar is planned to be held in all five(5) universities of the State in October-November , 2012 depending on their convenience. Rs. 1.00 Lakh will be given to the University for holding the seminar. Total cost will be Rs. 5.00 Lakh.

V. **Administrative Expenses:** The Human Development Report preparation Cell in P&D department is having shortage of manpower in Grade-IV level. It is therefore planned that one Grade IV will be engaged on contractual basis . TA/DA and office expenses etc. . have also be to be borne to run the project cell. The total expenses for 3 months will be Rs. 0.75 Lakh.

