

**YOBE STATE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

(YBACSD)

AN UPDATE OF IT'S ACTIVITIES

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YOBE CSDP: UPDATE ON IT'S ACTIVITIES.

Introduction.

The Community and Social Development Project (CSDP) is a Transition of the Previous Community Based Poverty Reduction Project (CPRP) which started in 2001 and lasted up to end of 2008 during which 838 projects were executed in Yobe State. As part of the 2005- 2007 country partnership strategy (CPS), the Federal Government of Nigeria and the World Bank agreed to harmonize World Bank funded Community Driven Development (CDD) Projects in the country. The harmonization Process is to ensure that resources are effectively and efficiently targeted in reducing poverty levels in the country. To this end, the Local Empowerment and Environmental Management Project (LEEMP) and the CPRP were merged as a Social CDD approach, while the National Fadama Development Project (Fadama 2 and 3) would be economic CDD.

Launching the Project in the State.

The Yobe State Community and Social Development Project was Launched on the 1st day of September, 2009 by the State Executive Governor Alhaji Ibrahim Gaidam at the WAWA Hall in the Government House Damaturu. The Governor was represented at the launching by the Commissioner Ministry for Integrated Rural Development Alhaji Yakubu Sidi Karasuwa. Members of the State Executive Council, the State Legisture,

Traditional Leaders , Security forces, Development Partners, Politicians, Opinion Leaders, the Press and other invited Guest were all present at the launching.

Trainings Conducted

The State Agency also trained Some Senior Officers of the Line Ministries on the new Concept of the CSDP on the 28th of September 2009 at the IBB (State) Scretariat Damaturu.

On the 29th September 2009, Local Government Head of Departments together with Council Chairmen were trained on the new concept of the CSDP with Special emphasis on the formation of the Local Government Review Committee (LGRC) and the special function of the LGRC and the LGDO.

From 3rd- 11th November 2009 the State Agency carried out Community Sensitization on the new concept of the CSDP with emphasis on the Community Development Plan(CDP) Processes. The sensitization was carried out in all the 17 LGAs of the State where 99 participants were invited in each LGA. The participants included local government officials, Emirs, district heads, village heads, local government Councillors, representatives of youths and women groups, representaives of the Vulnerable groups as well as representatives of Community development associations.

On 25th February, internal training was organised for all the Agency Staff (including drivers, cleaners and security personnel) on the mode of operation of the CSDP with emphasis on the CDP Cycle.

The State Agency also organised 3 days sensitization workshop for LGDO & LGRC Members of the 17 LGAs of Yobe State in the Three(3) Senatorial Zones (one day in each zone).The Local Government Areas within a Zone had the workshop in one of the local government's headquarters. The 3 Local Government Desk Officers and the 7 Local Government Review Committee Members that sum up to 10 were invited for each Local Government Area.

The Sensitization Workshop commenced on Monday 8th March, 2010 at the Nigeria Civil Service Union Secretariat Damaturu for Zone A which include the following 7 Local Government Areas: Damaturu, Gujba, Gulani, Tarmuwa, Bursari, Geidam and Yunusari. The Sensitization for Zone 'B' was conducted on the 10th of March,2010 at the Federal College of Education (Technical) Potiskum's Commercial Guest House Conference Hall. The 4 LGAs of Zone 'B' are Potiskum, Fika, Fune, and Nangere LGAs and that of Zone C was organised in Garin Alkali at the Conference Hall of NEAZDP (North East Arid Zone Development Programme) on Friday 12th March, 2010. The 6 Local Government Areas of the Zone C are Bade, Jakusko, Yusufari, Karasuwa, Nguru and Machina.

The State Agency also had a sensitization meeting with the Desk Officers of the Line Ministries.

Sensitization Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming, Social Safety Net and PRA/CDP Formulation for Women Stakeholders selected from the 17 LGAs. The workshop was organised on the 2nd of June 2010 in Damaturu.

Project Implementation at Community level.

sequel to series of sensitization and awareness creation geared toward participation of all stakeholders for project implementation at community level, the Agency started Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) which is a process of community's need identification and prioritization for selection of their micro projects in a socially inclusive manner. The condition for intervention in any LGA is that the LGA has to sign the Local Government Review Committee (LGRC) bye-law and provide a functional office for the Local Government Desk Office (LGDO).

The State Agency has started Participatory Rural Appraisal (sequel to the receipt of expression of interest from communities through the LGDO and copied to the Agency) on the basis of first come first served.



PRA opening session in plenary (before breaking into social groups) in Degubi

The PRA has been conducted in the following communities:

S/N	Community	LGA	Project location and type selected	Remark
1	Wulle	Gujba	Wulle – Construction of box Culvert (N4,273,250.00)	CDP Completed and Submitted to the World Bank for no

			<p>Buni Gari –Construction of Drainage (N4,717,450.00)</p> <p>Shuwari Pampo – Drilling of single phase Borehole (N1,266,900.00)</p>	objection
2	Bumsa	Gulani	<p>Bumsa – Construction of Staff Quarters(for secondary school) (N4,873,980.00)</p> <p>Ngurum - Expansion of Clinic for Maternity services (N3,526,980.00)</p> <p>Gargari - Renovation of Primary School Classrooms (N1,892,050.00)</p>	CDP Completed and Submitted to the World Bank for no objection
3	Sunomari Bulin	Yusufari	Sunomari Bulin – Construction of Adult	CDP Completed and Submitted

			<p>Learning Centre (N1,917,848.00)</p> <p>and drilling of a hand pump (308,550.00)</p> <p>Dunari - Construction of Primary School Classrooms (new) (N3,118,550.00)</p> <p>Bula Kulo - Construction of Primary School Classrooms (new) (N3,118,550.00)</p> <p>Usmandi – Drilling of single phase Borehole (N1,281,700.00)</p>	<p>to the World Bank for no objection</p>
4	Bayamari	Bursari	<p>Bayamari – Construction of Additional classrooms & Skills acquisition Centre</p> <p>Malawango Fulatari - Construction of Primary</p>	<p>Facilitation on Process for onward submission to the World Bank</p>

			School Classrooms (new) Damaya Fulatari - Construction and Rehabilitation of Cement Wells.	for no objection.
5	Sugum	Bade	Sugum - Renovation & Construction of additional classrooms Gapiwa - Construction of Sick- bay. Takvirvir - Water Recticulation	Facilitation on Process for onward submission to the World Bank for no objection.
6	Gallaba	Geidam	Kiriya/Fulatari – Drilling of Borehole Kuka Bare - Construction Dispensary and provision of drugs Matakuskum - Water Recticulation Gallaba - Construction	Facilitation on Process for onward submission to the World Bank for no objection.

			Dispensary and provision of drugs	
7	Degubi	Nangere	<p>Lariski – Drilling of Borehole construction</p> <p>Degubi - Electrification (replacement of electric poles)</p> <p>Chalinno – Construction of additional classrooms for primary school</p> <p>Mbela - Construction of additional classrooms for primary school</p>	<p>Facilitation on Process for onward submission to the World Bank for no objection.</p>



women group in PRA session in Degubi



Youth queued in preparation for voting to prioritise needs in Lariski



An elder explaining a sketch of an identified need by the elders group in Sunomari Bulin



Vulnerable group casting their votes in Wulle village



A community member explaining 24hours activities to others members of men group in Sugum

PRA will continue in Garin Amadu, Gadan Dinya and Barderi settlements of Karasuwa LGA between the 22nd- 25th of June 2010. While from the 29th of June 2010 to the 1st of July 2010 we will be in Dolen Machina, Kagumsuwa and Maladuwa of Machina LGA. Thereafter we will be in other communities of the remaining 8 LGAs.

As a Condition, we have submitted the first three Community Development Plans (born out of the PRA) to the World Bank for 'no objection' before funding.

The Agency proposed a budget of N400million this year. N300m is from International Development Association (IDA) fund while N100m is the State Government Contribution. With the support of the communities, the Agency planned to do atleast 20 Community Development Plans (CDPs) consisting of minimum of 3 micro projects each across all the 17 LGAs in poor rural communities.

CONCLUSION

The pilot CPRP performed very well because of the strong support provided by the State Government which let to the emergence of the new CSDP. The CSDP will certainly succeed and achieve its objective of poverty reduction as the State Government under the leadership of Governor Ibrahim Gaidam is fully committed to the course of the project in particular and poverty reduction in general.

Thank you for Listening.