

**HANDOUT**

**METHOD**

**“ICDP Approach - functional  
adult literacy as instrument  
for participatory approach  
and sustainability”**

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**Step one Orientation, awareness raising, knowledge transfer, community mobilization and motivation,**

**Organize Functional Adult Literacy (FAL) session**

Participants select the topics (usually 15-20 issues) –

Different groups select different issues important for them

Common issues

• Agricultural production – improved crops varieties	• Dairy cattle management, calf rearing
• Vegetable production	• HIV/AIDS prevention
• Diseases (Tuberculosis)	• Water borne diseases
• Personal Hygiene and cleanliness	• Child care and nutrition
• House improvement and sanitary facilities	• Family planning
• Equal opportunity to Women	• Girls education
• Harmful traditional practices - FGM, girls abduction	• Saving
• Establishment of self-help groups – cooperatives, VSLA/SILC	• Natural resources conservation
• Etc.	•

**FAL is two-way interaction – the social worker facilitates the discussion**

- What they know/observe/experience about the issues/problem,
- What needs to be done and what options are available to solve the problem
- What actions need to be taken (and by whom?)

**Step two – identification of Actions on selected issues - Exposure to new practices and technologies through group visits, demonstrations, discussion and reflection**

- Adopters are identified and further technical support provided
  - The concept of “Support to the community initiatives” introduced – open fund – encourages innovative ideas
- Spring development, house improvement, primary school facilities, etc

**Step three – time for actions**

- Participants are organized in groups or villages to try out new practices
- Implementation of community initiated micro-projects
- Community level action planning – task and cost sharing between the community and project

**Step four –sustaining the benefits of the actions**

- **Creating micro-financing instruments**
- **organization into self help groups**

**Establishment of CBOs – initiated, managed and owned (empowerment) – e.g. women cooperatives**

- Association as symbol of power
- Social and economic objectives – deal with family and community level issues

**Establish Village Saving and Lending Association – a new system based on the traditional practices**

- **Established by self selected group of people (usually 10-20) – informal, flexible**
- Their regular saving forms a pool of the fund
- The Association develops its own social security fund and insurance for the time in need.