

**RESOLUTION OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON
STRENGTHENING OF STATE PLAN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Strengthening of State plan for Human Development is very crucial for the strengthening of the Planning process specially as the 11th Plan has been initiated from the current financial year and has a special emphasis on human development for sustainable development. However, the project period is presently upto 31.12.2007 but the activities relating to this project are still on-going or are required to be extended beyond December, 2007 by at least another year.

The activities undertaken under this project upto 30th September, 2007 was reviewed by External Consultant, UNDP – Shri B. K. Bhattacharya , Ex Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka on the 5th of October, 2007 with the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal and Senior Secretaries of the Line Department. The review Report is awaited.

The activities under the project that are still on-going and/or likely to be completed in 2008. Considering the activity mapping of the on-going programmes namely, preparation of District Human Development Reports, Strengthening of the State Statistical System, the extension of the NRDMS Centres to all the remaining districts and to equip them fully to be the district level unit of the State & National Spatial Data infrastructure System, Advocacy on Reproductive Child Health with the technical collaboration of CINI in selected ICDS project of Cooch Bihar , Malda and Sunderban areas with high IMR, MMR, malnutrition etc. Capacity Building for the departmental & District Level officers and specially elected members of the PRIs of Panchayat Election 2008 in the Planning process for Gender and Human Development, it is necessary that the project period should be extended by another additional year i.e. presently upto December, 2008.

The Empowered Committee, therefore, perused the present status of the on-going activities under the project and recommend extension of the project for a further period of one year for the present i.e. upto December, 2008 and UNDP – Planning Commission may be moved accordingly.

Sd/-

(Signature of Member Empowered Committee)

Name of Member :

Designation :

DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Sub : Pending works for the project on 'Strengthening State Plan for Human Development.

1. CAPACITY BUILDING :

- (a) 23 Departments have been given one day sensitization Training on Human Development by ATI ON 17.08.07.
- (b) To begin with, we propose to train 100 master trainers on ToT basis for 5 days' training for each trainer, to be arranged by ATI . Two training have been completed and the third training is scheduled to start from 29.10.07. The master trainers are all District level officers and of some departments. We have asked the District Magistrates to identify all the persons associated with planning at the district level, block level, GP level and the municipality level. The master trainers will be training all the above personnel in batches. This will obviously take some time since all the trainees will be trained on Human Development and Gender Planning (Three days training).
- (c) SIPRD and ILGUS have been requested to include a capsule on Human Development and Gender Planning in all their training programmes. This will specifically apply to all the new entrants in the PRI administration after the Panchayat Election 2008.

2. GENDER PLANNING

The exercises of identifying the schemes together with funds available in the Annual plan for each department, where the beneficiaries are women and children, has started. The departments will also be requested to approach A.G through Finance Deptt. for opening specific sub-head in the departmental budget for identification of schemes meant for women and Children. Similar exercises has to be done for the District plans, the Municipality plan and Rural Local Bodies plans. The Gender Resource Centre will be wound up in December, 2007 and HDRCC will follow up. (Rs. 4 lakhs allotted for GRC personnel for their emoluments will be spent by December, 2007).

3. PREPARATION OF DHDR

DHDRs for the district of Malda and Bankura have been prepared and circulated. The executive summary have been translated into Bengali for both the Reports. After finalization it will be sent to all concerned so that the finding of the DHDRs are reflected in the district plan of the district. In 2007-08, preparation of DHDRs for the district of North 24 Paraganas, South 24 Parganas, Birbhum, Uttar Dinajpur and Burdwan have been taken up.

These Reports should be completed by March-April 2008 after which preparation of DHDRs of the remaining district will be taken up.

4. STRENGTHENING STATE STATISTICAL SYSTEM

As decided by MIC, Development & Planning Deptt., a Pilot Project will be started in the district of Bankura and Uttar Dinajpur after identification of specific data, relating to Human Development, and finalization of formats. This exercise will have three objectives— (i) The data collected will be used in the district planning of the two districts for intervention (ii) recommending the procedure for collection of data of the line departments concerned with Human Development i.e. Departments of Health, School Education, Women & child Development and Social welfare, P&RD, etc., so that the data collection is more reliable and (iii) as advised by MIC, Finance Deptt., it would be necessary to open block level offices under the BAE&S for reliable data collection at tandem with the departments.

5. NRDMS

Finance Department has agreed to open NRDMS centres both in the RSVY and non RSVY districts. Process of engagement of two personnel for each NRDMS centre and purchase of Arc View Application software is on. It will take time for operationalisation of these centres. Once they start functioning they have to be integrated with the SSDI (State Spatial Data Infrastructure) to be set in the Deptt. of Science & Technology, if possible, and NSDI at Delhi (National Spatial Data Infrastructure).

6. CINI

For advocacy, an information calendar on " Reproductive Child Health" has been developed with technical collaboration with CINI. The calendar is to be used by mothers in some of the ICDS projects in the districts of Cooch Bihar, Malda, and in Sundarban areas where IMR, MMR, mal-nutrition etc. are high. The result of the intervention will be available after a reasonable period of time.

7. All the above projects will go beyond December 2007 for completion when the SSPHD programme is supposed to come an end.

8. We therefore, propose to extend the terms of the project at least by one year to start with.

If the Hon'ble Member of the Empowered Committee on SSPHD agree UNDP and Planning Commission will be moved accordingly as per MOU Agreement with them for extension of the project.