

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

➤ Community.

A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

➤ Development.

The process in which someone or something grows or changes and becomes more advanced:

➤ Community and Development.

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing (economic, social, environmental and cultural) often evolves from this type of collective action being taken at a grassroots level.

➤ Community Development as defined by United Nation Organisation:

Community Development refers to the process by which the efforts of the people themselves are united with those Governmental authorities to improve the economic social and cultural conditions of the nation and to enable them to contribute fully to national progress"

➤ Aims & basic Element of Community Development:

1. To aware the people. The main objective of community development is working to make the people aware from

various problems in a community. It helps them to provide knowledge and to know about the main causes affects their social life.

2. All sided development. Community program is interested in all aspects of a community. The development is necessary in these places as a whole in education, health, recreation and employment. It seeks the opportunities for the better living standard of the community people. Development is required in all sectors of the community.

3. To motivate people. Programs are working for the motivation of community people. Social organizers are employed in various sectors for their arousal and working for community welfare and betterment of humanity.

4. Provide equality. It gives equality to all people living in a territory. It gives equal chances and opportunities to bring the resources for their utility. So it provides equality in education, health and also other facilities provided to them.

5. Help the people to motivate their selves. Such programs are interested in the people to enable them to help one another and of their own. It makes them to stand on their own feet. They have to use their resources and make their lives comfortable.

6. Change thinking. One of the objectives of community development programs are changing of pattern and style of community people. It gives new directions to the changing life style. It helps to create the acquaintances among them, to following the positive thinking about the people.

7. To bring reforms. Such programs aim to bring social reforms in a community. It helps them in eradication of social evils which are the gross roots of bring social disorder in community. So one of them aim of community development provide them better opportunities to solve the problematic situation through reforms.

8. Social Justice. Social justice is another objective of community development. It provides justice to all types of people. There would be no concept of rich and poor but the programs would be for the utilization of all.

9. Solve community problems. Different problems faced by community people may be solved due to the start of such programs in the effected areas. The community also give hand to government for help them in development and growth.

10. To create interest. These programs are working to create the interest of community welfare among the people. It mobilizes the attitude of people to participate in the collective work for the community development. The motivation of these people is the skill of social organizer working in the areas.

• Aims of Community Development Projects:

The most important aim of community development is to bring about the changes in the Rural Society. These changes are in fact intended at development of the Rural Society. Community development project aims at all-around development people. It aims

➤ Other Aims of the Community Development:

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So far we have enumerated the general aims of the community development projects. These general aims also include certain specific aims that are basically intended at all-round development of the Rural Society. These projects aim at bringing about improvement in the conditions of the 82% of the population of this country that lives in the villages. Specific aims or objects of the plan may be categorised under the following heads
1) Agriculture and improvement of agricultural production; 2) Co-operation and encouraging setting up of co-operative societies; 3) Animal husbandry; 4) Public health; 5) Social education; 6) Improving the means of communication and transport in the rural areas. 7) Rising the disbanded village industries and setting up of new village level, Small Scale and Cottage Industries. 8) Organising and strengthening the village Panchayats.

➤ Philosophy and Principles of Community Development Projects:

1) Drawing programmes for fulfilling various needs of the

co-operation, it is possible to bring about a balanced development of the country including the Rural Society.

3) To bring about material as well as psychological betterment:

These community development projects are aimed at bringing about material as well as psychological development of the people living in the rural areas. For this various projects have been launched.

4) Teaching people in democracy: Through this community development projects not only the present conditions of the people are improved but they are also trained in the democratic methods and values. Under these programmes and projects various democratic organisations are set up these institutions are helpful in the development and improvement of the Rural Society.

5) To create the local leadership: Political and development activities particularly in the rural areas cannot succeed unless the local people get involved into it. It means that training for taking the responsibility in the leadership has to be made Community development projects take care of it.

6) Drawing up of national policy for the development of the country:

Government is only to provide protection according to the socialist policies. That is why various democratic institutions have been set up for its working.

This whole project is based on the co-operation of people. Its cardinal principle is to seek the co-operation of the people and involve them in the planning and development activities for betterment and upliftment of the Rural Society. Through these projects people are trained in the art of self-dependence.

8) Imitation of Co-operation:

These projects are carried out with the help of the co-operation of the people. They are based on the will of the community and the solution to various problems lies in them. Therefore there is need to involve almost all people in it. It is nothing but an imitation and implementation of the principles of co-operation.

9) Lending to Socialism:

The constitution of India is an instrument for establishing a socialist society through democratic instrument for establishing a socialist society through democratic means. These projects are based on that philosophy they try to remove the distinction between men and also change the face of