

The Role of NGOs in Enhancing Productive Capacity of the Poor: Turkish NGO Perspective (İHH)

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About IHH Foundation

- Established during the Bosnia war in 1992
- Currently working more than 100 countries all over the world
- Working through regional offices and partner organizations
- Prioritizes neglected communities
- Main activities: emergency humanitarian aid, development aid and advocacy

Role of NGOs in Development

- Since 1970s, NGOs have played increasingly prominent role in development sector
- Number and size of NGOs show rapid growth
- Main service providers where the government is unable to fulfill its role-failed states (such as Somalia)
- NGOs as a development alternative, offering innovative and people-centered approaches to service delivery, advocacy and empowerment

Sub-Saharan Africa

- Exhibits the lowest indicators of socio-economic development
- Hit by extreme poverty, human resources weakness and economic vulnerability
- 47 % of people live under poverty
- 50 % of Africa is rural and no access to electricity
- Local and international NGOs are important players in development

Importance of Human Capacity

- Why do we need to improve human capacity?
- Whose need is it?
- Who does get benefit from development of human capacity?

IHH Activities in the Region

- Skill / vocational or technical training programs
- Improve Education services
- Promote Farming
- Local NGO capacity building
- Media support

Skill / Vocational – Technical Training

- Africa Cataract Project (Sudan, Somalia, Togo, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger)
- Burkina Faso tailoring course for women
- To increase technical capacity (*)
- To generate income for families
- Empowers women



Sudan Surgery Training-2008-2011



Burkina Faso Vocational Training Course-2013

Small-Scale Farming

- Implemented in Somalia, Chad, Sudan, Gambia
- Aims to teach better farming
- To promote income generation
- Create jobs
- To discover potentials and mobilize community to be self-reliant
- Enhancing resilience to climate change



Somalia Farming Project-2013



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Somalia Irrigation Canal-2012



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Gambia Farming Project-2012

Local NGO Capacity Building

- To provide organizational support
- To increase financial capacity
- To transfer knowledge
- To share networks, structure and experience
- To increase human capacity by training

Educational Support

- To provide new schools
- To rehabilitate existing schools
- To provide educational materials
- Scholarship opportunities for university students
- To provide salaries for teachers



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Projects for Supporting Media

- Implemented in Madagascar and Mali
- To increase financial capacity
- To create awareness
- To be heard voices of neglected communities
- To convey message through mass media



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