



**Advancing Development: Community Swaraj**

*Workshop on*  
**Partnership with Mainstream  
Stakeholders in Advancing Community Livelihood**

*Organized by*

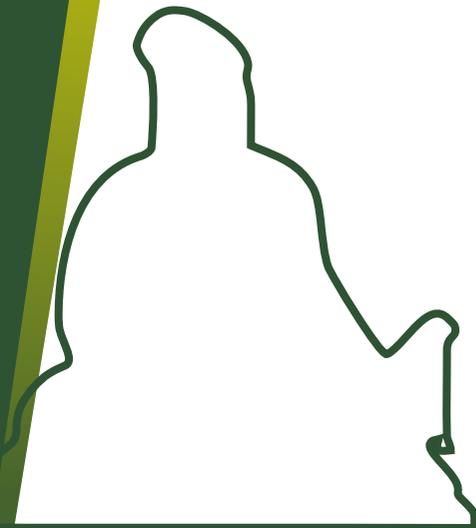


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## Background

A person's **livelihood** refers to their "means of securing the basic necessities (food, water, shelter and clothing) of life". Livelihood is defined as a set of activities essential to everyday life that are conducted over one's life span. Such activities could include securing water, food, fodder, medicine, shelter, clothing. An individual's livelihood involves the capacity to acquire aforementioned necessities in order to satisfy the basic needs of themselves and their household. The activities are usually carried out repeatedly and in a manner that is sustainable and providing of dignity. For instance, a fisherman's livelihood depends on the availability and accessibility of fish.



The concept of **Sustainable Livelihood** is an attempt to go beyond the conventional definitions and approaches to poverty eradication. These had been found to be too narrow because they focused only on certain aspects or manifestations of poverty, such as low income, or did not consider other vital aspects of poverty such as vulnerability and social exclusion. It is now recognized that more attention must be paid to the various factors and processes which either constrain or enhance poor people's ability to make a living in an economically, ecologically, and socially sustainable manner. The Sustainable Livelihood concept offers a more coherent and integrated approach to poverty. "A livelihood comprises the capabilities, assets (stores,

resources, claims and access) and activities required for a means of living; a livelihood is sustainable which can cope with and recover from stress and shocks, maintain or enhance its capabilities and assets, and provide sustainable livelihood opportunities for the next generation; and which contributes net benefits to other livelihoods at the local and global levels and in the short and long term" (Robert Chambers and Gordon Conway,1992).

Livelihood promotion through people institutions has so many advantages. With promotion and involvement of people institutions, Livelihood activities can be well designed and effectively implemented in such a way that it would address the poverty and improves the standard of living of the community. The contribution of mainstream stakeholders on livelihood promotion of the community is to be acknowledged and appreciated. It needs to be worked out better partnership with mainstream stakeholders towards sustainable livelihoods of the community.



## DHAN in Community Livelihood Promotion



The purpose of DHAN Foundation is “Poverty Reduction”. Through its various programs such as Kalanjiam Community Banking, Vayalagam Tankfed Agriculture Development, Rainfed Farming Development, Coastal Conservation and Livelihood, ICT for Poor and The DHAN Academy etc., DHAN Foundation is addressing poverty through context based livelihood promotion activities. Ensuring Sustainable Livelihoods to the community through promoting and nurturing self - managed people institutions and in partnership with mainstream stakeholders is

the strength of DHAN Foundation. Various kinds of events are organized for the better partnership with the stakeholders for the betterment of the community. Madurai Symposium 2021 is one such kind of 5-day event wherein **Rainfed Farming Development Program** is organizing a workshop on “Partnership with Mainstream Stakeholders in Advancing Community Livelihood” on 2nd Day.

### Objectives

- To acknowledge and appreciate the contribution of mainstream stakeholders on livelihood promotion of the community
- To Strengthen the relationship with mainstream stakeholders for advancing the community livelihood
- To explore the scope for supporting the mainstream stakeholders to achieve their vision through people institution promotion
- To expand the partnership in vertical as well as horizontal through facilitating for win – win situation among all the stakeholders towards advancing community livelihood.
- To emphasizes the importance of people institution promotion and development for advancing the community livelihoods.

### Expected Outcomes

- Better understanding on various mainstream facilities for advancing the community livelihoods
- Better awareness on people institution and its importance for effective implementation livelihood promotion activities
- Improved relationship between people institutions and mainstream institutions for detailed planning and implementation of the community livelihood projects

### Participants

Around 60 participants comprising of officials from government line departments / educational and research institutions, Professional of DHAN Foundation and other NGOs from various parts of India would take part in the workshop.

**Place:** Workshop would be organized in a hybrid mode wherein a minimum number of around 10 participants would be at Central office of DHAN Foundation, Madurai and all others are participating from their respective places in Virtual mode.

**Google Meet / Video call link:** <https://meet.google.com/fwd-qvbr-bnu>

**Date:** 26th October 2021, Tuesday

**Time:** 9.30 am to 1.30 pm

## Rainfed Farming Development Program (RFDP)



The 'Rainfed Farming Development Theme,' Initiated by DHAN Foundation in 2002, has been graduated into a program in 2009-10. The broad strategy of RFDP is “enhancing viability of Rainfed Farming Livelihoods through integrated and critical demand based interventions, depending on the context. RFDP works across different agro ecological conditions of six states namely Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. In collaboration with mainstream, RFDP has implemented various projects like National Watershed Development project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR), integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), Convergence of Agricultural Interventions in Maharashtra (CAIM), Revalorizing Small Millets in Rainfed Regions of South Asia (RESMISA) in

collaboration with various mainstream departments, agricultural universities and with development organizations. It is implementing Integrated Community Development Program (ICDP) in Gudiyatham and Pernambut blocks of Vellore district; with the community participation and contribution, all kinds of activities on water, sanitation, agricultural livelihoods, livestock livelihoods and health and nutrition are being implemented for ensuring better livelihoods to the community.

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