

Orientations on basic approaches and training for field Conducted

Introduction:

To aid the students in Bangladesh and in Canada in their exploratory research, two orientation workshops were organized jointly by BCAS, ICCCAD and UoM, where Ms. Kalyani Menon Sen of Gender@Work (based in New Delhi, India) and Prof. Emdad Haque of the UoM delivered seminars on the Feminist Research Approach and Capability Approach of Development, respectively.

Two different virtual workshops were organized for the students and enumerators during the reporting period. A virtual Brain Storming Workshop was organized during 18-19 May 2021 for the Master's Thesis Students under the SAKTEE project. Prior to data collection of the Exploratory Research, a brainstorming session was also organized virtually for their conceptualization of the 'Capability Approach' and 'Feminist Approach'. The main objective of the workshop was to generate a clear understanding of the two approaches among the students. PI of the SAKTEE project Prof. Sharmin Neelormi, Co-PI Dr. Dwijen Mallick, these students, enumerators of the household survey, and staff of the SAKTEE project participated in the workshop.

Training on Feminist Approach:

Ms. Kalyani Menon Sen, Gender@Work facilitated a session on the 'Feminist Approaches' and on Feminist Research Methodology on 18 May 2021. She focused on epistemological biases, and feminist insights on how hierarchies of power and privilege shape and mark individual lives, critical subjectivity, and intersections of systems of oppression. In consideration of diverse and social dimensions of climate change, the participants discussed the draft questionnaire. Ms. Sen further discussed the importance of the analysis of the vulnerability index.

Training on Capability Approach:

On 19 May 2021, Prof. Emdad Haque from Natural Resource Institute, University of Manitoba facilitated a session on 'the Capability approach to development and its relevance and practical application to climate change adaptation research. He discussed the genesis of the Capability Approach and then explained Amartya Sen's thoughts on capability and development. Following an explanation of the core components and their relationships in the Capability Approach, Prof. Haque explored the scope of its application to climate change adaptation research.

A workshop for the master's students and field researchers was organized in during 27-28 May 2021 by BCAS and ICCCAD on methods and tools of participatory research for field data collection, entry, and analysis. In the training of the field data collection techniques, emphasis was given to building rapport and trustworthy relationships with the community people, documenting lived experiences,

obtaining perspectives of women and other vulnerable groups, and developing narratives on gender-differentiated vulnerability, capacity, and needs for adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction.

Training for enumerators on field data collection for ICCCAD MS thesis students

Under the SAKTEE project, training sessions for the enumerators were conducted. In order to collect data from households and conduct FGD and KIIs, enumerators were hired by the project team. After finalizing all questionnaires, training for enumerators was provided in three rounds, particularly on the KoBo Collect Apps and the questionnaires.

Preparation for Fieldwork:

In order to make the questionnaire context-specific and appropriate for the research questions, the training was conducted in three rounds.

Round 1: Unpacking the questionnaire and getting feedback

Round one took place on 18 and 19 May 2021. This two-day training session on round one started with describing the objective and methodology of the study together with the sample selection techniques for the household questionnaire survey. Furthermore, the facilitators elaborated on each question and asked for changes/amendments from enumerators based on their experience. Based on their suggestions, substantial changes were made to the questionnaire.

Round 2: Working on revised Bangla questionnaire

Based on the feedback received from the enumerators during round 1, the household survey questionnaire was revised and translated into Bangla in round two, which took place on 29 May. The discussion took place with the revised Bangla questionnaire and some minor changes were suggested, especially in making the Bangla translation easy to read and understand. Further discussions included issues of field operation, conduct, and selection of samples for FGDs and KIIs.

Round 3: Fine-tuning

With the revised questionnaire prepared after round 2 of the training, the enumerators' team visited a field site on 2 June 2021 for pre-testing data collection tool. The pre-testing had resulted in some revisions made in the final and last round of the training. At this stage, the field team for data collection received the necessary skills and confidence for field research using both quantitative and qualitative methods and tools.

ADD PICTURES FROM FIELD RESEARCH