

SYSTEMATIC PARTICIPATION OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH IN PROGRAMMING

Time 2h 30min

Overview

Young people are often much better-placed than external duty-bearers to identify their most pressing needs, lead assessments and analyse their situations, and come up with creative solutions. A sustainable social change requires, therefore, continuous, inclusive and equitable participation of young people at all levels and stages of programmes intended to address the challenges they face.

Too often, adolescent and youth engagement is reduced to training or consultation. There is an urgent need to move away from approaches that merely consult young people as beneficiaries, and towards engagement approaches that recognize that young people are actors with their own agency, with a right to engage in decision-making.

Instructions

- 1- **Group discussion (45 min):** Young people's engagement in the project cycle
 - a. Are Adolescents and Youth normally engaged in the project cycle? At which extent?
 - b. Which are the most common manifestations of this engagement and at which phase of the project cycle they usually occur?

- 2- **Group discussion (75 min):** What Works, What Does Not Work?
 - i. Highlights the challenges and the obstacles against the systematic engagement of Adolescents and Youth in the project cycle.
 1. How do you overcome this challenges? **Provide practical examples and lesson learned from your personal/organization experience and programmes**
 - ii. Relevance of these issues in Adolescent and Youth Programming.

- 3- **Plenary feedback (25 min):** Summarization, Recommendation and lessons learned
 - a. Share your experience in systematic engagement, the challenges that you faced and what you did to overcome.
 - b. Highlight lesson learned and good/promising practices
 - c. Video on Systematic Participation (6 min)



STEP 1:
Conducting
assessments,
research and
analysis.

STEP 2:
Developing
programme
methodologies,
plans secure
budes.

STEP 3:
Implementing
programmes

STEP 4:
Carrying out
peer-to-peer
awareness
campaigns

STEP 5:
Monitoring
results

STEP 6:
Evaluating
outcomes

STEP 7:
Advocating
for change