

POLICY FORUM MONTHLY MEETING – FEBRUARY 5TH, 2009
OXFAM OFFICES- MIKOCHENI,
TIME: 10AM-1 PM

MATTERS ARISING:

- Cluster 3 GBS Progress Report
- PF 2009 Annual Work Plan
- Update on CDF campaign
- SAM Implementation 2008
- Review of Budget and Policy analysis strategy 2009
- Working Group updates
- AOB

OPENING

The meeting was officially started by Mr. Hebron Mwakagenda- Policy Forum Board chairperson at 10:30am. Thereafter there was a round introduction.

ATTENDANCE:

1. Rose Mushi- Action Aid Tz
2. Sophia Komba- FAWETz
3. Omary Ngaromba- Guluka Kwalala
4. Mathew G. Chungu- KNC
5. Agnes Victor- NPA
6. Grace Matui- TACOSODE
7. Mariam Rangi- YAV
8. Raymond Kanyambo- TLF
9. Hebron Mwakagenda- The Leadership Forum
10. Rita Kahurananga- World Vision Tz
11. Samuel Saiguran- HakiElimu
12. Immakulata Komba- TENMET
13. Frida Mgya- The Leadership Forum
14. Samwel Mihayo- Kipelaowi
15. Sangija Paul- SFF
16. Albert Jimwaga- Action Aid Tz
17. Astronat Bagile- WISE
18. Moses Kulaba- AP 2000

CLUSTER 3 GBS PROGRESS REPORT:

- Mr. Mwakagenda invited Rose Mushi to give a briefing on the GBS Meeting which she was attended; she commented that, there are no changes like it was before in terms of CSOs participations.
- It was suggested that PF secretariat should take the lead to make sure that there is positive participation by members as it was recommended previously in quarterly meeting.

PF 2009 ANNUAL WORK PLAN:

Mr. Semkae Kilonzo presented to members the Annual Work Plan for 2009. There was no comment on the work plan from members instead of blessing for implementation.

On his conclusion, he said that this year it will be a very interesting year in terms of transition leadership and focuses outside Dar es Salaam.

UPDATE ON CDF CAMPAIGN:

Mr. Kilonzo gave the CDF update to members; he said that in this Bunge session (February 2009) we expected the CDF bill to be tabled in the parliament but unfortunately was not. In between we had our CDF strategic campaign as per PF position on CDF, which were:-

- Visiting to Dodoma to meet with Members of Parliament so as to convince them not to pass the bill due to its hidden negative impacts.
- Media campaign, we did some media coverage from different media house both TV & Radio talking on CDF issues in which PF members were invited and participated to talk about the consequence that will happen on the establishment of CDF in the country
- Petition paper, we circulated petition papers to our members organization and individual citizens for signature on the same position with PF so as to be presented to MPs as advocacy for not passing the bill
- CDF spots, we also did the spots concerning about CDF which were aired for about three consecutively weeks on ITV, TBCfm and Sahara Communication
- CDF Analytical Think Pieces, the last one was the analytical think piece which explains in relation to the experience of other countries which they do have CDF and it does not bring development as they were expecting.

Way Forward:-

- ❖ We need to count the available petition and present it to the next Bunge session in which there is a possibility of tabling the CDF bill
- ❖ There is a need of more education to people concerning on CDF so as to increase awareness to people about what does the CDF is all about
- ❖ We also need to improve the CDF campaign especially on CDF spots since the current one does not give a clear picture of what CDF is about especially to local people which are the primary target

- ❖ Also lets think how fast we can move our campaign so as to attract more awareness, for instance, we need to look for more media space talking on separation of power but in between we should link with CDF issues

SAM IMPLEMENTATION- PRELIMINARY FINDINGS:

This was presented by Albanie Marcossy, he started by giving the background on how the two network were selected by members. Though this is not the final findings, he gave in a nutshell the findings and lesson learned both in Mwanza and Kibaha as a pilot study. Almost in both the study, the access to government information is inconsistent and preferential, what is planned and implemented can be very different, knowledge and analytical skills gained empowers citizens with knowledge and evidence and therefore greater voice.

Comments:-

- SAM analysis should be the reason why CDF is not applicable in Tanzania, so we need to link SAM findings in Kibaha and Mwanza with our position on CDF campaign
- We have to publish the analysis when it all done
- Lets have a hardcore discussion with government and policy makers in programme like LGRP 2

REVIEW OF BUDGET AND POLICY ANALYSIS STRATEGY FOR 2009:

This was given out by Mama Rose Mushi, for sometime now PF we have left out the analysis of budget and policy like we used to do in previous years like in 2003, we have to review now our activities and incorporate process of budget and policies especially in the sectoral analysis of budget and policy.

Comments:-

- ❖ The problem is the budget guideline which always came late, so we normally not have basic plan by the government, also the poor information and invitation of cluster 3 GBS process leads to poor participation therefore we normally don't know what is going on
- ❖ Poor participation of members to the working groups, this leads to disorganized, members were encouraged to join and attends the working groups so as to have the shared inputs

AOB:

WORKING GROUPS UPDATES:-

- LGWG- there will be a meeting on 16th February, 2009 since we need to strategize like BWG especially on LGRP which will be the agenda for this year regarding MKUKUTA
 - We need to look on the election guideline for local government election for October this year so as to see the

way forward since they have postponed the joint stakeholder meeting

- Agenda Participation 2000 is to develop and host an anti-Corruption tracker system in Tanzania. The system which is unique and the first of its kind in Tanzania, is aimed at increasing the level of transparency in the fight against corruption. The anti corruption tracker system will be an electronic online system tracking and documenting all reported and available cases of corruption since the year 2000.

End.