


MDF Training Workshop on *Result and Impact oriented Monitoring and Evaluation Approaches* for Senior M&E officers of MDF member organizations

MDF, the platform for learning, sharing ideas and exchanging experiences has successfully completed one of its major events planned for 2008. This residential training was conducted at the BRAC, CDM in Rajendrapur from 27th July to 31st July, 2008 as an outcome and follow-up measure of last years one day workshop with the theme “*From Log-Frame to Impact Monitoring*”. GTZ-PROGRESS financed this training and provided the trainer Dr. Ulrich Gaertner an international expert on this subject from the Asian Management Institute, Thailand. In total 12 M&E professionals (11 from MDF member organizations and 1 from the Ministry of Commerce) attended the training workshop.

	
The venue	Dr. Stotz explains the topic to the participants

The training was hosted at the BRAC CDM, which is quite an ideal location for residential training. The formal training session started on the afternoon of 27th July with the inaugurating speech of Dr. Dietrich Stotz, Program Coordinator of GTZ-PROGRESS. With an introduction of the trainer to the participants, Dr. Stotz, stressed the importance of the topic especially regarding new M&E developments and the importance to harmonize M&E approaches among MDF members and the Government of Bangladesh. Thereafter Dr. Gaertner, the trainer, took over and started with a brief self-introduction of the trainees and presented the training content and proposed schedule.

The participants, in these five days, were oriented and briefed regarding the terms used, concepts, approaches and strategies used. Theories were underpinned by practical examples (real case studies). Emphasized were such subject like the development of result/impact chains, formulation of meaningful indicators, assumptions and risk. The 5 days were packed with lectures, practical's, group exercises, presentations and discussions. Lecture/training materials and various handouts were provided for each participant.



Groups are working with the real cases



Presentation of a group on the M&E techniques taught in the workshops

At the end of the workshop a final assessment of the various lectures, case studies and the workshop environment was carried out. Finally, the participants received their certificate.

The participants expressed their gratitude to MDF, GTZ for organizing such an event as they explained how the newly learned techniques would help them in their daily work. They also thanked Dr. Gaertner for all his training, teaching efforts and provided handouts. Moreover they appreciated the training venue and requested MDF to arrange a follow up meeting and organize similar trainings in future if possible.



A successful participant with the Dr. Stotz and the trainer