

VILLAGE VISION MEETINGS

This meeting should take place 1-3 weeks after the village orientation meeting. Same key meeting requirements as for the village orientation meeting, as described above.

Following the village orientation meeting and in preparation for the village vision meetings, the KFs will organize pre-meetings to set the schedule of the village vision meetings and ensure that different groups can attend. **KFs should organize focus group discussions with the traditionally marginalized groups and individuals (for example, woman-headed households, people with disabilities and representatives of children) and provide their inputs at the meeting or separately in smaller groups (before or after the meeting).**

The KFs would then be responsible for representing marginalized groups' interests in the larger meeting.

Location:

Village school or meeting room if any.

Chairman:

Village head

Objectives of the Meeting

- Review again briefly the main objectives and basic procedures of PRF;
- Conduct a village visioning process that allows communities to better understand underlying causes of poverty and to express their hopes and goals for the future with special attention paid to needs of marginalized groups;
- Fully understand the need for and nature of expected community contributions;
- Integrate inputs provided by marginalized groups through focus group discussions in the village visioning process;
- Elect community members who will serve as Village Delegates and represent the village at all Kum ban-level meetings;
- Prepare the elected Village Delegates to participate in the upcoming Kum ban meetings and to familiarize them with the concept of the Kum ban Development Plan;
- Elect and train the village Feedback and Resolution Committee members;
- Confirm selection of the Kum ban facilitators and/or to nominate additional candidates to become Kum ban facilitators.

Outcomes of the Meeting

- Community hopes and goals expressed, prioritized and documented for the next five years;
- Feedback and Resolution Committee members nominated and trained;
- Village delegates elected and trained;
- Kum ban facilitators confirmed/list of additional candidates provided. If new Kum ban facilitators are chosen, then PRF will arrange for follow-up training.

Schedule for the Meeting

The meeting is expected to last for 1-3 full day(s).

Meeting Content:

- Introduction and explanation of village visioning;
 - * Village Visioning – “What do you want your village and Kum ban to be like in 5 years?” using Appreciate Enquiry methodology divided into groups, at least men, and women’s groups. Other groups such as ethnic groups can also be formed as appropriate;
- “Reaching our goals” – group discussion of what resources are already available in the Kum ban and what activities the village can pursue in order to achieve its Vision;
- Village solidarity lunch (PRF to provide modest funds to help the village organize a collective luncheon);
- “Caring for our Neighbors” – a discussion of the kinds of poverty and needs of other villages in the Kum ban;
- Role, responsibilities and qualities of village delegates to Kum ban Development Planning;
- Nomination and election of village delegates;
- Confirmation of Kum ban Facilitators and/or Nomination of new KF candidates;
- Nomination and training of village feedback and resolution Committee members.

Note: During the initial year of PRF II, it will be important to conduct Village Vision Meetings in all participating villages even if they have participated previously in PRF I. It will be crucial to emphasize the main differences between PRF-I and PRF-II, namely:

- * The focus is now on Kum bans, not on villages; sub-project proposals will now be made and prioritized at the Kum ban level
- * Kum ban planning is now long-term, over a period of four years, rather than an annual planning cycle, although infrastructure sub-projects will be constructed each year;
- * Proposals for livelihood activities and livelihood training will no longer be accepted, unless they are directly related to an infrastructure proposal and included as part of the proposal.

Election and Role of the Village Delegates

Each village elects a number of delegates who will serve as their representatives in Kum ban meetings, particularly at the Kum ban Development Plan meeting which will develop and prioritize sub-project proposals. They will also be key participants in the Village Report Back meeting. It is crucial, therefore that villagers nominate persons known to be honest, hard-working, trusted and respected by the community. They should also be confident to speak in public in order to best represent the interests of the village. Open elections, conducted by a paper vote, open hand voting or any other means, will take place at the end of the Village Vision meeting.

In most villages, a total of 6 Village Delegates should be elected. At least 50% of the Village Delegates must be women. In villages with significant presence of ethnic groups, a corresponding percentage of Village Delegates must be from those ethnic groups. (Note: In

large Kum bans with more than 10 villages, only 5 Village Delegates will be elected from each village, at least two of whom must be women.)

Training of Village Delegates

Immediately after the meeting is concluded, KFs and PRF team will conduct a basic training for the Village Delegates on their duties and the schedule for the Kum ban Development Planning meeting.

The training for Village Delegates will cover the following topics: presentation of village plans; negotiations; and how the Kum ban development plan meeting will be organized, and their roles.

Trainers:

PRF district staff and Kum ban Facilitators

Duration:

1-3 days