

Departmental Briefings on Community-Driven Development (CDD)

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Definition of CDD

- “An approach that gives control over planning decisions and investment resources for local development projects to community groups” (WB Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper Sourcebook, 2003)

5 defining characters

1. Use of community-based organizations
2. Participatory planning and design
3. Community control of resources
4. Community involvement in implementation
5. Participatory monitoring and evaluation

Briefing Objectives

- Trigger - Why CDD?
- Share findings of CDD Review in ADB
- Learn from experience of others
- Understand what needs to be done in ADB
- Identify candidate pilot projects for 2008

Benefits and When to Apply

Benefits

- Scaling-up poverty reduction
- Fast disbursement after initial stage
- High economic rate of return
- Money saved for better quality works and less corruption
- Civic engagement in local governance
- Capacity development of local governments, NGOs, and CBOs
- Ownership and empowerment

When to apply CDD

- Local institutions absent (e.g., post-conflict, post-disaster, nascent decentralization, markets and/or public services absent)
- Local institutions non functional
- Rural and urban community infrastructure
- Micro-enterprise development
- Common property resources management
- Local governance / decentralization support program

ADB Review of CDD (early 2006)

- Reviewed concepts and practices (WB, IDB, ADB)
- Found ADB has sufficient experience to work on scaling up, but to do so requires institutional and mentality shift
- Recommended ADB to move ahead with care
- Plan to focus on pilot program preparation, in-house knowledge management, awareness raising and capacity building in 2006-2008