



The Participatory Research Group

The Participatory Research Group (PRG) is a network of organisations committed to bringing knowledge from the margins into decision-making at every level of society. The on-going participatory research projects shown here are gathering perspectives on the post-2015 debate from the people most affected by poverty and exclusion. This is the membership of the PRG as of January 25th 2013.

African Monitor

African Monitor acts as an independent catalyst for monitoring development commitments, delivery and impact on the grassroots; and to bring strong additional African voices to the development agenda. African Monitor has identified and used Poverty Hearing Methodology as a powerful mechanism for the voices and experiences of people living in poverty to be heard, ultimately in a public forum where lived experiences are shared with a panel of people of high social standing who are committed to ensuring that something is done about the issues coming out of the hearings. Poverty Hearings are taking place in South Africa, Mozambique, Zambia and Malawi.

Website - <http://www.africanmonitor.org/index.html>

ATD Fourth World

ATD Fourth World works in ten countries (Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Haiti, Madagascar, Mauritius, Peru and the Philippines) to identify ways in which policies and actions in favour of sustainable development can benefit people living in extreme poverty, within the framework of the MDGs and beyond 2015. The work on assessing the MDGs in each country will be the result of discussions and workshops using the "merging of knowledge approach" enabling people in extreme poverty to build, and seize ownership of, their own unique knowledge. Through national and regional workshops, they will confront their knowledge with that of academics, policy-makers and practitioners to create proposals on ways forward to feed into national and regional dialogues on poverty eradication, as well as for the broader post-2015 development agenda.

Website: <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/>

CAFOD

COMPASS 2015 is a participatory research project designed to include the perspectives of those living in poverty in the post-2015 process. Participatory research addressing key concerns expressed by the HLP is carried out with urban dwellers, indigenous communities, farmers, people affected by natural disasters children, communities affected by mining-related issues. Four partners in different regions are implementing the research.

Website: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/>

- **UNITAS (Bolivia)** The National Union of Labour Institutions for Social Action is a Bolivian network of 26 NGOs, operating in different parts of the country to promote the participation of grassroots' organizations in the analysis and development of public policies, and the creation of new development paradigms (www.redunitas.org)
- **Ecoweb (Philippines)** Ecoweb's work addresses four inter-linking challenges: poverty, strained social relations, degraded environment and poor governance. Ecoweb explores the inter-connections between local, national, international and global issues, including climate change (www.ecoweb.ph).
- **Poverty Reduction Forum Trust (Zimbabwe)** conducts poverty related research and promotes evidence-based policy formulation and dialogue between civil society, development partners and policy makers on issues of poverty reduction and sustainable human development (www.prftzim.org).
- **Justice and Peace Commission, Soroti Archdiocese (Uganda)** was established in 1981 with the mission to build a just and peaceful society. Current programs includes inter-community peace-building among pastoral and peasants communities..

Coalition for Health Promotion and Social Development (HEPS) Uganda

HEPS Uganda is a health rights organisation that advocates for increased access to affordable essential medicines for the poor and vulnerable people in Uganda. They are working towards a just and fair society in which all Ugandans – irrespective of gender, age, ethnicity, religion, physical well-being or socio-economic status – exercise their health rights and health responsibilities. This pilot project addresses health inequity in Kampala's poorest slum by exploring the potential of increasing community-generated research findings

Website: <http://www.heps.or.ug/>

The Centre for Development Service (CDS)

CDS supports and carries out participatory development interventions across Egypt and the Middle East that enable people and organisations to use their resources effectively to improve standards of living, human and organizational capabilities, health and the environment. Youth-led research enables young people to reflect on the realities they face, and develops these reflections into a basis for action.

Website - <http://www.cds-mena.org/>

Family for Every Child

Family for Every Child (FFEC) is a diverse global network of national organisations. FFEC works towards a world where every child can grow up in a permanent, safe and caring family or be provided with quality alternative care where needed. This project is a child-led action research process working with children that have been exposed to trafficking in Ghana. Through this process, it is hoped to enhance the capacity of vulnerable children to shape and participate in the development and implementation of the post-MDG framework, and in broader policy debates around achieving child rights.

Website: <http://www.familyforeverychild.org/>

The Ghana Community Radio Network (GCRN)

The Ghana Community Radio Network (GCRN) is the association of Community Radio stations and initiatives in Ghana. All are non-profit, non-partisan and non-sectarian and, once on-air, broadcast in the local languages of their communities. Learning mutually and from others, together they constantly innovate participatory approaches to give voice to the least voiced and enable the wealth of local knowledge and experience to combine with the power of radio to build strong, equitable and engaged communities.

Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND)

Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND) promotes active nonviolence and encourages alternatives to violence among youth and adults throughout Palestine. MEND employs innovative methods, especially with the media, and is widely respected for working with authenticity, professionalism and courage. Acutely marginalised women from East Jerusalem and the West Bank are making a film that includes their own voices, communicated as they choose, on issues they have selected.

Website: <http://mendonline.org/aboutus.html>

Praxis India

Praxis - Institute for Participatory Practices is committed to mainstreaming the voices of the poor and marginalised sections of the society in the process of development. This stems from the belief that for development to be sustainable, the process must be truly participative.

Using participatory enumeration and working with Shelter Monitoring Groups, Praxis India aims to resolve the issue of lower occupancy of shelters. It will work with the homeless communities for joint enumeration and detailed enumeration of the homeless, with needs assessment to be conducted at night time and at daytime (to identify those who work during night time) to inform the policy and programme for homeless.

Voices of sex workers and sexual minorities in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra will be brought into the post-2015 discussions through films made by these groups and through participatory research and analysis with community-based organisations of these communities.

Website: <http://www.praxisindia.org/>

Restless Development

Restless Development is a youth-led development agency with a mission to place young people at the forefront of development by creating an evidence-base to demonstrate how youth-led action research can inform an inclusive process for deciding on the post-2015 framework. Restless Development are supporting a youth-led action research process that is exploring youth livelihoods in the Karamoja sub-region of Uganda.

Website: <http://www.restlessdevelopment.org/>

Spatial Collective

The Spatial Collective works with local mobilisers, trained in participatory place-making and community visioning methodologies to facilitate a process to understand the visions of local residents in Nairobi, Kenya. Through this project, the Spatial Collective will create detailed profiles of the community's needs in the pilot site of Mathare slum. These "needs profiles" will include GPS coordinates of the needs to be addressed, and photos, videos, and first-hand accounts of their impact on residents' lives. They will also identify materials required to address the needs (and realise the vision), their local availability and cost, and relevant actors who could play a role in any stage of this process, such as local authorities and organisations.

Website: <http://www.spatialcollective.com/>

The Seed Institute

The Seed Institute works to inform, inspire, and mobilise community members to take action against poverty and inequality in slums and rural communities. Their vision is a society in which citizens are permanently vigilant over public life and civic institutions and engage in providing oversight to the management of politics and economy. The Seed Institute provides a platform for children across Nairobi's poorest communities to express their aspirations, without fear, using film and drawing.

Website: <http://www.seedinstitute.com>

Theatre for Development Centre (TFDC)

Using Theatre for Development as a participatory tool, TFDC aim to increase transparency and accountability in governance in Nigeria. In this project, TFDC's specific objectives include: undertaking enlightenment campaigns (through workshops, drama performances and seminars) to propagate the principles of good governance; training civil society organizations in the advocacy strategies for purposes of enhancing their engagement processes so as to leverage their voices in policy matters; train civil society groups in the use of participatory tools as means of voicing their concerns to authority.

Website: <http://www.tfdc-ng.org/>

Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana – Xochimilco (UAM)

The Development Research Interdisciplinary Programme on Human Development at UAM focuses on the construction of social strategies for change. UAM conducts participatory research and analysis on the issues

facing people, particularly indigenous communities, in the poorest regions of Mexico in order to develop local capacity and inform action at a local, regional and national level.

Website: <http://www.xoc.uam.mx/>

Voices of the Marginalised (ADD International, Alzheimers International, Sightsavers, HelpAge International)

This consortium uses participatory action research in which older people, people with disabilities and people with mental health issues identify the issues they experience around social, economic and political exclusion. Through this research, which is currently being piloted in Bangladesh (for expansion in three more countries) older people and people with disabilities will have a voice in the post-2015 process.

Website: <http://www.add.org.uk/> / www.sightsavers.org/ / <http://www.helpage.org/>