

## Summary Report

### Workshop on “Mainstreaming Gender in Urban Development” (April 17, 2007)

The workshop on “Mainstreaming Gender in Urban Development” was conducted on April 17, 2007 at NIUA, New Delhi. The workshop was jointly organized by USAID, FIRE (D) and NIUA. The principal objective of the workshop was to get development practitioners and trainers who have been partners of Indo-US FIRE (D) project to share their experiences and to develop an action plan for mainstreaming gender in their respective work areas.

Participants to the workshop included members of the City Managers’ Association (CMA), training institutions, NGOs and social development practitioners, etc. Ms. Archana Patkar, Director, Junction Social, Mumbai was the principal facilitator for the workshop.

The workshop was conducted in the form of four sessions. The first was the welcome session (10:30 am to 11:00 am) which included a welcome note by Mr. N. Bhattacharjee, Office of Economic Growth, USAID; Key Note Address by Ms. Rebecca Black, Director, Office of Economic Growth, USAID; and a Vote of Thanks by Prof. Mukesh Mathur, NIUA.

The second session was facilitated by Ms. Archana Patkar, Director, Junction Social. It included presentations by her on “Key concepts in gender mainstreaming”; “Experience of Bogotá in making cities safe for women” and “Key issues of Urban Poverty and Vulnerability of Women and Adolescent girls”. This session also included presentations from some participants on their ground level experiences, including

- ❑ “Community Led Sanitation Project, Sangli” by Chetan Vaidya, FIRE (D)
- ❑ “Cross Cutting Agra Project (CAP)” by Shveta Mathur, Centre for Urban and Regional Excellence (CURE)
- ❑ “Women’s Resource Centre” by Renu Handa, City Manager’s Association – Madhya Pradesh

The third post lunch session of the workshop was in the form of working groups, with an equal number of participants organized in the following two themes:

- ❑ Capacity building, and
- ❑ Monitoring & Evaluation, Research and Advocacy.

Both the groups had to deliberate and try to answer following questions -

- ❑ Why is it important?
- ❑ Who are the target groups?
- ❑ What are the key focus areas (Strategic Needs / Practical Needs)?
- ❑ What are the potential action agendas

The last session was on way forward. The main objective of the session was to consolidate the key discussions of the workshop and to identify key activities that could be taken up to facilitate mainstreaming of gender in urban development. Some of the recommendations included:

- ❑ Developing a Training Module for mainstreaming gender in Urban Development. The same could be used by Training Institutes that are partners of NIUA and FIRE (D).
- ❑ Develop an accountability mechanism / performance measurement system for gender related trainings (accountability of trainers, TIs and participants)
- ❑ Facilitate collection and analysis of gender disaggregated data to help plan and design projects and initiatives by Urban Local Bodies and / or NGOs. The same approach could be used for the development of engendered DPRs for ensuring basic services for the poor under the JNNURM.
- ❑ Undertake a health / hygiene impact assessment of a concluded / ongoing WATSAN project
- ❑ Link up with existing knowledge exchange forums for practitioners for knowledge sharing and disseminating best practices / case studies on gender mainstreaming. This would include linking up with
  - “Peer Experience and Reflective Learning” (PEARL) initiative under the Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) programme aimed at supporting cities to share and learn from each others experiences.
  - Gender and Water Alliance which is working on mechanisms to mainstream gender in urban infrastructure projects.
- ❑ Continue to advocate the issue of gender mainstreaming with key strategic stakeholders like state level consultative groups and policy makers at district and block levels.