

Knowledge Need Assessment Scale up: Discussion on Methodology and Inception Report

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A brainstorming exercise was organised at CEPT, Ahmedabad on 31 October 2011. The workshop was attended by Prof. Chetan Vaidya and Prof. Dhar from NIUA, Mr. Ajay Suri, CA, Prof. Saswat and CEPT team members.

Prof.V.K.Dhar of NIUA made a short presentation on the UKNA study inception report prepared by NIUA. His presentation broadly highlighted :

- a. Study Objectives, Limitation and Risks
- b. Multiple criteria used for selection of 6 pilot towns
- c. Brief overview of the administrative structures of Faridabad and Amritsar
- d. List of JnNURM project and reforms in the 2 study towns
- e. Project and Reform options to be taken up for further investigations
- f. Overall time line for UKNA study

Mr. Ajay Suri of CA suggested that diverse reforms and projects may be taken up under UKNA. He further suggested that, from the status of reform implementations, "sticky reforms" may be identified and related knowledge needs should be assessed. Prof. Saswat Bandyopadhyay, CEPT observed that, the ongoing study in 6 towns would give a in-depth overview of KNs in the mid-sized cities or million plus towns. However, KNs of smaller towns or class 1 towns would remain unexplored.

Prof.Saswat of CEPT made a brief presentation on the UKNA study inception report prepared by CEPT. His presentation broadly highlighted :

- a. Study Objectives, Scope of Work and Approach
- b. Lessons from Rajkot
- c. Key Steps during UKNA roll out and highlighted the importance of Organisational Stake holder identification and mapping of various levels and their proficiency
- d. Quick overview of JnNURM project and reforms in the 4 study towns
- e. Project and Reform options to be taken up for further investigations
- f. List of comments and suggestions received from NIUA and CA
- g. Overall time line for UKNA study

He also suggested that a workshop of all 6 study cities may be taken up at the intermediate report stage. Prof. Chetan Vaidya suggested that, CEPT should focus on one of the 3 reforms related to Urban poor in Vizag. Prof. Dhar suggested that Urban reforms related questions may vary and as a result, 2 stage visits may be required.

At the end, a common time line was agreed upon, in which a national workshop will be organised to disseminate the findings.

(Presentations are enclosed in other link section below)

Other Link :

- Presentation:KNA Study-Faridabad and Amritsar-Inception Report, Prof. VK Dhar
 - Presentation: URBAN KNOWLEDGE NEEDS ASSESSMENT- Inception Stage Review, Prof. Saswat Bandyopadhyay
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