



Equity foundation Documentation, Resource, and Training Center (EFDRTC)

Equity foundation Documentation, Resource, and Training Center (EFDRTC), was started in 2000 on a small scale basis with the aim of providing information and documentation support to the scholars, researchers, planners and development agencies through sharing and exchange of information material.

The Center now boasts about 15,000 volumes - books, conference/seminars papers, research reports, journal articles and other publications in the field of gender studies/globalization/poverty/education/media/IT/population/Panchayati Raj.

A number of brochures, annual reports, newsletters, EPW Reports, Seminar, Government publications from Planning Commission, and publications from ministries as well as World Bank, UNESCAP, UNESCO, UNDP, UNFPA, CEDPA, SIDA, CIDA, BRIDGE, ELDIS, IDS and several other international organisations are also available for reference.

Services:

- **Equity foundation Documentation, Resource, and Training Center (EFDRTC)** is providing information and resource materials to NGOs, Researchers and students on issues related to their area of work (HIV/AIDS, Gender, Education, Poverty, Population, Empowerment, Health, and Adolescents etc).
- Provides reference and information dissemination to users,
- Provides newspaper clippings on current issues.
- The materials are available both in the form of actual texts and CDs against the payment of a pre-decided amount. We hereby invite virtually everyone with an academic bent of mind to avail the resources provided by us.

PROVIDING CONSULTANCY & COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT/MANAGEMENT STUDENTS/NGOs ON:

- ❖ Research Technique:
 - Clarity over Research and Research Topics
 - Sampling
 - Methodology
 - Report Writing
 - Documentation of case studies
 - Clarity over preparation of Concept notes and reports
- ❖ Reference Material related to the Research Topic
- ❖ IT & Youth (A package on computer literacy-MS Office)

- ❖ Guidance and assistance in structuring presentations (through Slides and PowerPoint)
- ❖ Guidelines for Proposal and Project Planning
- ❖ Formation of SHGs
- ❖ Panchayati Raj
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Empowerment
- ❖ Reproductive & Child Health
- ❖ Adolescent & Life Skill approach
- ❖ Gender Mainstreaming/ Gender Sensitisation
- ❖ Women & Legal Literacy
- ❖ Gender Perspective in Disaster Management

At present social research methodology training in our colleges is delivered on a piecemeal basis across the spectrum of Social Science departments, each shaped by a variety of institutional settings and by different disciplinary standards. These differences notwithstanding a “core” of research methodology skills, common to over 85% of courses, namely, research design, literature review, focus group discussion, conceptualizing and theory building, collection and analysis of data, and the writing of research reports. This core provides a useful starting point for the identification of generic research competencies as a basis for, for example, curriculum development and quality assurance and accreditation which is lacking in our institutions. **EFDRTC** is ready to probe such issues in greater depth, along with questions of “best practice” in research methodology teachings. The **EFDRTC** team found that the students were typically less satisfied with many aspects of their courses, ranging from equipment to skills. **With these issues in mind the EFDRTC has introduced a 5 days training course from 17th January 2007** on Research Methodology, RCH, Report Writing, Documentation, Writing cases on the basis of observation etc. for students of rural development, Industrial Management and Sociology under the **Youth for development programme. The objective is to prepare them as master trainers:**

The first training under the **Youth for development programme** started from the 17th of January, 2007. The topic was Research Methodology. The training was conducted through leading experts on research techniques. **A group of 25 students from department of rural management, labour and social welfare and sociology were short listed for the training course.** Day one started with the counseling session. The training programme started with the Resource person sharing their work experience in NGOs. To help build confidence and to combine several strategies for success in job search important tips were provided by them on- career prospect in social sectors, job search, guidance on how to face interviews, cyber job search, answering newspaper ads, taking what is called “the creative approach to job hunting”, have positive thinking and be self confident. The session was thoroughly interactive and participatory. **The Resource person who was present during the counseling sessions was:**

1. Mr. Indushekhari Jha - **Director, DEEPAYATAN**
2. Mr. Babul Prasad- **IDF**
3. Mr. Arun Prasad- **Population Foundation of India (PFI)**

4. Ms. Kavita Singh- **Consultant on HIV/AIDS – UNICEF**
5. Ms. Preeti Bariar - **ACTIONAID**

The next 4 days sessions were based on –

Focus Group Discussion as an important tool for communicative research/Participatory Rural Appraisal/Field techniques/Organizing PRA/Social mapping/ Observation, documentation and report writing. **The facilitators for these sessions were-**

1. Mr. B.B. Singh – **PATHFINDER**
2. Dr. Ali Imam- **Principal, District Institute for Educational Training**
3. Mr. Mukund Prasad- **Statistical Supervisor, Mass Education, Government of Bihar**

The session concluded on 20th January. At the end of the session the facilitators were asked to prepare a Report on the proceedings of the 4 days training. They were awarded certificate of participation on completion of the report. The concluding session was attended by Mr. Om Prakash from **BIPARD**, Professor Raman from **Veer Kuer Singh University Ara**, Dr. Renu Ranjan Head of **PG Center of Sociology Magadh Mahila College**, Ms. Preeti Bariar from **Action aid**, Ms. Madhuri Kumar from **Times of India**, Dr. R.V.P. Singh **Research Officer Women and Child development, Planning Commission of India N. Delhi**, Ms. Nina Srivastava ED Equity Foundation, Ms. Madhurima Raj, Mr. Rahul Kumar Project Officer, Mr. Deependra Kumar Project coordinator of Equity Foundation and Mr. B.B. Singh from **Pathfinder**.

The 2nd and 3rd training programmes were held in August and October 2007 on Reproductive & Child Health. *The Resource Persons who provided training to the students were-*

Dr. Sherin Varkey- Programme Officer UNICEF on RCH, Dr. Indushekhar Jha- Director DEEPAYATAN, Dr. Abha Jha- Women's Training College, Dr. Archana Verma- SCERT, Dr. B.B. Singh- Pathfinder, Dr. Samiur Rehman- Agrabami India, Ms. Priyadarshini Trivedi- Expert Trainer (NACO) on RCH. The Counselling session was conducted by- Babul Prasad – IDF, Mr. Matish and Mr. Arun Prasad- PFI, Mr. Omprakash- PRIA and Mr. Sanjiv Srivastava- DEEPAYATAN.

THE YOUTH FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME will continue as an ongoing training programme on relevant social issues with an aim towards development of a vibrant Social Science Research culture across disciplines, and most important, training of students as master trainers on issues related to health, education etc. so that they can create a much greater impact among the youths and adolescents of today as peer educators.