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Role of Community Implementing Partners

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1.0 Purpose of the Presentation

- To underscore the importance of collaborative partnerships and how it influences outcomes

2.0 Definition of Community Implementing Partner

- This is an organization or institution that is well grass rooted at community level and is able to represent, speak for and champion objectives of another institution that is not familiar with the dynamics of the people in that geographical area.

3.0 Qualities of a good Community Implementing Partner

- Legal Entity- Registered by the government
 - Can be sued or sue
 - Constitution and Policies in place
 - Audited and no qualified reports
- Trusted by the community
- Professionalism
- Reliable leadership
- Respectful– always available, responsive, self respect
- Physical address

4.0 Role of Community Implementing Partners

- “Gate keepers” of communities- introduce you to the community members
- Introduce partners to government at all levels
- Mobilization of communities
- Managing events at local level e.g. workshops, seminars etc.
- Implementing some activities on your behalf
- Keeping ear to the ground- Informers
- Representing partners
- Defending partners
- Public relations managers

5.0 Benefits to local Implementing partners

- **Institutional capacity building**
 - Equipment and supplies
 - Development of policies
 - Access to Publications and being part of publications
 - Increased visibility and organizational image
- **Organizational capacity building**
 - Attending conferences and seminars
 - Trainings
 - Attending high level meetings
 - Studying opportunities
 - Sharing and Interacting with eminent professionals is enriching
 - Enhanced opportunities for career growth and expansion
- **Increased Resource in-flows**

6.0 Benefits to in Coming Partner

- Government will trust you when they have never even seen you
- Communities will believe in and trust you before even knowing much about you
- Highly cost effective in terms of time, energy and actual cost
- Faster community mobilization and response
- Easier to access information and services
- Registered high project success levels if the right partner is identified

7.0 Benefits to the Community

- Working with a person they trust gives them confidence and belief to participate and volunteer information critical to the success of the project
- They are sure that they are not being used
- They are protected and their interests taken care of

8. Conclusion

- Always cross check and ensure you have the right implementing partner
- A wrong implementing partner will inconvenience the project and the entire team and affect project success

Thank You