#### WELCOME





Capacity Development Workshop on Improving Agricultural Productivity, Water Use Efficiency & Rural Livelihoods" 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009, Day-2, Session- 1 "Rural Development Models-Lessons & Experiences" Kota Tirupataiah,IFS(Ph.D) Special Commissioner Rural Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh, India Kota\_86@rediffmail.com

#### **Organization of the Presentation**

- What is the scope of Rural Development?
- Different Models that emerged in India
- The model that is promising for up scaling
- Line functions as against demand generation
- Way Forward

#### **Scope of Rural Development**

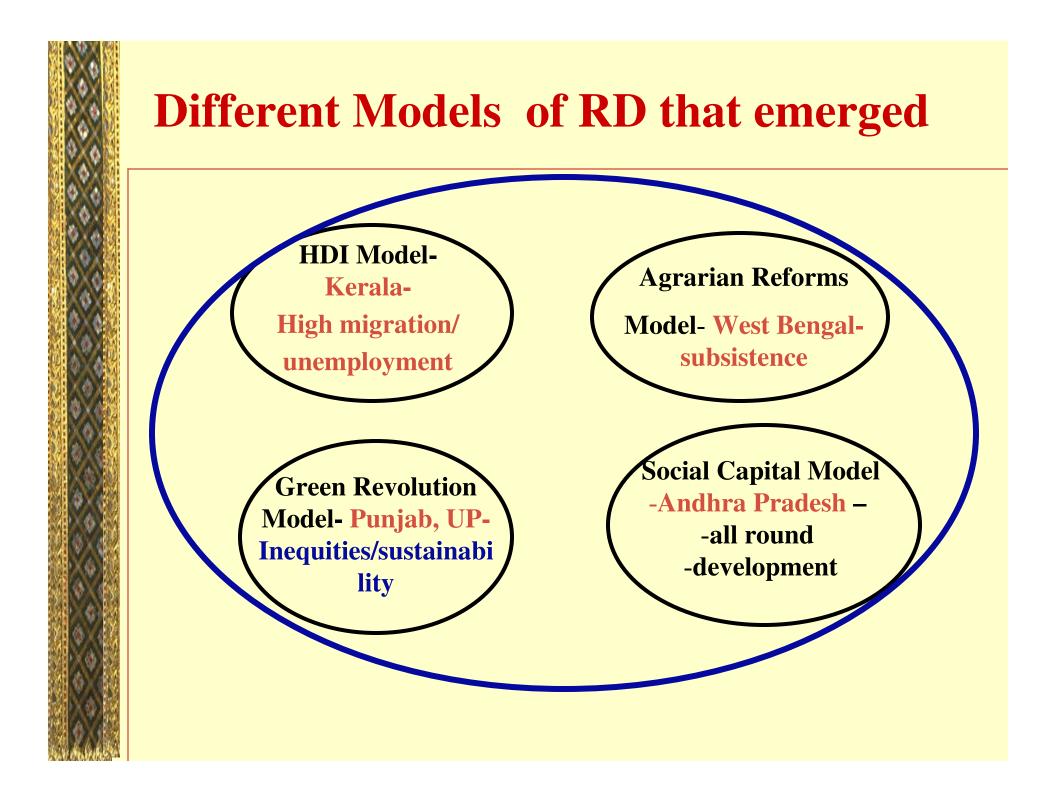
Includes , among other things

- Agriculture and Allied subjects
- ✓ Housing
- Health
- Education
- ✓Infrastructure
- Food Security
- ✓ Social Security
- Irrigation

Ministry of RD -How many countries -Have?

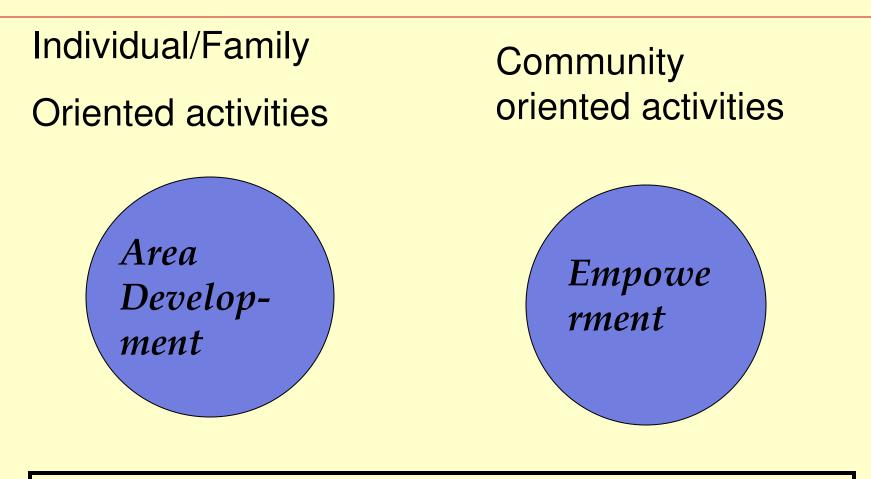
For poor- which department delivers does'nt matter

✓ Livelihoods- employment/livelihoods

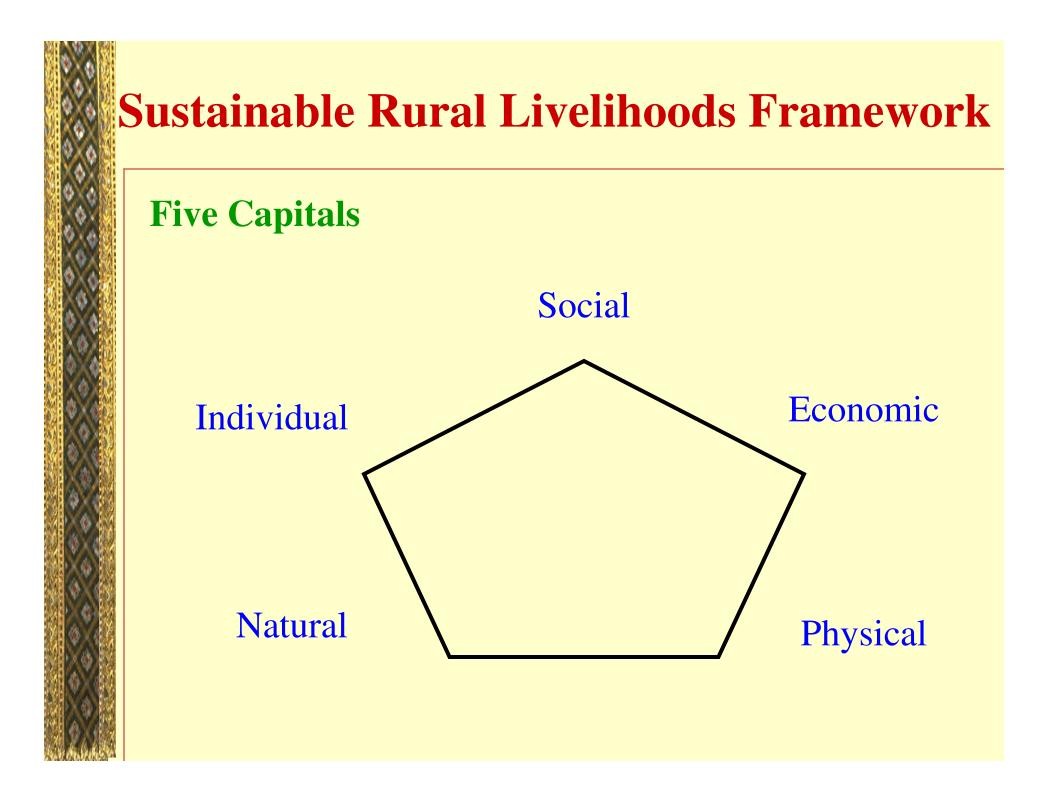




# **RD Strategy**



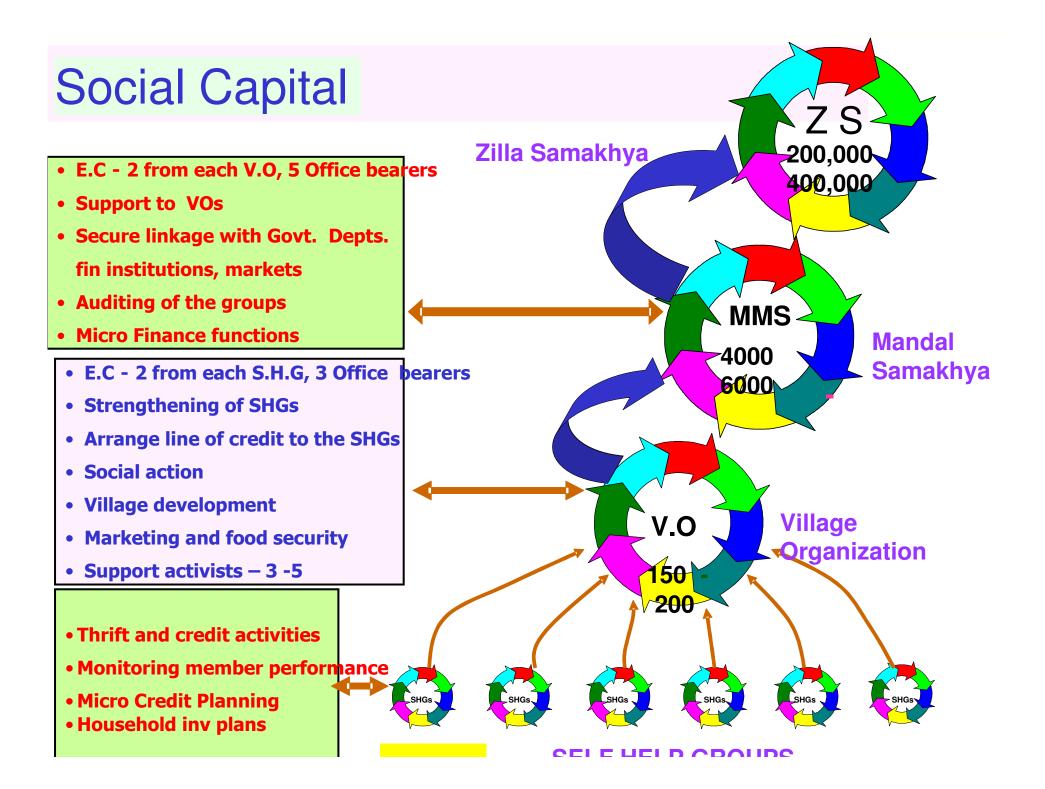
#### Link resource to families/community



### **The Individual Capital**

- Building Knowledge and Skills
- Investment for Institution & Capacity Building
- Have patience to build capacities
- Wage Employment, self-employment, entrepreneurship- which level to aim?

The National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme- entitlement to 100 days of work Employment Generation & marketing missionone lakh jobs in one state in a year



### **The Social Capital- Why is it important?**

Nearly 10 million poor women in AP alone

- Food Security- Accessing Benefits of Public distribution system
- Prices for Farmers- As procurement agents of the government
- Agriculture- Working Capital & Non-Pesticide Management over 2.5 lakh ha area
- Pensions- old, disabled, widows and weavers
- Insurance- to all their members

# **The Natural Capital**

- About 16% families do not own land
- > 75% holdings are < 1.00 ha</p>
- Increase in extent of fallow lands
- Lack of a comprehensive support
- Lack of access to and rights on common pool/property resources

Government assignment of land to landless- Women NABARD-RIDF Support for development Assigning rights over CPRs ( CSOs working with Govt.) Recognizing tenancy rights, Buying land for poor

# **The Financial Capital**

#### **Process:**

- Strong institution building through community resource persons
- Internalisation of quality norms "Pancha Sutras"
- Preparation of Micro Credit Plans
- Establishment of Community Based Recovery mechanisms
- Point Persons & case managers for each bank branch

### **The Financial Capital**

Achievements made so far:

- Bank loans to S.H.Gs Rs.5882 crs in 2007/08 & Targeted Rs. 11,000 crs in 2008/09
- A.P linkage Rs.84000, repayment rates 98.7%, AP Repeat loans – 85% and rest of the country : 32%
- TFI in 3037 villages benefiting 4.67 lakh members to the tune of Rs.1459 crs
- **T.F.I per S.H.G Finance Rs. 4,50,000**

# **The Physical Capital**

- Housing- Saturation approach
- Drinking Water- Water Sector Reforms
- Rural Connectivity- PM's Grameen Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) connecting up to 500 population
- Schools- Sarva Siksha Abhiyaan

# What Ails Rural Development?

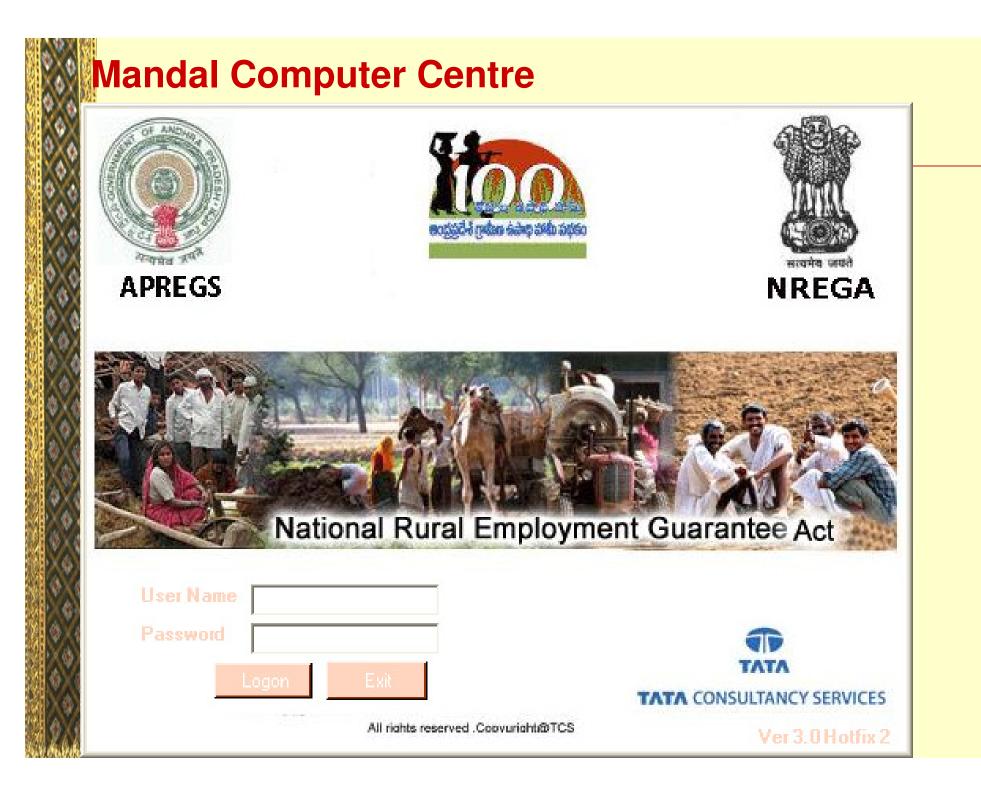
- "Out of every rupee meant for the poor only 25 paise reaches them- Rajiv Gandhi former PM India"
- Secrecy as against Transparency
- Accountability to system as against people

Need to be institutionalized

### There ways to Beat the bad practices

#### **Empower the Stakeholders and**

- Application of ICT- Transaction based web site
- Dispensing with the need for handling moneyaccount based (bank/post office) payments
- Improve transparency- Right to Information Act
- Accountability to people- Social Audit







#### **Social Audit**

Social Audit is the audit of a program or a scheme by the community with active involvement of the primary stakeholders

Empowering communities & enhancing accountability

A decade long work of the MKSS CSO



#### **Social Audit Process**

- Social Auditors access government files and relevant documents
- Verify reality at worksites and with people
- Public meeting SA reports are read out and officials respond to the issues raised.
- Corrective action based on SA findings



### **Social Audit- Why?**

- Monitoring and evaluation tool for identifying strengths and weaknesses of a program so that corrective action can be taken
- Measurement of effectiveness or otherwise of a program
- **Report card of our own performance.**
- Empowering communities otherwise enhancing accountability



#### Challenges

#### Village level institutional support system- GPs

- **Enthusing Government Departments**
- Legacy systems

Rules framed to give legal status to social audit



#### Conclusion

- Whatever may be the structure of government organizations, convergence will happen only at stakeholder level
- Institutions of/by and for the poor only sustainable alternative for demand generation
- Line Function against demand generation
  - Line departments mostly diffident
  - Answerable to their line bosses only
  - Do not have any necessity to generate demand
  - Have their own problems