

Dream II pre- event, July 29, 2021
Woreda financial support and development planning
Group Discussion Outcomes: Jigjiga Venue

The Jigjiga team group discussion on financial support and planning at Woreda level had the following suggestion for their group discussion forum.

Q1. What would be the steps required for Woreda to have larger central over their development planning?

- *In terms of having comprehensive plan for their area*
- *In term s of developing and proposing projects*
- *In the adequate implementation of the different projects*

To have larger central development planning the team suggested that the following key inputs will be adaptable at Woreda level

- To have concrete and continues coordination center among all stakeholders
- To consult the Woreda level planning team and to create bottom up approach to listen the ground level community needs.
- To develop need based planning at root level which have wider community participation system
- The planning team should be established at kebele level and at Woreda level instead of regional
- Community involvement and contributions should be included at the planning stage to create a sense of ownership and sustainability

Q2. How to strengthen the financial procedure to support at Woreda level development?

The team had discussed the following points on strengthening financial procedure to support at Woreda level development.

- It should be in place capacity building initiatives for Woreda level experts
- Budget monitoring and balancing should be in place since there is high over and under spent at Woreda level.
- It must build strong relationship among regional planning team and Woreda planning team to reduce the information and skill gaps.
- Strong M&E and supervision system should take place at Woreda level
- The standard operating system SOP approach should follow all stakeholder at Woreda level

Q3. What are the bottlenecks/Challenges to be removed in the following?

- *Administration system of Woreda level*

- *Logistics*
- *Human capital*
- *Budget process*

The team had submitted the challenges or bottlenecks on administration, logistic, human and budget process at Woreda level and are the following.

- To increase the deployment of skilled human power at Woreda level
- To build infrastructures of the community like, roads, logistics, communication network and other essential basic services at Woreda level.
- Delay of budget release time specially at the last quarters of the year
- The demand and supply is not equal at Woreda level the need is high and the aid is small so to increasing budget allocation will be ideal solution of the problem at Woreda level.
- Low income and revenue at Woreda level.

Q4. How flexible is the tendering process in the woreda?

Totally the team had submitted that there is poor tendering at Woreda level due to these problems

- Lack of capacity of Woreda level contractors
- Lack of skilled and equipped contractor at woreda level
- Lack of committed contractor at Woreda level
- And high fluctuating of inflation materials at Woreda level E.g. submission of material price at the begging shouldn't be equal at the implementation time.

Q5. Responses to emergency like floods and droughts

There is no any emergence fund that the woreda team had, if any emergence need the woreda requests directly to regional and international NGOs which they submit their proposal.

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