

Wisdom from the Field

Building Social Capital:

A Formative Evaluation of CIIF Projects

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Research Questions

1. To conduct a **formative evaluative study** on selected CIIF projects
2. To examine the experiences, subjective meaning and crucial determinants from **stakeholders' perspectives**
3. To identify and document **good practices**
4. To build up a set of **Social Capital Indicators** for future comparison

Theory of Change

- Making explicit **assumptions and hypothesis** that are guiding the program interventions
- Specifying the **operational strategies**
- Identifying **contextual and structural conditions**
- Projecting the **future support for sustainability**

Participatory Action Research Methodologies

“I have to use methods for investigation which involve the people being studied as researcher; they should take part in the investigation themselves and not serve as the passive objects of the study”

Paulo Friere, 1982

Policy and Practice Implications

“It is the political task of the social scientist – as of any liberal educator - continually to translate personal troubles into public issues, and public issues into the terms of their human meaning....”

Mills, 1952