

2010 SUMMER SCHOOLS IN LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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The Local Economic Development - Innovation and Support Program is pleased to announce two training opportunities for staff actively involved in Economic Development:

Phnom Penh, Cambodia - February 22nd - 26th
Durban, South Africa - March 15th - 19th

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

- To learn new ways of identifying measurable & sustainable ED activities, and developing strong partnerships with communities & socioeconomic stakeholders in a target area. Links will be drawn between LED, poverty reduction and child wellbeing outcomes;
- To train participants in a number of practical, field based tools that can be applied immediately upon returning home.
- For participants to share with each other what have been their experiences in their respective NOs.



Target Audience

National office staff who are active in leading and promoting economic development initiatives, and field-based staff who are active in implementing economic development programs. Staff also actively involved in supporting Economic Development from Regional and Support Offices are welcome to apply.

Approach

Activities will be participatory and interactive and include a field visit to see some of our work in action. There will be opportunities to practice new tools and present your own work. We promise there will be no PowerPoint presentations!! Both events - Cambodia and South Africa, will follow similar programs. Training will be undertaken by leading international LED experts alongside WV staff who have been actively involved in implementing LED.

Cost

The events are sponsored by WV Australia. All in-country costs including transport from airports to venues, hotel accommodation, food, training and training materials will be covered. Participants will be responsible for international travel costs including flights and visas and any incidental costs. There are some limited funds available to help subsidise international flights.

Language

Both schools will be conducted in English. If there is sufficient demand, a French speaking facilitator can be available for the South African school only.

Placements

There are limited places at both events and it is expected that demand will exceed supply! We therefore suggest you submit your application as soon as possible and carefully consider what you put in your motivation statement, as it will be used in the selection process. **(Not more than two participants per country)**

Closing Dates

Cambodia Summer School: January 29th (Confirmation of placement will be given by February 3rd)
South Africa Summer School: February 8th (Confirmation of placement will be given by February 15th)

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A COMPACT DEFINITION OF WORLD VISION'S APPROACH



World Vision promotes Local Economic Development (LED) that improves the livelihoods of poor families and their children by mobilising the economically active poor along with other local actors in a common effort to strengthen their economy.

The approach brings together representatives of local farming, business, government, community, youth, women and non-governmental organisations to analyse their economy, identify its competitive advantages (strengths and weaknesses) and the actions needed to exploit economic opportunities,

remove constraints and improve the environment for inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

Many of World Vision's Area Development Programmes are in rural areas where food insecurity renders families and their children acutely vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters.

Through its approach to LED, World Vision reduces this vulnerability sustainable by enabling the poor to improve and expand their farming, business and service activities, increase their incomes and stocks of assets and reduce their levels of poverty.

Its approach gains the cooperation and support of the better off who benefit from growing local economies and the greater well being of their neighbours.

