

Engagement Group Functions

The **Engagement Group** will do the following with the support of the **Engagement Team**:

- Hold meetings to:
 - (i.) Map out stakeholders within community.
 - (ii.) Produce sensitization & advocacy plan for community mobilization.
 - (iii.) Agree on how to raise funds for initial cost of setting up the scheme
 - (iv.) Nominate capable & experienced persons as *Community Management Committee*.
- Convene Community General Meeting to:
 - (i.) Notify CDS scheme to the community.
 - (ii.) Ratify sensitization & Advocacy Action plan.
 - (iii.) Ratify members of the *Community Management Committee*.
- Engagement Group should seek for the meaningful, effective and informed participation in the General Meeting of **all sections** of the community, and all concerned stakeholders, without discrimination on the basis of age, gender, religion, ethnic origin, social background or disability.

CDS Management In The Participating Community

The Community Management Committee (CMC) along with the Community Manager/Coordinator will:

- Lead the CDS Scheme in the community and shall take full responsibility for setting it up and its management.
- Hold consultation meetings with the community and referring to the Roundtable periodically for advice and support as the circumstances may require.

CMC Responsibilities

For the effective take-off and implementation of the scheme in communities, the CMC have the following functions:

- **Implement** the *Sensitization & Advocacy Action Plan* adopted at the Community General Meeting.
- **Enlighten** the community on how individuals can contribute financially into the CDS Scheme in line with CDS Registration & Contribution Guidelines.
- **Consult community** regularly to identify the priority socio-economic issues of concern.
- **Represent** community at the *CDS Roundtable* meetings.
- With CDS technical support, engage with select community members to design & execute approved projects and report progress to the *Roundtable* and community members.



CDS Community Engagement Protocols

Kano Community Development Scheme (CDS) is a non-profit, non-governmental, non-partisan and non-sectarian program of the **Green Horizon Community Development Initiative** (CAC Regd. 170005). CDS has been established to address contemporary socio-economic challenges in Kano State and accelerate its development as a safe, peaceful and prosperous State. Kano CDS operates through a community-based approach in identifying effective interventions and in generating funds and resources.

This flyer explains the CDS community engagement processes and responsibilities.

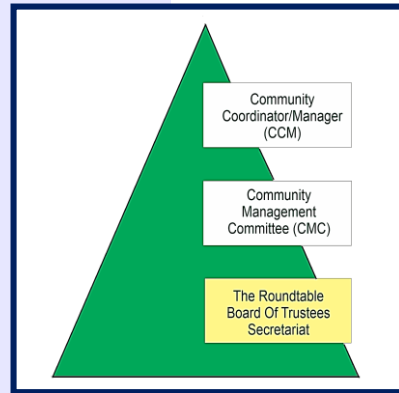
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Community Participation Benefits

Primarily, Kano CDS aims to promote the socio-economic progress of Kano as a whole, which it seeks to achieve through collective efforts and contributions of all concerned individuals and groups to implement interventions that benefit everyone across the state. A Participating Community will nonetheless enjoy additional benefits, which include the following:

- **Organising** the community to effectively participate in the CDS as an entity;
- **Implementing** interventions that respond directly to the community's specific needs and concerns funded by a part of the contributions generated from the community;
- **Participation** at relevant meetings and other activities of the Roundtable (the general congress of the Kano CDS);
- **Capacity building** support from the CDS Scheme to be delivered to members of the community, according to needs;
- **Opportunity to learn lessons** from other CDS participating communities.



Community Engagement Criteria

At this early stage, the objective is to *pilot* the scheme in a limited number of communities selected using the following criteria:

- (i.) Evidence of vibrancy of community efforts and viability of past and existing communal projects;
- (ii.) Availability of identified dependable, interested and receptive community leaders or stakeholders, or an existing organization in the community to lead in the engagement;
- (iii.) Indication of willingness and ability to raise an initial fund through voluntary donations for the setting up of the Scheme;
- (iv.) Assurance that the piloting takes place in communities of varying composition and character.

Any community within Kano State can apply through a representative community based organization (CBO) to be accredited as a *Participating Community*. An *Engagement Team* for each Participating Community will be appointed by the CDS with the responsibility for introducing the scheme into the community.

Introducing CDS Schemes Into The Community

The **Engagement Team** will initiate the community engagement and introduce the scheme by doing the following:

- (i.) Identify the particular individuals or groups within the community who will serve as the entry point into the community;
- (ii.) Meet with them for presentation of the meaning, objectives and benefits of the scheme and all that it involves;
- (iii.) Work with them to constitute a representative Engagement Group of about 10 persons from the community who are likely to have the requisite awareness, capacity and interest to assist in initiating the Scheme;
- (iv.) Continue to support and monitor progress of the engagement with the community and report to the Roundtable regularly.