

Use of participatory rural appraisal tools for Identification of interactions of rural institutions

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An investigation has been carried out to identify the interactions of rural institutions of Induranawila in Galle district. Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) methods were employed Jan-Feb, 2003 period and the exercises were carried out with a group of twenty farmers. The significance of the service rendered by each institute/ individual/ organization and degree of relationship of the service with the villagers, were the main parameters for measuring degree of interactions of institutions.

PRA tool, venn diagram was employed to identify institutions, organizations and individuals and their interactions with the community of Induranawila. The resulted venn diagram reveals the prevailing situation.

With respect to the significance of the service: Agriculture Service Center (ASC) has done a significant service to the community. Hence, it was identified as the first priority. Next, Farmer Organization and Grama Sanwardana Samithy were prominent. Following them, Sarvodaya, Grama Niladhari (G.N), Samurdhi Officer and Agriculture Research Development Assistant (A.R.D.A), Provincial Council and Tea Shakthi were chosen according to their significance of the service rendered, respectively.

With respect to the relationship of the service: ASC has become the most closet service institute to the community than any other in Induranawila. The Farmer Organization and Grama Sanwardana Samithy were indicated as the second place. Sarvodaya, G.N, Samurdhi Officer and A.R.D.A, Provincial Council and Tea Shakthi were ranked, accordingly.

Above situation indicates that the agriculture related organizations, Farmer Organization and Grama Sanwardana Samithy are active. Because ASC, Farmer Organization and Grama Sanwardana Samithy have done comparatively a significant service to the community and further, have made a strong relationship with the villagers than other institutions/ organizations. Therefore, mainly these three institutions can successfully be used to mobilize and intervene people, and moreover to implement innovations of village level agriculture related programme in Induranawila.

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