

State level Advisory on VPRP Training and Roll Out

I. Background:

Under Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission's (DAY-NRLM) PRI-CBO convergence initiatives, SHGs, and their federations may avail benefits of local economic development programs led by the Gram Panchayats. As per the joint advisory issued by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 all DAY-NRLM SHGs and their federations have been mandated to prepare a **Village Prosperity Resilience Plan (VPRP) formerly known as Village Poverty Reduction Plan** and present it in the Gram Sabha for integration into Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP).

II. VPRP 2024-25 Rollout:

All the intensive Blocks and GPs under HPSRLM are targeted for this year's VPRP-GPDP integration exercise. The District and Blocks who have not initiated VPRP preparation last year, need to cover all GPs in the upcoming GPDP exercise in the current year. The Districts and Blocks need to ensure that the SHGs formed up to June 2024 but not yet taken membership in VO, may also be included.

HPSRLM will conduct training programs for District and block-level resource persons, VPRP CRPs, CLFs, and VOs on the latest modules of VPRP preparation including the usage of the mobile app. The training strategy and action points for all 4 VPRP components of Entitlement, Public Goods and Services and Resource Development Plan (PGSRD), Social Development Plan (SDP), and Livelihood are detailed out Below:

Training Strategy and Action Points

Entitlement, PGSRD and SDP component

1. All the DPMs are identified as state-level Master trainers and these State-level master trainers shall train district and Block resource persons to reemphasize the process and ensure proper facilitation.
2. Gender Point Persons shall be included wherever available, in the concept seeding training of VOs and for supporting VPRP CRP during the facilitation of SHG Plan preparation. Similarly, VO and CLF social action committees shall be included while consolidation of VPRP plans at VO and GP level.

3. Training of District and Block Resource persons and VPRP CRPs, concept seeding to CLFs and VOs shall be completed by July end. Training calendar is attached as Annexure- I
4. VPRP CRPs shall be trained for two days i.e. one day on the planning process and another one-day training on VPRP mobile application usage (offline)
5. VPRP CRPs shall conduct SHG level discussion and VO level PGSRD resource mapping and SDP preparation prior to VPRP app Rollout.
6. Care shall be taken that VPRP CRPs shall enter VPRP plan date in the mobile app only after facilitating SHG members and VO EC and having detailed discussion on the VPRP Plans. The same need to be recorded in the SHG and VO meeting minutes also. GPPFT team members need to be involved in the VPRP planning process.

Training on latest version of VPRP mobile application:

1. One day online meeting on Reflection of tasks done and mobile app was conducted for State Nodal persons for understanding the new enhancements and State level master trainers for taking feedback on VPRP planning process and understanding the changes in the VPRP mobile. These trained resource persons shall in turn conduct training to district and Block level resource persons and VPRP CRPs.
2. BMMU needs to organize refresher training for the cadres to clarify their doubts after the initiation of SHG-level planning through the AAP.
3. BMMU needs to organize a meeting of cadres in a network zone area after the completion of GP-level plan preparation to update the data in app and download the final reports.

A. Preparatory activities to be taken up by Districts/Blocks

1. Identify suitable CRPs @1 per VO for rolling out of 4 VPRP components. Preference may be given to the CRPs trained and deployed last year.
2. Allotment of SHGs and VOs to CRPs for VPRP plan preparation. Care must be taken to ensure that no SHG is allotted to more than 1 CRP. SHGs that are not under VO fold need to be assigned to a particular CRP.
3. Districts and Blocks need to ensure that CRPs shall have android mobiles/tablets with the following specifications:
 - Operating System- Android Version 8 (oreo) and above
 - RAM: 4 GB and Above
 - Physical Memory (free space): Minimum 4 GB and above
 - Mobile screen size or resolution: 5” and above
 - Tablet screen size or resolution: 7” and above
 - CRP to have good net connectivity (preferably minimum of 1 GB/ day net pack)
4. If CRPs are not having mobiles, they may be encouraged to purchase the mobile immediately either on their own or by taking a loan from their SHGs with abovementioned configuration. SHGs may consider giving these loans as interest-free loans.

Ownership of this device lies with the CRP including regular internet recharge for regular updation of data.

5. Each CRP will have a different login-id and every CRP needs to use a different device. One CRP cannot login into the login id of another CRP, as the data will not be saved due to technical errors.
6. In case VO is not formed, a nominated CRP from a neighboring VO would be assigned to such SHGs.
7. User IDs will be replicated from the previous year which means that ID creation shall not happen from zero. However, there will be an option to create new IDs if required for the new SHGs that have been added in the MIS
8. In case of new users and CRPs this year, state needs to create user login ids for district nodal and district nodal have to create login for block nodals, who in turn needs to create login ids for VO level cadre in the block.
9. DMMU and BMMU need to ensure discussion on the VPRP demands during plan preparation.
10. DMMU and BMMU need to focus on the strategies to strengthen the presentation skills of CBO members and cadres.
11. DMMU and BMMU need to coordinate with DoPR at District and Block level for Gram Sabha timelines.
12. DMMU and BMMU need to discuss the resource envelope available for integration of VPRP in the annual action plan(AAP) of the departments in the DLCC and BLCC meetings.

C. Plan preparation phase

1. Training of Blocks & CRPs, Concept seeding of CLFs and VOs should be completed
2. Calendar of CLF, VO and SHG plan preparation meetings
3. VO level PGSRD resource mapping and SDP preparation to be completed prior VPRP app rollout
4. Gender Point persons to be involved in trainings and SHG plan preparation
5. CRPs to facilitate SHG level discussions for entitlement plan.
6. Last year's demands will be reflected in the VPRP app
7. VPRP planning process to be completed by 30th September 2024.
8. Increased involvement with the GPPFT committee as per the MoPR PPC guidelines 2024-25, SHG/VO members may be included in the Gram Panchayat Planning Facilitation Team (GPPFT)/ Ward Planning Facilitation Team (WPFT) committee, so that the proposed activities of SHG/VO may directly be discussed in the GPPFT/WPFT Committee meetings for suitable integration and enhance engagement of SHG members in GPDP preparation
9. Block level refresher training for the cadres needs to be conducted to clarify their doubts after the initiation of SHG level Planning through the app.
10. In case manual formats are to be used in certain areas, the CRPs may be assigned the task of updating the plan later into the mobile application.

11. BMMUS needs to organize a meeting of cadres in a network zone area after the completion of GP-level plan preparation to update the data in app and download the final reports.
12. District and Blocks needs to review the work of CRPs regularly and provide required support.
13. Monitoring plan- report submission by blocks, reflection meeting at block/district /state level by nodal persons, Frequent field visits must be undertaken by the mission staff/CLF EC to monitor the quality of plans

Plan presentation

1. Communicate the dates of Gram Sabha as per State Calendar to CBO members (will be shared by HPSRLM)
2. Mobilization drive for Gram Sabha participation for ensuring the participation of all members.
3. Printing of VPRP plans through web layer and preparing 2 copies of VPRP booklet
4. Preparing VO members to present VPRP plans in Gram Sabha
5. VPRP presentation in Gram Sabha- as per the state specific GPDP timelines, the VPRP prepared by the SHG federations shall be presented to the 1st/2nd GPDP Gram Sabha. A discussion can be initiated on the demands and the availability of the budget within the resource envelope of the Gram Panchayat in the 1st Gram Sabha.
6. Based on the consensus, a resolution may be passed by the GPDP Gram sabha on the agreed demands of VPRP that can be incorporated into GPDP
7. Deploying SRLM staff to attend maximum possible no. of Gram Sabha meetings.
8. Preparing VO members to record Gram Sabha minutes and VPRP demands integrated in GPDP in VO register for follow-up.

Post Plan preparation

1. Ensure Joint coordination committees meetings at District and Block to have regular meetings to discuss and monitor the plan integration with line departments and GPDP. CLF representatives equipped to cross verify the approved demands its sanction and implementation in the field.
2. District and Block should follow up on the plan approvals with specific line departments and organize enrollment camps with VO/CLF support and support e-GramSwaraj portal entries of Gram sabha approved demands
3. Putting in place follow up mechanisms such as supporting GP in uploading of approved VPRP demands in e-GramSwaraj portal, field level tracking of demand realization at VO/SHG level by CRPs to ensure successful implementation of a participatory GPDP.