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'Data collection should be accurate'

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ACCURACY IN collection of data will help better evaluation and monitoring of socio-economic impact of poverty initiatives, experts of monitoring and evaluation processes said. Participating in the national workshop on monitoring and evaluation, experts further stressed the need for laying down procedures that could examine the accuracy of data at every level.

They workshop was organised by the Madhya Pradesh Rural Livelihoods Project (MPRLP) in collaboration with the Department for International Development (DFID-UK) on Thursday.

Addressing the workshop, MPRLP project coordinator Jitendra Agrawal said monitoring and the evaluation processes hold meaning only when positive impact was visible in targeted households. He said analysis of data must have a specific purpose while the poverty alleviation projects

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must have strategic direction.

DFID's David Radcliffe said it was urgent to evaluate positive change in the poor population through well-considered evaluation system to help achieve Millennium Development Goals.

World Bank's representative Salmah Samji discussed problems that occurred while adopting Management Information System (MIS) in World Bank projects and stressed the need of integrating data. She said collection of accurate data should be incentive oriented for data collectors.

Catalyst Management Service (CMS) Bangalore's Shiv Kumar stressed on simplification of reporting systems saying data analysis must cover all dimensions.

Poorest Areas Civil Society (PACS) Kiran Sharma said evaluation processes in programmes like PACS,

which cover a vast geographical portion, should have community participation.

MPRLP Monitoring and Evaluation State Coordinator Shivendra Pandeya said it was a challenging task to have well-set evaluation system in a projects, which work in close cooperation with Gram Sabhas. He said monitoring of project interventions at the Vidhan Sabha constituency level was also under consideration.

Thirupathalya of Andhra Pradesh Rural Livelihoods Project, Niranjan Sahu of Western Orissa Rural Livelihoods Project, R Rajesh, Srinivas Ayyar of Rain-fed Farming Project also expressed their views on occasion and shared learnings on evaluation and monitoring systems.

Rachel of DFID, Project Coordinator District Poverty Initiative Project (DPIP) Ravindra Pastore, senior manager of Technical Cooperation Unit of MPRLP Dungan King, Shahzad and subject experts were also present.

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