



Vulnerability and Social Security

Exposure and Dialogue Programme in India
17– 25 October 2010



The Exposure and Dialogue Programme will help decision makers and experts from the private insurance sector, development cooperation and politics to make hands-on experience of the prevailing conditions of the political, legal and economic environment of workers in the informal sector. This ‘reality-check’ will contribute to developing practical social security offers under consideration of the living conditions of vulnerable groups.

“EDP offers an impressive method and has an interesting group ‘composition’: Experts from the economy, experienced development cooperation workers, representatives of non-governmental organisations, entrepreneurs and politics. Careful preparation and competent hosting will ensure best knowledge transfer.”

The programme starts with a three-day stay with host families working in the informal sector. As a member of SEWA (Self Employed Women’s Association) they are receiving support in social security issues. In India, only approx. 8 % of the workers can benefit from social minimum services, since the greatest part of the population is working in the so-called informal economy. The setup and the development of high-performance social security systems in developing and newly industrialized countries, as well as the integration of all population groups into a social security network decisively contribute to reducing poverty and thus reaching the millennium goals. Poor people are often subject to a relatively high risk, which governs their economic and social conduct and hinders

their development. Therefore, insurance services are part of the most important framework conditions for sustainable economic and social development. Climate changes also increase the importance and requirements of security systems. The aim of the EDP is to find out which risks people working in the informal sector in India are subject to, and how they are dealing with it. Participants will gain insights into the manifold challenges in different areas of experience. Prevention and coping strategies, in particular for women, will be the focus. From this, services which will help them can be derived. In a final dialogue, participants will discuss with Indian experts about the design and implementation of social security systems for vulnerable groups.



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Participants

This exposure and dialogue programme is an offer to decision-makers and responsible persons in insurance companies, politics and public and private development cooperation. Representatives from other sectors such as

state, media, church and civil society are also welcome. Insurance experts from Southern countries will also take part in the programme.



Intended Schedule 17/10 – 25/10/2010



17.10.: Departure (10:00 am) from Frankfurt a.M. to Ahmedabad/India (direct flight Air India, arrival in Ahmedabad 10:00 p.m.)

18.10.: Greeting by SEWA; EDP introduction; drive to the exposure host families in the afternoon; living and working with SEWA members (3 days)

21.10.: Morning: Departure from the host families, transfer to the Manipur conference centre;

Afternoon: reflection in small groups; Visit of the Mahatma Gandhi Ashram monument

22.10.: Continued reflection;

Afternoon: Exchange with experts and representatives of on-site organisations

23.10.: Dialogue workshop with decision makers from India

24.10.: Joint résumé; EDP evaluation

Return:

25.10.: Departure Ahmedabad 02:50 a.m. to Frankfurt a.M. (arrival 07:50 a.m.)

Host websites:

www.exposure-dialog.de
www.sewa.org

Partner in India:



SEWA
Self Employed
Women's As-
sociation

Information on India

Currently, India has the second-most strongly expanding national economy, right after China. In spite of this, more than 50 % of its population have less than 2 US\$ per day to live on. Regarding many social indicators, India is even below the values of Sub-Saharan Africa. The country is characterised by extreme economic and social contradictions. 92 % of the working population belong in the informal sector and therefore usually have no formal security regarding sickness, accident,

harvest or other risks. This is why about 70 % of health costs in India has to be shouldered by the individual persons concerned. Social security is mostly covered by traditional informal systems (extended family, village community). These security systems are, however, changing, and their function is losing effectiveness. India faces the challenge of creating the framework conditions for new forms of social security.



India and Ahmedabad (see arrow), exposure region (source: CIA world factbook)

Registration

The required cost contribution per participant is 2,500 Euro (excluding flight costs). All costs for the preparation, implementation, and follow-up process of the program (including costs for interpreters) are thus co-

vered. We are looking forward to receiving your expression of interest and would be happy to send you detailed registration documents. The availability of places is limited.

Contact



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Information on the topic:

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Microinsurance Centre:
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Access to Insurance Initiative:
www.access-to-insurance.org

Microinsurance Innovation Facility
of the ILO:
www.ilo.org/microinsurance

International Microinsurance
Conference:
www.microinsuranceconference.org

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