



**Facilitation of Citizens' Engagement In
Development Planning (CEDP) For Village And
Neighborhood Councils in District Haripur**

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Executive Summary

A consultative and engaging process of Citizens' Engagement in Development Planning (CEDP) was carried out to develop VCDP in all 180 VC/NCs of district Haripur to follow up on the erstwhile trainings conducted by GIZ and CDLD. CRDO engaged **TECHNICAL EXPERTS WHO WORKED IN COLLABORATION WITH** key stakeholders in VC/NC like Nazim, Secretary, female and youth councilors who played a crucial role in identification and prioritization of problems/needs of their respective areas. CRDO facilitated the process of Citizen Engagement in Development Planning (CEDP) at VC/NC level. Community members actively participated throughout and the process truly reflected the actual needs/priorities of the community since it entailed bottom up approach. VCDP development through CEDP was the first step toward integrated district development planning in district Haripur as the process entailed bottom-up approach. The major steps undertaken for VC-NCDP are: village or neighbourhood profiling, identification of social groups and geographical areas (mohallahs, consultation of social groups) consultation with social groups/mohallahs, reflection on consultation, data analysis and identification of development options, preparation of village development plan. The problems highlighted reflect ground realities at local level.

The process is built upon the LG Act 2013, article 29h wherein it has been explained that one of the major roles of VC/NC is to identify the development needs of their respective area, which may also be used by the Tehsil and District. The exercise also strengthened relations between different government tiers and brings more harmony for collective actions. Elected representatives, social activists and local government functionaries were devoted and determined to contribute toward betterment of their communities and improve upon service delivery for better local governance. The process of CEDP was carried out in synergies and close collaboration with CDLD programme under the umbrella of LG department at district and provincial level.