

Partner Capacity Assessment

Development process is complex in nature since it involves people, resources, formal and non-formal structures etc. Financial resources are integral to any development work. Facilitating a process by which resources reach the implementing organizations, ensuring smooth implementation of the planned activities and complying with the reporting requirements are major links in development cooperation. The voluntary organizations which facilitate the development process are a result of voluntary efforts. Therefore, they may have very little resources to invest in organizational strengthening which is quite critical to effective implementation of programmes. At the same time, the donors expect highly professional service delivery with efficient systems and structures in place. In the above scenario, a donor, before entering into a funding co-operation, is presently more keen to be assured if the funds that are to be provided to a development organisation will be effectively managed or not and if the organization possesses the required capacities to govern the same. This has laid the base for undertaking a Capacity Assessment or a Pre-funding Appraisal. The outcome of this Appraisal will enable an informed decision about funding the organization.

Pre-funding appraisal by FMSF is a diagnostic tool used to identify the competencies, capacities, skills and limitations an organization may have to undertake the project. It is designed to assess the strength of the organization and also at the same time to identify the areas where it needs to develop capacities. The main focus of the pre-funding appraisal is on sound financial management, administrative structure and governance. Such an appraisal helps the donor agencies to make appropriate decisions regarding funding. It also brings out areas where special attention needs to be given while monitoring the project.