8 STEPS TO COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT

Based on one of the most extensive community-led surveys on global development, involving 800 people in 8 countries, these 8 steps show how local expertise can ensure development benefits more people.

1 START WITH A PEOPLE'S PLAN

" Have a consultation based on the opinions of people who will be directly affected by the project, not only with government officials."

Have never been given the chance to propose ideas for development projects.
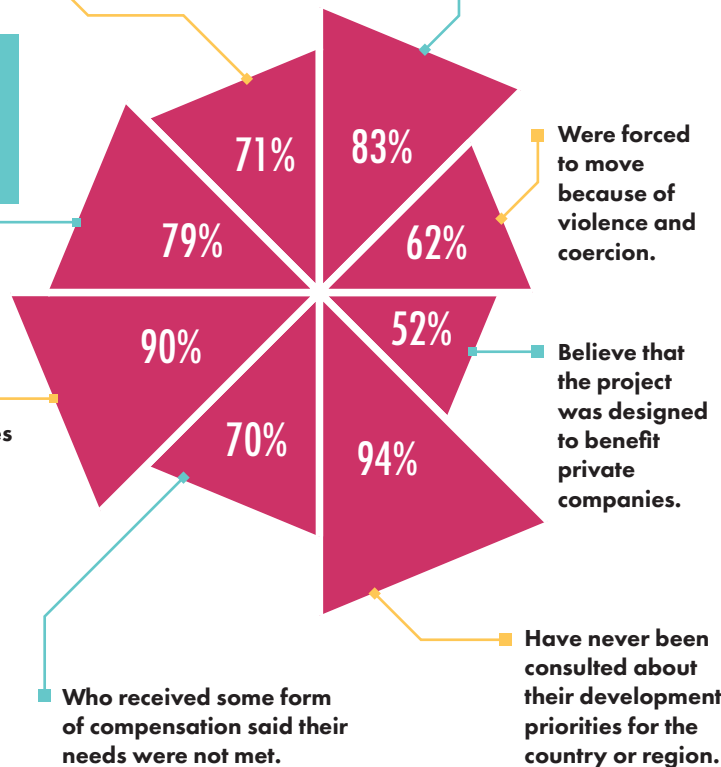
2 ADDRESS BARRIERS TO REAL PARTICIPATION

" A good consultation should not include soldiers. People should be allowed to talk freely and the information must be given in advance for people to read and consult."

Were forced to move because of violence and coercion.

3 PURSUE PROJECT DESIGNS THAT UPHOLD HUMAN RIGHTS

" Develop a project that preserves sustainable livelihoods and has no negative impact on the environment and ecology."

Believe that the project was designed to benefit private companies.

4 ENSURE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE INFORMS PROJECT DESIGN

" People who are affected by the project should always be involved in the planning process."

Have never been consulted about their development priorities for the country or region.

5 TREAT RESETTLEMENT AS ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

" They call it relocation, but they did not give us land to relocate to. Just a little money, which we did not want."

Who received some form of compensation said their needs were not met.

6 UTILIZE INFORMATION FROM COMMUNITY MONITORING

" We exposed companies that were abusing community rights and those that were polluting. We took companies that were polluting to court."

Did not participate in any activities to measure the real value of their homes, land and resources that would be lost or destroyed.

7 ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ANY HARM CAUSED

" The government thinks just digging everywhere is development. What we have here is not development, it is killing us slowly."

Do not know how to file a complaint about the project.

8 ALWAYS TAKE A HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT

" Poverty will only end if people's rights are respected."

Believe the most important way to measure the benefits of a development project is to see if it improves quality of life and if it respects and protects human rights.

Chart percentages: 83% • 62% • 52% • 94% • 70% • 90% • 79% • 71%

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