

## **Phases of Local Research**

The following is an outline of the main components of the local research, to be carried out by the communities participating in the Gender-based Analysis for Community-Based Poverty Reduction Project (Gender and Poverty project).

Including this local research within the Gender and Poverty project is one way for the participating communities to gain a greater understanding of the gender dimensions of poverty in their communities (neighborhoods/regions).

The local research findings may be presented at the workshops and may also contribute to building the capacity within Vibrant Communities initiatives for planning and development of local outcomes.

### **1. Narrative Profile**

The narrative profile will provide an overview of what has been done to date locally and regionally, reviewing and drawing insights from key reports on research and initiatives related to gender based analysis and gender based poverty reduction work in each community/region. The activities to date of local Vibrant Communities initiatives may be relevant to this overview.

### **2. Statistical Gender and Poverty Profile**

This research includes compiling a preliminary statistical profile on the local and regional gender dimensions of poverty. The kind of information we are looking for in this profile would be a breakdown of women and men with low incomes according to:

- Age
- Education levels
- Family type
- Household size
- Housing type
- Sub-group (e.g., visible minority, disabled, immigrant)
- Depth of poverty

To assist with this component of the research, the project team will be looking into providing some technical assistance (to be discussed further in the August 8<sup>th</sup> teleconference call)

## Appendix 2

### 3. *Focus Groups (optional)*

Depending on need and available resources, in order to get a sense of how a particular sub-group of women experience poverty, communities may find it useful to hold a focus group (or groups), in advance of the workshops. The outcome(s) of these focus groups could provide greater depth of understanding and complement the poverty profiles described above.

### 4. *Documenting the Process*

The impact of each community's involvement in the Gender and Poverty project will be chronicled in order to deepen and sustain the learning as well as to measure the growth/take a look at what impact participating in the Gender and Poverty project has had on the poverty reduction work taking place within the Vibrant Communities initiative.

The documentation will also include recording and reporting on the workshop outcomes and the process.

The specific way in which the documentation is completed will look different in each community, as flexibility to work on this piece in innovative ways is encouraged!

**Questions for Discussion** (please think about prior to the Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> teleconference call)

1. In what ways could this research take your current poverty reduction work, or that of others in your community, further?
2. Is the experience of a particular sub group of women living in poverty in your community in need of further research and action now?
3. Can you think of any local/regional organizations or campaigns involved in gender related poverty reduction that the project researcher, Marina Biasutti, should contact? (Marina will be developing some case studies for the workshop orientation packages based on local, regional and international activities.)



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