

Preface

This study is an attempt to identify the Government and Non-Government Organizations relationship that exists in the field of Rural Development. Effective and meaningful partnership between Government and NGOs has become imperative for both partners in accelerating the development activities. Government alone cannot perform all activities due to the changing scenario and NGOs have emerged as a strong element in the development process. NGOs have introduced themselves as innovative, flexible, independent and responsive to the problems of poor people at the grassroots level. Thus showing the need of GO-NGO Partnership which will ensure utilization of scarce resources in more efficient way where comparative advantages will be beneficial for both the parties.

In this research, study area was Assam where considerable number of NGOs are operating. For the present study eight NGOs were selected from seven districts like, Kamrup, Barpeta, Nogaon, Morigaon, Cachar, N.C. Hills and Jorhat. Both GOs and NGOs have their own view about their partnership process. Different authors have identified different theories of partnership. Comprehensive study of the existing literature provides the background for the study.

From the theoretical background, a framework was developed which leads to partnership. Different indicators identified different variables of the study that will identify the existence of partnership.

This Study was conducted by using interview method. Both close ended and open ended questions were used in this purpose. Respondents from both Government Organizations and NGOs gave their opinion. From the Government side selection criteria and attitude towards NGOs were the determining factor and from NGO's view point organizational objectives, roles and responsibilities were the determining factor.

The study found that despite many problems between GOs and NGOs, partnership work is in existence. Senior officials are willing to work with NGOs then junior officials.

Most of the variables show positive inclination towards partnership and the study shows positive trend. This is very significant for state like Assam.

The Government sector in Assam is much powerful in the relationship and hold regulatory authority with them. So measures should be taken for enactment of adequate rules so that partnership can be meaningful for both the parties.

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