

The Education for Rural People (ERP) Toolkit

Fostering education, training and capacity development

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The ERP Tool kit provides education and training materials for extension staff, rural teachers, instructors, trainers, of trainers, parents, researchers, and others involved in formal and non formal education for rural people who is the majority of the world poor.

The tool kit is available at:
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPtktoolkit_en.htm

What's ERP

ERP is a partnership contributing to reducing poverty, building a food secure world and improving the living conditions of rural populations by developing poor people capacity and empowerment through education and training. This is done by contributing to removing the barriers that prevent poor people from using their capacity such as the urban-rural knowledge and education gap.

How does ERP work

ERP works through the identification of political, institutional, organizational and individual opportunities and constraints that poor people face in accessing education and training services at all levels of the education systems and in formal and non formal settings, as well as valuing their strengths and

facilitating the unleash of their capacity. The partnership, led by FAO, is a call for member countries, United Nations agencies, Civil Society, academic institutions and private sector for coordinated, increased efforts in targeting rural people's learning needs by promoting increased access to quality education.

The flagship's aims and objectives

- Building awareness on the importance of **ERP** as a crucial step to achieve all the **Millennium Development Goals**,
- Increasing access to education and training for rural people.
- Improving the quality of education and training in rural areas.
- Fostering the national capacity to plan and implement ERP as part of national Rural Development and Education plans
- Strengthening intersectoral collaboration between agriculture and education ministries -at all levels of formal and non formal education and training institutions to promote ERP as well as collaboration in nutrition education; technical and vocational agriculture and forestry education and training institutes; higher agriculture education; extension and skills training.



About 70 percent of the poor live in rural areas. In the least developed countries about 70 percent of people make a living from agriculture



Research has shown that food insecurity is highly correlated with educational deprivation



Education is an essential prerequisite for reducing poverty, improving agricultural productivity, enhancing living conditions for a more food-secure world



This flagship is a call for a collaborative action to address rural-urban disparities by targeting the educational needs of rural people



The flagship's activities

- Technical support to countries willing to address the education and training needs of the rural people by formulating specific strategies as part of national Rural Development and Education plans.
- Advocate and mobilize partnerships for ERP by concentrating on strategic global, regional and international capacity development events, and encouraging the same within countries.
- Support the exchange of good practices and knowledge on ERP.

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