“The global recession has taught us how excluded we all are from some of the most fundamental decisions which affect our lives”

WHO ARE WE?

Praxis UK is a not–for–profit NGO specialising in participatory approaches to sustainable development. Our mission is to reduce poverty by enabling excluded people to have an active and influential say in their own equitable and sustainable development. We are part of the Praxis international alliance with partner organisations in the UK and throughout Asia and Africa. As a development NGO originating from India, we also bring the Southern perspective on development policy and practice to the North.

WHO DO WE WORK FOR?

At the core of all of our activities are excluded, marginalised and discriminated groups throughout the world. Groups that want a voice, but don’t have one. We strive to listen and learn from communities about what they want to say regarding their lives, before facilitating a capacity building process for them to be heard.

WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

Praxis UK has a wide base of clients and partners with whom we work around the world. In all of our work we take a capacity building approach with organisations we work with – ensuring that they feel they have achieved lasting change from which to build upon themselves. Organisations in the UK and internationally we have worked with include:

* National and local governments
* International and regional development banks
* United Nations Agencies
* Bilateral donors
* Non-governmental organisations

WHAT DO WE DO?

Core programmes: Initiated by us, these are at the heart of Praxis’ work. They respond to the expressed needs of excluded groups who wish to have a greater say in decisions which affect their lives. They also create platforms for people from the South to voice their concerns and be heard in the North. Our core projects address what we consider to be some of the major themes where issues of power, rights and participation are most evident today.

Research and Development: We are constantly striving to ensure that our work both informs, and is informed by latest good practice. Praxis has researched, developed and published a large number of methodologies, resource packs and policy papers on participation.

Policy: Praxis also contributes to current and emerging policy debates around sustainable development, in particular, advocating for people’s Right to Participate. Our policy work also involves trying to create new political spaces and technologies for the excluded to have a meaningful voice in policy decisions.

Develop Partnerships: we continually look for new partnerships in order to maximise synergies, creativity and sustainability to achieve shared goals.

Our vision is a world without poverty, in which every person has a right to participate in decisions which affect their lives.
TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Praxis UK provides a range of technical support services in a variety of participatory approaches. Through our staff and network of consultants from the South, we offer a range of services to governments, NGOs, multi and bi-lateral institutions:

- Participatory tools and methods
- Institutionalising participatory approaches
- Action research
- Community immersions for policy makers
- Participatory video
- Participatory policy processes
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Participatory Poverty Assessments
- Participatory evaluations

We have expertise in a variety of fields including social exclusion, poverty reduction, water & sanitation, health, natural resource management, humanitarian relief, HIV/AIDS, urban and rural development.

To find out more about Praxis UK and how our services can improve the quality and sustainability of your work, visit www.praxis-uk.org

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Four strategic directions inspire us and give us guidance.

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