

Nairobi Work Programme: Practical Action's progress on implementing its action pledge April 2009

Practical Action is seeking to strengthen livelihood security among poor communities that are vulnerable to natural disasters through a number of awareness raising and knowledge sharing activities.

Element of pledge:

Documenting and publishing useful experiences from their work on community-based adaptation in South Asia.

Progress:

Our book, Understanding climate change adaptation: lessons from community based approaches has just been published. It documents 8 case studies, from South Asia, Peru and Africa, analyzing them within a conceptual framework. The book can be bought through: www.practicalactionpublishing.org.uk

Element of pledge:

Producing and disseminating audio-visual material that could help enhance the knowledge and skills necessary to adapt to climate change.

Progress:

DVDs of Practical Action's first projects in four South Asian countries on CBA have been produced. Copies have been widely circulated in the countries, and versions run at conferences and workshops, including on our stand in Bali at COP 13. DVDs on our work on disaster risk reduction through strengthening livelihoods are similarly being prepared for wide circulation on Youtube, as well as on Practical Action's website.; in this programme of work, climate change is seen as the cause of most weather-related disasters.

Element of pledge:

In the future we intend to build upon Practical Action's current experience in using participatory video to help capture local knowledge in a manner that is owned by and shared with communities.

Progress:

Practical Action is currently working with IIED using participatory video to capture the impact of climate change on communities, and then monitor and evaluate programmes to increase their resilience and adaptive capacity. This work is now under way.

Element of pledge

Practical Action will also continue undertaking projects in order to establish best practice.

Progress:

Practical Action is actively seeking funding to undertake more community based programmes on adaptation, and has recently won funding for new work in Nepal and Bangladesh. In Peru, new funding proposals are also being prepared.

Element of pledge

[Practical Action] will work to develop of an analytical framework to guide planning and analysis of adaptation

Progress:

The framework is included in the book on CBA; it will also be published as a stand-alone paper, and circulated widely to the academic, donor and other development institutions for comment. A version more suitable for practitioners will also be prepared.