



COMMEET

Fellowship for Community Empowerment

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do you do as COMMEET?

We empower communities to take the responsibility for their future in their own hands, and also to make a start with that. Empowering means for us: we create awareness in communities, we activate them, we enable them. But we do not assist them with their actual development. That is something they have to do themselves.

We deliver Community Empowerment Support; we do NOT deliver Community Development Aid.

Why do you do this as COMMEET?

We do this because we have seen that the traditional Development Planning and subsequent Capacity Development is almost always organised with the Triple Helix approach (cooperation between Policymakers, Company Leaders and Educators). For us at COMMEET the reason for the frequent lack of success in these campaigns is obvious. We believe that in these cases the most important partner is missing, and that is the civil population. We want to scale up from a Triple Helix to a Quadruple Helix approach, and give the priority to the Civil Population. We want to demonstrate that Sustainable Regional Development is always more successful if and when the local population has had the first and most important say in their community's future development.

Where do you work?

We work globally. The upgrade from Triple to Quadruple Helix is a global challenge. So we are not focused on the Third World; we work for the entire world. Although our first pilots until now have been in Bangladesh, we are already planning our consecutive projects in the USA, Mexico and Russia as well. It is our firm intention to run these diverse pilots, in order to test and to demonstrate that our approach is robust over cultural differences and applicable worldwide.

How do you do your work?

1. We provide Toolkits, instruments to start up yourself (free of charge).
2. We present a website with inspiring examples, Good Practices, Role Models

to ask for information, and professional organisations to ask for help and partnerships (free of charge).

3. We provide coaching in the Empowerment Phase (for a fee; this is part of our pay model).

Is TVET/Entrepreneurship your priority at COMMEET?

We at COMMEET agree that TVET/Entrepreneurship is an important driver for the community's future. Every community needs perfect tuning with its vocational training centres to ensure that the economic dynamics will take place in the most relevant direction, thus providing the next generation with decent and well-accepted jobs and sufficiently sustainable SME start-ups.

But a community's future is multifaceted. That is why we also deliver Toolkits on other subjects:

- Civil Rights
- Gender Equality
- Migrant Integration
- Protection of Minors

.....and many more.

It is entirely up to the community to decide which urgencies are most relevant for them in their own situation.