

Nobody Has Nothing!

Start with what you have, build with what you know

'Nobody has nothing' – our mantra which means everyone in the community regardless of who you are, how old you are, girl, boy, man or woman, everyone has something to contribute.

Traditionally, international development programs have focused on the needs and problems that communities face. But with the Strengths Based Approach, community members recognise their collective strengths and assets and work together towards the common good. This can bring about transformational, sustainable development.

Strengths can take the form of:



Human

Skills, knowledge, labour, compassion, helping



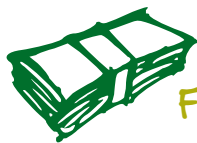
Natural

Land, water, fertile soil, animals



Social

Social networks, associations, and organisations



Financial

Cash, livestock, grain stores, savings, pensions, cash



Physical

Roads, bridges, clinics, schools, transport, shelter, water supply, sanitation Stories of past success

In this approach, communities

- Map their assets using a variety of tools.
- Develop a vision for their community.
- Regularly monitor their own progress.

Challenge

Think about the different communities you are a part of. What strengths and assets do you have collectively, that you could use to work for social justice?



Be Active

5 ways to build a more just world

How can you contribute to ending poverty, promoting justice and upholding dignity?



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