

POST WORKSHOP OVERVIEW OF PARTICIPATORY PROJECT MANAGEMENT (PPM) WORKSHOP: DARWIN 8-10th APRIL 2019

The Northern Territory's Department of Health, Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch hosted a Participatory Project Management (PPM) workshop in Darwin from the 8-10th April 2019. This was facilitated by Chris Piper, an experienced Global Development Practitioner, who is also the TorqAid – www.torqaid.com CEO and Senior Facilitator.



Since 2002 over 65, mainly accredited PPM workshops have been facilitated by TorqAid across Australia and overseas¹. Australian ones involving community development practitioners working with Aboriginal communities in remote, rural and urban settings, have been run in Alice Springs, Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Perth, Adelaide and Canberra. Overseas PPM locations have included PNG, Fiji, Indonesia, India, Afghanistan and Albania.

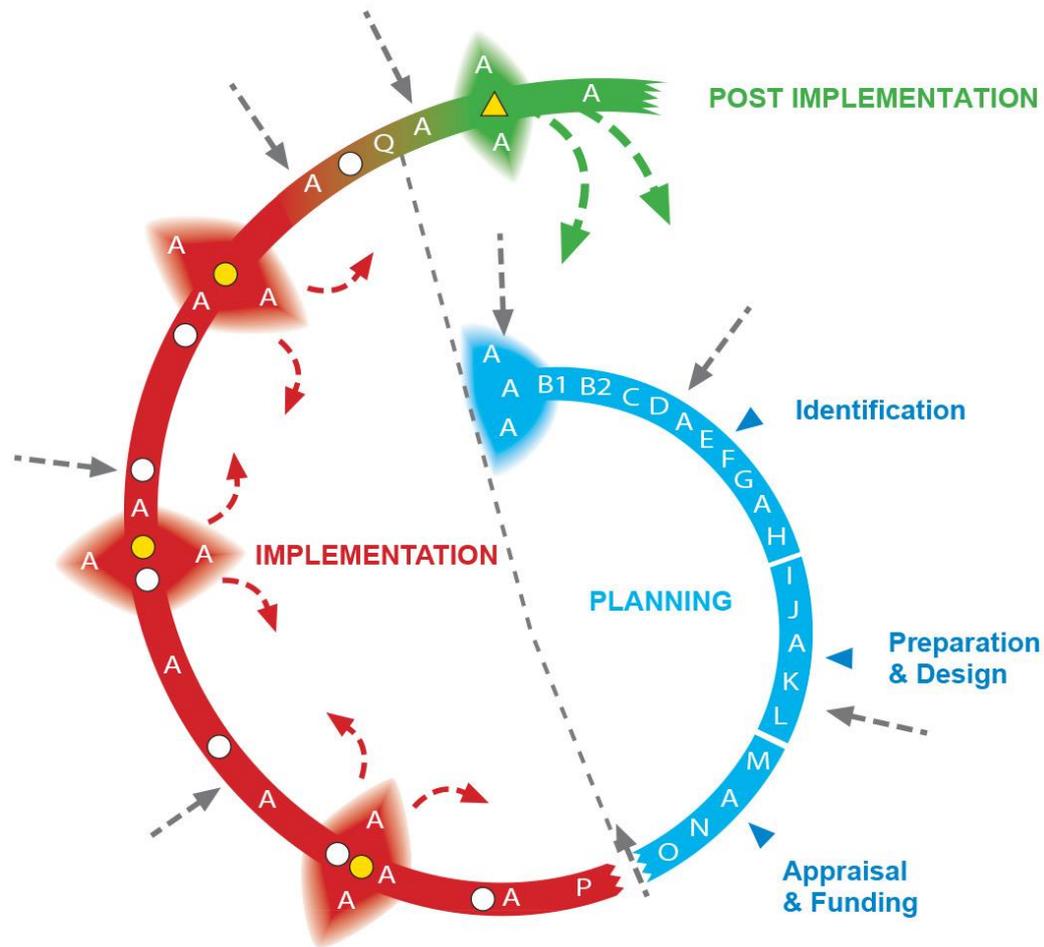
A number of aspects of the PPM are unique. An easy to understand Project Management Cycle (PMC) is utilised, this having been refined, with PPM student input, over the years. A practical Project Design Document (PDD) is introduced, which highlights the key components of any project. A range of participatory tools are introduced, these including the Ten Seed Technique (TST) and the Seasonal Calendar. The TST is a brilliant aid in helping identify community strengths and challenges, and was used in three workshop exercises. The principal one of these was to brainstorm, rank, and then analyse, using causes, effects and possible solutions, the challenges of working in Aboriginal Community Development projects across Outback Australia. Issues such as Objectives and Risk Management were also addressed in the workshop, as were examples from successful community engagement processes from around the world. The latter included the latest Communication with Community (CwC) initiatives currently carried out in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, with both Rohingya refugee, and the Bangladesh host, communities.

This customised 2.5 day PPM workshop was customised from the accredited 3 day PPM workshop (see www.torqaid.com/ppm-generic). For further information on this (or the DRM) program, please contact the Chris Piper, TorqAid Director on 0412 49 7317; pipercm@iprimus.com.au, and www.torqaid.com.



¹ TorqAid has also facilitated over 40, mainly accredited, Disaster Risk Management (DRM) workshops – see <http://www.torqaid.com/drm-generic>

THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CYCLE



Key to the Project Management Cycle

PLANNING STAGE

IDENTIFICATION

- A. Relationship Building/Community Interaction
- B1. Understanding the Background Context
- B2. Needs Analysis, Strengths, Challenges
- C. Identifying/Analysing Key Stakeholders
- D. Collecting Baseline Data/Setting Objectives
- E. Identifying Possible Solutions
- F. Identifying Potential Sources of Funding
- G. Feasibility Studies (if required)
- H. Commencing Risk Management Process

PREPARATION & DESIGN

- I. Preparing Initial Documentation
- J. Assessment of Initial Documentation
- K. Modifying the Project Documentation
- L. Preparing a Project Design Document (PDD)

APPRAISAL & FUNDING

- M. Appraising the PDD
- N. Final Project Documentation
- O. Preparing a Funding Proposal

IMPLEMENTATION STAGE

Ongoing Monitoring, Reflection, Management & Administration

- A. Relationship Building / Community Interaction
- P. Reviewing Project Documentation
- Q. Final Project Reports

- Regular Reports
- Reviews

Learning and Sharing Lessons

POST IMPLEMENTATION STAGE

- A. Relationship Building / Community Interaction
- Post Project Evaluation

Learning and Sharing Lessons

Field Visits

M&E (Monitoring & Evaluation) includes Monitoring, Reports, Reviews, Evaluation

MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, Learning) includes Monitoring, Reports, Reviews, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning Lessons



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