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Masters of Arts Development Studies – Distance Learning

NGO Domain

Module 7: NGOs and Development

End of Year Three (2013/2014) Examination

Tuesday, 17th June 2014

10:00am – 1:00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
 2. Read each question carefully and write legibly.
 3. Attempt question one and any other two questions from the rest
 4. Do not write anything on this question paper
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Question One (Compulsory)

Read the article below: “NGO's and the Help that Hinders” by Arundhati Roy and answer the questions that follow.

NGO's real contribution is that they defuse political anger and dole out as aid or benevolence what people ought to have by right. NGOs alter the public psyche. They turn people into dependent victims and blunt political resistance.

There are NGOs doing valuable work; there are also fake NGOs set up either to siphon off grant money or as tax dodges. Most wealthy NGOs are financed and patronized by aid and development agencies, funded by western governments, the World Bank, the United Nations and multinational corporations.

They're what botanists would call an indicator species. The greater the devastation caused by neoliberalism, the greater the outbreak of NGOs. Nothing illustrates this more poignantly than the phenomenon of the US preparing to invade a country while simultaneously readying NGOs to clean up the resultant devastation.

To ensure their funding is not jeopardised NGOs have to present themselves in a

shallow framework. Another malnourished Indian, starving Ethiopian, Afghan refugee camp, maimed Sudanese in need of the white man's help.

They unwittingly reinforce racist stereotypes and reaffirm the achievements, the comforts and the compassion - the tough love - of western civilization. They're the secular missionaries of the modern world.

Using the information generated from the article above, critique the role of NGOs ⁱⁿ the development of your country.

Question Two

- a. Discuss the key features of NGOs operating in your country.
- b. Explain the reasons for increased proliferation of NGOs in the developing world after 1945.

Question Three

NGOs are claimed to be promoting alternative development". How is this alternative development different from the mainstream development paradigm based on modernization theory?

Question Four

The government of Uganda ~~is set~~ is set to ~~be~~ upgrade the 135 km Kigumba-Masindi-Hima-Kabwoya road from gravel to bitumen standard by the end of this year. Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) recently initiated the procurement process for the road works.

The upgrade will be divided into two lots. Lot One comprises the upgrading of the Kigumba-Bulima road (69km), starting from Kigumba which is located approximately 210km from Kampala along the Kampala-Hoima highway. The road traverses the districts of Kiryadongo and Masindi.

Works on the Bulima-Kabwoya road (66km) will form Lot Two of the project. "The road works shall comprise upgrading the existing Class B gravel road to Class II bitumen standard 7.0m wide carriageway and 1.5 to 2.0m wide shoulders on either side, with a gravel sub-base, graded crushed stone base and double bituminous surface treatment," Dan Alinange, the roads authority's head of corporate communications told New Vision.

The works will be funded through a loan from the African Development Bank (AfDB) and will cost about \$150m, though the procurement process could alter its cost. The upgrade falls under The Road Sector Support Programme (RSSP4). It is co-financed by the Government, and various development partners including the AfDB.

In order to give way for upgrading and expansion of this major highway, this project is set to evict and displace thousands of homesteads and grossly affect their livelihoods including shelter, business, health facilities, education and other social amenities among others.

Expected

As a Human Rights NGO Executive, write a brief to the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works and transport in the Uganda government and copy to the various human rights groups stating how this abrupt eviction will affect these people.

Question Five

Using relevant examples, write short notes on the following topics

- a. NGOs and Political change
- b. Northern and Southern NGOs

Question Six

Using examples from your country, discuss the role of Women movements in the empowerment of women in rural areas.