

# Field Visit Guide

## Guidelines for Discussions and Reporting During Field Visits

Field visits help participants understand what the host organizations do and why they do it, showing how they use local talents and resources to support their communities. Since not all places we visit may be familiar with concepts like Use Your Talents, Asset Mapping, or Asset-Based Community Development, it's essential to ask questions without using technical terms or concepts they might not know. By talking openly with the hosts in simple, everyday language, participants learn from their real-life experiences, challenges, and successes, deepening their knowledge and respect for the community's hard work. This approach makes it easier for everyone to share openly and fosters a genuine exchange of ideas and insights.

## Roles Within the Visiting Group

**Group Leader:** Responsible for guiding discussions on behalf of the visiting group.

**Reporter:** Takes notes and prepares a summary report after the visit.

**Translator:** Provided by the organizers, if necessary, to assist in communication.

**Photographer:** Captures images to document the visit (with permission from the hosts).

## Key Discussion Topics

These suggested topics will help guide your discussions. Feel free to explore additional areas of interest or relevance during the visit.

### 1. Activity Overview

- What is the focus of the organization's activities or projects?
- What is the mission or vision behind these activities?
- How did the project or idea originate?

### 2. People Involved

- Who participates in or contributes to this work?
- How is the work organized and managed?

### 3. Development and Growth

- How has the organization's work evolved over time?
- What strategies have they used to reach their goals?

#### 4. Mission Link

- How does this activity align with the organization's mission?

#### 5. Talent and Asset Utilization

- What local resources are being used or developed in this activity?
- How does the organization identify and apply these resources?

#### 6. Community Involvement

- Does the organization involve the community? If so, how?
- What methods are used to engage community members?

#### 7. Networking and Collaboration

- What networks or partnerships have contributed to the success of this work?
- How do these relationships support the organization's mission?

#### 8. Additional Topics

- Any other relevant points or insights gained during the discussion.

### **Reporting After the Visit**

After the field visit, the reporter will compile a summary report based on the group's discussions with the hosts. This report should cover the key topics discussed, insights gained, and any noteworthy observations or reflections from the visit. This report will establish the basis for the presentation to the others about the field visits.

By following these guidelines, participants can ensure their field visits are insightful, respectful, and productive. Observing and learning from real-world applications of UYT principles can inspire new ideas and reinforce the positive impact of asset-based approaches in community development.