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Invitation to join the Eldis Poverty Resource Guide Steering Group

Following our recent Eldis poverty survey, we would now like to invite you to become a member of our Eldis Poverty Resource Guide Steering Group.

Rather than setting up a traditional steering group and committee meetings, we would like to experiment with a less structured format which should allow us to meet our objectives and some of yours. The proposed format is:

- Coordinated by email and telephone
- A short "debriefing" session on materials or activities you would like to see reflected on the site (using an email form and possibly a telephone call to follow up)
- Ongoing, ad hoc input from you (occasional emails if you come across something of interest)
- Occasional group consultations on strategic issues (coordinated by email)
- Individual contributions of pieces of work for features
- Possibility of some detailed pieces of work on dossiers (which may be a re-working of existing text or the writing of new text)

We hope to recruit at least 40 advisors within this loose framework.

Ultimately, we aim is to have a series of research themes that have essentially evolved within a southern context.

We hope that this will benefit Eldis by bringing in your and the group's experience of research, policy and practice issues.

We hope that it will benefit you by providing an additional outlet for your views, an opportunity for you to publish on the web, features on your own publications and networking opportunities with the rest of the group and with our website users.

By keeping the workload light and mostly ad hoc, we hope this will not be too much of a burden for you. Financially, we have been able to allocate a small amount of money to help this group function. Rather than pay a fixed honorarium to each Group member, we would prefer to spend this on supporting the members of the Group who are able to spend more time working with and whose time cannot be covered from other sources. This may focus on the more detailed advisory work required on extended features or dossiers (though we would aim to base these around pre-existing texts). We can also pay for the Group's access to photocopies of materials from the IDS library, if these are needed for review purposes.

If this sounds like an interesting opportunity for you, please complete and return the attached form, or get in touch with me directly with any questions.

Best wishes,

Rahel S. Otieno

Editor,

Eldis Poverty Resource Guide.

Steering group membership form

Section 1: Contact details

Details on how to keep in touch with you. We will also use this to create a steering-group members page so that our members know who each other are

Section 2: Debriefing section

A quick brain-dump section: let us know about the websites, topics, upcoming documents and people who we should have in the our guide

Section 3: Feature and Dossier Planning

For your suggestions on how you might like to get involved in a more substantial way, on either features or dossiers

Section 1:

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF:
Name:
Email Address:
Telephone Contact:
Postal Address:
Name of organisation:
Address of organisation:
Additional Information:

Section 2: Debriefing

Initial brain-dump:

Your immediate suggestions on what we need to cover and who we need to contact

Your documents that we need to include:

Papers you have published:

Other documents we need to include:

Issues we need to cover:

Projects we need to find out about:

People or institutions we should contact:

Websites we need to monitor: (Please include detail of website name and URL)

Other:

Section 3:

More in-depth contributions

Let us know if you have more time (or if you have material of your own / your institutions) which you would like to see turned into our extended dossier format (see <http://www.eldis.org/gender/dossiers/index.htm>) or into a shorter feature (see <http://www.eldis.org/food/malawi>)

We may be able to provide small-scale funding for this work.

We will discuss with you in detail any proposals for this type of work

Features:

Dossiers:

