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# Considerations on an Exposure and Dialogue Programme

## on Sustainable Sanitation/the ecosan approach

India 30th October

## Mission

In cooperation with innovative partners, the Exposure and Dialogue Programme (EDP) Association facilitates direct encounters between people living in poverty and decision-makers from the fields of politics, public administration, business, science, the church and the civil society.

Through the experience of the daily life of the hosts and of their life story, poverty is made concrete. – Development has got a face.

Such personal encounter with the poor is to facilitate a change of perspective which can motivate participants to work more strongly for selfhelp-oriented poverty reduction.

To make this happen, EDP is being organised as a platform of reflection and dialogue.

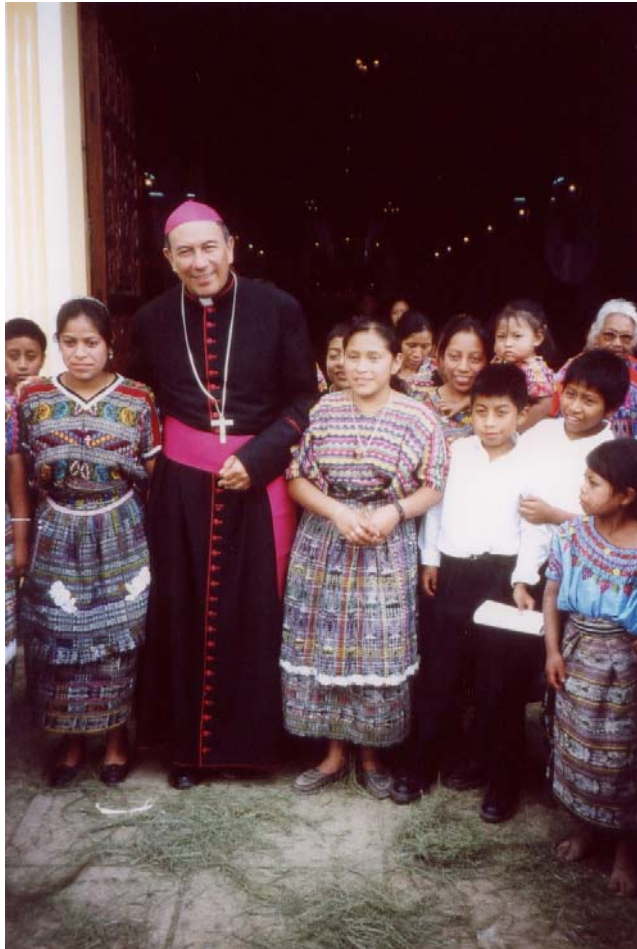
# Aims and Objectives

- **Strengthen professional competence of decision-makers**
- **Develop and improve poverty reduction strategies and development practice**
- **Networking among local and international organisations**



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## Who are our Partners ?



## Potential Partners in India

- Navsarjan Trust – Gujarat
- SCOPE – Tamil Nadu
- Ecosan Service Foundation - Maharashtra
- Water & Sanitation, KRWSSA – Karnataka

# Composition of Exposure Groups



Bangladesh

Exposure means

Sharing Life...



Lothar Binding (SPD),  
2004 Bolivia (right)

Claudia Nolte, Ex-Minister for Family Affairs  
EDP India 2000, WOTR (above)

Sharing work...



...staying overnight at family homes



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## ... and learn from the people



*„The most particular effect of the water project is that people are being encouraged to go also for other initiatives. In this village I have realized once more that development cooperation needs to relate to the living realities and why some compost facilities that were funded in the past did not really work.“*

Mrs Bärbel Höhn, MP  
participant of WOTR EDP, India 2006

## Examples what participants learned



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*“Whenever I have to decide on a new project, I picture the faces of my host family and ask myself: What would be the impact of this project on a family comparable to the one I stayed with?”*

**KfW Development Bank official**

*“I have realised that my life in the capital does not at all relate to the life of the poor in those local communities up-country. To feel that type of truth is the best learning experience, which may lead to realistic problem solving, instead of relying on theories, only.”*

**Official of Tanzanian Ministry of Water**

# Reflection



# Dialogue



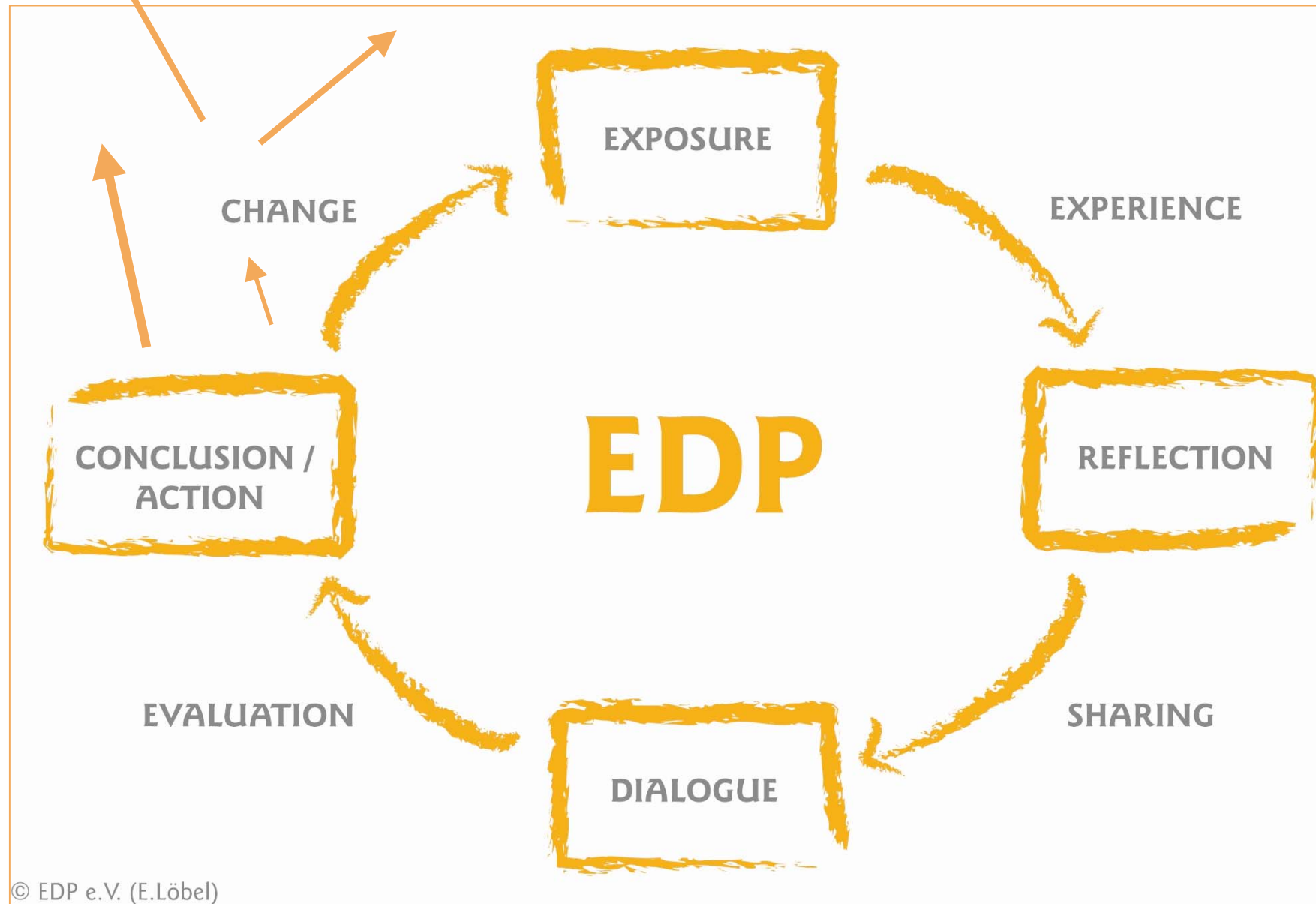
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## Follow up process

### Follow up meeting:

- **About 3-5 month after being back home (preferable with one representative of the partner organisation)**
- **Documentation of the results with the life stories and experience reports of the participants**
- **Analysis/ Publication**



## Possible Participants

- **Members of Parliament (German, Switzerland, Sweden)**
- **Representatives of Indian Government**
- **Representatives of German governmental development cooperation: GTZ, KfW, BMZ**
- **Members UNSGAB, SuSanA**
- **MDG Task Force on Water and Sanitation**
- **Representatives of projects from Africa (i.e. NETSAAF), creating networks of South-South-context**
- **Journalists**
- **GTZ Ecosan**

## Possible Subject Areas

- **Deepening knowledge on ecosan systems on site through host families**
- **Highlighting advantages of reuse-oriented sanitation systems**
- **Visualize the interdisciplinarity and potential in the ecosan approach**
- **Pointing out connections to other MDG**



# Possible Questions in the Dialogue



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- **What are the criteria of success of ecosan systems on the spot?**
- **How are users to be integrated into decision-making processes?**
- **Which socio-cultural conditions play a role for the implementation of sustainable sanitation systems?**
- **Which societal, political, and legal frameworks are necessary?**
- **Which are possible strategies to proliferate the use of reuse oriented sanitation systems?**

## Possible Contribution of the EDP



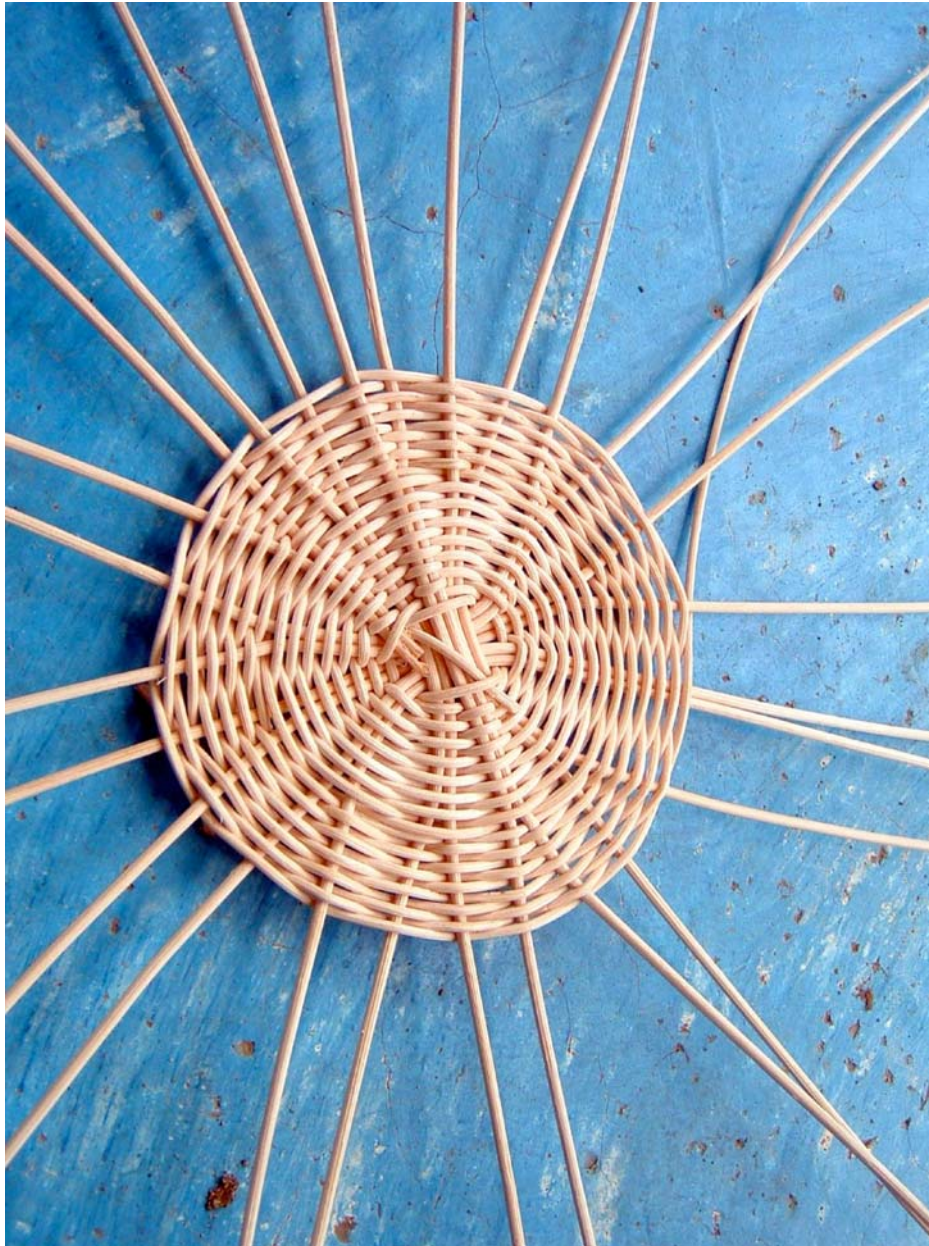
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- **Deepening knowledge on ecosan systems in practice**
- **Better Knowledge of the criteria for acceptance of the end user**
- **Tangible strategies for the proliferation of reuse oriented sanitation systems**
- **Key persons who are motivated to bring forward the necessary paradigm change**
- **Networking of national and international actors in the field of sustainable sanitation**

## Organisation and Logistics

### **Preliminary preparation itinerary**

- Till spring 2008: Elaboration of concept and goals of the planned EDP
- Spring 2008: Presentation of methodology to the partner organisation (staff involved in the organisation and conducting the EDP (facilitator) and others interested); determination of criteria for selection of host families
- Summer: Training of facilitators, visiting selected host families together with the partner organisation
- October 2008: Conducting EDP (17.-26. October 2008)
- After October 2008: Follow up with families and organisation.



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**Thank you for  
your attention!**