Learning for Development
“community radio is a powerful tool for learning for development, especially informal learning for improving health and livelihoods”
Community Radio is the Answer: What is the Question?
The Secondary Surge

• Universal Primary Education = progress

• Now a Surge to Secondary

• 400 million children aged 12-17 not in secondary school
The Secondary Surge

"every viable method must be used"

- Expand conventional public and private schools
- Develop Open Schools
- Use ICTs
- COMMUNITY MEDIA
Combat Diseases

“every viable method must be used”

• HIV/AIDS
• Malaria
• Tuberculosis
• Anemia
• Diabetes
Combat Diseases

COMMUNITY MEDIA

“a powerful means of promoting learning for health”

“the timing is perfect”
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Work in Community Radio:

1. Help with getting licences
2. Establishing and managing
3. Science for rural women
Learning for Farming

Dr Kodhandaraman Balasubramanian
Learning for Farming

“partnering with community media to link farmers to the information that can help them improve their livelihoods”

Dr Kodhandaraman Balasubramanian
Healthy Communities

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Healthy Communities

“increase the capacity of community organisations, NGOs and local public institutions to create and use community radio to improve the health and well-being of the people they serve”

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embrace the role of community radio in providing non-formal educational opportunities, especially for non-literate communities.

Community radio is a focal point for community driven learning, allowing learners to identify their own priorities based on participatory mechanisms of assessment.
Radio Dramas, storytelling and interviews in particular, are effective and low cost ways of making community voices an integral part of the learning process.

Participatory tools used in the development of learning programs encourage networking and collaboration among key local actors, as well as effective advocacy for open learning and community radio.
Follow-up to AMARC workshop:

1. To share knowledge about community-based learning programmes with the AMARC networks

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Follow-up to AMARC workshop:

2. To build capacity in community groups for designing participatory educational programming

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Follow-up to AMARC workshop:

3. To experiment and demonstrate appropriate educational community radio programmes for example on maternal and child health, diabetes, etc.

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Learning for Development is a huge challenge...

...all proven means must be used to address it
CONCLUSION

As a mass medium rooted in local contexts COMMUNITY RADIO has a vital role to play in this endeavour
THANK YOU