

TD 608

Project Management and Analysis

Part I

Project Conception and Execution



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Discussion

Paper 1

Alkire, Sabina., *Valuing Freedoms: Sen's Capability Approach and Poverty Reduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

- What do you think is the main objective of the paper?
- How does the author compare India and Pakistan?
- Do you agree with the cost-benefit analysis? What are your criticisms?
- Compare the CBA with our 6-goat system. Comment on the viability of the project for the beneficiary and the NGO.
- What are shadow prices and how do they affect the analysis of the project?
- What is the role of the NGO and what is its effect on the CBA?
- What are the “capability” attributes which the author has discussed? Do you agree with her conclusions?
- What is the basis for comparing the current operation of the NGO vis-a-vis the insurance model which she analyses?
- How do you think the author gathered various data cited in her work?

Paper 2

Ray, Isha (2005). *Get the prices right: water prices and irrigation efficiency*. *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 13 2005: 3659-3668.

- What do you think is the main objective of the paper?
- What evidence does she cite for water costs to not affect efficiency of use, and to affect efficiency of use.
- What is the distinction between opportunity costs and recovery cost.
- At the end of column 1 on page 3661, the author claims to analyze three questions. How far has she answered these?
- What are the two popular systems in Indian irrigation. Are they mutually exclusive or complementary?
- How do you think the GAMS program looks like and how is it solved?
- What are your interpretations of Fig. 1?
- The March-Delay data of Fig. 2 is surprising. What is the explanation?
- What conclusion does the author draw from Fig. 3? Do you agree?
- Discuss the last paragraph of the paper.
- How do you think the author gathered various data cited in her work?