

# **Poverty , Health and Sustainable Livelihoods**

**From Condition to Process**

# Livelihood System Dynamics

- **Health Outcomes, Poverty Processes and Livelihood Strategies**
- **From top down, managerial, expert driven welfare approaches to participatory, self-empowering ,asset- based approaches**
- **Health as central component of human capital :capacity to transform other assets into income,food and other necessities**

# **Livelihood System Dynamics cont'd**

- **Vulnerability context: Global, country, provincial, town/village contexts as nested hierarchy (trade, tourism, BSE,AIDS,SARS.**
- **Political,social,economic, cultural and environmental**
- **Poor as agents with strengths (as well) not passive recipients with only needs**
- **Power dynamics : zero to positive sum**

# Health in Assets Management

- **Recognition of assets base including health**
- **Manage them sustainably rather just use them**
- **Build on successful coping and adaptive strategies**
- **Move from projects to health sector to beyond sectors : cross-sectoral (livelihoods)**
- **Cross-sectoral policies, macro-micro linkages, public –private partnerships , gender issues , women’s networks , children and youth participation**