# 8 STEPS TO COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT

Based on one of the most extensive community-led surveys on global development, involving 800 people in eight countries, the findings of IAP's Global Advocacy Team show the darkest side of development and how local expertise is changing it.

## 1 START WITH A PEOPLE'S PLAN

" Poverty cannot be eliminated by people who stay in their offices."

## 2 ADDRESS BARRIERS TO REAL PARTICIPATION

" A good consultation should not include soldiers. People should be allowed to talk freely and the information must be given in advance for people to read and consult."

## 3 PURSUE PROJECT DESIGNS THAT UPHOLD HUMAN RIGHTS

" Develop a project that preserves sustainable livelihoods and has no negative impact on the environment and ecology."

## 4 ENSURE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE INFORMS PROJECT DESIGN

" People who are affected by the project should always be involved in the planning process."

## 5 TREAT RESETTLEMENT AS IT'S OWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

" The new place where I am living now is also an eviction site. There is a possibility we will be evicted again."

## 6 UTILIZE INFORMATION FROM COMMUNITY MONITORING

" We exposed companies that were abusing community rights and those that were polluting. We took companies that were polluting to court."

## 7 ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ANY HARM CAUSED

" The government thinks just digging every-where is development. What we have here is not development, it is killing us slowly."

## 8 TAKE A HUMAN RIGHTS BASED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT

" Government officials are not usually aware of what the community wants; therefore there is a need to consult with the community."

### Chart data and labels

- 83% — Have never been given the chance to propose ideas for development projects.
- 62% — Were forced to move because of violence and coercion.
- 52% — Believe that the project was designed to benefit private companies.
- 94% — Have never been consulted about their development priorities for the country or region.
- 84% — Of those surveyed were displaced or will soon be displaced by the project.
- 90% — Did not participate in any activities to measure the real value of their homes, land and resources that would be lost or destroyed.
- 79% — Do not know how to leave a complaint with the World Bank about the project.
- 71% — Believe the most important way to measure the benefits of a development project is to see if it improves quality of life and if it respects and protects human rights.