

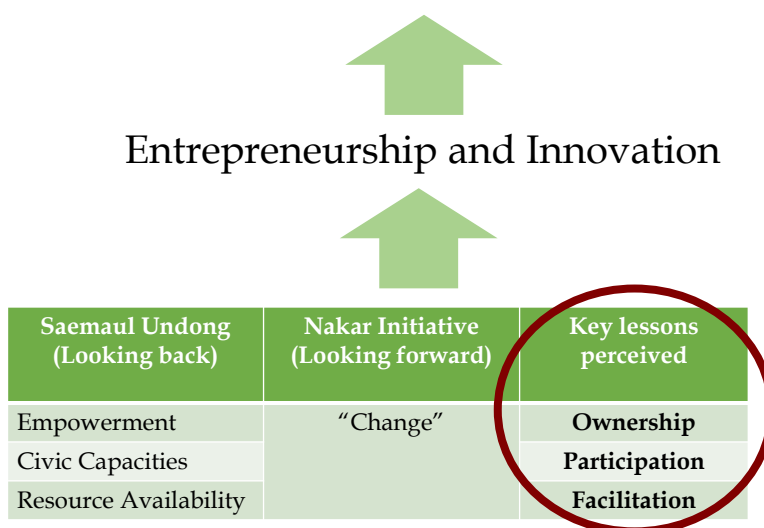
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## Saemaul Undong Movement and Nakar Initiative *perceptions and lessons*

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### Rural economic growth and agriculture development



## Lessons

### Some lessons:

- Subsidies lead to rural household debt
- Local government official's stance for rural development initiatives

### Proposed solutions:

- Diligence, self-help, and cooperation
- Decisive support

### Questions:

- What can we learn in helping transform mindset that subsidies are an "incentive" to do better?
- What helped facilitate a change in mindset of local government officials?

## Ownership

**1949:** Korea's land reform

Some 2 decades in between the land reform and the movement

**1970s:** Saemaul Undong movement

*Rural villages in Korea were developing a sense of "ownership"*



Source:  
[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2008/06/16/2008061661015.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2008/06/16/2008061661015.html)

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The late former President, Park Chung-hee points at a construction site of rural village houses in this file photo. The major idea of Saemaul Undong, which was contrived by Park, was to modernize villages and develop their infrastructure so as to get rid of old habits and customs that were regarded as superstitious. / Korea Times

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[http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/img/biz/100416\\_p10\\_saemaul3.jpg](http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/img/biz/100416_p10_saemaul3.jpg)

## Ownership

“Ownership as a catalyst”



*“In Korea’s case, a physical ownership of land that later deepens and spills over to an inner spirit of diligence, self-help, and cooperation”*

## Ownership

“Ownership as a catalyst for empowerment”



“Participation”

## Participation



Source: <http://primer.com.ph/tips-guide/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2015/12/bayanihan.jpg>

**Solidarity**  
within villages

*Entrepreneurship  
and Innovation*



Source: <http://www.gettyimages.com.au/license/174714663>

**Competition**  
between villages

## Participation

- Organization aspects and processes
- Promoting volunteerism, civic duties
- Opportunities to participate



Source: <https://fromseatosummit.files.wordpress.com/2012/03/a47e3-wwf-clean-up-7.jpg>

*“Administrative Arrangements”*  
*“Buy-in from other stakeholders”*

## Facilitation

- From “subsidy” to “incentive-oriented” support
  - Minimal role of the state
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*Lessons, inspiration, and stories of Korea experience and vision of Nakar initiative*

## Perspectives and Outlook

The value of reflecting on basic processes, principles and values that matter which are intrinsic to communities and society.

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*Community participation and empowerment*



<http://www.unicef.org/philippines/evac-school-2.jpg>

## Perspectives and Outlook

Contextualizing movement of Korea in order for it to work in our own country and using Nakar and similar initiatives like RTM of PhilRice as a start



Source: <http://www.directionfocus.com/images/effective2.jpg>

*Effective implementation, not necessarily more policies*

## Perspectives and Outlook

Distilling further, especially from the implications put forward from the paper



*Effective administration  
Ideological reform  
Minimal role of the state*

## Perspectives and Outlook

Learning from Korea's movement and Nakari initiative to address our own rural poverty agriculture development challenges

A "can-do" spirit! - "Kaya natin!"



## Perspectives and Outlook



Thank you!