Contiguous Community Development

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Social Life: The Domain of Contiguous Community Development

(a) comprises relationships created through human will, the biddings in the mental action of thinking that feed into action or human agency.

(b) provides unity in plurality (by blood, of place, and of mind across territories and relational histories) especially so in subsistent and substantive societies; these are significantly allocentric and organically interdependent.
Contiguous Community Development

- Non-directive doing of Community Development
- Relies on networks of ties to facilitate idea sharing
- Uses existing structures to spread creative ways of doing community development.

Directed Expansion

Contiguous Expansion
Contiguous Community Development is Dialogical

- Descriptive Dialogue
- Explanatory Dialogue
- Praxis Dialogue
Students spending long hours in school without food.
Parents take on opportunity to enhance attention & nutrition of their children thru nutritious porridge.
Breakfast spread to proximate communities.
Breakfasts sustained through community farms.
Utooni Development and Sand Dams

- Started in 1978 by six families.
- Main development work is sand dams
- Initially a self-help group, became a NGO with international outreach.
- Expanded to serving over 80 self help groups, built > 1,500 sand dams.
- Awarded a UNDP Equator Prize for Sustainable Land Management in sub-Saharan Africa in 2014.
UDO’s Growth
Lessons for Contiguous Facilitation

- Connecting Exposure to Praxis
- Communicating Values
- Organizational Responsiveness
Conclusion: Why Contiguous Community Development?

- Organic
- Community ownership
- Promotes dialogue and community connections
- Sustainability