MODULE 4

Social Science Research Institute

WRITING THE RESEARCH REPORT/PROPOSAL

26 October – 6 November
“[Writing a research paper] is an experience in searching out, understanding, and synthesizing that forms the basis of many skills applicable to both academic and nonacademic tasks. It is, in the fullest sense, a discovery, an education.”

Audrey J. Roth
Module 5 expects you to:

1. Have sat attentively on Modules 1 – 4 that discuss the step-by-step process in doing research,
2. Have taken down notes because a new module shall always refer to the earlier lessons,
3. Do all the exercises that some modules will ask of you, e.g., library work, participate in a FGD, go through a computer-aided lesson on data analysis. Some exercises will require you to participate in a plenary session where you present your output,
Module 5 expects you to:

4. Refer often to the list of required written output and the date of submission which are provided on your Module 5 handout, and which we shall see in a while.

5. Submit the required written output on time.

Output of the previous modules contributes to the final output of this institute:

A refined draft RESEARCH PROPOSAL
MODULE 5

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WRITING THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL
You learn to write by:

1. sitting in front of your keyboard, and

2. putting your thoughts in a document.

The exercises you will be asked to do in the next 2 weeks are parts of the final requirement you are expected to present during our plenary on 6 November 2007: a refined draft RESEARCH PROPOSAL.

I shall not lecture on writing — instead we shall do a write-shop on your individual research problem. With a student assistant, I shall be with you throughout these next 2 weeks for those who need help individually, especially with the final requirement of this institute.
If you think you need our help to write your assignment/s, please find the time for us to work together.

There will be a schedule of time available for individual consultation on a daily basis, even after supper.

Please sign up with the Kenneth so we know who are coming at what time on that day.
You learn to write by.

3. Letting others read what you have written,
4. Learning to accept comments and criticisms about the quality of your work,
5. Revising and
6. Revising, and then
7. Revising again

Until you have a respectable document.
summary of daily activities,

required written output

date of submission
Date: 26 October

Module: Module 2: Formulation of the research problem

Activity/ies: 1. Workshop  
2. Plenary 1: Presentation of output

Required Written Output 1:  
1. Statement of the proposed research problem*,  
2. Objectives of your proposed study: general and specific*

Date/Time Due: 26 October, 7 p.m.

Note: This is an input to the final requirement of this institute, which is a research proposal.
Date: 27-28 October

Module: Module 2: Review of related lit, formulation of the conceptual framework

Activity/ies: 1. Research break at the Tebtebba Library
2. Plenary 2: Presentation of output

Required Written Output 2:
1. Review of the literature related your proposed problem*,
2. Conceptual framework*

Date/Time Due: 29 October, 12 noon

*Note: These are inputs to the final requirement of this institute, which is a research proposal.
Date: 29-30 October

Module: Module 3: Overview of methods, Qualitative research methods

Activity/ies: 1. Qualitative data collection methods  
2. Ethnographic data analysis  
3. Lecture: Focus Group Discussion  
4. Exercise: FGD

Required Written Output 3: Report of proceedings*: FGD exercise

Date/Time Due: 2 November, 8 a.m.

*Note: This exercise trains you in reporting the data from the field using the Focus Group Discussion method, and your analysis of them to arrive at conclusions. All these efforts are toward achieving your research objectives.
Date: 31 October –3 November

Module: Module 4 Quantitative research, Descriptive statistics

Activities: Computer-aided statistical analysis, exercises on quantitative data

Required Written Output 4*: Write-up of the results of your computer-aided analysis, and of the exercises

Date/Time Due: 3 Nov 5 pm

*Note: This exercise trains you in reporting information from the field using a census, survey or secondary data sources. Likewise, your analysis of data to arrive at conclusions. All these efforts are toward achieving your research objectives.
Date/Time: 4 November, 8-10 a.m.

Module: Module 5 The Research Report, The Research Proposal

Activities:
1. Brief: the typical content of a research report
2. The typical requirements of a funding agency in a research proposal
3. Writing the first draft research proposal incorporating the outputs (1) and (2) of Module 2 with the write up of the other requirements of a research proposal discussed in Module 5 above.
Date/Time: 4 November, 10 a.m. - 12 noon 1 - 4 pm

Module: Module 5 The Research Proposal

Activity: 1. Writing the first draft research proposal incorporating the outputs (1) and (2) of Module 2 with the write up of the other requirements of a research proposal earlier discussed in Module 5.

Date/Time: 4 November, starting at 4 pm

Module: Module 5 The Research Proposal

Activity: Individual consultation on the draft research proposal starts at 4 pm on 4 November. Please sign up starting at 2 pm for your turn.
Date/Time: 5 November, starting at 8 am

Module: Module 5 The Research Proposal

Activity: Individual consultation: to refine the draft research proposal that will be presented during the plenary on 6 November. Please sign up for your turn.

Date/Time: 6 November, 8 am -12 noon 1 – 3:30 pm

Module: Module 5 The Research Proposal

Activity: Plenary Presentation of Draft Research Proposal

Output: Draft Research Proposal + the comments from the facilitators for your consideration
Welcome to the Philippines,
to Baguio City,
and
welcome to the Social Science Research Institute
enjoy your stay
enjoy the work ahead
with the
people who will do it
with you