

**Table 1 Key findings of selected programme elements in the community-based initiatives (CBI) programme areas in the Islamic Republic of Iran**

Serial no.	Element	Indicators	Key findings
1	Links with national developmental plans	CBI approach is linked with relevant programmes and partners	Ministry of Welfare considering CBI approach in future programmes Fourth 5-year national plan has adopted CBI approach as one strategy for social justice
2	Political commitment and intersectoral collaboration	Sufficient degree of political commitment is available. Intrasectoral support mechanisms are in place	National council formed 1996 National expert groups from 15 ministries and organizations continuously provide support Intersectoral committees and teams are functional* at district levels
3	Community participation	Community is organized, empowered, and participates in local development	All CBI villages have functional* village development committees Communities voluntarily participate in different developmental activities
4	Capacity building	Capacity building of concerned stakeholders on programme processes and essential skills	Since 2001, around 50 training workshops, with almost 1500 participants were organized in 25 districts across the country Specialized training has been conducted on health, nutrition, environment, school health, life skills, social issues and income generation
5	Needs-based developmental projects	Evidence-based planning and interventions carried out	All CBI areas have had baseline surveys and determination of their priority needs All CBI areas have established a community development fund CBI areas have established various kinds of 'pro-poor' projects to address the development needs of the poor

\*Functional means that committees or teams are performing CBI functions normally as planned in the programme.