# Human Resource Management And Development

## Topic: Training and Development



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# What is Training and Development?

- Training (now) help employees do their current jobs, the benefits of training may extend throughout a person's career and help develop that person for future responsibilities.
- Development (future), by contrast, helps the individual handle future responsibilities with little concern for the current duties.

# **Training and Development**

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- Placing employees in jobs does not ensure their success. New employees are often uncertain about their roles and responsibilities.
  - Job demands and employees' capabilities must be balanced through orientation and training programs.
- One employees have been trained and have mastered their jobs, they may need further development to prepare for their future responsibilities.
- Greater workforce diversity, flatter organizations, and increased global competition require organizations to have effective and regular T&D programs for their employees.

# **Benefits of T&D**

T&D programs can benefit different segments in the organizations including;

- a) Benefits to the Organization
- b) Benefits to the individuals (Human Resources)
- c) Benefits in personnel and human relations, and policy implementation

# A. Benefits to the Organization

Leads to more profitability. Improves the job knowledge and skills. Improves the morale of the workforce. Improves the relationship between boss and subordinates. Aids in organizational development. Helps employees adjust to change. Aids in handling conflicts, thereby help prevent stress and tension.

# **B. Benefits to the individuals** (Human Resources)

- Helps the individuals in making better decisions and effective problem solving.
- Aids in encouraging and achieving self development and self-confidence.
- Increase job satisfaction and recognition.
- Develops a sense of growth in learning.
- Helps a person in handling stress, tension, frustration and conflict.

# C. Benefits in personnel and human relations, and policy implementation

- Improves communication between groups and individuals.
- Provides information on equal opportunity and affirmative action.
- Improves interpersonal skills.
- Makes organization policies, rules and regulations viable.
- Improves morale
- Provides a good environment for learning, growth and coordination.

# **Steps to Training and Development**

A variety of steps can be adapted by HR department of any organization to carry out training and development activities for its workforce.

Some of the major steps of T & D include the following

- 1. Need Assessment
- 2. Setting T&D Objectives
- 3. Managing Program Contents
- 4. Setting and application of Learning Principles
- 5. Actual Program
- 6. Evaluation

# **1. Need Assessment:**

- Need assessment diagnosis current problems and future challenges to be met through training and development. For example; Competitive pressure OR downsizing.
- Need assessment focuses both individual needs of the employees as well as the collective needs of the organization.
- It assess what knowledge, skills and attitude is lacking presently among employees or may be required in future.

- Based on TNA (Training Need Assessment) OR DNA (Development Need Assessment), T&D activities are planned and implemented for employees of organization.
- Following tools can be used to conduct TNA/DNA.
  - 1. Quesionnaire
  - 2. Interviews
  - 3. Supervisory interview
  - 4. Checking of records (e.g. ACR)
  - 5. Checking staff performance

#### 2. Training and Development Objectives

- The objectives of the training activities are set.
- They act as the targets of the training activity.
- Objective should state the desired behavior and the conditions under which it is to occur.
- Objectives become standards against which individual performance and the programs can be measured.

#### **2. Training and Development Objectives**

- Training Objectives should be **SMART**.
- Specific
- Measureable
- Attainable
- Realistic
- Time-bond

#### **3. Program Contents**

The program's content is shaped by the needs assessment and the learning objectives.

Contents of Training focus to teach specific skills, provide needed knowledge, or try to influence attitudes.

Whatever its contents, the program must needs of the organization and the participants.

# **4. Learning Principles**

- Learning principles are guidelines to the ways in which people learn most effectively.
- The more these principles are reflected in training, the more effective training is likely to be.
- A training and development program should ensure at least the following five learning principles.

# **Five Learning Principles in T&D**

Participation
Repetition
Relevance
Transference
Feedback

### **T&D Approaches**

Training and development approaches can be divided into two major approaches;

- *A. <u>On-the-job-training</u>*: It is simple and cost-effective method of training. Employees are trained in actual working scenario. It can be called as "Learning by doing" Buddy system is an example of OJT.
- *B. <u>Off-the-job-training:</u>* In this type of training employees are taken to another location (away from their work position) to learn a skill or acquire important knowledge. It means employees are give a break from the job.

# **Training approaches**

#### On-the-job-training

- Job Instruction Training (buddy system)
- Job Rotation
- Apprenticeship and Coaching

**Off-the-job-training** Lectures Group discussion Electronic training Vestibule training Role play Self study Internship training

