# Marketing & Public Relations in Non-Profit Organizations

## **Main Topics**

- What is Marketing in NPO
- What is Marketing Management in NPO?
  - What are the Steps in NPO Marketing Management?
- What is Public Relations & its Role in NPO?
  - What are the Public Relations tools in NPO?

## What is Marketing?

#### Marketing refers to-

- Promoting the selling of a product or service.
- NPOs use marketing to create awareness, generate positive image of targeted audience.

#### Marketing activities include

- advertising,
- selling, and
- delivering products or services to consumers.

## What is Marketing Management?

#### Marketing Management is used to:

- Understand and Satisfy the customer needs
- know and use the right public relations communication techniques to reach potential customers
- Apply the right communication tools at the right time

## What are the Steps in NPO Marketing Management?

#### 7 steps in NPO Marketing Management:

- 1. Perform Self-Assessment of your NPO
- 2. Set Goals and Strategy
- 3. Determine Your Unique Value
- 4. Design Your Message
- 5. Choose Your Tools
- 6. Define Budget, Timeline, and Resources
- 7. Track and Measure Your Results

### Step 1. Perform Self-Assessment of your NPO

- 1. Define Your Audience(s) who are your
   Stakeholders and Beneficiaries
- 2. Map Your Messages what do you want to say or what have you been saying to your Audiences?
- 3. Define Your Channels of Communicationwhats-up, Facebook, Twitter, blogs, and so on
- 4. It's Time for Analysis and Evaluation! Did you achieve your objective?

## Step 2. Set Goal and Strategy, Objective

#### Outline your strategy and tactics

- 2.1. Goal is a broad primary outcome. –A statement of being at some future time plan
- 2.2. Strategy is the approach taken to achieve a goal
- 2.3. Objective is measurable step taken to achieve a strategy SMART- focused & specific means to the end.
- 2.4. Tactic is tool used to get to an objective associated with a strategy - News releases, brochures, media outlets, enewsletters, blogs, websites, surveys, focus groups, and videos--

## Step 3. Determine Your Unique Value

- What differentiates your NPO from others
  - 5 Ws and 1 H:
    - 1. Who (are your stakeholders and beneficiaries)?
    - 2. What (are your areas of activities)?
    - 3. Where (are your stakeholders and beneficiaries located)?
    - 4. When (do your stakeholders and beneficiaries need you)?
    - 5. Why (are you important)? and
    - 6. How (are you different from other NPOs)?
- Find your brand's sweet spot
  - what's important to your audience,
  - what is your organization good at, and
  - what are you doing that nobody else does

## Step 4. Design Your Message Appeal to your audience's values

- 1. How to Put Your Audience First
  - You marketing and Me marketing
- 2. Design your Action—With Emphasis on Visibility
  - Be highly specific- Be feasible- Have a first priority -Be free of barriers -Be filmable/visible
- 3. Engage Your Audiences put the recipient first
  - Be accessible
  - Show accountability
- 4. Do More Than Engage—Inspire -
  - Once a year e.g. Tell your NPO's founding story that gave rise to your organization's existence

## Step 5. Choose Proper Tools of Communication-online/offline-

#### 5.1. **Online**

- Website-Social media (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter)
- Paid advertising (banner ads, Google AdWords)
- Public relations placements on websites/
- Special events pages
- Online donation page-Email outreach (e-newsletter, advocacy alerts; fundraising appeals)

## Step 5. Choose Your -online/offline- Tools

#### 5.2. Offline

- Printed (brochures, annual reports)
- Direct mail -Newsletter
- Paid advertising (outdoor, print)
- Public relations placements (radio, TV, newspapers, magazines)
- Special events

#### Step 6. Define Budget, Timeline, and Resources

 Outline your budget for each marketing activity and Create a marketing calendar (J-D)

Months of the year - Q1 (J-M) Q2 (A-J) Q3 (J-S) Q4 (O-D)

- Website
- Email Marketing
- Advertising
- Print Materials
- Assign Responsibilities & Roles
  - Clearly outline who will be responsible for each action item.

## Step 7. Track and Measure Your Results

#### 1. Act -

- A marketing plan that sits on the shelf is not useful.
- Timeline- Measuring Metrics-Evaluation

#### 2. Turn Your Assessment into a New Plan – Cyclical

- Step 1: Identify the goal or improvement
- Step 2: Identify the single most important measure
- Step 3: Explore the single most important measure.
- Step 4: Ask:- "What if I did/do ...
- Step 5: Measure

#### 3. Remember

- Be true to yourself and your audience!

### **Public Relations in NPO**

#### What is Public Relations (PR)?

- Maintaining favourable image of an NPO
- Building beneficial relationships between NPO and its Stakeholders & Beneficiaries (people it serves)

### What is Role of PR in NPO?

Public relations at NPO play the following Roles

- 1. Develop communication channels between the organization and beneficiaries;
- 2. Win public acceptance for its Objectives & mission;
- 3. Create & maintain favourable climate for fund raising;
- 4. Ensure and maintain public interest in the NPO;
- 5. Inform and motivate organizational staff involved (Employees, Volunteers, Board Members).

#### What are Public relations tools at NPO?

Following are the main tools that PR in NPO can use

- 1. Press release:- statement delivered to members of the news media to provide information,
  - to create positive publicity through the media.

#### 2. Stories:-

 to carry out an exclusive story about an event that the NPO considers extremely important.

#### 3. Interviews and press conferences:-

To present information on the organization.

#### 4. Creating events:-

- Enables raising funds from public &
- to create a positive image among the public.

## **Reading Exercise**

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- Look for Information at the Internet and write a short report an NPO's Methods of
  - Budgeting
  - Fund Raising
  - Marketing
  - Public Relations

