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Anne: Could you tell me about your experiences with LLL?

Patrick: Well since I was trained at this first workshop it has been quite useful to me, because right now during my work with the people, if they come up with something that I really don't have the up to the minute information on I can just contact my fellow participant so that I can just put it there and they can give me some feedback and also I can relay these things to the people that I am working with.

Anne: What are the things that you can do now that you couldn't do before?

Patrick: Well I think now that I was not so exposed to the internet because there was not much that I could go and search in the internet but now it has put in something to me that I always think that I should go in and there might be something – maybe there is someone who has just sent in a message or there might be something that might be of interest to me. Well it has triggered something in me that I feel that I should be always closer to the systems so that I may know what other people are doing. In fact when I have been communicating with the internet it is through email. I have been communicating through the Yahoo like that, but now I feel that there should be my input now to LLL.

Anne: You say that it is not easy for you to log on to the internet.

Patrick: Well when I said it was not easy I was thinking really of the cost element. And if we could have kind of a skeleton kind of information centre where maybe I can type my messages and do the preliminary work, then when I go to the cafe I can just send and it will be easier for me because it will maybe reduce me the cost of getting someone to type it for me. I don't mean that it is not easy to login to go into the discussion etc but I mean it is the cost element.

Anne: Is there anything that you would like to add?

Patrick: Well I think it would be good if I could be exposed to more of the computer business because our country now is going to the e business and I think that we should not be left behind. We should know each and every facet of this new technology that is coming up because it will be very useful for our people. Because it will help me to link up easily with people within the country or outside. I think that now that is the surest way of doing the extension in the most efficient way.

Anne: What would you like to do in the future?

Patrick: My vision is that if I can get some training on resource management so that when I get a concept of community development. Because of the scarcity of the resources it is always good to learn how to harness those scarce resources and maybe have positive results. Because our people are now really coming up and if you do not know how to take them to where they want then sometimes you find that might not be of much help to them. But if you can lead them and get them to prioritize the themes through the information you gather from them I think you assist them to come up with the home grown kind of proposals which they can always act upon and I always think that it is one way of raising the living standards of these people through what is coming from them, what you can discuss in a panel and then you discuss how to go forward about it. I think that if I can get some training on resource management as a profession now and then I will be better placed and that is my vision.

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