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## **VISION**

The Vision of CECOEDECON is “to achieve such development which is socially acceptable, economically viable, environmentally sound, effective in impact and addressing to needs and issues of the under privileged and marginalized people.”



## **MISSION**

The Mission is “to enhance the capacities of the marginalized communities and other partners, by engaging in multiple strategies at different levels, so that they are able to take action independently to secure their rights for long-term well-being



## THE JOURNEY SO FAR ...

CECOEDECON was founded by a small group of young, committed social workers to provide immediate relief to the victims of devastating floods in Jaipur district of Rajasthan in 1982. From this modest beginning, the organization has evolved, from a needs-based approach to rights-based approach, into a civil society organization focusing on economic justice, livelihood security, basic rights, institution development and civil society building, underpinned by integrated participatory development. Target communities are smallholder farmers, landless poor, women, youth, children, and tribals with gender sensitivity as cross-cutting. Geographical presence has expanded to 15 districts across Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

Interventions aim for community empowerment and self reliance and range from Natural Resource Management, Sustainable Rural Livelihoods, Climate Change, Fair Trade, Disaster Management, Seed Sovereignty, Land Rights, Health, Nutrition, Education and Human Rights. The organization has consistently partnered with and strengthened various stakeholders of the development process such as government, research and academic institutions, judiciary, media, civil society networks, etc.

Over time, CECOEDECON has built up on its grassroots activities by promoting lobbying and advocacy at local, state and national level and establishing strong micro-macro linkages. It is now actively engaged in UN global deliberations on sustainable development and climate change to inform and influence global policies to be people-centric. CECOEDECON' s holistic approach within the rights-based paradigm makes it a strong force among Indian civil society and a recognized name regionally and internationally.



CECOEDECON Shahbad Campus



CECOEDECON JAIPUR CAMPUS

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# FOREWORD



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This year saw the world coming together in an unprecedented manner in the launching of two major processes which will drive the development paradigm for the foreseeable future, namely, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. Both these processes acknowledged the “importance and interlinkages” of climate and the sustainable development agenda and aims to strengthen global response to it. But the questions of finance, technology transfer, implementation mechanisms etc. still remain largely unanswered. The resulting uncertainty coupled with the increasing threats to security and rapid changes in the established political and social order along with the increasing environmental challenges are continuously affecting the development paradigm the world over. This report is being presented in the light of the above mentioned challenges and the resulting potential for new opportunities.

With the shifting of focus of the global process towards national planning and implementation the civil society has renewed challenges of networking to ensure transparency, accountability, inclusiveness, equity and justice in the decision making. The shrinking space for civil society to act, in many countries, further adds to these challenges, raising major questions on the people centric approach these processes boast of and leading to increasing skepticism.

The Indian government has time and again stated the problem of lack of existing data and implementing costs as major hurdles. No real attempts to fill these gaps raise doubts on the level of political commitment towards the success of these processes while also creating a significant funding gap.

Though, India's position as a rising economic power and as a key player in the development processes creates new avenues for engagement. Given the increasing economic focus in the current framework, the onus of ensuring accountability towards grassroots realities and people's needs lies increasingly on the civil society. The need is thus to expand the horizon of the engagement strategies and create new avenues for effectively partnering with the government processes while also making them more sensitive to the needs and aspirations of the excluded and marginalized communities.

In the transforming global and national development paradigm, CECOEDECON has persevered in its efforts to give voice to the evolving needs of the partner communities. Taking a responsive approach in its engagement design, the organization tries to bring in its experience of working at the grassroots to bring about desired changes in crucial development processes at the local, state, national as well as international level.



Its focus on continuous learning and evolving has helped the organization create its own niche and ensure a strong presence at different level of engagement. The emphasis on building relationships and partnerships has accrued great benefits for CECOEDECON. The year was also a witness of the growing recognition of the organization. Our efforts in enhancing partner communities' resilience have seen further strengthening. Significant efforts have also been made in reinvigorating the traditional pro nature practices and technologies. Our women partners have as ever been motivating us through their strength and strive for growth.

The report provides a picture of CECOEDECON's interventions, engagements and achievements over the past year. Special thanks to our board members, funding partners and supporters, dedicated staff, CBOs and network partners, and the interns and volunteers for helping the organization in taking further strides towards the realization of its goal.

## MEMBERS of the BOARD

CECOEDECON has an active board which plays an important role in the governance of the organization by providing direction and guidance to the management and staff, while also supervising all its operations. This year, four formal meetings were conducted for overview and update. List of Board Members with a brief profile is as follows:

Name	Profession	
<b>Justice V. S. Dave</b> Chairperson	Justice V. S Dave is chairperson of CECOEDECON. He is a retired High Court judge and former chairman of Rajasthan Law commission. He has been closely associated with civil society institutions engaged in the field of education, human rights, rights of the disabled, farmer's rights and urban poverty. He has also published education and reference material on legal subjects of Public Importance in Hindi for free distribution- Human Rights, Child Rights, Women Rights, Crime and society etc.	
<b>Mrs. H. Bedi</b> Vice Chairperson	Mrs H. Bedi is vice-chaiperson of CECOEDECON. She commands an outstanding experience in community development, gender, and microfinance, Policy advocacy and disaster management. She has been a field representative for OXFAM for 29 yrs and supervised and evaluated projects for various Indian and international development partners, including IFAD and WFP, and has also worked as a trainer. She serves on several professional boards for Indian Development organizations including VANI as well as the international associations for Community Development, Scotland.	
<b>Mr. Sharad Joshi</b> Secretary	<b>Mr Sharad Joshi</b> is founder member and Secretary/CEO of CECOEDECON. An established voice in Indian Civil Society Circles, Mr Joshi has led and supported Indian civil society organizations and collectives to present the Indian perspective on a whole range of human rights, trade, climate change-related agenda and sustainable development at the global level for over 30 years now. A grassroots activist at the core, his vision and work ranging from the micro (hands-on grassroots work) to the macro (global-level advocacy) has been noteworthy.	
<b>Mr. Rajiv Sahai</b> Treasurer	Mr. Rajiv Sahai is the treasurer of CECOEDECON. He retired as Commissioner, Income Tax in December 2013, after having served in the Indian Revenue Services (IRS) for more than 30 years. Apart from his official duties, Mr. Sahai has a keen in interest in a diverse range of subjects, and looks forward to apply his experience and knowledge in the Development sector	
<b>Dr. Sanjai Bhatt</b> Member	Dr. Sanjai Bhatt is a Professor at the Delhi School of Social Work, University of Delhi. Dr. Bhatt is associated with a number of social movements and civil society organizations in various capacities. He is currently President of National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI). He is one of the founders of a national level advocacy training group called Public Advocacy Initiative for Rights and Values in India (PAIRVI).	

Name	Profession	
<b>Dr. (Ms.) Pratibha Jain</b> Member	About 38 years of experience of teaching and research in Indian History and Culture.	
<b>Dr. (Ms.) Meeta Singh</b> Member	Gender Specialist and Consultant.	
<b>Prof. R.B.S. Verma</b> Member	Prof. R.B.S Verma is a HOD and Professor, Department of Social Work, Jain Vishwa Bharati Institute. He has researched in varied subjects and issues like Development, Welfare Administration, Policy Planning, Participatory Action Research, Community Engagements, Development of Teaching and Learning Materials. At present, Dr. Verma is also the Vice- Chair of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI).	
<b>Dr. Varsha Joshi</b> Member	Dr. Varsha Joshi is a social researcher having interest in areas of history and gender. For last two decades she has worked on various aspects of the Social and cultural life and Gender in Rajasthan, especially related to women, patriarchy, inter-community linkages food, women's rights, violence against women, Economic status of women, health and nutrition issues. She has also published many books on various subjects like Polygamy and Purdah, Culture, Community and Change, Multiple Histories: Culture and Society in the Study of Rajasthan etc.	

## OUR PARTNERS AND COLLABORATIONS





## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

CECOEDECON has centered its efforts towards empowering partner communities. In the course of the long years of working towards this end and with different stakeholders the organization has evolved its own approach which is based on ensuring effective, strong and continuous engagement; and channeling energies towards building strong and sustainable networks. The organization has given weight to relationships at all levels of engagement, from grassroots, to national, regional as well as international levels. This year has been a testament of the effectiveness of this core strategy



giving credence to CECOEDECON's efforts and hard work and strengthening the organization's presence. Below are the year's highlights depicting the strength of the organization's engagement with different stakeholders :

**Statement Submitted by Ajay K Jha to Asia Pacific RCEM Negotiation Session, April 2015 :** Ajay K Jha on behalf of CECOEDECON and BCPH participated in the April session of Asia-Pacific RCEM in New York. The statement includes the concerns on agriculture and food security. While, the focus given to small-scale farmers in Goal 2 of SDGs is reflected in the FfD zero draft, the major concern is the primacy given to private finance and treating private finance from farmers at par with institutional private finance; as both have entirely different purposes and objectives.

**Statement Submitted at Meeting with ECOSOC President on behalf of AP-RCEM, the HLPF, 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Ajay Jha, representing BCPH, presented the statement on behalf of the APRCEM. The APRCEM's main guiding force is a call for development justice, which demands five transformative shifts; redistributive justice, economic justice, social and gender justice, environmental justice and accountability to the people. The APRCEM believes that the post 2015 agenda, perhaps for the first time, offers the UN and the HLPF an opportunity to address systemic failures and meaningfully integrate economic, social and environmental objectives of the development.

**Interactive hearings on the post-2015 development agenda** were held under the UN Secretary General's directions in the lead up to the UN Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 agenda. The discussions were aimed at fostering active multi-stakeholder participation in the formulation of the agenda.

CECOEDECON's representative Miss Vibhuti Joshi, was one of the speakers at the May session of the hearings, selected from 225 applications received from different parts of the globe through an open and transparent process. She was invited as a panelist for a roundtable discussion focused on goals, targets and indicators. Ms. Joshi through her statement presented the plight of the women farmers of the developing world and presented suggestions for ensuring effective inclusion of these stakeholders in the sustainable development agenda.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting on SDG Indicators organized by Inter Agency Expert Group (IAEG), October, 2015 :** Ms. Vibhuti Joshi was represented CECOEDECON at the meeting, selections were based on the open consultation responses submitted by many CSOs on the indicator development process being undertaken by the UNSD. The 2 day consultation focused on the responses and proposals of member states and other observers on all the indicators excluding those related to climate change, land rights and partnerships. The objective was to reach a consensus to finalize the indicators relevant to different targets. The biggest concern being raised by the observers was the lack of inclusion of the proposals being submitted while the members were still debating on the need to reduce the list of indicators and disaggregation of data. The CSOs collectively developed 8 statements on themes including land rights, women empowerment and gender issues, climate change etc and were provided space to present the same.

### CECOEDECON's STATEMENT AT CSW60

CECOEDECON was selected to present a statement in the general discussions during the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in March 2015 at UN Headquarters in New York. Ms. Vibhuti Joshi delivered the statement on behalf of the organization, highlighting the concerns of the rural women of the developing countries. The statement emphasized the huge potential of this group as a major contributor to the various goals and targets under the SDGs and their importance in the success of the 2030 development agenda. Ms. Joshi also provided concrete suggestions in light of the focus moving to the national plans and processes.



### Food Funchayat (24 Dec 2015, Jaipur)

A step towards celebrating traditional good food practices and enabling farmers in India to achieve food sovereignty was made by way of organizing a good-food festival called Food Funchayat. This daylong event was organized by CECOEDECON with Kisan Sewa Samiti on 24 Dec, 2015 at Shilki Doongri in Chakshu, Jaipur. The fair extended an opportunity to civil society, agricultural NGOs, agriculture research and extension centers, rural and tribal development organizations and above all the government to revisit indigenous farming knowledge and traditional food practices of small and marginal farmers and tribal



agrarian communities. Later during the day, a discussion on the theme "Rozi, Roti aur Bazar" raised the question of food sovereignty, GM seeds, and corporatization of agriculture. The event underlined the need for a systematic action to address larger issues of food security and food sovereignty thereby using the legitimate space. It reminded community and political leaders of the value of neglected traditional foods and integration of traditional foods and agro-ecological farming into national food security plans. 300 farmers, agriculture experts & 10 media personnel attended the event



### 4<sup>th</sup> Negotiating Session on the Post 2015, 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April, New York

BCPH participated in the April session of post 2015 in New York on invitation. The focus of the session was on the "global partnerships" and a statement was delivered on "global partnerships in agriculture and food". The statement, delivered by Mr. Ajay Jha on behalf of the coalition, expressed concern at the primacy given to private finance and treating private finance from farmers at par with institutional private finance; as both have entirely different purposes and objectives. While agriculture may be the biggest private enterprise and is likely to remain so in future, that by itself does not reduce the importance of increasing public investments and better aid in agriculture.



## Climate Change and Global Warming; A Way out (21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Bhopal)



The Government of Madhya Pradesh, under the leadership of Shri Shivraj Chouhan, Honorable CM of MP, organized a National Summit on Global Warming and Climate Change on 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2015 at Legislative Assembly premises in Bhopal as part of the run up to the Simhastha Fair, popularly known as "Kumbh". The Chief Guest of the inaugural session was spiritual guru Shri Shri Ravi Shankar while Chief Guest of the concluding session was Mrs Sushma Swaraj, Minister for External Affairs, Government of India. The main topic of discussion in the conference were the five basic elements (Panch Mahabhootas) of life, the scientific perspective of climate change crisis and its solution, traditional and indigenous knowledge systems, and religion and faith as catalyst/ vehicle of tolerance. CECOEDECON collaborated with the state government as a knowledge partner for the event.



## National Consultation on Taking Climate and Sustainable Development Agenda Beyond 2015 (21<sup>st</sup> February 2016, Pune)

The Consultation was organized by CECOEDECON in collaboration with BCPH, Stree Aadhar Kendra and Development Support Team to bring convergence of ideas on what lies ahead for the climate and development agenda in 2016 and beyond. Mr. Prakash Javdekar, Minister, MOEF &CC (at the time) attended the meeting. The Consultation explored the mechanism to engage with the national and regional agenda without forgetting the need to further the demands of equity, justice and ending poverty and hunger globally.

## State Consultation with Farmers/Kisaan Samvaad

CECOEDECON organized a one day Kisan Samvad on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, at SWARAJ, Jaipur to discuss the farmer's issues and to honor the Agriculture Minister of Rajasthan for his efforts towards not allowing GM seeds trials and cultivation in Rajasthan. The event was attended by more than 500 farmers from 5 blocks (Chaksu & Phagi of Jaipur, Newai & Malpura of Tonk and Shahbad block of Baran) of 3 districts and 100 representatives of different CSOs working in Rajasthan and at national level. Shri. Pabhu Lal Saini, Agriculture Minister, Government of Rajasthan, assured farmers that GM trial will never be allowed in Rajasthan.



## Visit of Executive Director, RBI

A team of RBI Officers lead by Mr. U.S. Paliwal, Executive Director, Reserve Bank of India visited CECOEDECON on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at its Shilki Dungri Campus, Chaksu. They were accompanied by officials of Rajasthan Regional Office, NABARD including Mr. J.P.S. Bindra, General Manager. The purpose of visit was to understand CECOEDECON's work in the Microfinance sector and economic empowerment of women. The team met with members of Rajasthani Mahila Sahkari Sewa Samiti (RMSSS), a multipurpose cooperative society promoted by CECOEDECON and learnt about its operations and functions. The team also met with members of Self Help Groups promoted and nurtured by CECOEDECON. While addressing the gathering, Mr. Paliwal said that he is highly impressed with the intervention of CECOEDECON. He mentioned that the progress made by RMSSS in such a short time is really overwhelming and encouraging. He also extended support to RMSSS regarding any issue related to banking and other financial services. He explained the role of RBI in facilitating better financial services to poor.





## INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

### 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development, 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on Financing for Development the BCPH coalition participated in a number of side events and expressed its views on FfD. During the conference the Indian state minister for finance Mr. Jayant Sinha expressed deep disappointment over the Conference not taking up the issue of an intergovernmental tax body, which India espoused strongly on behalf of the G-77. The event discussed how sustainable development goals, which have high priority on the post 2015 development agenda of the United Nations can be financed. Although the outcome document expresses global support for an array of measures aimed at helping developing countries achieve self-reliance and sustainable economic transformation by raising domestic revenues and attracting private finance, it lacks the teeth needed to scale up existing resources and draw increased official aid from traditional donors.



### Participation and side event in the High Level Political Forum (June)

Beyond Copenhagen represented Asia Pacific Regional CSOs Engagement Mechanism in the High Level Political Forum and delivered a statement on its Review and Accountability mechanism. A side event on “Integrating Three Levels of Accountability for a Robust and Effective Review Mechanism” was also organized on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 during the HLPF. Speakers featured representatives from Major Groups (NGOs, Women, Children & Youth) and other important actors viz. European Environmental Board & ARROW.

### Side Event at CoP 21 (8 December 2016, Paris)

COP 21 was held at Paris from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 12<sup>th</sup> December to work out a new global agreement to stabilize climate. At the end of the Conference, a new agreement was signed by all the member states (196) committing to make positive contribution to help prevent climate change. The global compact is a welcome step; however, the agreement lacks appropriate provisions to reduce emission as demanded by the science. Despite knowing well that pledges are not sufficient to keep the rise in temperature below avowed 2 degrees Celsius, the developed countries failed to enhance their ambition and provide adequate consideration to the demands and aspirations of the developing and poor countries. The new agreement has very weak equity provisions, and the burden has been shifted more on the developing countries further constraining their development and carbon space. A delegation of Beyond Copenhagen including representatives from farmers, NGOs, people from the field of law and justice, and journalists participated in the COP.

### Side Events at the sixtieth Session of the Commission on Status of Women

Two side events were organized by CECOEDECON during the event in collaboration with CECOEDECON, BCPH and Stree Aadhar Kendra .

- a) Women of the Farming Community and the Challenges of Climate Change, 14<sup>th</sup> March, New York: The side event shed light on the challenges women are facing in the farming sector at the grassroots and discussed various coping mechanisms.
- b) Gender Sensitization and Law Enforcement Agencies: Experiences of Civil Society from Asia Pacific in Addressing VAW in Last Decade and Future Strategies and Challenges, 17<sup>th</sup> March, New York: This side event highlights the legal perspective of gender sensitization.



### Participation in Asia Pacific CSOs Forum on Sustainable Development (APCSOFSD)

Supported by UNESCAP and UNDESA from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Bangkok, Asia Pacific CSOs Forum on Sustainable Development preceded ESCAP's Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development. More than 100 CSOs from Asia Pacific countries participated in the Forum discussing their reflections on the SDGs in the Asia Pacific context, role and future of the APFSD. Beyond Copenhagen participated in the APCSOs FSD, making a presentation on "Review and Monitoring and Role of CSOs; lessons from UN Mechanisms" . In addition beyond Copenhagen also chaired a panel discussion on "Nationalizing SDGs; Experiences from Asia Pacific."

### Meeting with the ECOSOC President

Ajay Jha, representing BCPH, participated in the Major group's meeting with the ECOSOC President on 28<sup>th</sup> June, New York. He delivered a statement on behalf of the Asia Pacific CSOs giving a call for development justice, which demands five transformative shifts; redistributive justice, economic justice, social and gender justice, environmental justice and accountability to the people. The statement also underlined that the post 2015 agenda, perhaps for the first time, offers the UN and the HLPF an opportunity to address systemic failures and meaningfully integrate economic, social and environmental objectives of the development.

### SDGs Summit, Paris COP and Beyond; South Asian CSOs Consultation on Concerns and Collaborative Action

Beyond Copenhagen, SADED, Coast BD in collaboration with a number of Nepalese organizations and networks organized the South Asia Consultation at Kathmandu, Nepal from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2015. The Consultation was attended by former Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Sher Bahadur Deoba, former Environment Minister and lead negotiator of Bangladesh Mr. Moahammad and 3 MPs from India. Several other government as well as more than 50 CSOs, people's movements, academicians and political actors from India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka participated in the three day workshop. The objective of the workshop was to come to a shared understanding of the regional action, proposals and a collaborative action program for South Asia. The discussions focused on the various dimensions of climate crisis, challenges of making development sustainable and inclusive, economy based on over exploitation of natural resources, challenges and political responses in the sub region, state of play in climate and SDGs negotiations, and expectations from the SDGs Summit and the Paris COP, and role of civil society organizations in these processes and beyond. A collective statement emphasizing the need for collective action, alternative regionalism, increased political and public action, was adopted and released at the conclusion.

## NATIONAL COLLABORATION

### National Consultation on Pre CoP 21

BCPH, PAIRVI, Oxfam India, INECC and AIWC organized a national consultation titled 'The Paris Paradox; Pre CoP Consultation'. The conference marked the presence of Ashok Lavasa, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). Mr Lavasa applauded India's INDC as ambitious and shared that through its INDC, India has shown how to continue on the development path without increasing its emission in the manner that developed countries have increased. Perspective of different state actors and representatives from embassies was received on their country's expected role in the Paris CoP.

### State Consultation on Sustainable Development Goals and Dalits, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Patna

A Consultation on Sustainable Development Goals and Dalits was organized in Patna on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The Consultation witnessed presence of more than 50 participants from across the state which includes different stakeholders like Dalit activists, leaders, academicians and civil society organizations.

### Regional Consultation for East & North East India: Sustainable Development Goals –India Perspective, 1<sup>st</sup>& 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015, Kolkata

Regional Consultation for North and East India was organized on Sustainable Development Goals in collaboration with IPPF, FPA India, CINI, Landesa and TWN India. The consultation was attended by Government Authorities, Civil Society Organizations, Academic Institutions, Research Organizations and other stakeholders from eight Eastern and North-eastern States of India. This two-day Consultation was held to identify gaps and possible concerns; and to create joint civil society positions of Eastern and North-Eastern States to try to influence India's stance in the forthcoming global negotiations on the SDGs. Civil society groups accepted that the primary cause of ills of the world is the neo-liberal framework and logic of increasing profit from over exploitation of natural resources.

### Nationalizing the Sustainable Development Goals: Economic, Social & Environmental Sustainability in Western India, 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July, Ahmedabad

The Consultation was organized in collaboration with IPPF, TWN, Landesa, FPA India and other civil society organizations from across the country. Mr. Shaktisinh Gohil, Congress, Dr. Kirit Solanki, BJP MP and Mr. Suresh Mehta Former CM participated in the event along with some other regional and national NGOs, experts, and academicians etc. Mr Gohli said that for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved, the gap between the haves and have-nots must be reduced. Mr. Mehta said that sustainable development was not possible when the laws were being bent to favour a few. Civil society groups also expressed their views and concerns on sustainable development and future implementation of the SDGs.



### State Consultation on SDGs 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 Varanasi, UP

CECOEDECON along with its partner organizations in Uttar Pradesh organized a day long discussion and debate on important issues of Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals on 20 March 2015 at Varanasi. The objective of the state consultation was to identify local issue of sustainable development and link them to processes taking place at the national and sub-national level.

### Workshops and consultations on Energy and related concerns:

Several consultations/workshops, ensuring participation of a range of stakeholders (including government officials, CSOs, Ministers and other policymakers, community as well as tribal groups), were organized on the energy and power scenario during the reporting period to understand and reflect on regional/state level issues and concerns and formulate road map for follow-up action.

- Energy Scenario and Electricity Projects in India, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2015, Jabalpur, M.P
- State Consultation on Energy, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2015, Nagpur, Maharashtra
- Energy Cap Building Workshop 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, Banjar, HP)
- State Consultation on Energy, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2015, Khariar Road, Odisha



## THEMATIC AREAS AND PROGRAMS

CECOEDECON's approach to development derives from the organization's strong belief in empowering marginalized and excluded communities/groups to strive for the realization of their unfulfilled needs and eventually self reliance. The organization's holistic view towards development is reflected in its various interventions, categorized into five interdependent overarching themes. A brief narration of activities involved under these thematic areas, namely Basic Rights; Livelihood Security and Economic Justice, Institutional Development, Civil Society Building, and Food and Nutritional Security; is given below ;

### BASIC RIGHTS

**Objective :** CECOEDECON'S Basic Rights program aims to consolidate the ongoing empowerment processes and further strengthen the community based mechanisms that support rights-based entitlements of the most vulnerable and excluded communities. Under the program, comprehensive strategies including awareness generation, stakeholder engagement, mobilization, capacity building, facilitating supportive and response mechanisms and advocacy are employed to focus on key areas including child development, gender mainstreaming and access to better health. The program takes the route of strengthening democratic institutions and forums at local level, supporting community action on improving access to rights-based entitlements, supporting developmental needs of women & children, creating evidence related to gender sensitive programming & climate change adaptation, and mainstreaming gender concern within institutions and organisations to achieve its overall objective.



**Residential School for Tribal Girls in Shahbad In Shahabad 43 drop out and 9<sup>th</sup> failed girls have been provided secondary education at residential school, being run by the District administration and CECOEDECON jointly. These girls have also been trained in life skill education and reproductive health on a regular basis.**



Action Groups taking up development and welfare related issues of their community to help benefit the vulnerable groups and ensure provision of basic facilities	<b>Community Based Organizations (CBOs) promoted by the organization to support local response mechanisms to address development needs.</b>	Individuals ( in 10 intensive villages) actively monitoring village health services & identifying concerning issues to pursued further for adequate action through CBOs and action groups.
CBOs more sensitive and accountable towards gender issues. Making efforts to improve adverse sex ratio through awareness generation on PCPNDT Act and dignity of girl child.	<b>CBOs actively working to ensure rights base entitlements of the community by engaging with the government officials, monitoring &amp; supporting implementation of govt schemes and programs, acting as social watch dogs to check harmful practices</b>	Families are more aware about child care, sending their children to the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) regularly.
Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) have been mobilized on social issues and many are taking up gender and other development issues in their constituency.	<b>Action Group regularly monitoring AWCs and trying to coordinate with Gram Panchayat to Improve the services.</b>	Zero deaths during the reporting year in the ten intensive villages

## LIVELIHOOD SECURITY AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

**Objective :** CECOEDECON's Livelihood Security and Economic Justice programs aim at building climate change adaptation capacities of stakeholders while simultaneously securing the sustainability of livelihoods of the poor and the marginalised. Livelihood Security and Economic Justice are closely linked because markets and economic policies directly impact rural livelihoods. The program has been designed realizing the threat of climate change on the established livelihood systems of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups and its potential of compounding the existing economic disparities in the light of the complexities of access, justice and inherent power relations. The program targets the effective addressing of changing local needs in the context of the increasing climate change induced vulnerabilities. The focus of the program is on increasing the understanding of the various stakeholders on climate change and its impacts; building their response capabilities for present and anticipated climate risks on their livelihoods; analysing strengths and weaknesses of current government policies and



programs; building capacities of other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs); sensitising policy makers and evolving common understanding; while also diversifying the income sources of the high risk groups. The interventions involve awareness generation campaigns; consultations on optimum policy measures; evolving effective response mechanisms at the local level; provision of inputs to support and enhance existing knowledge base and livelihood practices; broadening the spectrum of livelihood sources through value addition, diversification and skill building.

### Key Achievements

- The training of leadership on climate change has helped the participants to understand the causes of climate change and impacts of climate change on their food and livelihood security. With this enhanced understanding the leaders are now leading the climate change analysis process at their respective villages and the block level.
- Active participation of the community members has been ensured in the awareness generation efforts, which has helped them to relate different changes they are observing in their local surroundings and with climate change.
- Risk and Vulnerability Analysis were done in all villages of two selected gram panchayats (GPs) in five blocks. Through different exercises, community members were able to understand the consequences of climate change on their life, health, livelihoods, biodiversity etc. Community members were able to relate the impacts of climate change on their lives and assess the vulnerabilities associated with it.

34 FARMERS  
GIVEN AGRO  
FORESTRY  
TRAINING

55 FARM PONDS  
SANCTIONED BY GPs  
FOR WATER  
CONSERVATION



- Community based adaption planning exercises were conducted after assessing the most vulnerable sectors and impacts of climate change in a participatory manner. Concrete adaptation actions; related to water conservation, employment generation in lean income periods (from current livelihood system) and plantation; were identified and consolidated at 10 GPs. Approval for the same by the gram sabha of each of these GPs was subsequently obtained and several of the identified actions were also incorporated into their Annual Plans for the year 2016-17 while also being linked to relevant government schemes.
- The CBOs have played a crucial role in monitoring the local situations and have successfully advocated for compensation relief for crop loss (due to separate incidences of hailstorms and scanty rainfall), this will help a number of farming households to sustain their livelihood to an extent and make up for some of the losses made due to crop damage.
- Efforts have also been made to improve the implementation of social security measures like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA 2005) to ensure their reach to the people at the lowest economic strata.

### Microfinance and Financial Inclusion

CECOEDECON's microfinance program was started in 1996 to address the lack of access to credit the rural women were facing; due to their low social status, lack of control over resources etc. In order to improve this situation, through strengthening women's economic standing, CECOEDECON promoted micro-enterprise development and encouraged micro-finance.

This was done through organization of women into Self Help groups, enhancing their capacities and facilitating saving among them by opening group accounts in banks. Eventually, the large base of SHG's called for a higher level of organization and systematic management which led to the formation of Cooperatives. These Multipurpose Cooperative Societies are actively



working to ensure financial inclusion, financial literacy, livelihood sustainability and access to credit for the partner community. These efforts have brought about significant changes in the status of the member women, by not just making them financial secure but also contributing to their empowerment and overall development.

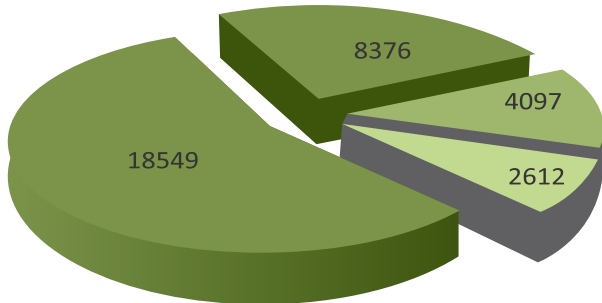
The Capacity building of the CSOs has helped in generating a collective thought process on the issue of climate change through sharing of evidences of impacts and experiences on adaptation actions.

Plant saplings and protection tools and fencing etc. have been provided to selected farmers to facilitate the development of agro-forestry system on their farms. The plants are being properly cared for and their progress is being regularly monitored.

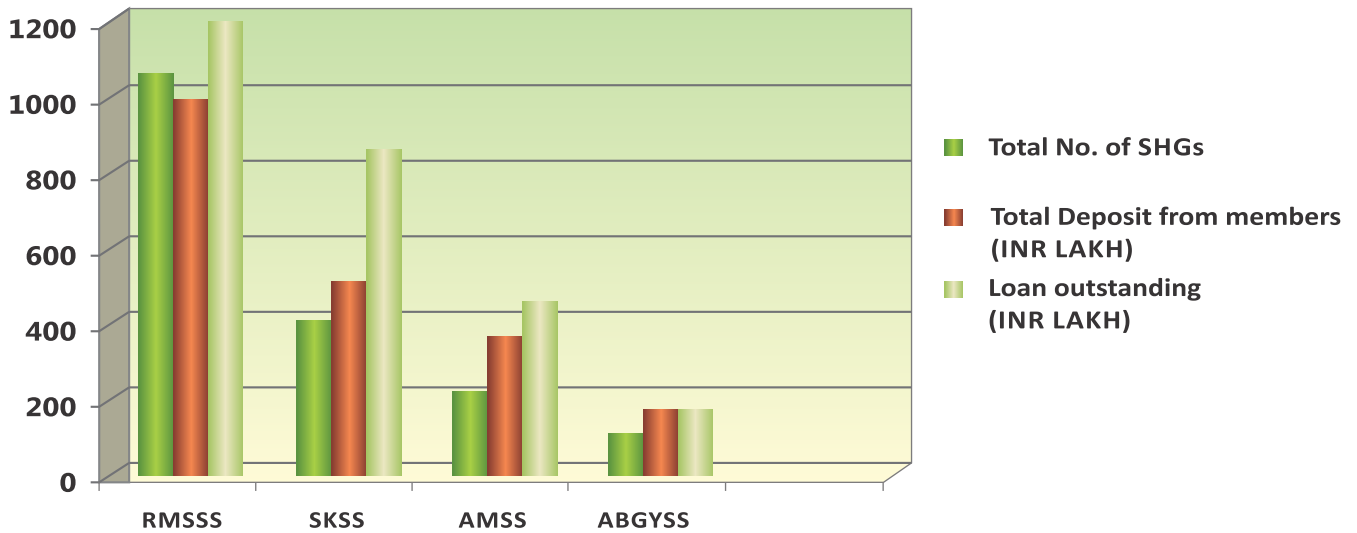
Support was provided in the organization of special gram sabhas (by the government) to identify the potential youths for different skill building training. A detailed list of potential youth interested in skill building training under Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Vikas Yojna with their interests were prepared at each gram panchayat covering over 500 youths.



## TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS



- Rajasthani mahela sahakari Samiti Ltd, Shilki
- Shree Kalyan Sahakari Samiti Ltd, Malpura
- Apani Mahela sahakari Samiti Ltd, Newai
- Apni Bachat Ghar Yojana Sahakari Samiti Ltd, Shahabad



RMSSS- Rajasthani mahela sahakari Samiti Ltd, Shilki, Chaksu; SKSS- Shree Kalyan Sahakari Samiti Ltd, Malpura; AMSS- Apani Mahela sahakari Samiti Ltd, Newai; ABGYSS- Apni Bachat Ghar Yojana Sahakari Samiti Ltd, Shahabad

### Women's SHG (WSHG) in Barmer district

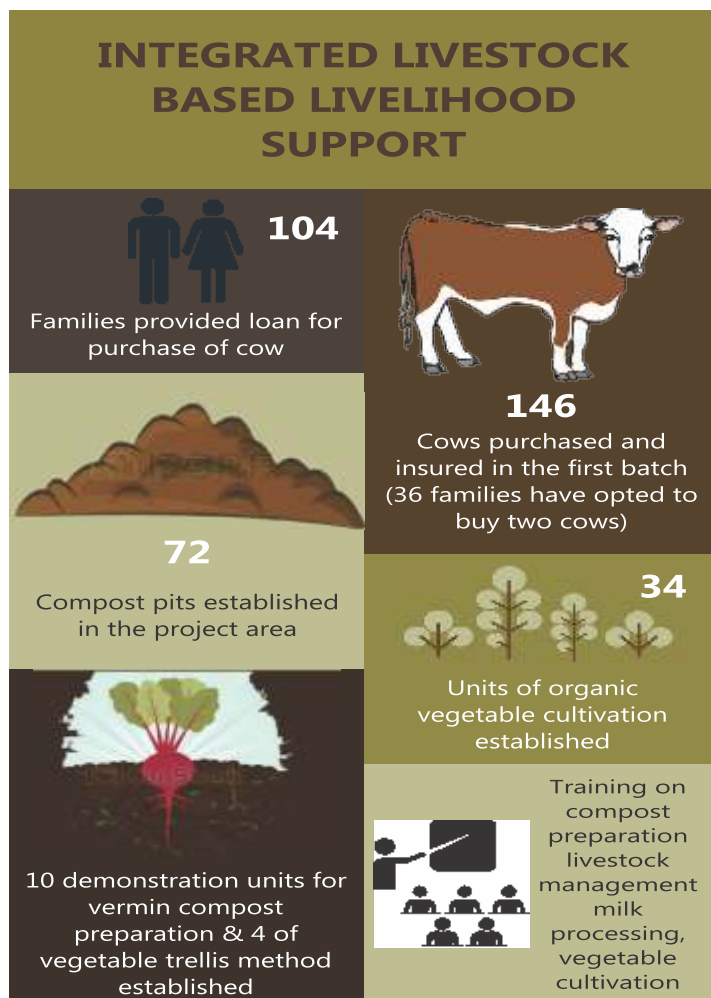
CECOEDECON is collaborating with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for a project aimed at promoting and establishing credit linkages of Self Help Groups (SHGs).

Block	Barmer	Choutan	Siwana	Shindhari	Shiv	Dhorimanna	Balotra	Baitu	Total
NO. OF SHGs FORMED & LINKED TO SAVINGS	329	635	241	51	177	539	187	20	<b>2179</b>
No of WSHGs availing credit	141	465	80	14	86	275	101	5	<b>1167</b>
Amount of Bank credit	77	204.9	38.5	7	39.5	138.2	46.6	2.7	<b>554.6</b>

### National Urban Livelihood Mission, Madhya Pradesh

CECOEDECON is working for the welfare of the urban poor in Indore Cluster of Madhya Pradesh under the National Urban Livelihood Mission. The project is being implemented in Indore, Dhar and Burhanpur with the objective to secure and enhance the present livelihoods and coping strategies by mitigating risks; promote income and employment enhancing opportunities by building capacities and providing financial services; and promote inclusion, by empowering and organizing the target households into SHGs, federations.

Integrated Livestock Based Livelihood support Project, Block Malpura, District Tonk under Umbrella Programme for Natural Resource Management CECOEDECON has collaborated with NABARD for Integrated Livestock based Livelihood Support to improve rural livelihoods under cluster development approach. Malpura has huge potential for Randy Cow rearing and growing vegetables therefore development of a cluster based on integrated livestock is being undertaken. This project is based on loan cum grant approach. 150 beneficiary families have been identified in 5 selected project villages; livelihood assessment has subsequently been completed.



### Promotion of Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs)

NABARD is supporting CECOEDECON in building, promoting and nurturing farmer producer organizations (FPO) by way of extending the required financial and non financial support during the formative stage. Under the project CECOEDECON will set up FPOs in Chaksu, Phagi, Newai, Malpura, Shahbad and



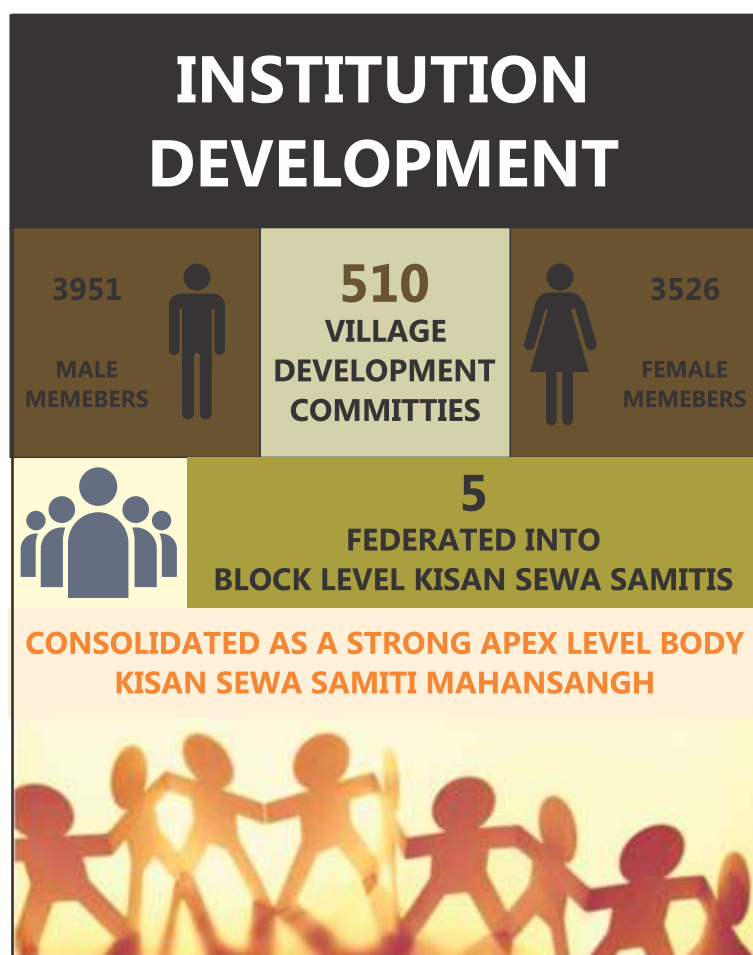
Barmer; provide support in terms of awareness generation, capacity building, technical support, professional management, market access, regulatory requirements etc.; and will also give handholding support for a minimum period of 3 years.

FPOs have been registered by the organization under Producer Company Act. Exposure visits and Trainings of Board of Directors have also been organized in all the project areas.



## INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Objective :** CECOEDECON's Institution Building program aims to facilitate and provide support to the Apex institutions in sustaining the village level institution development processes and in further strengthening the village level institutions and institutions of local self-governance; such as Panchayats, VDCs, youth groups and Women groups; in order to enhance their active participation in climate change adaptation measures that would secure the sustainable livelihood of poor and the marginalised.



CECOEDECON strongly believes that sustainability cannot be achieved without the local community taking ownership of the initiative. Adhering to this belief, the organization has promoted, carefully nurtured and strengthened its Apex Institution (farmer's groups which have now evolved into a people's movement) and CBO's, including women's and youth groups and has also made concerted efforts towards enhancing the capacities of local governance institutions. Awareness camps, public contacts, chaupal meetings, orientation and trainings on emerging issues with CBO's and PRI's are done to establish linkages, lend support, empower, identify issues and solve them.

Community mobilization and strengthening of Community Based Organizations, capacity enhancement of CBOs and PRIs on issue of climate change adaptation, mobilization and advocacy for alliance building, influencing stakeholders and authorities on issues of climate and disaster resilient social policies as well as resilient economies, to enhance participation of youth groups in local development process and enhanced capacity of youth to adapt in climatic change condition; are the key initiatives being undertaken towards this objective.

### Key Achievements

- CBOs have increased their coordination with Panchyati Raj and Media for addressing of their livelihood and food security issues more effectively.
- KSS in all the blocks submitted memorandum to state government through SDM and district collector to provide compensation for crops destroyed due to hail storm, resulting in compensation being provided to affected villages/ farmers in Malpura, Newai and Shahabad blocks.
- Through linkages with Gram Panchayat, block and district officials CBOs have succeed in helping eligible villagers to benefit through PDS, social security schemes, Janani Suraksha Yojna etc. VDCs along with community have regularized the services of health, education and water supply. Through Chupal and Public contact, community members have become aware about the services available in the village for their development and have actively started claiming their rights.
- PDS services in Kalyanpura, Garudwasi, Jaypura, Udaipuriya, Ramchandrapura, Thali, Badodiya and Khadeda villages in Chaksu block; and Hanutiya, Mandaliya and Didawata villages in Phagi regularized after KSS's pursuing of the issue with the block administration.



- Quality of mid-day meal was improved by the efforts of VDC in Rupahedi Kalan, Harinaryanpura, Radoli and Garudwasi villages.
- Through the efforts of KSS Newai, 35 villages have been provided Bisalpur water supply.
- EWRs have been linked with SHGs and Village Development Committees (VDCs) to develop their understanding, leadership and providing opportunities to take part in other activities. 40 Elected Women Representatives are associated in Chaksu, 29 at Shahbad and 43 at Newai. Due to their association with the CBOs, EWRs are getting increased opportunities to build their capacities on other relevant issues and to address the problems collectively.
- Shahbad CBOs supported 135 persons to avail pensions, benefitted 55 people to get Indra Awas, filled 500 forms for toilet construction, sent 25 malnourished children to MTC and helped 55 Sahariya families to get land Patta.

### CIVIL SOCIETY BUILDING

**Objective :** This theme has been designed to fulfill the objective of establishing linkages with different stakeholders, ensuring participation of different stakeholders in events related to emerging issues and to take initiatives for capacity building of partner's organizations.

Civil society building is a corner stone of every activity in the organization, cognizant of the fact that efforts to engage with the government can be augmented if different players join hands together for a common goal. With this purpose, CECOEDECON regularly facilitates the process of partnering with other CSO's in its modus operandi. Other than that, it actively collaborates with several other campaigns on important development issues to engage more effectively with the state mechanism.

During the reporting period a number of consultations and workshops have been organized with stakeholders ranging from representatives of local governance institutions, government officials (including local, block and state level), civil society organizations as well as CBOs. Representatives of the organization have also participated in events at state, national and international level. Moreover, emphasis has been on strengthening existing partnerships and networks; while energies have also been focused on developing new collaborations. For instance :



In its continuous effort to hold the government accountable, **CECOEDECON** with the support of **Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA)** took an initiative to review the performance of Rajasthan Government's last 18 months' tenure. The review report called '**Citizens Report**' was released on 20<sup>th</sup> July at IDS, Jaipur. Before releasing the report three regional meetings were organized to ensure the participation of CSO's, farmers, academia, and PRI members at Kota, Jaisalmer and Juhunjhunu. Various institutions and organizations like- Institute of Development Studies (IDS), PRATHAM, ARAWLI, Dusra Dashak, BARC, Centre for Dalit rights (CDR), Resource Institute of Human Rights (RIHR), PRIA have been actively contributed to the process. CECOEDECON also released the English version of the report in the month of October and shared it with partner organizations.

A "**Race for Survival**" mini marathon was organized by **Save the Children and CECOEDECON** in Jaipur to generate awareness among schools children on Sustainable Development Goals and issue of climate change, which motivated and mobilized around 2000 students.

Save The Children and CEOEDECON jointly launched the **Action/2015** campaign in Jaipur, through which 15 children met Hon Mr. Kailash Meghwal, Hon'ble Speaker of Rajasthan assembly and submitted the charter of demands to him including ending poverty and reducing inequality in all their forms everywhere, to end hunger; achieve food nutritional security for all.



CEOEDECON has collaborated with the Action 2015 process to raise awareness on the SDGs among different stakeholders. A range of activities including meetings, rallies, signature campaign, cultural events have been conducted in different districts of Rajasthan.

Public awareness rallies on climate change in Jaipur, Tonk and Baran district of Rajasthan have also been organized by CEOEDECON, along with Climate March at Newai block of Tonk, Shahabad block of Baran, Chaksu and Phagi blocks of Jaipur district. The major participants of these rallies were farmers, women, students, PRI representatives and other stakeholders.

### **Consultation with PRI members on SDGs and Climate Change**

The United Nations initiated the process of framing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2010 and finally the SDGs have been announced in the UN general assembly meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. The MDGs have been replaced by the SDGs globally. For India to succeed in achieving the targets of SDG's there is a need to create awareness at micro—level and among parliamentarians, legislatures, PRI members, media, CSOs and CBOs on the process of SDGs and also how collectively they can sensitize the government to localize SDGs. CEOEDECON along with Kisan Sewa Samiti organized five consultations with newly elected PRI members of Chaksu, Phagi (Jaipur); Niwai, Malpura (Tonk) and Shahbad (Baran) on SDGs and Climate Change.

CEOEDECON and KSS are helping most of the PRI members to organize the discussion on SDGs and climate change at their respective panchayats and prepare local climate adaption plans of their respective panchayats.

### **Discussion with Media on Emerging Issues**

Today in the era of globalization it is needed to educate the media to enable them to more effectively take up the issue of climate change, GMOs and Land Rights etc.. The media have a very important role to play in sensitizing people as well as state governments on various development processes related to sustainable development and their implications at grass root level. Keeping this as a backdrop CEOEDECON organized a discussion with the media on how media can play an important role in generating awareness on SDGs and Climate Change, in Jhunjhunu on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015 with the support of Saarthi Sanstha.



## FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

India is home to 217 million malnourished children, 40% of the world's total, even more than in Sub-Saharan Africa. CECOEDECON has adopted a comprehensive strategy to address the issue of malnutrition. Our efforts in this direction are as follows:

### Strengthening MNCHN Services

Supported by : **Save the Children**

Area: Tonk and Dungarpur District in Rajasthan

**Objective :** Enhancing the capacity of frontline health workers to deliver effective preventive, promotional and basic curative services. Promoting good governance through community-based accountability mechanisms and advocacy, and increasing the quantity, quality and availability of empirical data related to the provision of MNCHN care, through research activities.

### Key Achievements

- Increased awareness among communities, local NGOs and community-based organizations about accountability mechanisms in health.
- Improved health services reported in targeted communities.
- By the end of the project period, trained health workers reaching out to communities on issues of appropriate child feeding, immunization and safe deliveries.
- Increased number of public hearing meetings and social audits conducted as instruments of accountability measures.
- Increase in number of issues addressed.



### The Madhya Pradesh Oil Initiative

Supported by : **GAIN**

Area : State of Madhya Pradesh

**Objective :** The Global Alliance on Improved Nutrition (GAIN) conceived a project to facilitate fortification of Soyabean Oil with vitamin A and D to counter malnutrition in the state of Madhya Pradesh. CECOEDECON has collaborated with **GAIN** for this initiative, to support the local oil millers to fortify soyabean oil and make it available through open market; and to create public awareness on nutrition and micronutrient malnutrition.

20%  
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## Key Achievements

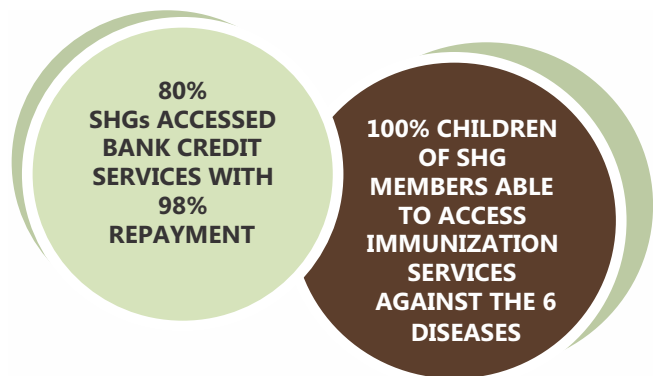
A systematic capacity building and hand holding plan was executed to enhance capacities of the industry partners. Continuous handholding has helped in achieving the highest standards of fortification norms.

### Production and Distribution of Supplementary Food through the ICDS system in

Supported by : **Gain**

Rajasthan Project Area : Dungarpur and Banswara district of Rajasthan.

This project aims at building local capacities to produce fortified supplementary food to counter malnutrition among children belonging to the most deprived sections. The project also invests in building entrepreneurial capacities of Self Help Groups (SHGs), in enhancing human and institutional capacities of SHG federations and in helping them establish localized production facilities for fortification of supplementary food.



## Key Achievements

- The project has been successful in demonstrating a viable community based modal for production of Take Home Ration.
- The women owned business not only extended employment opportunities for women belonging to tribal families but also contributed in altering community's perception on women and their capacities.
- The intervention has also contributed significantly in enhancing participation of SHG members in community activities like laying road, construction of water harvesting structures, protecting girls and women against violence etc.
- Increase in self-confidence and self-esteem.
- Increase in awareness levels about the society and community.

### Half the Sky Global Engagement Initiative in Tonk district

Supported by : **Save the Children**

Area : 15 wards of Tonk District in Rajasthan.

The purpose of the project (completed) was to promote healthy, safe pregnancies and birth with early registration of pregnancies with Aanganwadi worker (AWW), completion of antenatal checkups, increased institutional deliveries and post-natal visits, and early initiation of breastfeeding. Also the emphasis was on creating a positive shift in select knowledge, attitudes and practices of targeted audience and community norms in Tonk district of Rajasthan through Half the Sky Movement trans media tools and associated discussion groups.

### POSHAN RAJASTHAN

Supported by : **GAIN**

CECOEDECON has partnered with GAIN, with the objective of providing support to GAIN for smooth and effective implementation of the POSHAN Strategy and program of Government of Rajasthan under the National Health Mission in 13 districts. The POSHAN program is designed to provide a home and community-based treatment of children with SAM who do not have any medical complications, on the basis of WHO-Unicef Guidelines and protocols of "Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition".



In the purview of this project CECOEDECON is responsible for supporting operational research, overseeing and coordinating data collection, and providing logistics support. The organization also provides support for community mobilization on CMAM and POSHAN by actively engaging the community on improving the infant and young child feeding and care practices to avoid relapse of children that were treated for SAM; establishing a continuum of care between treatment and prevention of malnutrition, by linking interventions through ICDS with community mobilization and POSHAN and improving the quality of inter-personal communication activities carried out by the POSHAN Praharies/ANMs.

The preliminary results based on enrolment and recovery criteria exceed global standards providing overwhelming evidence for the effectiveness of community-based management of acute malnutrition.

### OTHER PROGRAMMATIC INTERVENTIONS

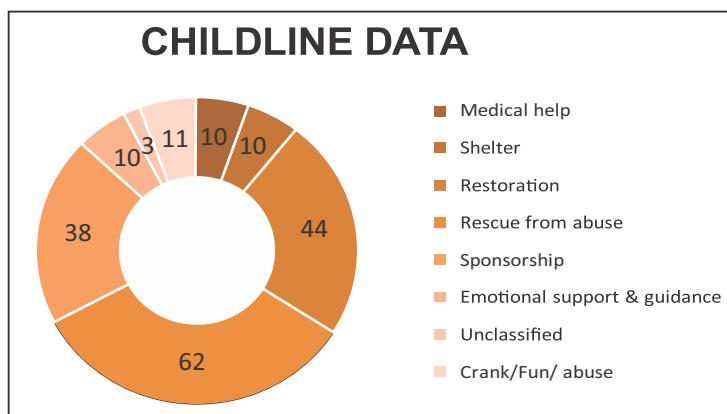
#### A Child – Friendly Nation That Guarantees The Rights And Protection of All Children in Jaisalmer District

Supported by: **CHILDLINE India Foundation**

Area: Jaisalmer District in Rajasthan.

For the past 6 years CECOEDECON is implementing as a collaborating agency for Child India Foundation and Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI. The project is directed towards protection of children and their rights through the Helpline number 1098. The special focus is on the children in need of care and protection, especially the more vulnerable sections. CECOEDECON has been working efficiently towards spreading awareness amongst people by conducting Nukkad Natak, lectures and meetings in slum, schools and public places, media and news rally etc.

During the year child Line, Jaisalmer received a total of 2628 calls. 189 cases were registered to provide protection and other services to children.



#### Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Programme (BBBP) in the district of Sawai Madhopur

Supported By **UNFPA**

Area: Sawai Madopur District of Rajasthan.

**Objective :** In order to improve the Child Sex Ratio and ensure education of girls towards achieving gender equality, a flagship program Beti Bachao Beti Padhao has been launched by the Government of India (GOI). The Goal of the Intervention that is planned under the Work Plan is to strengthen the capacities of the Government and Civil Society at the District level to enhance the value of the Girl Child. Additionally the focus is also on strengthening the planning, implementation and monitoring processes related to the BBBP at the District level for effective roll out of the BBBP in Sawai Madhopur. Moreover, the program also works on building capacities of various stakeholders on addressing the concerns of declining child sex ratio, various forms of gender based discrimination; and on developing effective strategies to address this issue at the District level.



### Key Achievements

- Institutional strengthening from district to village level with regards to the issues related to declining sex ratio and the Gender Based Discrimination as a consequence of enhanced understanding of the various stakeholders on the subject.
- Strengthened capacities of the Government functionaries to plan implement and monitor the BBBP programme.
- Increased convergence between various in line departments and other stakeholders towards building an enabling environment for the girl child.

**OUTREACH OF OVER 1 LAKH ACHIEVED IN 50 GPS OF 4 BLOCKS**

### Nai Roshni in Tonk District

Supported by: **Ministry of Minority Affair, GOI.**

Area: Tonk District

The objective of the scheme "Nai Roshni" is to empower and instill confidence among minority women, including their neighbors from other communities living in the same village/locality, by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with government systems, banks and other institutions at all levels. CECOEDCON has successfully completed trainings of 300 women (during the reporting period) of the Muslim Minority community in Tonk District of Rajasthan under this scheme.

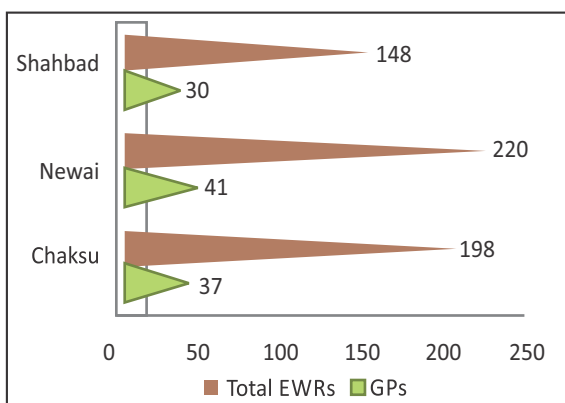
**300 WOMEN TRAINED**

### Empowering Elected Women Representative (EWRs)

Supported by: **The Hunger Project**

Area: Chaksu, Newai and Shahbad blocks of Rajasthan.

**Objective :** The project aims at strengthening women leadership at the grass roots level and to enhance capacities by focusing on their leadership and negotiation skills, develop their self-esteem; while also enhancing their awareness about the three tier structures of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), the roles and functions of PRIs, and the roles of the EWRs. The intent is to build and facilitate institutions of EWRs at the blocks in order to create a support structure for women representatives. Working with Panchayats to build a more conducive environment for ensuring effective participation of women in the local governance, including policy planning and implementation, is also a priority.



During the reporting period capacity building trainings have been provided to the newly elected EWRs in 3 blocks. Additionally, concentrated efforts have been made on enhancing and strengthening the governance structure in 105 panchayats.



### IEC Activities for Water Supply Projects in 1349 Villages

Supported by : **Shree Hari Infra Projects Private Limited , HGIEPL Infra Engineering P Ltd. and Lahoty Buildcon Ltd.**

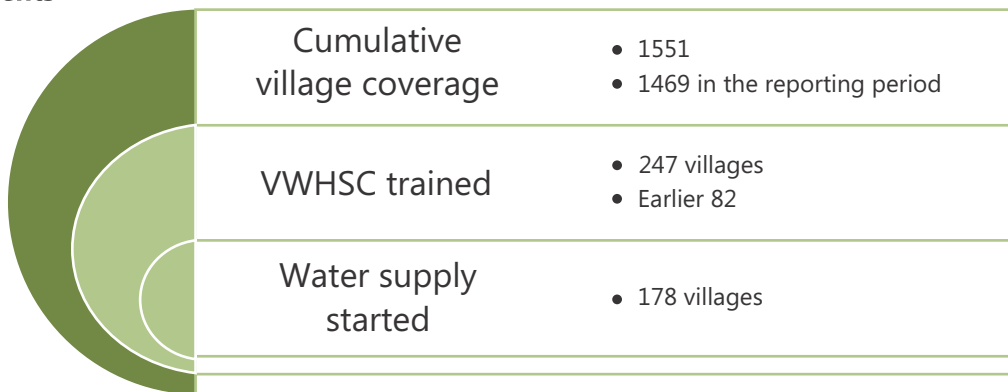
Area : 1349 villages of Tonk, Ajmer, Baran, Nagaur and Sikar districts of Rajasthan.

Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) has impaneled CECOEDECON as an implementing agency for IEC activities under Water Supply Projects at the state level. The main focus of the program is to ensure sustainable water supply at the village level, by involving community in village level planning, implementation and management of water supply. Among the other objectives is the facilitation of community participation with special focus on women, promoting health education about safe water consumption in order to realize the potential for improved health.



This community based model ensures quality water availability for humans and livestock and has a huge potential of impacting their health as well as the household nutrition security.

### Key Achievements

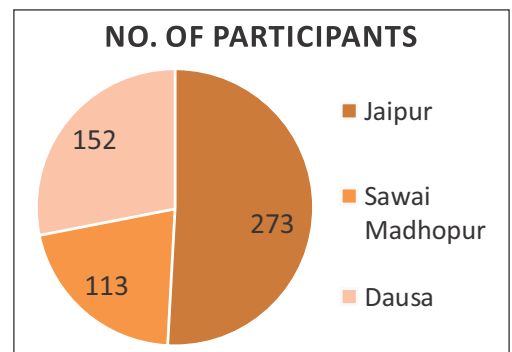


### Anganwari Workers Training Center (GOI/ICDS)

Supported by : **Women and Child Development Govt. of India**

Area : Sawai Madhopur, Jaipur, Dausa districts of Rajasthan.

CECOEDECON is running a training center as part of a project called Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project (ISSNIP) under GOI's Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) department supported by World Bank. The purpose of the training is to reach out to women in rural areas and urban slums, to educate them on matters of basic health and hygiene, nutrition, pre-natal and post-natal maternal and childcare and child rearing. It also serves the purpose of equipping the beneficiaries with the knowledge of ICDS and its mandate, proper functioning of Anganwari center, better nutritional care of the children and keeping database.



During 2015-2016 total 8 orientation training batches, 28 refresher training batches and 3 batches of JTC were conducted for participants from Madhopur, Jaipur and Dausa. The detailed information of the trainings and participation is given below:

The impact of training has also been assessed through discussion with participants. It has been observed that the participants' sensitivity towards child and reproductive health concerns has increased.

### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES IN JAISALMER


CECOEDECON is working on the following CSR initiatives in 78 villages of Jaisalmer district:

- SRIJAN –IV in partnership with SUZLON Foundation
- SUPPORT in partnership with SUZLON Foundation & Ostro Energy
- SUCCESS in partnership with SUZLON Foundation & CLP, India
- Care in Partnership with Ostro energy Private Limited

The major objective of these projects is to enhance livelihood of the community through agriculture and livestock development, improvement in infrastructure of schools, improvement in clean drinking water availability, development of water harvesting structures, improvement in sanitation, tree plantation for environment protection, vocational trainings for income generation of women, electrification of houses, and strengthening of community based institution to take up development issues.

The initiative focuses mainly on livelihood enhancement, health, education, environment, community empowerment & activities of civic amenities. In the reporting period CECOEDECON has organized various activities under these thematic areas in all the covered villages.






125 tankas ( water storage tanks) constructed to address water scarcity, benefiting 125 families.  
Total storage 1757812 litre.


Three Nadi (ponds) with total water storage capacity of 9940000 lit. di-silted in three villages

Community based RO water treatment unit installed in Sanda village for clean drinking water, catering to 100 families.

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Livestock is a major source of income for the target population. 165 animal health camps have organized where 178097 cattle have been treated.



1365 trees planted in 57 villages, to increase the sparse tree cover.


In Poonamnagar village a model for increasing fodder availability and trees cover has been developed on 2 hac. of land area

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VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES FORMED IN EVERY VILLAGE

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To make the children aware about sanitation, cleanness drives have organized in 76 schools, and a total 282 dustbins placed in schools.

## Democratizing climate change policies to enhance resilience of small farmers and to ensure food security

Supported by : **MISEREOR**

**Objective :** This project was implemented from April 2015- September 2015 by CECOEDECON, PAIRVI and partner NGOs in states like Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarpradesh and Maharashtra with the objective of enhancing farmer's resilience, policy advocacy and capacity building of CSO's on the impact of climate change; and building regional and global cooperation and strengthening the Beyond Copenhagen (BCPH) Collective.

### Key Achievements

**300 farmer families in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are equipped to adapt their farming systems to climate change**

**More than 500 farmers from Bihar, Jharkhand, UP, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh enrolled/registered with government portal providing early warning information and to extend reach the same has been shared in local language through the "village Wall" initiative in many villages.**

- Fact findings were conducted on solar and wind energy projects to understand their impacts on rural needs and concerns. The findings showed that these projects have adversely impacted the local livelihood and food systems, and are not accountable to the local energy needs.
- Reports/recommendations on issues related to climate change and energy were shared with government officials and policy makers including members of Parliaments through Parliamentarian Forum. These concerted efforts have resulted in sustained engagement with the policymakers/ government in many states and at the national level.
- Interaction with the relevant ministries in Chhattisgarh resulted in formation of a committee (Sarovar Dharohar Yojana) on water issues of which BCPH partners are members.
- BCPH has been actively working on the national and international level by leading platforms and collaborating with networks like the Asia Pacific CSOs network on the post 2015 development agenda (called APRCEM), to generate discussion and develop common understanding on global issues including climate change and sustainable development. BCPH has represented APRCEM and Southern NGOs on a number of occasions in the UNESCAP and at GA/PGA/other platforms at UN. The continuous engagement has resulted in working relations with many CSOs, networks and platforms in Asia Pacific and South Asia.
- During the period while BCPH also organized one South Asia Consultation on climate change and sustainable development, it also led several South Asia caucus meetings at other platforms like APFSD (APRIL)/Financing for Development (July), COP 21 (November). Besides, it also participated in number of activities organized by partner organizations and networks on south Asian concerns including climate change writeshop (KTM, July), consultations organized by CSOs from India and Bangladesh on Energy issues (Sept.). These activities have strengthened the coalition and forged working relations with CSOs and Parliamentarians in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, etc.

## Peoples Campaign and Advocacy for Sustainable Development Goals; Nationalizing Sustainable Development Goals

Supported by : **MISEREOR**

**Objective :** This Campaign aims to capture the national imagination of the sustainability, development and rights. The overall aim of the project is contribute towards anchoring sustainable development through sensitization of important stakeholders including the government and civil society. The campaign was undertaken to initiate the debate on the SDGs, localize SDGs and strengthen the southern perspective and voices of the southern NGOs in the global discussion and negotiation on the SDGs.



## Key Achievements

- One of the important outcomes of the project has been a Parliamentary Forum in India, composed of policymakers across the party. It is supported by larger federation of CSOs (including us) who have been engaged with the global and regional processes.
- Reaching out to more than 200 participants from 8 states including CSOs, youth, policymakers, MPs, MLAs, PRIs, media, academicians, women's groups, farmers, and dalit activists; through consultation the project has helped local regional groups engage with state government on SDGs and related issues and developing sub national strategies for SDG implementation.
- Some of the groups have also resolved to organize micro-planning at Village/Gram Panchayats/Block level etc. so that the plans are more inclusive, participatory and factors in local resources and constraints.
- The project has also reached out to wider audience by means of reflections on the SDGs, Climate Change, development trajectory, poverty and inequality shared through various and multiple media including occasional paper, news, feature writing, radio program (All India Radio), and TV (government controlled and private news channels) etc.
- The Campaign has engaged with the regional and global processes on the SDGs providing them with southern perspective and justice dimensions and with the important feedback. The engagement was ensured through a variety of measures including written submissions, physical and virtual participation and presentations, statements, and side events.

**Due to the efforts made the campaign has been able to create a strong international presence. The selection of Mr. Sharad Joshi, Secretary, CECOEDCON, as a CSO observer during the SDGs Summit is a testament of the same.**

## Improving climate change resilience and promoting low carbon development pathways

Supported By: **OXFAM India**

The project aims to generate improved policy response to energy access, improved national and global response, enhancing resilience in agriculture showcasing traditional knowledge. The key project focus areas during the reporting period included studying barriers of access to energy and renewable energy in Chhattisgarh and propose solutions, monitoring the Paris CoP preparations and discussions, showcasing farmers' resilience in the face of climate change.

## Key Achievements

- Fact finding revealed that though Chhattisgarh is one of the leading states in deploying RE based micro grids for rural electrification; however, due to rising demand and aspirations for greater access to electricity, the models put up more than a decade back has very limited utility now. The recommendations from the report will be helpful for the CREDA and the state government to understand the energy status, remove barriers and plan further expansion of electricity access in rural areas.
- In order to engage and build linkages with the local governance mechanism; CECOEDCON organized an orientation for newly elected PRIs.
- Meetings with farmers affected by hailstorms were undertaken at Jhunjhunu, Jaisalmer and Kota districts and political opinion was mobilized for giving relief to these farmers, which resulted in many of the farmers being compensated. However, many of them could not get compensation due to faulty insurance policies and inappropriate surveys.
- Ajay K Jha, participated in the **INDC Consultation** organized by Oxfam India in **Raipur, on 9<sup>th</sup> September**, and delivered a presentation on the INDCs of developed and developing countries. He also shared insights on how international policies change local realities.
- Ajay Jha participated in the meeting with **Ms. Dorothy McAuliffe**, the first lady of the State Virginia, U.S., on **17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**, where he spoke on international negotiations, global and national perspectives on climate justice

**200 newly elected PRIs of Jaipur & Tonk orientated on sustainable agriculture & food sovereignty, climate change & sustainable development**

## CSR project with Chambal Fertilizers and Chemical Ltd.

Supported by : **Chambal Fertilizers and Chemical Ltd.**

Area : 8 proximity villages of Chambal Fertilizers Plant



The CSR project concentrates on building capacities of communities, enhancing awareness on health related issues, ensuring livelihood security and skill building of youths through awareness camps, health awareness camps, life skill training to adolescent and other initiatives.

CECOEDECON in collaboration with Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. is also working on improving sanitation in the 8 villages under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (government scheme). More than 150 household toilets have been constructed in the project area and the community has been mobilized so that they can recognize the benefits of sanitation and start regular use of the constructed toilets.

- Awareness of over 1000 community members raised on social security schemes.
- 1150 people linked to Pradhan Mantri Bima Yojna.
- 444 farmers trained on sustainable agriculture techniques and practices.
- 533 people benefitted from kitchen gardening demonstrations, 80% plant survival rate ensured.
- 577 people benefitted from fruit plants provided, 77% plant survival rate ensured.



**917 animals vaccinated in 10 camps**



**837 adolescent girls organized into 32 adolescent groups**



**51 old age pension cases identified, 20 processed**



**150 household toilets constructed**



**23 SHGs formed**

## Trilogy of food, climate and sustainable development; Building peoples perspective on policy, practice and justice

Supported by : **MISEREOR**

**Objective :** The overall goal of this project is promotion of climate change resilience and sustainable development; specifically focusing on resilience of small farmer families, developing networks for monitoring SDG based action plans on climate change, sustainable agriculture and sustainable development, strengthening national and regional multi stakeholder platforms promoting climate change and sustainable development.

## Key Achievements

- Assembly and Parliamentary working groups briefed through policy briefs/ analysis/fact finding reports for effective policy responses.
- Participation in the COP, side events, press meetings and bilateral meetings with the country CSOs delegations have been appropriate means of sharing the concerns and underlining viable solutions.



- COP Intervention was preceded by National PRECOP Consultation, and was followed by a debrief of outcomes at Paris in which a number of organizations provided inputs on India's INDCs, their adequacy, ambition and fairness, as well as engaged in discussions on expectations from and commitment towards the global deal on climate change.
- Besides, collective inputs were provided for this years' Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development through Asia Pacific CSOs Forum on sustainable development which immediately preceded APFSD and was supported by UNESCAP. CECOEDECON participated in the APCSOs FSD as well as APFSD
- Various interventions have been organized at 6 panchayats in Uttar Pradesh, including agriculture training program. At Maharajganj, farmers, village Pradhan, and Saadhan Sakhari Samiti have been actively involved in advocacy with the local and state administration for linking local community to agriculture schemes. These initial efforts have paved ground for a sustainable development network to be created in the region.
- Field visit by the agri-expert, Deepak Suchde, to the pest-infested fields of the farmers helped to diagnose the problems of pests and termite attack, soil alkalinity and rotting of leaves. The training equipped farmers on building soil fertility, intercropping, post harvest crop management.
- Following the training a two-day field demonstration and hands-on training workshop was held for the farmers enabling them to understand the concept of Amrut Krushi, a farming system/ science which goes much beyond organic farming both in terms of philosophy and science.

**80 farmers from  
UP trained on Rishi  
Krishi/Natureco  
Farming\***

**\*eco-friendly organic  
farming practiced by  
understanding  
nature**



## SATELLITE INSTITUTIONS

To address issue-specific areas more effectively, CECOEDECON has established off-shoots to its core work areas to move beyond existing interventions :



- **BCPH - Beyond Copenhagen Collective**, one of CECOEDECON's new initiatives. This pan-Indian coalition of 40-plus organizations addresses emerging issues of climate and environmental justice, energy equity, sustainable development and post-2015 development. It engages with various stakeholders at multiple levels, to bring about desired change in policies and programs.
- **DCNC - Development Coordination Network Committee Trust**, a state-level network of NGOs working in Rajasthan.
- **PAIRVI - Public Advocacy Initiatives for Rights and Values in India, New Delhi**, an advocacy support center that caters to capacity building needs of social advocates working in ten states in north-central India.
- **CDHR - Centre for Dalit Human Rights**, an information and support centre on Dalit issues. With focus in Rajasthan, it intends to work with Dalit groups in other north-Indian states as well.
- **JP - Jal Prahari**, a specialized network working on water issues in Rajasthan.
- **Sanvardhan Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.**, apex organization for 'Microfinance' at state level.
- **Block-level Women's SHG Federations**, apex institutions of village-level Self Help Groups across five blocks of Jaipur, Tonk and Baran districts; that have been federated to promote economic empowerment of women.
- **SWARAJ - Social Work Academy for Research and Action, Jaipur**, an initiative committed to develop appropriate human resource for social development sector thereby undertaking knowledge management, training, education and research activities.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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**Abridged Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (Rs.)		INCOME	AMOUNT (Rs.)	
	2015-2016	2014-2015		2015-2016	2014-2015
FCRA Programme Expenses	58,570,558	91,352,555	FCRA Grant *	57,735,480	90,444,157
NON-FCRA Programme Expenses	48,276,086	35,012,978	NON- FCRA Grant**	38,383,342	26,531,120
Administrative Expenses	9,326,159	4,675,740	Community Contribution	333,601	588,305
Depreciation	1,909,942	2,110,903	Interest, Income form Micro Finance		
Excess of Income over Expenditure	5,848,875	10,475,315	Activity & Membership Fees	8,945,513	9,350,488
			Contribution from Services	17,727,090	13,734,211
			Other Income	806,593	2,979,209
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,931,620</b>	<b>143,627,491</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>123,931,620</b>	<b>143,627,491</b>

**Abridged Balance Sheet as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (Rs.)		ASSETS	AMOUNT (Rs.)	
	2015-2016	2014-2015		2015-2016	2014-2015
Reserve Fund	86,037,380	80,109,511	Fixed Assets	44,528,919	38,496,773
Land and Building Fund	18,963,334	18,596,322	Investments	6,140,000	690,000
Programme Fund	19,958,577	19,313,828	Loans and Advances		
Staff Fund	3,446,384	3,693,360	- Loan to Beneficiaries	45,436,923	42,305,104
Secured loans		199,932	- Security Deposit	833,030	798,485
Unsecured loans	17,499,111	7,500,000	- Other Loans & Advances	1,552,836	2,999,490
Current Liabilities & Provisions			Current Assets		
- Unspent Grant & Advance Grant	3,689,973	12,716,651	- Sundry Receivables and		
- Sundry Creditors & Provisions	7,420,734	5,691,345	Prepaid	31,000,708	26,310,575
Deposits from Co-operatives	2,340,398	1,517,528	- Cash and Bank Balance	29,863,475	37,738,050
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,355,890</b>	<b>149,338,477</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>159,355,890</b>	<b>149,338,477</b>

Compiled from Audited Financial Statements of Even Date  
Previous year figures are regrouped or rearranged wherever necessary

CAMP - JAIPUR

DATE - 2ND JUNE, 2016

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF CECOEDECON

  
(SHARAD JOSHI)  
SECRETARY



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\* Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) Grant :- MISEREOR- Germany, SCBRB-New Delhi, The Hunger Project-USA, Oxfam India- New Delhi, Action contre la faim- France, GAIN-Switzerland, YUVA-Mumbai and CSEI-New Delhi

\*\* NON Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) Grant :- Suzlon - India, DWCD- GOR, NABARD-Jaipur, ICDS-GOR-Jaipur, Childline Foundation, Shree Hari Infra Project Pvt. Ltd. Jaipur, Lahoty Buildcon Limited Jaipur, K.K. Birla Memorial Society- Kota, HGIEPL Infra Engineering P Ltd., Jaipur, ICICI FOUNDATION, Mumbai, Sahariya Viaks Shahabad-GOR, NULM- GOMP, UNFPA-Jaipur and Ministry of Minority Affairs- GOI- New Delhi

**Note:-** CECOEDECON has a strong belief in people's right to information, and in transparency and accountability. Accounts statements giving details regarding Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet for two years is present before the public.

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

APRN	Asia Pacific Research Network
AG	Action Group
AIWC	All India Women' s Conference
ANM	Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery
APFSD	Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
APRCM	Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism
AWTC	Anganwadi Workers Training Centre
BCPH	Beyond Copenhagen
CBO	Community Based Organization
CECOEDECON	Centre for Community Economics & Development Consultants Society
CDR	CDR- Centre For Dalit Rights
CREDA	CREDA- Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency
CMAM	Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition
COP	Conference of the Parties
CSO	Civil Society Organization
ECOSOC	The Economic and Social Council United Nations
EWR	Elected Women Representative
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
FtD	Financing for Development
FPAI	FPA India- Family Planning Association of India
FPO	Farmer producer Organisation
GAIN	Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism
HLFP	High Level Political Forum
ICDS	Integrated Child Development Scheme
IEC	Information, Education & Communication
INDC	Intended Nationally Determined Contribution
INECC	Indian Network on Ethics and Climate Change
ISSNIP	ICDS Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project
JTC	Job Training Centre
KSSM	Kisan Sewa Samiti Mahasangh
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MNCHN	Maternal, Newborn, Child Health and Nutrition
MGNREGA	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
MOEF & CC	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
MTC	Malnutrition Treatment Centres
MSP	Minimum Support Price
NABARD	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NRDWP	National Rural Drinking Water Programme
NRHM	National Rural Health Mission
PAIRVI	Public Advocacy Initiatives for Rights and Values in India
PCPNDT	Pre Conception and Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques
PIIRD	Participatory Initiatives for Integrated Rural Development
PDS	Public Distribution System
PHED	Public Health Engineering Département
RIHR	Resource Institute Of Human Rights
RMSSS	Rajasthani Mahila Sahakari Seva Samiti
SADED	South Asian Dialogues on Ecological Democracy
SAM	Severe Acute Malnutrition
SWARAJ	Social Work Academy for Research and Action, Jaipur
TWN	Third World Network
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNDESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund (United Nations Fund for Population Activities)
UNSD	United Nations Statistical Division
VAW	Violence Against Women
VWHSC	Village Water Health and Sanitation Committee
WNTA	Wada Na Todo Abhiyan
WHO	World health Organization



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