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Engaging Communities for Effective Climate Solutions

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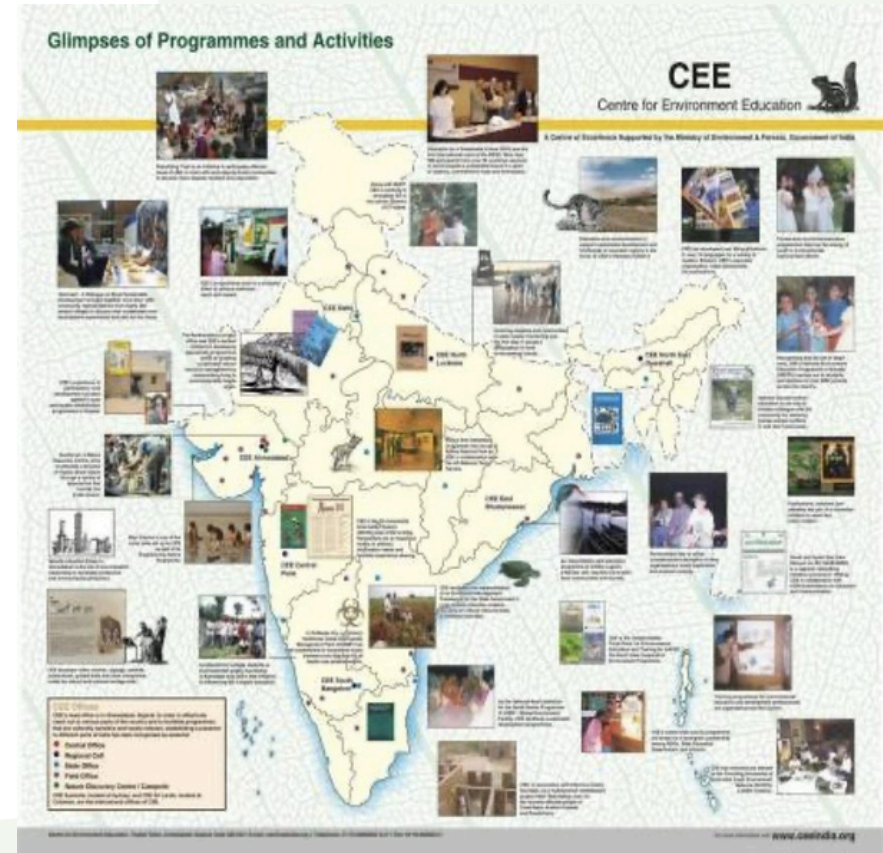
Bridging the Grassroots and Climate Governance: How CSO Partnerships Strengthen Community Trust and Drive Climate Action



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About CEE

- Established in 1984 as a Centre of excellence, of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
- Headquarters in Ahmedabad, works globally, nationally, locally
- CEE focuses on environmental education and capacity building, community and ecosystem programs, and nature-based initiatives including coastal programs



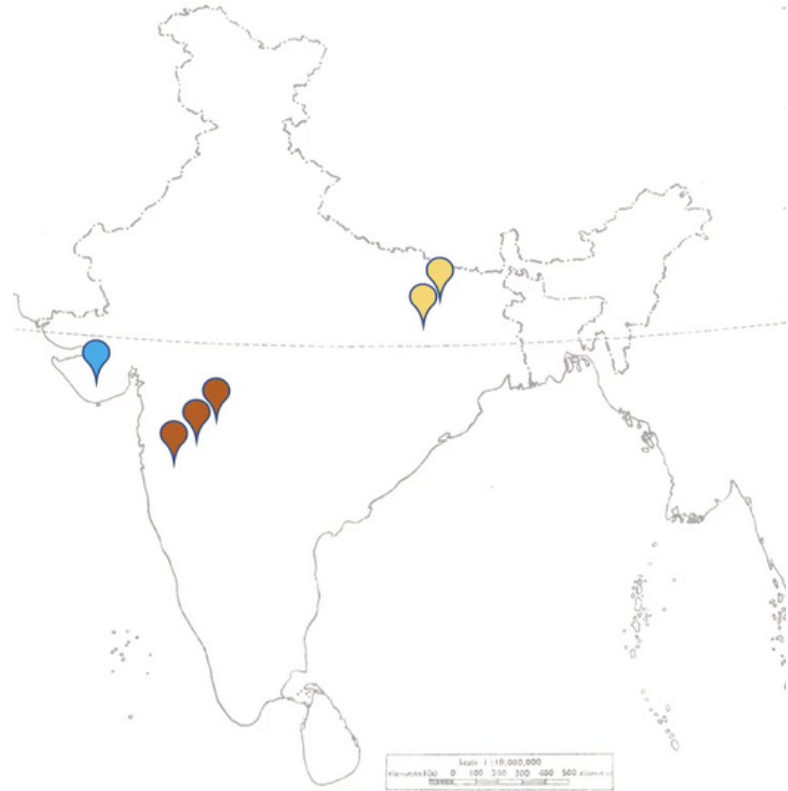
Projects: Green and Socially Sound Recovery and Climate Actions for Rural Economy

Objectives

- Promote sustainable livelihoods and low-carbon rural development by reducing GHG emissions and building resilient, equitable, and climate-adaptable communities.

Key Activities

- Enhance sustainable livelihoods through sectoral value-chain assessments, GHG quantification with India-specific methodologies, CARE framework design, collectivization and community capacity building with technology demonstrations



The impact of the lack of CSO buy-in and their Role in Climate and Environmental Projects



Context-Specific Design and Inclusivity



When CSO buy-in is missing

- Top-down design
- Exclusion of marginalized groups



When CSOs are engaged

- Participatory planning
- Inclusion through Participatory Rural Appraisal and People's Biodiversity Registers
- Equity



Project Relevance and Ownership



When CSO buy-in is missing

- Low community trust
- Weak participation
- Community Dynamics



When CSOs are engaged

- Sustained engagement
- Local ownership
- Community trust



Knowledge, Capacity & Resources



When CSO buy-in is missing

- Lack of awareness
- Weak capacity
- Poor resource mobilization



When CSOs are engaged

- Communication, Capacity Building, Education, Participation, and Awareness strategy- Drafting & implementation
- Handholding
- Resource mobilization



Technology & Implementation Fit



When CSO buy-in is missing

- Inappropriate technology
- Resource wastages



When CSOs are engaged

- Context-specific appropriate technology
- Green technology



Advocacy & Institutional Linkages



When CSO buy-in is missing

- Weak policy integration
- Limited up-scaling



When CSOs are engaged

- Policy Advocacy
- Institutional Partnership and Liaising



