



# **Technology Connect for Inclusive Development: Innovating for Rural Livelihoods & Green Growth TARA 25**

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# 193 Governments have made firm Commitments to Eliminate Poverty and Hunger and Achieve 17 Other Major Development Goals by

## India and the SDGs: Can India do it?

The potholes on the road to a prosperous India



270 mn BPL



191 mn undernourished



Infant Mortality Rate: 43 per 100



More than 300 mn in need of skilling



0.646 on Gender Gap Index



More than 50% run toilets & tap



94% of municipal waste dumped



Shortage of 19 mn housing units



Richest 1% have 49% of wealth



75% national highways below std



20% youth unemployed



75 million without elec



# Emerging Challenges: Technological Solutions

- India – Post 2015 : Investing in Sustainability
- SDGs – 2030 – to address challenges of poverty, inequality and climate change adaptation & mitigation
- Issues of sustainability – transforms to greener and inclusive growth with participatory governance
- Role of Technology in social Good initiatives
- Technology – Key enablers of new global sustainable development agenda – Conservation and livelihood gains
- Technology and innovation that transform people's lives : R&D leads giving back to society - Inclusive Innovation
- Role of Technology: focused response to social, developmental & environmental issues : Capacity building at local level
- To build technology ecosystems driven by skills and capacities –supported by finance, market and institutional arrangements.

# Key challenges faced by rural livelihoods

Rural livelihoods face challenges with respect to availability, quality, reliability & affordability of power

## Key Livelihoods



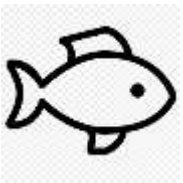
### AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

- Escalating diesel prices increases operational cost for farmers (Annual cost of diesel for 2.2 kW pump – INR 30,0000). Erratic power supply impedes efficient operation of post harvest activities- threshing, hulling etc.
- Farm activities like cane crushing, spraying are animal or human powered causing drudgery
- Perishable produce (vegetables & fruits) require uninterrupted power supply to power cold storage facilities.



### DAIRY

- Power outages and erratic power supply affect milk testing and weighing, lack of cold storage facilities can lead to spoilage of milk, freshness and aroma



### FISHERIES

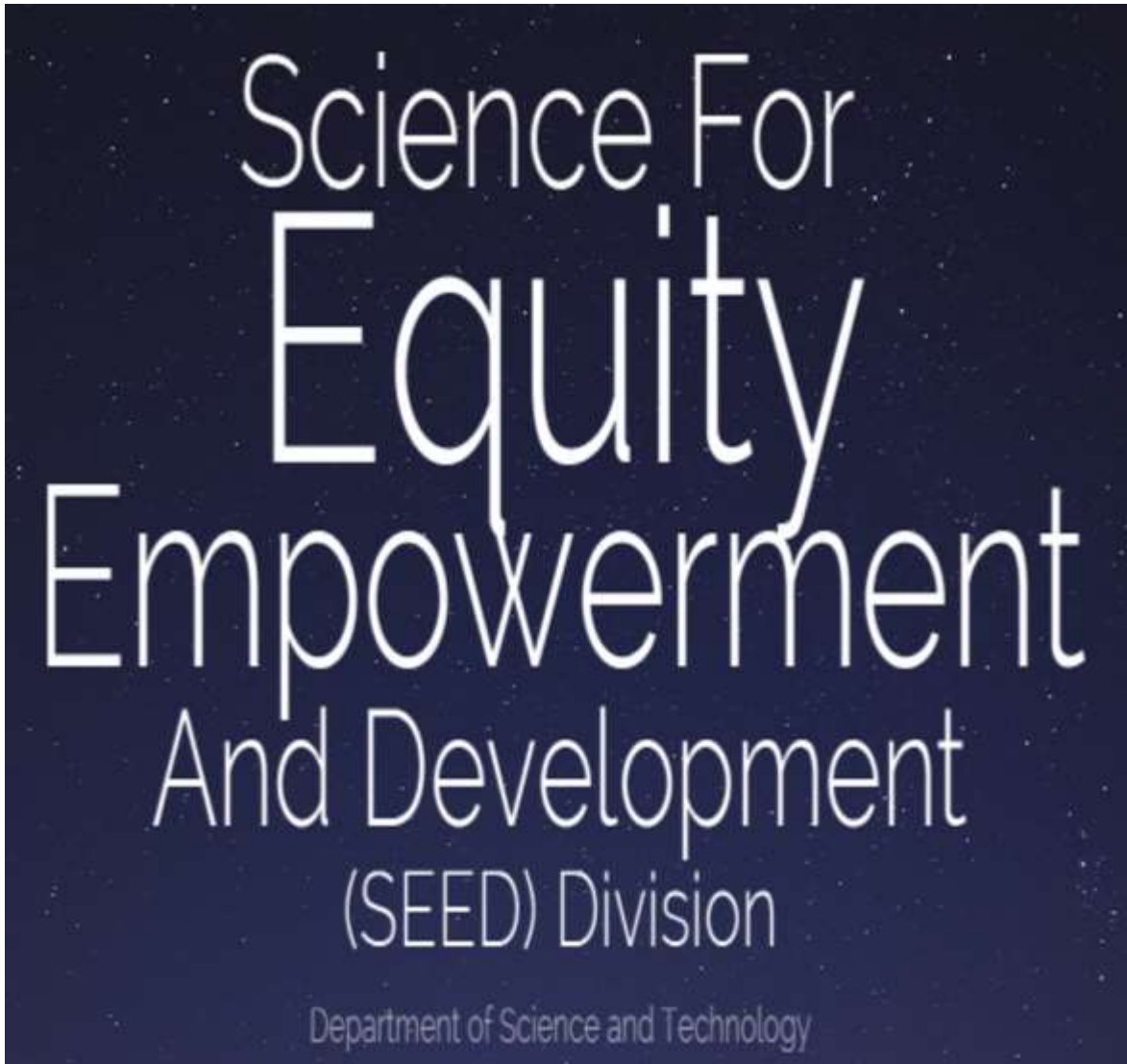
- Drying fish in open areas is unhygienic, leads to contamination, incidence of birds preying on fish & does not fully eliminate moisture content, reducing shelf life



### WEAVING/HANDICRAFTS/ DECENTRALIZED POWERLOOMS

- Lack of quality power supply and low voltage disrupts work & leads to loss of working hours & revenue

# SEED, DST: Inclusive Development through Need based Technological Interventions



## Focus:

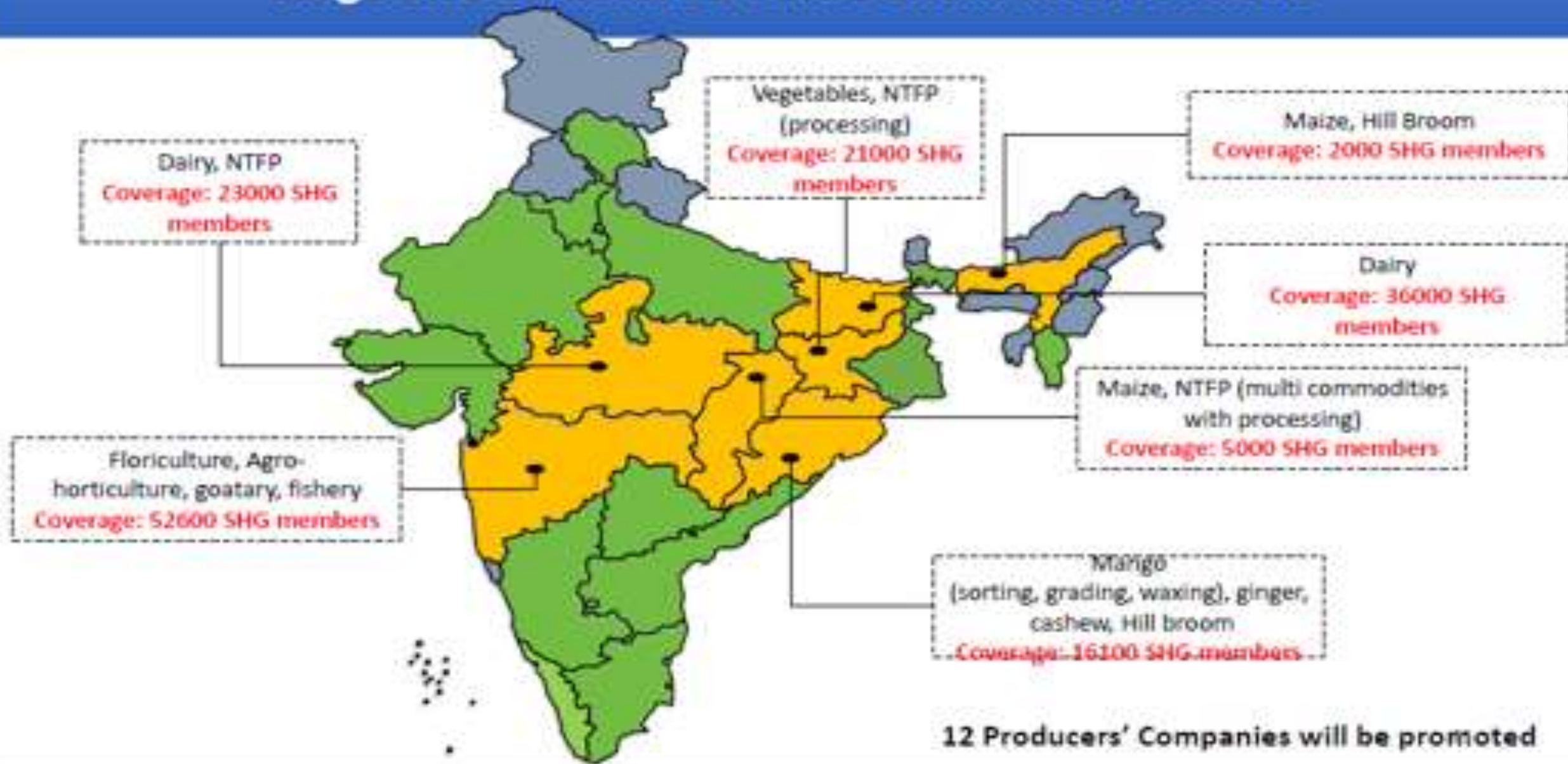
- Working for technological empowerment and sustainable livelihoods at the grassroots levels
- Support action oriented and location specific projects for socio-economic up-liftment through technology intervention: Community engagement in technology optimization and adoption

## STI Policy -2013:

- Innovation for inclusive growth implies ensuring access, availability and affordability of solutions to as large a population as possible.
- NGOs will be accorded a pivotal role in delivery of STI outputs, especially rural technologies, to the grassroots level



# Large Size Structured Value Chain Interventions



# Long Term Core Support: Technological Advancement for Rural Areas (TARA) Scheme
























## OVERVIEW

- Long-term support to S&T-capable NGOs with proven track record, deep community roots and effective institutional linkages – Active field laboratories
- 25 + S&T driven organizations supported on specific challenges in identified regions

## PROGRAM FOCUS

- Long-term Action Research Programs – Support & nurture innovative Ecosystem in rural settings
- To develop/deliver need-based & scalable technological solutions through adaptive R&D under field conditions
- Support core S&T manpower, otherwise, difficult to retain in grassroots organizations
- Support for working technology system with multiplication
- Demonstrable replicability and enterprise models
- Strengthen a network of S&T capable organizations in the country

# Core Support Groups (CSGs)

 Appropriate Rural Technology Institute (ARTI)	 BAIF Development Research Foundation	 Barefoot College	 Peermade Development Society (PDS)	 Rural Communes	 Sardar Patel Renewable Energy Research Institute
 Centre of Science for Villages	 Development Alternatives - Technology and Action for Rural Advancement	 Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group (GEAG)	 Shri AMM Murugappa Chettiar Research Centre (MCRC)	 Society for Economic and Social Studies, Centre for Technology and Development	 Society for Energy Environment and Development (SEED)
 Himalayan Environmental Studies And Conservation Organisation (HESCO)	 Himalayan Research Group (HRG)	 M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation Community Agrobiodiversity Centre	 Society for Technology and Development (STD)	 Technology Informatics Design Endeavour (TIDE)	 Vigyan Ashram
 Madhya Pradesh Vigyan Sabha	 Mitraniketan	 NB Institute for Rural Technology (NBIRT)	 Vivekananda Institute of Biotechnology	 Vivekananda Kendra - Natural Resources Development Project	 WWF



# TARA: Innovating for Rural Livelihoods & Social Enterprises

SEED Division of DST has taken initiative under the Technology Advancement for Rural Area (TARA) scheme to provide location specific technological solutions on specific challenges in rural areas. These innovative technologies are developed & scaled up by Core Support Groups involving local community. ([www.dsttara.in](http://www.dsttara.in))



Line Sowing Marker  
for Crop Sowing in Hills  
-Himalayan Environmental  
Studies and Conservation  
Organisation, Dehradun



Compact Biogas System  
-Appropriate Rural  
Technology Institute, Pune



Multi Fibre Extraction Machine  
-Centre for Technology &  
Development, Delhi



Technology for Testing  
Soil & Leaves  
-Shri AMM Murugappa Chettiar  
Research Centre,  
Taramani Chennai



Design and Development of  
Dehusking Machine for Minor Millets  
-Madhya Pradesh Vigyan Sabha,  
Bhopal



Egg Incubator for  
Marginal Farmer  
-Vigyan Ashram, Pabal, Pune



Induced Breeding for Production  
of Fish Spawn  
-Vivekananda Institute  
of Biotechnology, Nimpith, WB



Motorized Winch for Chinese  
Fishing Net  
-Mitrani Ketan,  
Thiruvananthapuram



Solar Dehydration Technology  
-Society for Energy  
Environment and  
Development, Hyderabad



Cardamom Washing Machine  
-Peermade Development Society,  
Idukki, Kerala



Solar Tunnel Dryer  
-Sardar Patel Renewable Energy  
Research Institute,  
Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat



Solar Water Heater for  
Mountain Area  
-Himalayan Research  
Group, Shimla



Micro Solar Dome  
-NB Institute for Rural Technology,  
Tripura



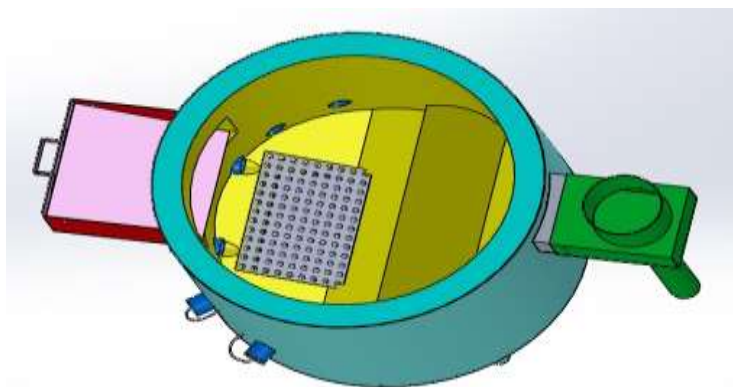
Fuel Efficient Wood Burning Stoves  
-Technology Informatics  
Design Endeavour, Bangalore



Waste to Weave Technologies  
-Development Alternatives,  
New Delhi







**Cooking Devices developed by TIDE, Bangalore**

**Micro Solar Dome and its Usage : Designed by NBIRT, Tripura**

**Energy Efficient Devices developed by Core Groups with reduced Carbon Footprints: Clean Energy Access Products for Social Enterprise & Livelihood Gain**

# TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION



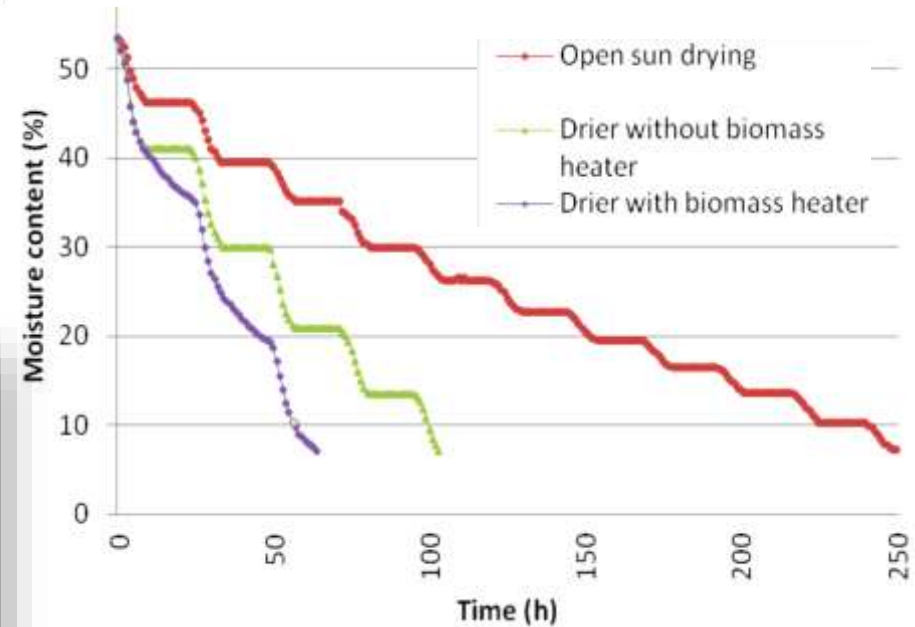
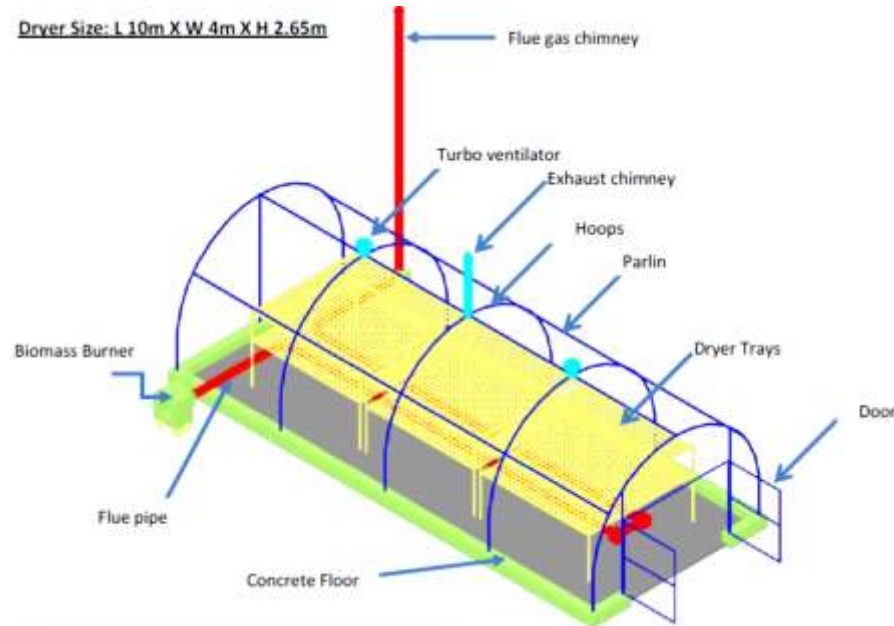
*Solar Dryer developed  
by SEED, Hyderabad –  
technology adopted by  
HESCO*



*Biomass based tray dryers  
developed by TIDE,  
Bengaluru – adopted by  
many NGO's in Himalayan  
Regions*



# TECHNOLOGY MODULATION (ADAPTIVE R&D)





# Technology Transfer Overseas



**Australian Entrepreneurs from Byron Bay Pty. Ltd.**



**Drying of Fish at Mauritius by Lyons fishermen co-operative society.**



**Training Program on Fruit Bar Processing for M/S. Honey Foods, Saudi Arabia**



**Training on Fruits & Vegetable Processing**



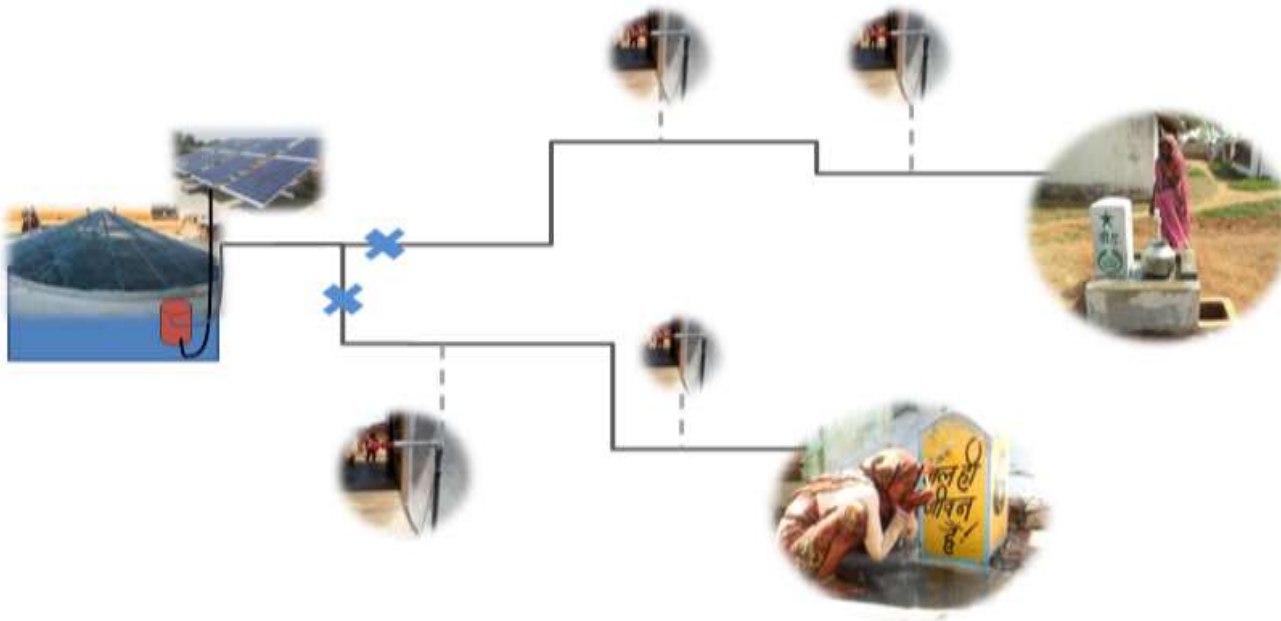
# GREEN ENERGY FOR DRINKING WATER

*Sustainable and Safe Access to Water for all*



## INTERVENTIONS

- **Community owned and operated water supply system (COCO)**
  - 1-2 HP **solar powered pumps**
  - Piped water supply
  - Ground water from a bore well supplied to **household and public connections**
  - **Pay for use model** + premium for HH connection
- **Behaviour change communication** for
  - **Clean and responsible** water use/consumption
  - Water **quality testing**





**Strength in our Approach : Looking for Scalable Green Technological Solutions through Participatory Action Research: Adaptive R&D under Field Conditions ensuring Environmental Sustainability & Social Acceptability**

# S&T INTERVENTIONS FOR SOCIAL GOOD

## *Environmental Well Being*

- Land and Water Resource Management
- Building farmers' capacity for Adopting Climate Resilient Agriculture
- Community based Environment Management System

## *Economic Development*

- Financial inclusion of Women Groups
- Diversifying Farm based Livelihoods
- Services and Manufacturing based enterprises

## *Social Well Being*

- Community Services
- Basic household amenities
- Community institutions as Agents of change



# Women Solar Engineers – Barefoot college

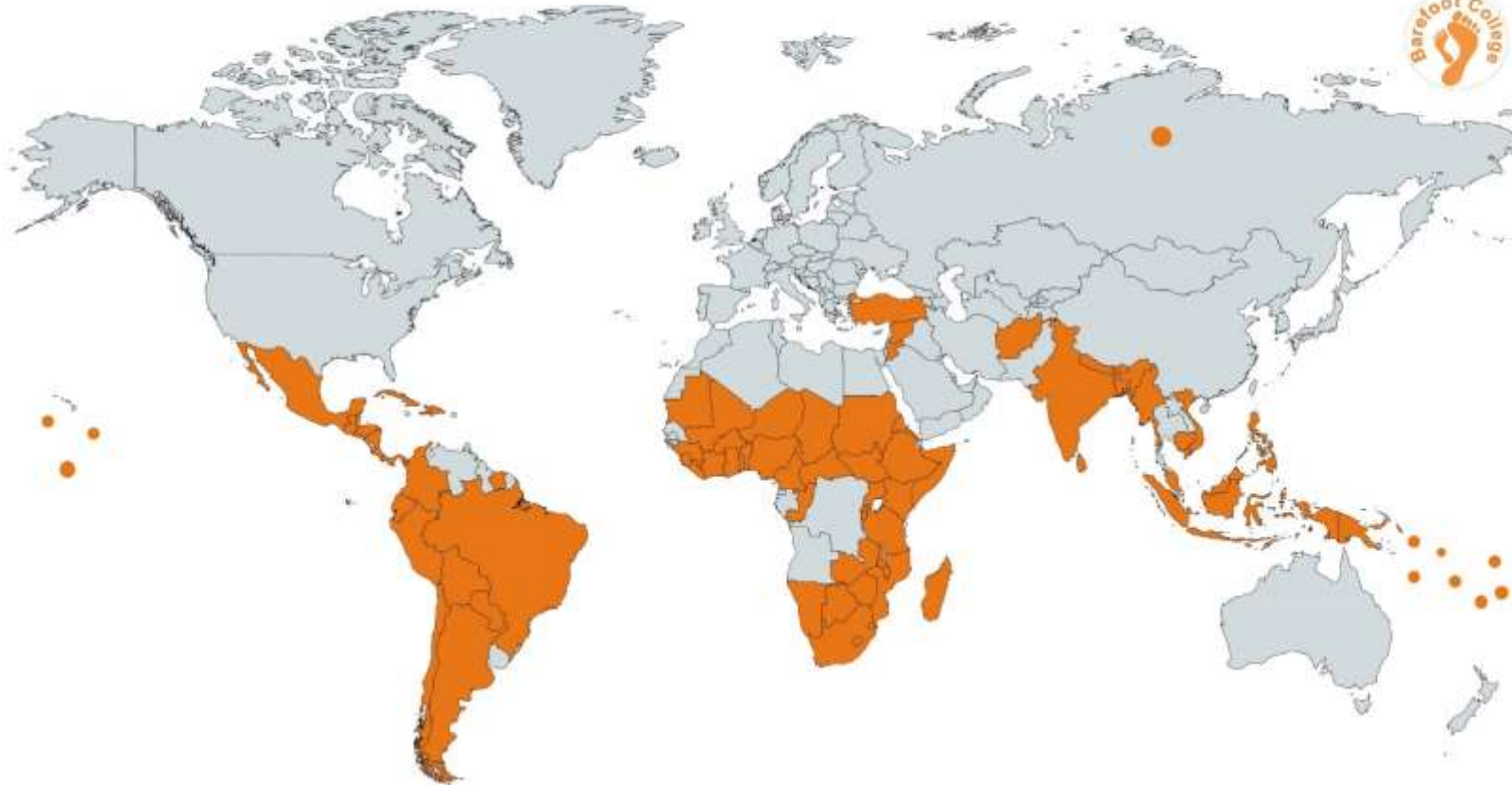


# WORLD MAP: BAREFOOT APPROACH FOR SOLAR DOMESTIC LIGHTING AS ON 2018

1285 Women Barefoot Solar Engineers Completed training at Barefoot College Tilonia, Rajasthan from 91 Countries

They have Solar Electrified 73,211 households and are Maintaining the same in 1,323 Villages.

Beneficiaries 585,688. Liters of Kerosene saved -58,313,556.



1. Mexico (14)
2. Belize (3)
3. Guatemala (12)
4. El Salvador (4)
5. Honduras (4)
6. Nicaragua (4)
7. Panama (7)
8. Cuba (2)
9. Dominican Rep (3)
10. Haiti (4)
11. Suriname (2)
12. Colombia (14)
13. Ecuador (4)
14. Bolivia (4)

(20 Central/Caribbean/South American Countries)

15. Peru (9)
16. Chile (9)
17. Brazil (4)
18. Paraguay (3)
19. Argentina (4)
20. Costa Rica (3)
- Total = 114 (BSE)

1. Mauritania (6)
2. Mali (15)
3. Senegal (17)
4. The Gambia (6)
5. Guinea Bissau (6)
6. Sierra Leone (22)
7. Liberia (12)
8. Burkina Faso (13)
9. Niger (4)
10. Ivory Coast (12)
11. Togo (8)
12. Ghana (5)
13. Benin (5)
14. Cameroon (12)

(40 African Countries)

15. Namibia (11)
16. Chad (2)
17. Sudan (8)
18. South Sudan (13)
19. Ethiopia (29)
20. Djibouti (5)
21. Kenya (20)
22. Uganda (20)
23. Rwanda (12)
24. DR Congo (12)
25. Central Africa (4)
26. Burundi (4)
27. Tanzania (29)
28. Zanzibar (13)

29. Malawi (21)
30. Zambia (8)
31. Zimbabwe (11)
32. Mozambique (3)
33. Botswana (15)
34. South Africa (5)
35. Lesotho (6)
36. Comoros (6)
37. Madagascar (27)
38. Somalia (3)
39. Cape Verde (3)
40. Nigeria (3)
- Total = 435 (BSE)

1. Palestine (1)
2. Jordan (2)
3. Russia (Siberia) (2)
4. Afghanistan (17)
5. Nepal (5)
6. Bhutan (54)
7. India (439)
8. Sri Lanka (3)
9. Bangladesh (7)
10. Myanmar (43)
11. Vietnam (4)
12. Cambodia (6)
13. Malaysia (3)
14. Philippines (12)

(18 Asian Countries)

15. Indonesia (15)
16. Timor (4)
17. Turkey (4)
18. Syria (3)
- Total = 626 (BSE)

1. Papua New Guinea (12)
2. Solomon Island (4)
3. Kiribati (5)
4. Nauru (4)
5. Vanuatu (4)
6. Samoa (4)
7. Fiji (19)
8. Tonga (4)
9. Micronesia (8)
10. Marshall Island (3)
11. Tuvalu (6)
12. Cook Island (3)
13. Palau (2)
- Total = 78 (BSE)

(13 Pacific Islands)



## QUANTITATIVE DATA



Number of countries with barefoot solar communities: 89

Number of women barefoot solar engineers: 1208



Number of household solar electrified: 60,400



Number of beneficiaries (direct and indirect): 773,120



Avoided emissions through using solar electricity :  
1,169,659.6kgCO<sub>2</sub> avoided annually

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### HEALTH, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL IMPACTS

95% Black smoke reduction in household

81% increase use of mobile phones

75% increase in savings

80% increase in study time among children by 1.5 hours per day

### EMPOWERMENT IMPACTS

45% of women and girls feel safer at night

95% women solar engineers report an increase in decision making over income

45% increase in women participation in community groups

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Founded on the lifestyle and work-style of Mahatma Gandhi, Barefoot College is a 46-year-old not for profit Social Enterprise. It works to champion the wisdom, skills, knowledge and Human Capacity of the rural poor to innovate and implement their own solutions for economic uplift of their communities. Rural illiterate and semi-literate women can and must be catalysts for sustainable development by gaining confidence and competence through the mastery of applicable technology, in all its forms.

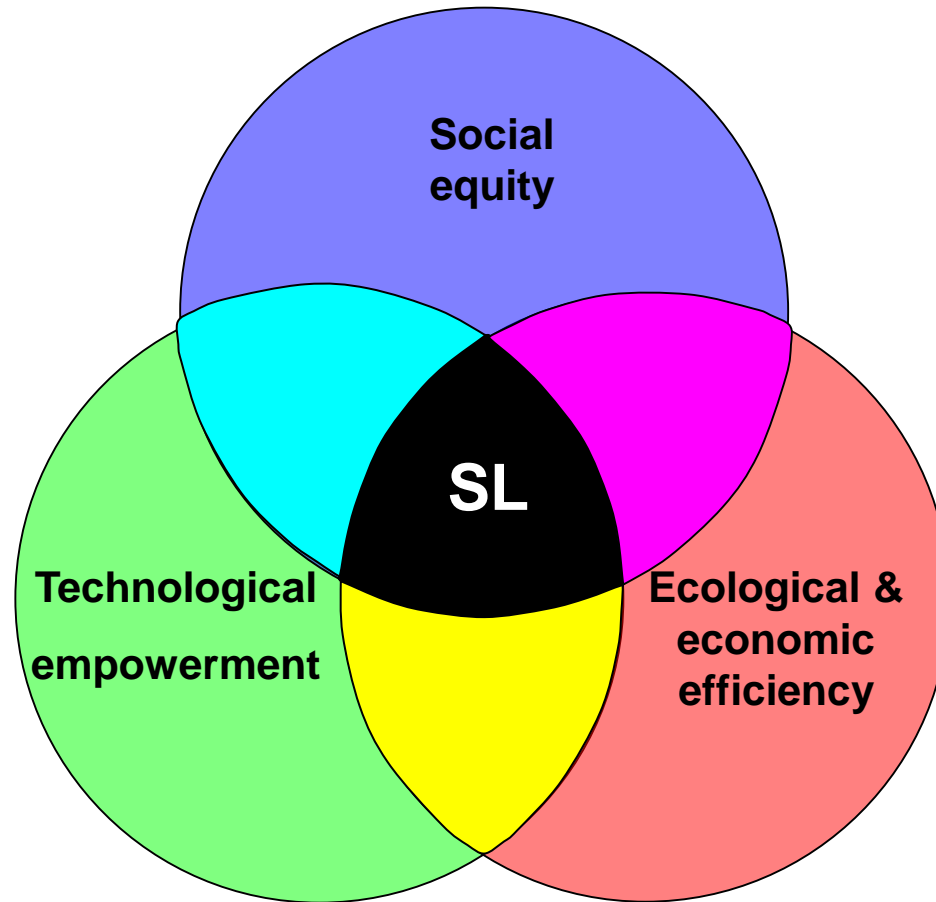




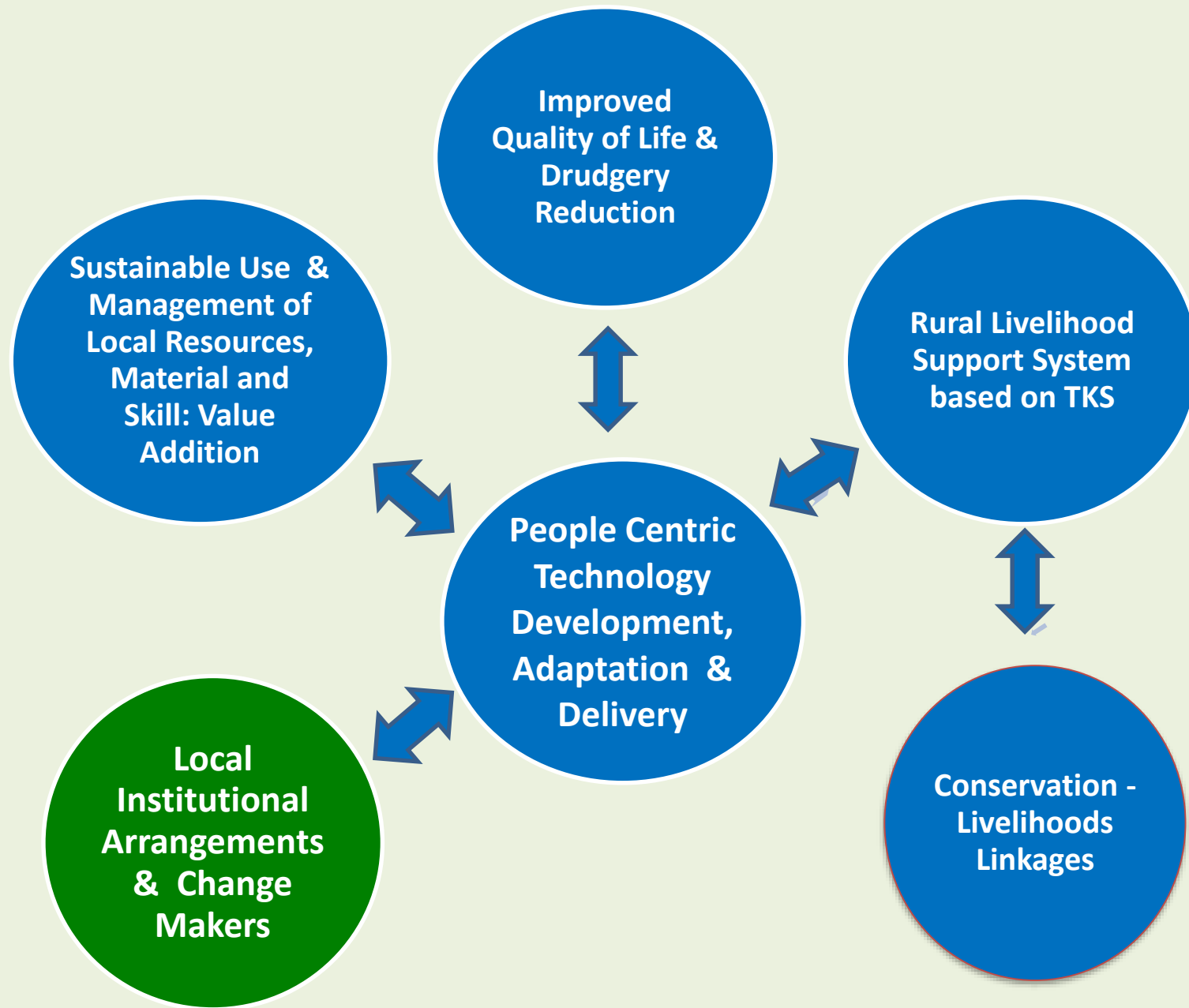
**Information Centre : Night schools**



# SEED



*We believe that the Key to sustainable development is the creation of sustainable livelihoods in inclusive manner : Inclusive Growth*



# SEED's Perspectives: Transformational Change, SDGs Local Priorities

## Need based Technological Intervention

- Crucial role in knowledge generation & dissemination for excluded population (Women, tribal SDG -10,17.8)
- Has gone ahead of SDGs – put in place **GOALS, APPROACHES & PROCESSES** appropriate to achieve & sustain theses.
- Building S&T capacities SDG 8– **Social Enterprise, improved livelihoods and quality of life**

## Drivers of Change: Actors & Factors

- Has grassroots systems in place – building local institutional arrangements+ Hand-holding
- SEED + Resource Persons tuned to local realities
- Our Partners: With S&T knowledge base, social knowledge and sensitivities
- Community engagement in technology optimization and adoption – Hand-holding

# Possible Areas of Collaborations & Co-operation ?

- **Sustainability research: Joint action research projects between institutions and scientists.**
- **Technological solution packages for rural areas and livelihood generation:**
  - **Green Enterprise Solutions: Value chain development with multiple stake holders.**
  - **Green Production Technology Models (construction, processing and value addition of MFP etc).**
  - **Renewable Energy Applications.**
  - **Technology Applications in difficult Areas for Conservation & Alternative Livelihoods (Mountain & Protected areas).**
  - **Capacity buliding programmes.....**





## DURRIE MAKING



### EMPOWERING WOMEN

WWF-INDIA has constructed a shed for weaving durries for the Tharu women of Palla block in Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh.



### IMPROVED LOOM DESIGN

The addition of a pulley in the looms has led to improvement of traditional looms. Weavers can now roll the durrie while seated and it has led to reduced weaving time per durrie. The cost of the pulley addition to the loom is Rs 2500.



### SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Women have been trained by designers on better designs, improved colour coordination as well as quality control of products. A business plan has also been developed to market the durries.



# Thanks

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