WHAT ENABLES COMMUNITY-DRIVEN CHANGE?

Community-driven change (CDC) is a process in which communities actively participate in, lead, and own the identification, design, and execution of solutions for the challenges they face. The CDC process focuses on strengthening the community's existing **power** and **assets**, with a focus on **equity & inclusion**. When these three building blocks come together, it leads to more lasting and equitable change.

COMMUNITY POWER

Shared Goals & Aspirations

Community awareness
Awareness of basic constitutional rights and essential government schemes and can also access them

Shared identity
Common bonds based on shared identity (e.g. beliefs, language, participation in common institutions)

Shared vision/goals
Common positive social outcomes to work towards, separate from governance body mandates

Collective Agency & Inclusive Ownership

Collective representative units to elevate community interests
Community bodies, whether formal or informal, exist to address pressing issues of community members

Community involvement in collective representative units
Participation in the governance, decision-making, and implementation processes of all community-related interventions (by community bodies and nonprofits)

COMMUNITY ASSETS

Strong Knowledge Base & Leadership

Technical/income-generating skills
Technical skills (e.g. digital literacy, climate-resilient farming practices) that help communities augment their quality of living (through increased income)

Problem-solving capabilities
Improved interpersonal, critical thinking skills, and confidence to engage with internal/external stakeholders

Leadership capacity and local knowledge
A bench of leaders to represent the community in relevant forums and guide community action; increase in traditional knowledge base and cultural assets

Enhanced Access to Resources

Access to government benefits
Enrolment in and access to basic government schemes and entitlements

Access/linkage to markets
Channels to access private-sector support (e.g. markets, capital, networks)

Access to other assets
Access to income-generating assets (like livestock), public goods (like maternity shelters) in times of crises, and access to natural resources (like land, water, forests)

EQUITY & INCLUSION

Inclusivity & adequate representation in decision-making
A bench of leaders to represent the community in relevant forums and guide community action; increase in traditional knowledge base and cultural assets

Conflict resolution mechanisms
Avenues and platforms to raise and resolve issues of conflict faced by marginalised sub-groups

Refer to our <u>microsite on CDC</u> for additional resources on how to integrate CDC in your work and measure progress.