

# Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society

**Registered as:** Society | **Founded:** 1982

**Head Office Location:** Jaipur

**Region of Impact:** Rajasthan

**Annual Budget (2012-13):** INR 734 Lakhs (\$1,223,334)

**Adolescent Girls Budget (2012-13):** INR 49.4 Lakh (\$82,334)

**Staff Strength:** Full-time: 250



## Overview

Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society (CECOEDECON) is a civil society organization initially formed for disaster relief activities, which now works across numerous areas including education, health, livelihoods and others. It takes a Rights-Based Approach to development, treating the deprived not simply as economically disadvantaged but also perceives how their rights and entitlements are curtailed at manifold levels. To address these issues, the organisation determines and addresses constraints in the realization of their rights.

## Adolescent Girls Program

CECOEDECON works with adolescent girls through multiple programs. In the area of education, the organization has residential camps for out-of-school girls aged 14-18. Here, they receive formal and non-formal education that enables them to re-join mainstream schools while also being equipped with a degree of independence and self-sufficiency. Additionally, CECOEDECON also has a paralegal training program for girls who are recipients of the SABLA scheme. The organisation also works in providing vocational education to adolescent girls in camps and links them up with SHGs in order to provide them with livelihood opportunities. CECOEDECON also has a nonformal education program for adolescent victims of trafficking.



## Milestones

- 1997: 57 Village-Level bridge courses conducted in 5 districts
- 2000: 'Shivamba' residential camp established for tribal girls
- 2006: Construction of residential camp in Shahbad (presently functional) commenced

## Impact to Date

- 33,250 adolescent girls impacted since 1994
- 6,650 adolescent girls reached in 2012-2013; girls were across programs, including the residential bridge course, SABLA training, vocational skill building and nonformal education.

## Model

- The organisation initially assesses the need for an educational intervention through conducting surveys of a given area, in addition to consulting the Village Development Committees in the area and taking note of their recommendations
- Following this, meetings are conducted with families and community leaders to get their consent
- After out-of-school girls are identified, their needs are assessed and they are accordingly channeled into mainstream education, the year-long bridge course, or nonformal and vocational education
- The progress of the girls is monitored by the community
- The girls are linked back to mainstream formal education, and/or linked to existing CBOs such as youth groups and SHGs.
- They are also encouraged to participate in local governance

### Theory of Change

If marginalised communities are involved, enabled and mobilised to address their rights, and their capacities are built to actively engage with the issues that affect them, then, these communities can have an active stake in the functioning of local governments and the development of policy, therefore, attaining a degree of self-sufficiency in realising their rights.

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### Growth Plans

The organisation presently has one residential school in the Shahbad block. It plans to establish another residential school in another tribal district, aiming for 500 girls between these centres; adolescent girls will also be directly targeted at the village level in nonformal education and paralegal training courses.

The organization plans to engage more villages within the 5 districts (across MP and Rajasthan) where its educational programs have been implemented in order to provide more comprehensive developmental support in these areas.

	2012-13 (a)	2013-14 (e)	2014-15 (e)	2015-16 (e)
<b>Total Org Budget (INR Lakhs)</b>	734	900	910	925
<b>Total Adolescent Girls Budget</b>	49	54	75	75
<b>No. of Adolescent Girls</b>	6,650	7,000	7,000	7,000

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### Leadership & Management

CECOEDECON is led by a team of individuals who have been with the organization for several years, or since inception. Their areas of specialisation range from legal to policy research backgrounds. The Chief Functionary, Sharad Joshi, is the founder of the organization. He has served on boards of several NGOs, and has worked as a resource person and participant in several international development-based conferences including the UNFCCC.

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### Partnerships

The organisation actively engages with government at the grassroots, including PRIs, and seeks the assistance and cooperation of block, district and state level government. Within the community, CECOEDECON works closely with SHGs and various types of CBOs including youth groups and vocational federations such as weaver's groups among many others.

### Funders

The organisation's funders include international philanthropic organizations such as ICCO (Netherlands) and Misereor (Germany), and multilaterals such as UN Women. Its domestic funders include NABARD and State Departments, including the State Water Resource Planning Department of Rajasthan.