



CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT  
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



PARTNERSHIP  
**FOR GOOD**

***At CESDEV, in the center of our mission are PEOPLE the energy we seek to harness; with a passion, we pursue the PURPOSE of transforming communities through PARTNERSHIP, we leverage the shared commitment to sustainable future.***





*“How might we narrow the divide between poverty and promise, between our nation as it is and the nation we desire”*

Centre for Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development (CESDEV) is a registered non-profit, non-governmental organization, with focus on community development, and the singular aim of making a demonstrable contribution to community empowerment by designing and implementing programmes that improve women and young people economic self-sufficiency towards moving them and their families out of poverty.

CESDEV thematic focus is condensed into three- and serves to ENGAGE, EDUCATE AND EMPOWER women and young people in attaining economic self-sufficiency:

Effectively ENGAGE women and young people as community change agents: to educate their communities on all aspects of nutrition, from best farming techniques to teaching about health and good sanitary habits—all activities that prevent malnutrition.

Promote Lifelong EDUCATION by establishing Community Resource and Learning Centers that encourage active participation of women and young people towards improving basic literacy, career, and personal development Economically EMPOWER Women and young people through ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT: by organizing them into groups, supporting access to production skill, enterprise management training, markets, micro-finance and technology.

## ABOUT US ►

## WHAT WE DO ►

### GOALS



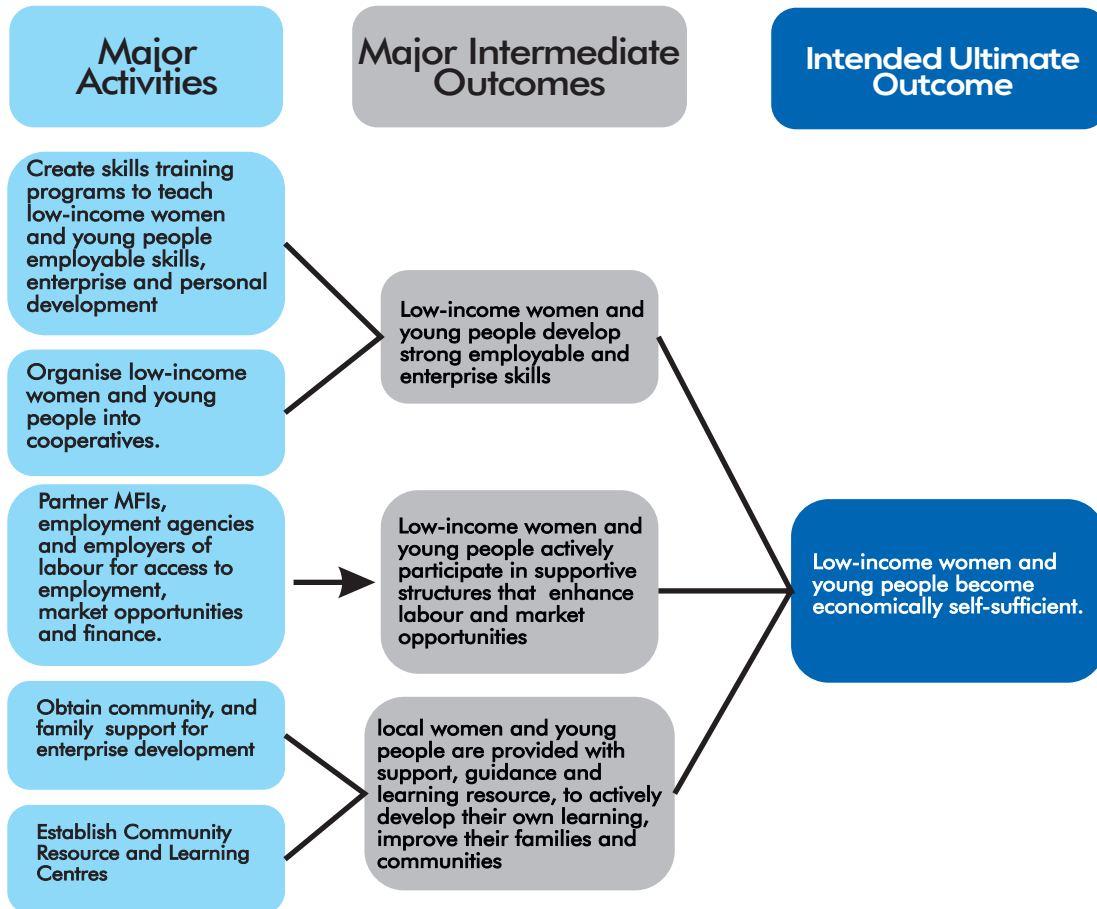




*“The seed of success on any nation on earth are best  
planted in the woman and the children”*

*-Former President of  
Malawi, Joyce Banda*

# OUR THEORY OF CHANGE ▼





A woman with short dark hair is sitting in a room, looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a blue and white patterned top and a colorful skirt. To her right is a large, dark, tangled net. The background shows a doorway leading to another room with a black pot and a small stool. The wall to the right is made of rough, light-colored material.

*“Creating a three-way partnership among  
community, government and outside change  
agents is a necessary condition for  
engagement to occur “*

*-Ikwo Oka*



**Center for Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development (CESDEV)** was established in 2012 and began its operations in 2013, the strategic focus was simply to harness existing local resources in fostering sustainable partnerships for economic and social development. This approach was centered on CESDEV's definition of communities; 'People who can work together' and believe that PEOPLE are the energy we seek to harness; and the PURPOSE of transforming communities can be achieved through PARTNERSHIP that evolves a shared commitment to a sustainable future.

We started with a mission of 'locating local specific solutions' to community challenges, now we have further defined this mission to create a more definite frame work for our future. Hence, our vision and mission statements have been redefined to capture our future plans thus:


## OUR HISTORY & FUTURE PLANS

### OUR VISION

A world where women and young people, have access to resources and opportunities to actively participate in creating an economically stable, and self sufficient future for themselves and their families.

### OUR MISSION

We locate local specific resource, create supportive environment, design and implement programmes that improve women and young people economic self sufficiency.

A black and white photograph of a group of people, mostly Black, gathered around a laptop in what appears to be a workshop or community center. A woman in the center, wearing a patterned headscarf and a light-colored long-sleeved shirt, is leaning over the laptop, pointing at the screen. Several other people are standing around her, some looking at the laptop, others looking towards the camera. One man in the foreground is wearing a light-colored t-shirt with a logo. The background shows a simple room with some equipment and a window. The image is overlaid with a green diagonal band and an orange diagonal band.

***“In every community, there is work to be done.  
In every nation there are wounds to be heal.  
In every heart, there is the power to do it”***

*- Marianne Williamson*

## OUR PRINCIPLE & VALUES ▼



In the centre of our mission are **PEOPLE** -the energy we seek to harness; with passion we pursue the **PURPOSE** of transforming communities; through **PARTNERSHIP**, we leverage the shared commitment to a sustainable future. At Centre for Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development We hold **EQUALITY** as sacred and promote equity and mutual respect of all people.

- **INTEGRITY** is the foundation of our purpose for existence; hence we uphold integrity as a value in all our dealings.
- **TRUST** is a product of knowledge and the leverage we require in building lasting partnership; hence we nurture trust in our relationships.
- **RESOURCEFUL**: We are ingenious and look inwards to sourcing the specific solutions for meeting community challenges.
- **COLLABORATION**: We value the opportunity to enrich, empower, and engage our community by strengthening positive and effective collaboration.
- We are **ACCOUNTABLE** to the people we serve, the donors that entrust us with their donations, organizations that partner with us and the community we seek lasting partnership with.

# EQUALITY

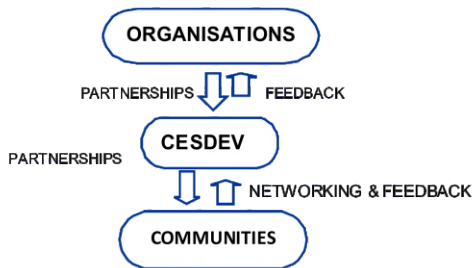






***"It's the little things citizens do,  
that is what make a difference"***

*- Wangara Maathai  
Kenyan Activist*



CESDEV recognize that communities own the resource and through partnership; effective engagement and collaboration these resource can be harnessed. We seek to promote 'self-sufficiency' and 'Inter-dependency'; building partnership with the community and encouraging a strong network and feedback process. Thus, supporting behavioral change by shifting to guidance that empowers, rather than acting to foster dependency.

**Additionally, we strive to ensure that 90% of our income (donations and grants) is directly invested into our community programmes as we leverage partnerships and resources; under a lean management and independent governance structure to achieve our goal.**

### CESDEV APPROACH

Our work expands rural and urban-slum communities, and we are guided by the four principles of SEED for community change:

- Identifying and building community change from existing community success
- Mobilizing community energy through effective engagement, and collaboration
- Evidence-based decision making grounded in objective data gathered in a participatory way
- Scaling up impact through inter-learning, effective networking and volunteerism

WHAT MAKES  
CESDEV UNIQUE

***“SEED is an acronym for  
self evaluation for Effective  
Decision making”***







## OUR PROGRAMS



### **Rural Women Enterprise Development Initiative (RWENDI)**

This is a social enterprise model for low income rural women to access support services, acquire relevant employable, enterprise management, and production skills.

This project training on agricultural enterprises like rural homestead poultry skills, goat rearing and bee keeping. They run a cooperative society that is self-governed to sponsor loans, seek grants and access markets.

### **Teach Young People Entrepreneurship (T.Y.P.E)**

This project is designed to improve access to education and enterprise development, thereby leading young people towards self-sufficiency. An initiative that educates young people on entrepreneurship, so they can develop avid interest in owning their own business at an early age, also employing youths like themselves, thereby improving their livelihood and others. This project curbs the root of unemployment through education and empowerment.

### **Generosity Program**

This is an ongoing project aimed at improving the standard of living of poor women living in the urban slums, by generously donating materials covering children essentials and food to enable them save and establish their preferred enterprise and/or changing their location for better opportunities.

### **Supporting Technology Integration in Rural Education (S.T.I.R.E)**

Through S.T.I.R.E, we increase access to educational technology, enterprise development and support services that will promote low-income youths' economic self-sufficiency.

The access to online education and community resource center provides local women and youths with support, guidance and learning resource, to actively develop their own learning and skills, improving their family and community.

### **Strengthening Women in Construction (S.W.I.C)**

Women only account for 9% of the construction work force in Nigeria, constantly challenged with the barriers of entry, development and retention. Women have continued to be underrepresented and underutilized in construction industry sector which have been regarded traditionally as stereotypically 'male' occupations.

CESDEV aims to empower more women to learn employable skills along the construction value chain in order to gain entry into the construction sector and improve their livelihood.



*"I am now convinced that the simplest approach will prove to be the most effective – the solution to poverty is to abolish it directly by a now widely discussed measure; the guaranteed income"*

*Martin Luther King*



## PARTNERING WITH US

At CESDEV we have designed our partnership framework to fit into organization, individual or group needs that contribute directly and closely to our mission. Hence we welcome, and leverage:

In kind and cash DONATIONS for our various empowerment programmes with low income women and young people

SPONSORSHIP of specific aspects or a whole project for our target beneficiaries of low income women and young people

GRANTS AND CONSULTING FEES from Foundations, for profit and non-governmental organizations for related community projects, targeted towards contributing to the eradication of hunger, and poverty.

VOLUNTEERING: Giving of related skills, time and funds to support our work in communities.

### OUR PARTNERS



***"I'm inviting you  
to step forward to be  
seen and to ask yourself  
If not me, Who ?  
If not now, When ?"***

- Emma Watson  
UN women Global Goodwill Ambassador





## CONSULTING FOR ORGANISATIONS

Would you want us to handle your CSR portfolio while you concentrate on your main purpose as an organisation?

In your continuing commitment to manage your business processes to produce an overall positive impact on society: behaving ethically and contributing to economic development while improving the quality of life of your workforce, their families as well as of the local community and society at large, we recognise your constraints in adapting all the components into a particular niche you wish to carve for your organisation. This is where we complement your effort, as we seek to grow your successes into a bigger niche: defining CSR in the semantic you understand. Our team will provide the competencies and strategies required to establish your CSR dictate, thereby saving you time, effort and additional resources; delivering on your CSR goals.

### SERVICES WE OFFER:

- CSR portfolio Management (CPM)
- Community Engagement Program (CEP)
- Community Project Planning and Implementation (CPI)
- Community Needs Assessment
- Project Proposal Development
- Grant Management
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of Community projects

You own the project but we implement it for you, our charges range between 10 – 20% on your budgeted project costs.

***“Alone, we can do so  
little; together,  
we can do so much”  
– Helen Keller.***

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***“There is nothing wrong with  
goals and objectives. Yet what actually  
rules the real world more than  
set goals and objectives are  
opportunities.”***