## **CHIRP Vision & Goal**

Integrated closely with the Government of Chhattisgarh's vision to develop a forest-based economy and improve livelihoods of indigenous forest-dependent communities, CHiRP aims to:

- 1. Restore landscapes and achieve livelihood security through increased forest produce by promoting native species'-based agroforestry and market linkages.
- 2. Catalyse natural and social change in the project sites by addressing the drivers of deforestation and land degradation.

dependent livelihoods, create wider economic opportunities, and achieve ecological sustainability in central India through the Central Highlands Restoration Project (CHIRP).

3. Design and pilot science-based restoration models for community and individual forest right lands, farmlands and common lands.

# **CHiRP 20 Year-Vision**

2,000 hectares of degraded lands protected and restored through community-led interventions while creating biodiversity benefits.

Sustainable tree-based and marketaligned sustainable livelihood created for 1000 smallholder families while creating biodiversity benefits. 2018

Mainstreaming
nature and
community wellbeing by leveraging
science, technology,
and markets

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Best practice inclusive holistic landscape approach is scaled and replicated across India.

Thriving natural ecosystems and holistic human well-being of local or forest-dependent communities.

## **PILOT Phase (5 years)**

**Pilot project area:** Chhattisgarh state; Two districts (one block in each district); 10 villages, 2,000 hectares

#### Two models:

- Hills (in district Kabirdham) Assisted Natural Regeneration in community forest resource rights lands; Food forest and Wadi/ Agroforestry in individual forest rights lands and farmlands; and fuelwood and fodder plantations in common lands)
- 2. Plains: Agroforestry (bamboo-based) and biodiversity management committees

**Scope of impact:** 10 villages (800 households, majorly comprising scheduled tribes such as *Gond and Baigas* (*Baigas* are classified as particularly vulnerable tribal groups).

**Next Phase:** Potential for replication and scaling in other districts of Chhattisgarh and other neighbouring central Indian states of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.



## The 4Returns Approach and the India Landscape Restoration Accelerator

Developed by Commonland, 4Returns is an evidence-based, demonstrated framework comprising of four kinds of returns achieved from restoration actions.

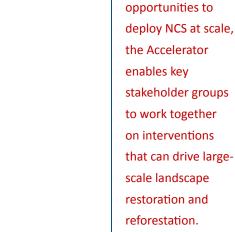


Giving people hope and a sense of purpose



SOCIAL CAPITAL

Bringing back jobs, business activity, education and security



**India Landscape** 

Leveraging various

Restoration

**Accelerator:** 



Restoring biodiversity, soil and water quality



# RETURN OF FINANCIAL CAPITAL

Realizing long-term sustainable profit





## **CHIRP Partners and Collaborators**

### **Project partners**

- 1. The Nature Conservancy Centre (TNC-India)
- Commonland Foundation (4Returns)
- Samerth Charitable Trust (grassroot NGO, field partner in Kabirdham)
- 4. IKEA Foundation (Principal Funder)

## **Primary partners**

Forest and Climate Change Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, and State Planning Commission

#### **Current Collaborators**

- 1. United Designers for landscape designing
- 2. Global Business Inroads for low-cost technology for value chains Discussions are ongoing with a number of potential collaborators ranging from state government institutions to academic, research, and marketing organizations

### **Support Us**

CHiRP provides adequate opportunities for multi-stakeholder/diverse and innovative partnerships, with extensive scope emerging from the evolving CSR funding platform in India.

CHiRP also encourages other funding mechanisms under the climate agreements to meet the intervention goals.