

Resilient Futures Together

Sustainability, in all its forms, is fundamental for humanity to thrive. With climate change, socio-economic inequality, unequal distribution of resources, lack of opportunities, and diminishing natural resource reserves, currently, humanity is in a dire need to rethink its course of action for sustainability.

We, at Development Alternatives, understand that the current challenges humanity faces can be tackled through an evolutionary transformative socio-ecological approach to resilience. The approach talks about the ability of a social–ecological–technical system to transform using windows of opportunities offered by both sudden and chronic stresses. The system should be able to learn constantly from local interventions and feedbacks from the ecological, social, and institutional eco-systems, and leverage potential technological possibilities to drive the transformative change. The three inter-related key areas of this approach are:

- **Persistence (for example Disaster resilience)** – It refers to the ability of systems to bounce back or maintain stability in conditions of change
- **Adaptability (for example Climate resilience)** – It is the ability of systems to adjust in response to external and internal change drivers
- **Transformability (for example Development resilience)** – It is the capacity of system actors to assess the current situation versus viable alternative options, exploit windows of opportunity and leverage experience and knowledge to transition to a more desirable systems

It is this last capability of socio-ecological systems we are associated with and we aim to foster it to enable the convergence of innovative solutions that can respond to uncertain and complex problems in the era of the Anthropocene.

Our work with communities, businesses, policymakers, civil society organisations, and academia focuses, therefore, on building capacities for a system change. Simultaneously, we co-create solutions through mobilising diverse views, create spaces for exchange, build a shared understanding and common vocabulary, bring in new knowledge-based science, and validate science with traditional knowledge and vice versa.

Our Key Areas of Intervention

To build resilient futures together, we work with a wide spectrum of stakeholders focussing on the following impact areas:



Livelihood Security and Inclusive Entrepreneurship

We empower and connect people in rural and backward areas with opportunities to build economic independence and overcome poverty. We bring innovative business models and enterprise solutions to create a positive impact on people's lives and the environment.

Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy

We work towards accelerating the transition to inclusive and circular models of production and consumption by reducing carbon and material footprints across the lifecycle of economic activity while promoting local value and wealth creation.



Climate Resilience and Ecosystem Restoration

We work towards restoring degraded ecosystems in such a way that they are resilient to climate change and extreme events. We focus on solutions that allow humanity to thrive.