



CECI'S THEORY OF CHANGE

OUR APPROACH

CECI focuses its action on fragile contexts and acts in partnership with key agents of change. Together, we promote innovative solutions, gender-transformative approaches, more inclusive markets and collective action, which is enabled by digital technologies when relevant. CECI and its partners design their actions so that best practices are scaled up and integrated into broader policy and institutional systems.

WHO WE WORK FOR

Marginalized women and girls in rural and urban communities of Western and Central Africa, Haiti, and selected countries of Latin America and Asia.

OUR WORK

Empowering Women & Girls, Transforming Communities



*Advancement of Women's
& Girls' Rights*



Women's Economic Empowerment



Climate Change Adaptation



*Inclusive Governance & Peacebuilding
in Fragile Contexts*

ULTIMATE GOAL

At CECI, we envision a world where women, girls and their communities achieve sustainable and shared prosperity and well-being. Together with our partners, we co-create and support innovative solutions that strengthen the power and leadership of women, girls and vulnerable communities and contribute to economic and governance systems that are inclusive, fair and high-performing. These solutions also contribute to local resilience to climate change and peacebuilding. Equality between women and men, diversity and inclusion are at the heart of all of our actions.

Learning, Innovation and Research

CECI documents and shares its learning, innovation and research to advocate and advance best practices and policies through its network of country offices and its ecosystem of partners.

Advancement of Women's & Girls' Rights



OUR WORK

CECI takes an intersectional, rights-and-diversity-based approach, to supports women's & girls' claim to equal rights.

- 1 Reduce constraints and barriers to women's and girls' access to suitable, quality, essential services (education, health, justice).
- 2 Support a coordinated and effective response to gender-based and sexual violence and promote positive forms of masculinity.
- 3 Support women's movements (civil society organizations, networks) and collective action to promote women's rights and amplify voice and leadership.
- 4 Support efforts that advance women's property rights (land and non-land assets).

INTENDED IMPACT

Rights of women and girls are protected, respected and fulfilled. Women and girls have the agency to claim their rights and exercise their leadership at all levels and in all circumstances, in an environment that is enabling and inclusive.

Women's Economic Empowerment



OUR WORK

CECI supports women's economic empowerment by providing skills training and business development services, promoting inclusive value chains, supporting policy reforms, and improving access to innovative and inclusive financial services, including impact investment and blended finance.

- 1 Support women in acquiring technical, digital and social skills in order to improve their capacity to grow a business or to access and maintain quality employment.
- 2 Strengthen women-led MSMEs and collective enterprises by helping them to improve their business models, making value chains more inclusive and increasing access to markets. Provide inclusive business development services and facilitate access to impact investment and blended finance.
- 3 Support gender-transformative reform of business ecosystems to increase women's leadership in decision-making.
- 4 Facilitate inclusive policy dialogue and advocate reform of government and private sector policies and services to better address unpaid care and gender-based violence.

INTENDED IMPACT

Women in rural and peri-urban areas increase and control their income and strengthen their influence in an enabling business and policy environment.

Climate Change Adaptation



OUR WORK

CECI facilitates the adaptation of agricultural & food systems and the protection of ecosystems against climate change, with greater women leadership.

- 1 Mobilize communities, including civil society organizations representing women, and institutions for a gender-transformative approach to climate change adaptation and climate justice.
- 2 Facilitate inclusive and sustainable management of agricultural and food systems, ecosystems, and disaster-risk mitigation that relies on women leadership. Employ an approach that strengthens local collective action, institutions and policies.
- 3 Help identify and implement nature-based solutions, with strong women's leadership which promotes food security and the conservation of biodiversity.

INTENDED IMPACT

Women become increasingly key leaders and actors in climate change adaptation.

Agriculture and food systems, ecosystems and biodiversity become better adapted to climate change and more sustainable, to the benefit of women and girls.

Inclusive Governance and Peacebuilding in Fragile Contexts



OUR WORK

CECI supports inclusive governance efforts that promote the role of women and youth as well as the nexus between emergency humanitarian action, sustainable development and peacebuilding.

- 1 Support immediate needs of marginalized populations, with a strong focus on women and youth. Support cash transfers, cash for building community assets, livelihood recovery programs, and the protection of women and girls from gender-based violence.
- 2 Strengthen community organizations and local governance institutions. Support the process of local development planning and implementation, with a focus on women and youth leadership.
- 3 Strengthen links between humanitarian action, development programs, and peacebuilding.
- 4 Strengthen national policy, institutional frameworks and funding mechanisms for better, decentralized governance, leadership by women and youth and citizen engagement.

INTENDED IMPACT

Immediate needs are better fulfilled, citizen engagement is enhanced and local institutions are more inclusive with women and youth leadership, contributing to peace building.