

# SEEDS OF RESILIENCE



Together, let's take care of the Earth and population

## OBSERVATION



TERRITORIES SENSITIVE TO CLIMATE EMERGENCY

In India, nearly 70% of the population lives in rural areas and just over 600 million Indians depend directly or not on agriculture. However, the numerous environmental and socio-economic consequences of the green revolution as well as climate change threaten the food security of peasant communities. In addition, India was particularly affected by the coronavirus crisis. With Navdanya, partner of SOL for 10 years, the Seeds of Resilience's project is conducted in 3 regions of northern India particularly affected by climate change, in order to strengthen the food security of peasant communities and their resilience to ecological, health and socio-economic crisis.

## PURPOSE



STRENGTHENING FARMERS' AUTONOMY THROUGH AGROECOLOGY AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF SEEDS THAT ARE RESILIENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Ensuring the food security of peasant communities, at the local and regional level, by strengthening their resilience to ecological, health and socio-economic crisis :

- Supporting peasant communities impacted by health, climate and socio-economic crisis
- Developing sustainable local agricultural and food systems through agroecology, agroforestry, conservation and multiplication of peasant seeds
- Recreating the link between consumers and farmers by raising awareness and facilitating a consulting mechanism at the regional level

## NAVDANYA

Navdanya and SOL have been partners for more than 10 years. On the ground, the two associations have implemented the Seeds of hope (2011-2019) project and the India organic farms project since 2016. In total, through the activities of the projects SOL and Navdanya :

- 1457 peasants (including 80% women), were trained in agroecology in 69 villages
- The food security of 5,000 family members has been strengthened
- 38 self-help groups have been created, bringing together 606 women
- 17 seeds banks have been created
- 8381 children, more than half of whom have been made aware of the creation of 23 school gardens



# OUR MISSIONS BETWEEN 2020 AND 2023

## AUTONOMY - AGROECOLOGY - SENSIBILISATION

**WHERE** 60 villages in the States of Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, and West Bengale

### AUTONOMY

DEVELOPING THE RESILIENCE OF PEASANT COMMUNITIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

#### WHAT ?

- Distribution of 700 lots of resilient seeds for food emergencies
- Conservation, multiplication and distribution of 20 local seeds resistant to climate change



#### FOR WHAT ?

Improve the resilience of peasant communities to natural disasters and health and socio-economic crisis by enabling them to strengthen their food security in the long times through farmers' identification of seeds that are resilient to climate change.

### AGROECOLOGY

TRAINING IN AGROECOLOGY AND THE PRESERVATION OF LOCAL KNOW-HOW



#### WHAT ?

- Training of 251 farmers in agroecology and agroforestry techniques
- Creation and reinforcement of 30 vegetable gardens
- Creation of 3 artisanal processing units
- Conducting participatory action research on the preservation of local cultivated biodiversity through women

#### FOR WHAT ?

Build more sustainable and environmentally and human-friendly local food systems by strengthening farmers autonomy for their food security and participating in enhancing the role of women in the agroecological transition.

### SENSIBILISATION

RECREATING THE LINK BETWEEN FARMERS AND CONSUMERS AT REGIONAL LEVEL

#### WHAT?

- Organizing one local festival per year per region of the project around environmental conservation, seeds, food and agriculture and raising awareness among 1,000 people
- Strengthening 11 school gardens and raising awareness of 1,300 students
- Creation of biological regions through the organization of an awareness campaign and 2 community dialogues

#### FOR WHAT ?

Raise awareness among young people and the general public about the challenges of the agroecological transition and climate change and strengthen the link between local actors, from farmers to public authorities and consumers in order to take positive and sustainable action for biodiversity at the regional level.



### LOCAL PARTNERS

Navdanya



For 40 years, **SOL Alternatives Agroécologiques et Solidaires** has been supporting long-term initiatives created by and for local organisations in India, France and Senegal. The association aims at contributing to the satisfaction of the farmers' essential needs and the valorisation of their role in society. SOL's action plan rests on two aspects : accessing to farming agroecology and protecting natural resources and biodiversity.

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