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Talanoa Dialogue Question No. 2: Where do we want to go?

Story brought from villages in South Asia (Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, and India):

When it comes to **South Asia**, **poverty** remains as one of the **major challenges**. And **climate change** is like **rubbing salt in the wound**, making it even **harder for communities to live**.

Most of the **poor and vulnerable communities in South Asia** still **live in villages**.

Our vision is to develop **prosperous, climate resilient, low-emission villages with no poverty** by adopting what we call the **Eco-Village Development (EVD) concept**. **Similar to Talanoa, Eco-Village Development** is also a **participatory and inclusive process**.

It has a, **bottom-up, integrated, low-carbon** development approach, which **empowers communities** including **women** to engage actively in the development and decision-making processes. In this process people are introduced to solutions which are **simple, affordable and appropriate**.

We've seen with our own eyes, how local **solutions such as improved cookstoves, biogas, local solar and hydropower, organic farming and rainwater harvesting** have strengthened livelihoods, giving these communities some **hope and belief**.

We have seen, how **improved cookstoves**, has **reduced firewood use, air pollution and drudgery of women** in rural villages.

We've also seen, how **solar systems** have **replaced dirty fossil fuels** such as kerosene and diesel in villages, ensuring **energy security**.

Our work in Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh and Nepal shows that there is a **big potential** for these **local climate solutions to be scaled-up**.

Just Imagine, the **millions of rural lives we can improve** and change while **mitigating emissions** at the same time. It is a **win-win** situation.

So, We urge that the Paris Agreement Work Programme **ensures that local climate solutions are recognized in NDC guidelines, in transparency framework, and in the global stocktake**, - enabling efficient support through climate financing and technology mechanisms.

We encourage all parties and other actors to join in promoting local, village-based climate solutions.

In COP24, we expect countries to **step up and make genuine and pure commitments** to enhance their current NDCs by 2020."

INFORSE submitted also input in the Talanoa Dialogue Platform, where-do-we-want-to-go?
<https://unfccc.int/inputs-to-the-talanoa-dialogue-where-do-we-want-to-go#eq-3>
<https://cop23.unfccc.int/documents/65248> -See more at: www.inforse.org