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**100% Renewable & Local Solutions: Africa, South Asia
& Local Climate Resilience, Poverty Reduction**



**GLOBAL
ECOVILLAGE
NETWORK**

Climate Resiliency in Ecovillages by Mr. Rob Wheeler, Global Ecovillage Network (GEN),

To innovate, catalyze, educate and advocate in global partnership with ecovillages and all those dedicated to the shift to a regenerative world.



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Ecovillage Resilience +2.5°

What can ecovillages nurture today to be more resilient tomorrow?



The GEN Resilience Project

In GEN, we hear stories of ecovillages already dealing with desertification, fires, typhoons, war, flooding, loss of livelihoods, oppressive politics, fuel and food shortages and other effects of social-ecological systems under pressure.

This project responds to the need to deepen, refine and scale our work as ecovillages and GEN in the face of potentially massive upheavals, fear, and suffering – at growing scales and in increasingly hostile conditions.

Together with diverse ecovillages, experts and researchers, we will learn, explore, sense and cocreate clear actions and pathways for local communities be more resilient, and grow the capacity of ecovillages and GEN to contribute to wider and deeper transformation and mitigation for more and more people.



Why this project matters, to me and to GEN



My name is Anna and am the one who dreamed up this project in collaboration with our funder, the V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation. To me, it gives GEN a chance to engage with some of the work I think is most essential for all life on Earth right now – nurturing well-anchored and life-centric possibilities for change in a deepening polycrisis

This is a project about what ecovillages can do now in preparation for when global and local conditions worsen. When global warming exceeds +2.5 degrees, our societies become increasingly fragile, and our world becomes even more unpredictable.

It's a chance for us to meet as a global movement, take stock of the challenges we are facing, what we have learnt so far and what we can learn from each other. Together, we will envision the roles we want to play both locally and globally in the coming decades – and create plans and pathways for doing so based on our best understanding, emotional capacity to be with what is, and leading science on resilience.

I hope you will join us and follow our journey in the coming years.

A resilience approach to understanding complex systems and navigating change

Learn more about what a resilience assessment is, how we can build resilience and why it is important:

- [TED Talk with Johan Rockstrom](#), describes the context of climate change and the very real risks of crossing irreversible boundaries that affect the stability of planet Earth.
- GEN Resilience 2.5+ team member, Allyson Quinlan, gives an [overview of a resilience assessment](#).
- [3-minute video about 7 principles](#) (or dimensions) of resilience that science knows we need to pay attention to when thinking about building or reinforcing resilience.
 - What do you think ecovillages would add to these principles?

Be part of a study on ecovillage resilience

As an ecovillage case study in the Ecovillage Resilience project, communities are an integral part of the mission to find out what ecovillages can nurture today to be more resilient and impactful tomorrow. Our community of practice is made up of 20 ecovillages, four from each GEN Region, and welcome all types of communities and languages. The stories, practices, situation, aspirations and dreams of these ecovillages is the base of our work.

Welcoming a wider circle: to make our activities accessible to more people, we will also have Regional workshops, open sessions, and an open archive of resources where some of the learning, sensing and reflection of how we weave our collective understanding and create visions and pathways for GEN and ecovillages for the coming 20 years will take place.



Working together from local to global

To make it possible to link 20 ecovillages into one project, the team has designed a process that blends local workshops for ecovillage members with online sessions for the people representing and leading the project in your community.

Ecovillage representative: one, two or a few people interested in resilience and transformation, committed to take part in an online community of practice, and willing to lead local face-to-face workshops and sessions.

Community of Practice (CoP): an online space for representatives of ecovillages, the GEN Regions and the project team to learn, reflect, integrate and create together.

Local workshops: involving the members of each partner ecovillage. Held by representatives with support from the CoP and project team.



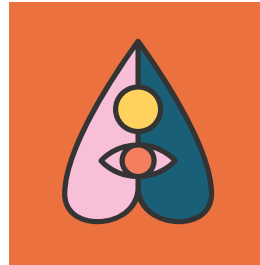
One Project – Four Strands



01

Resilience Assessment

Participatory research and analysis of existing ecovillages and their practises in light of a 2.5 degree or more scenario, highlighting strengths and weaknesses, evaluating current practises and giving insight into how these can be replaced or adapted.



02

Deep Dive

Facilitated spaces for feeling, sensing and emergence, taking in and digesting the implications of a 2.5+ degrees scenario for our ways of life, and tracking which inner and group capacities we can nurture together to stay present and able to act when facing challenging situations.



03

Visions & Pathways

Based on our research as well as sensing and sensemaking, a collaborative envisioning for what an ecovillage will need to look like in 2040, creating new narratives of change and pathways of action.



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Capacity Building & Resources

Building resources to support and increase the resilience of current and future communities both during and after the project is over.

Types of Activities



Timeline

July 2022

Call out to the network



September 2022

Shortlist participating ecovillages, share information, interests and needs before final selection.



October 2022

Resilience project initiation with 20 ecovillages (Community of Practice - CoP)



January 2024

Project completion

