

India

This factsheet provides an overview of economic inclusion programs in India. Economic inclusion programs are a bundle of coordinated, multidimensional interventions that support individuals, households, and communities in raising their incomes and building their assets. The data used for this factsheet comes from the Partnership for Economic Inclusion's Landscape Survey 2023.

COUNTRY FACTS

Region	Population	Income Group	FCV country (WB FY24 list)
South Asia	1,407.56 million	Lower middle income	No

Poverty Headcount (share of population below the poverty line)

National Poverty Line	Multidimensional Poverty Index	\$2.15/day (2017 PPP)
21.90%	16.39%	10.00%

PROGRAMS

Number of economic inclusion programs

19

Institutional delivery (lead agency)



■ Nongovernment-led ■ Government-led

Geographic area



■ Rural only ■ Urban/peri ■ Mix (urban & rural)

PARTICIPANTS

Number of participants

953,648

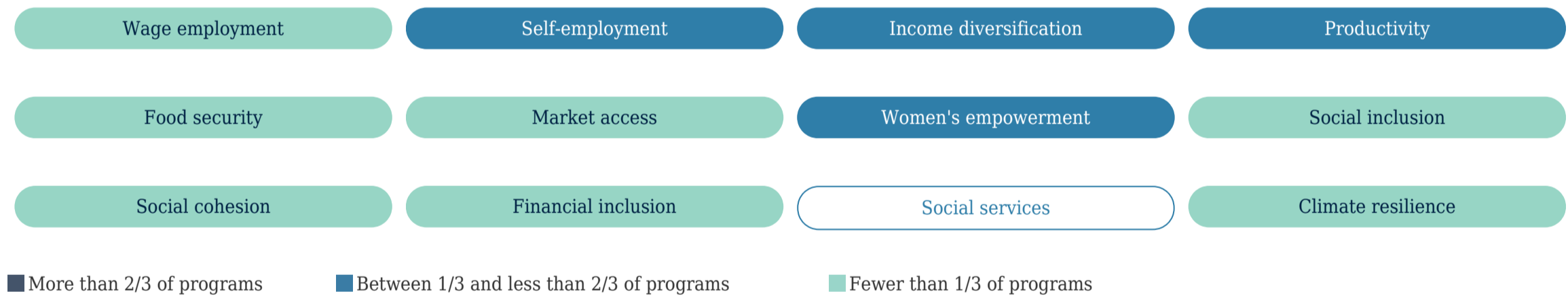
Number of people benefiting

4.36 million

Participants served by government-led programs (%)

0.27%

MAIN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

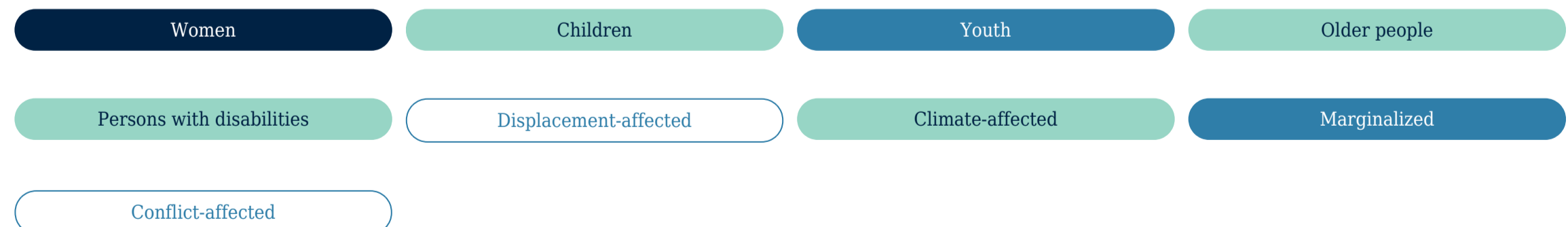


PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Targeted Poverty Segments



Targeted Population Groups



■ More than 2/3 of programs ■ Between 1/3 and less than 2/3 of programs ■ Fewer than 1/3 of programs

CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



TRANSFER



BUSINESS CAPITAL



WAGE EMPLOYMENT
FACILITATION



SKILLS TRAINING



COACHING



FINANCIAL SERVICES
FACILITATION



MARKET LINKS



CLIMATE RESILIENCE SUPPORT

ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMS SURVEYED

Program Name	Year program began	Lead Agencies	Program Description	No. of Current Participants	% Female Participants	Poverty Targeting	Digital
Building Climate Smart Integrated Agriculture for Smallholder Farmers in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh	2021	CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development	The program supports small-holder farmers for their livelihood promotion.	9,000	1-25% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Climate Smart Agriculture for Tribal Women Farmers	2023	Tapananda Rural Development Society	The program introduces three poly greenhouses with vertical farming facilities, provides saplings and seeds, and establishes women's self-help groups for targeted tribal communities.	150	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Economic Empowerment of Ultrapoor Persons with Disabilities	2022	Sightsavers India	The project aims to improve the livelihoods and social inclusion of people with disabilities.	1,000		Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Empowering Smallholder Farmers through Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture and Water Harvesting and Conservation Methods in Bathinda, Punjab	2021	CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development	The program empowers smallholder farmers by promoting sustainable agriculture and water harvesting and water conservation.	9,000	26-50% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Empowering Smallholder Farmers through Strengthening Agri & Allied Clusters in Chhota Udepur, Gujarat	2021	CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development	The program supports the livelihood promotion of smallholder farmers	6,000	26-50% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Farmer Field and Business School	2022	CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development	The project improves agricultural and livestock management practices through the inclusion of climate-smart agriculture, access to finance, market literacy, and nutrition-sensitive agriculture.	8,000	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Meghalaya Community-Led Landscapes Management Project	2018	Meghalaya Basin Development Agency	The program aims to institutionalize a community-led natural resources conservation model applying a landscape-based approach for green, resilient, and inclusive development.	30,000	26-50% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Mobile Connections to Promote Women's Economic Empowerment	2016	Trickle Up India Foundation	The program supports participants in transitioning to sustainable and climate-resilient livelihoods, characterized by increased income, integration into social and economic structures, and social status, through the provision of entrepreneurial training and promoting individual and group enterprises.	2,800	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Partnering to Scale Up Graduation with Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society	2015	Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS)	The program promotes sustainable livelihoods by connecting women to markets, strengthening the capacity of coaches and enhancing data-driven decision-making.	18,100	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Fisheries Sector COVID-19 Recovery Project	2023	Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	The project provides performance grants to microenterprises in the fishery sector for the expansion of value chains and reduction of fish losses, and to micro and small enterprises to supply safe fish products to domestic consumers. The project supports job creation, enhanced climate resilience, improved hygiene and pollution management.			Targets poor broadly	Yes

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The Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana (SJY) program	2018	Bihar Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (Jeevika), Government of Bihar	SJY leverages Jeevika's community network to provide ultra-poor households in Bihar with sequential components, namely productive assets, training, coaching, savings access, and consumption support.	155,000	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets poor broadly	Yes
State of Maharashtra's Agriculture and Rural Transformation Project	2019	Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra	The project aims to support the development of inclusive and competitive agriculture value chains by expanding access to new markets with complementary investments in technical services and risk management capabilities. It focuses on small-holder farmers and agri-entrepreneurs.	180,000	26-50% of participants	Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project	2017	Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Society (TNRTS)	The program promotes sustainability and prosperity through rural enterprise development, access to finance, and employment opportunities.	432,191	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Targeting the Hardcore Poor (THP)	2006	Bandhan Konnagar	The program is a micro-enterprise-based poverty alleviation model that targets ultra-poor women households in rural and semi-urban areas, to ensure social and financial inclusion and improved incomes, consumption, and assets.	65,000	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Tejaswini: Socioeconomic empowerment of adolescent girls and young women in Jharkhand	2016	Jharkhand Women Development Society (JWDS), under the Department of Women, Child Development and Social Services (DWCDSS)	The program aims to improve market-driven skills training and secondary education completion through community and institutional interventions such as counseling, life, vocational and business skill training, and livelihood services.	30,000	All (100% of participants are female)	Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Ultra-Poor Market Access (UPMA)	2021	Trickle Up	The program aims to integrate Farmer Interest Groups into well-functioning Farmer Producer Organizations that prioritize poorer women farmers and unlock government capital to address capital constraints faced by smaller farmer collectives.	1,016	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Zoe Empowers	2021	Jeevanadh Charitable Trust	The program empowers orphaned children and vulnerable youth through a family-based and peer-led program that promotes safety, health, and skills for long-term success.	2,260	51-75% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Zoe Empowers	2009	Zoe India	The program empowers orphaned children and vulnerable youth through a family-based and peer-led program that promotes safety, health, and skills for long-term success.	2,971	51-75% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes

Only programs that have given their consent to share their program data are included in this table



The Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) is a global platform that unites non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, research institutions, funding partners, and the World Bank to support government adoption and scale up of economic inclusion programs that empower vulnerable people to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

DNA: Does Not Apply; FY: Fiscal Year; FCV: Fragility, Conflict, and Violence; MPI: Multidimensional Poverty Index; NPL: National Poverty Line; N/A: Not available; WB: World Bank