



ARCHITECTURE & DEVELOPMENT  
Reconstruction for Development Campaign

# Reconstruction for Development - a Campaign

The Reconstruction for Development Campaign has a long-term, participatory perspective for post-tsunami reconstruction to ensure sustainable quality of life and habitat for everyone.

## Building knowledge from information

RDC mobilises resources and expertise on Habitat related issues to enhance peoples capacities at the grassroots level. This involves collection of information, production of pedagogic materials in forms that are accessible and relevant to people, trainings, awareness activities, campaigns...

Building Knowledge for Action



*Screening the film on Coastal Regulation Zone in Tiruvengadu, Sirkali Taluk*

## Towards enduring partnership

The project is implemented in partnership with 4 NGOs. CED functions as a hub, interacting with Praxis (Kanyakumari district), ISED (Nagapattinam district), who are working at the field level, and TNDTF who gives technical support.

RDC runs Village Knowledge Centres (VKC) to disseminate information to the people in most remote villages.

The Reconstruction and Development Campaign also aims at sharing information with other NGOs and Resource Centres.

## Website and documentation database

RDC website – [www.rdc.net.in](http://www.rdc.net.in) is an interactive source of information, hosted and maintained by CED. Using its advanced search engine, anyone can search through the extensive documentation database and download documents such as articles, videos, press clippings... The website structure allows each partner to update it at any time with articles, news or documentation.



Preparation of the materials on Livelihood: filming a Sangam in Kanyakumari district



Selection of articles from the Tamil press



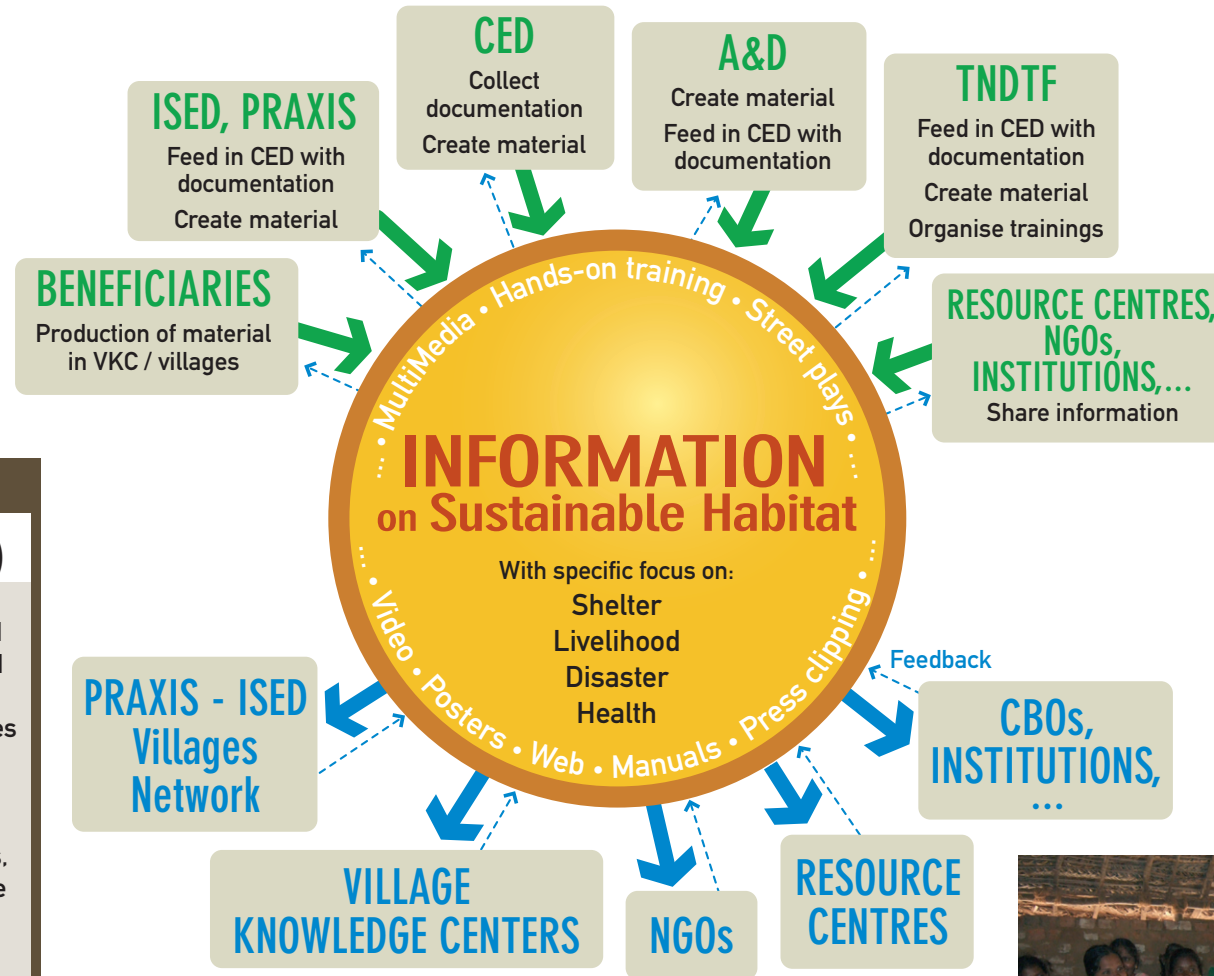
Masons training lead by TNDTF in Konayampattinam, Sirkali Taluk (construction of a model house)

## Tamil Nadu Development Technocrats Forum (TNDTF)

TNDTF is a group of young professionals, architects, engineers, and social workers who provide technical support, training and information.

They lead workshops and hands-on trainings for local people (e.g. masons) or organisations, and provide technical guidance for people involved in construction at all stages.

They take up sensitization campaigns, conduct surveys and gather documentation: they create information materials for dissemination.



## Village Knowledge Centres (VKC)

Equipped with a connected computer, newspapers, information materials and books, the VKC are the local access and dissemination points for the RDC. A young, trained, local volunteer welcomes the visitors from surrounding villages, and guides them through their inquiry. The Knowledge Centres are also the place for raising community awareness, and for people to share their experience and knowledge through production of materials. Local people (with a focus on youth and women) will be trained in the use of ICT and multimedia tools.

Raising awareness in Kanyakumari district



Community meeting in Sirkali Taluk

## RDC partners

### **CED (Centre for Education and Documentation) :: [www.doccentre.org](http://www.doccentre.org)**

CED is involved in documenting and disseminating primary and secondary information on over 700 issues of development. It has experience in coordinating production of various information materials: videos, press clipping,... It reaches out to a wide variety of audiences – students, journalists, NGOs, trade unions, civil society organisations, networks etc.

CED has two centres, in Mumbai and in Bangalore.

### **ISED (Institute for Social Education and Development) :: [www.isedindia.org](http://www.isedindia.org)**

ISED was registered in 1987 with the mission to empower the landless agricultural labourers and marginal farmers to fight against poverty.

As a result of ISED's unionisation activities, a wider level community based, campaigning and advocacy organisation called Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers Movement (TALM) emerged in 1993.

At present, ISED is a Partner of Action Aid in Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation activities in 15 agricultural and fishermen villages in Sirkali Taluk (Nagapattinam district).

### **Praxis :: [www.praxisvision.org](http://www.praxisvision.org)**

Praxis was started in 1980 by several committed social activists and progressive thinkers.

Its mission is to work towards empowerment of the poor by assisting them to create a self sustaining organization that will enable them to fight against injustice and exploitation and work for development. To influence the social and political process so that alternative paradigms of social organization and economic development emerges. To take up study, research and training on issues related to development and social change.

### **ODTF (Orissa Development Technocrats Forum) :: [www.geocities.com/dtfindia](http://www.geocities.com/dtfindia)**

Orissa Development Technocrats' Forum is a registered society working to facilitate an effective rural housing delivery system in Orissa and some part of India, through formalizing the rural construction sector and the "Promotion of Appropriate Construction Technologies and Opportunities for Sustainable Livelihoods".

### **Architecture & Development :: [www.archidev.org](http://www.archidev.org)**

A&D aims to fill the growing gap between habitat-related needs expressed by socio-economic realities and the globalisation of professional practices.

Its activities range from direct interventions on the field, to facilitation of network and debates, in Asia, Africa and South America.

A&D has also promoted an Internship Exchange Program for students and young professionals in France, Africa and India.

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