



# Cultivating Sustainable Health & Independence

April 2025 Featured Grant





# About Featured Grants

Featured Grants fund:

- direct services
- new projects
- expansion of existing projects
- capacity building





# The Global Issue: Enhancing Women's Health & Independence Using Sustainable, Climate-Friendly Practices

- Malnutrition comes in many forms
- Resulting health conditions: linked with poverty
- Women: higher risk of food insecurity than men
- Organic backyard gardens: improve livelihoods & health of women & families



# April Featured Grantee: Asia Initiatives

Unique economic development focus:

**Social Capital Credits (SoCCs):** do good (care for community spaces, plant kitchen gardens, etc.) in exchange for goods and services

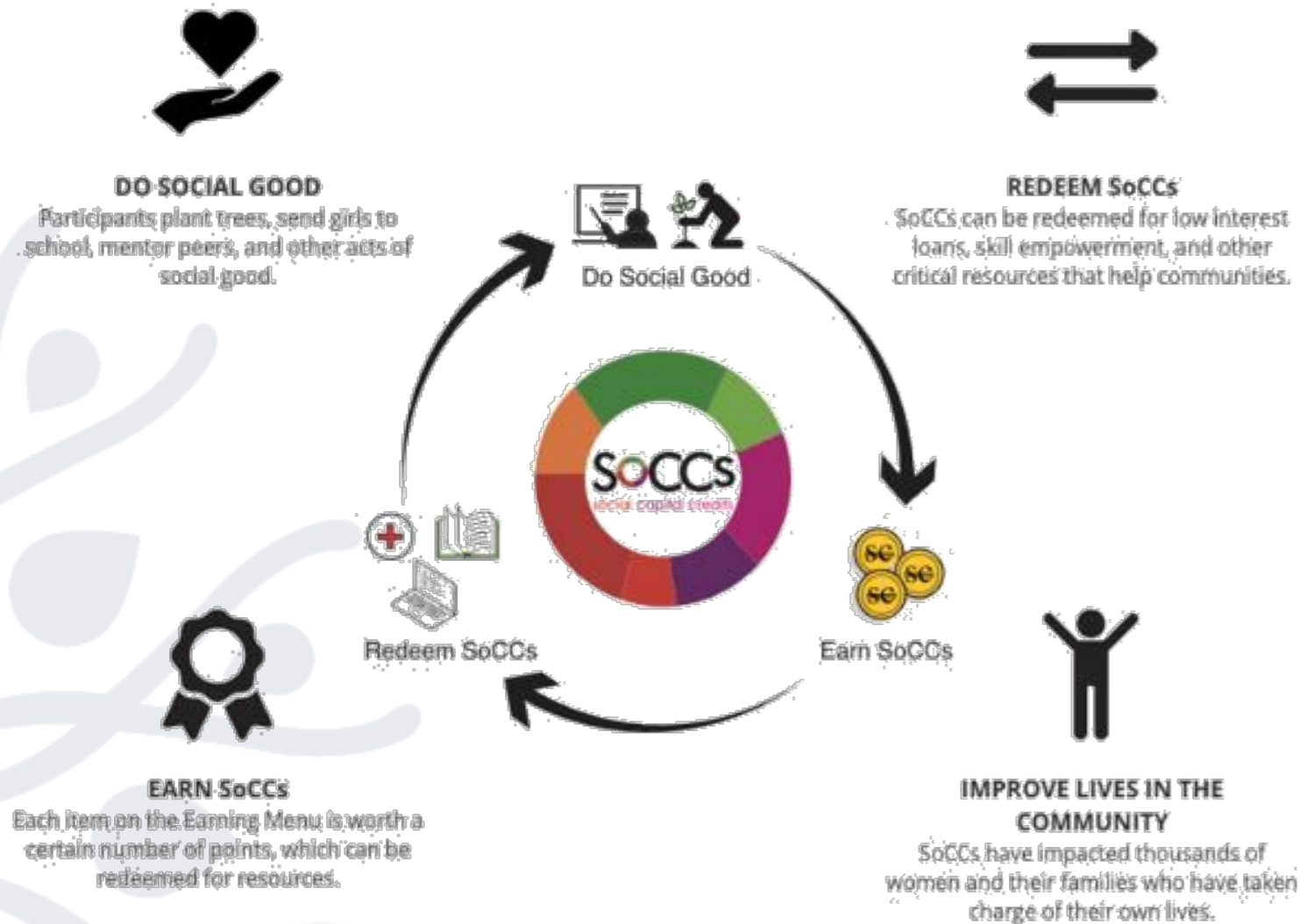
2018 Together Women Rise grantee

Empowers 50,000+ women & girls every year

# Asia Initiatives

## SOCIAL CAPITAL CREDITS

The community currency for social good







# Life Challenges of Women in India

- Most have micronutrient deficiencies
- 50% have anemia
- Systemic marginalization
- Seen as inferior to men
- Deep poverty
- Unequal pay
- Gender-based violence
- Sex trafficking risk



# How Our Grant Will Be Used

**\$48,000 Project Grant**

**Organic Backyard Gardens**

Supplies & training for organic backyard gardens for 450 women in remote villages

Improves nutrition & incomes for women, their families, & their communities.

Supplies earned through Social Capital Credits





# How Our Grant Will Be Used

Women earn SoCCs by

- Attending government meetings to advocate for health & nutrition needs
- Preparing & throwing seed balls in forests
- Maintaining common areas, especially around water sources, to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases

Direct impact: 450 women; Indirect impact: 2,000 women & girls



# Budget

| Item               | Description   | Cost            |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|
| Training           | Organic kitchen garden training (includes preparation of jeevamrut, pest control)   | \$11,500        |
| Marketing          | Marketing of vegetables/produce (includes transport of vegetables to local market)  | \$10,500        |
| Tools              | Tools for planting and cultivating kitchen gardens  | \$9,000         |
| Program Management | Includes SoCCs manager, community facilitator, and other personnel costs, as well as stationery, travel, etc.   | \$5,000         |
| Seeds              | Vegetable and other seeds   | \$4,500         |
| Composting         | Organic compost starter kits  | \$4,500         |
| Training           | Training in sorting, labeling, marketing etc. of produce to reflect organic and biodiversity friendly gardens – locally in wholesale markets and connecting to larger supply chains | \$3,000         |
| <b>Total</b>       |   | <b>\$48,000</b> |



