



# The CDM Benefit Tracker India

A project by the Carbon Market Watch  
Network



# Outline

1. CDM- shortcomings in monitoring sustainable development benefits
2. CDM Benefit Tracker India - structure, use and ultimate goal

# Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

- Project based flexible offsetting mechanism
- Following dual purpose: **sustainable development** and **cost-effectiveness**
- Project Design Document (PDD) specifies contribution to sustainable development (sd)

# SD criteria India

India's Sustainable Development Indicators ([www.cdmindia.gov.in](http://www.cdmindia.gov.in))

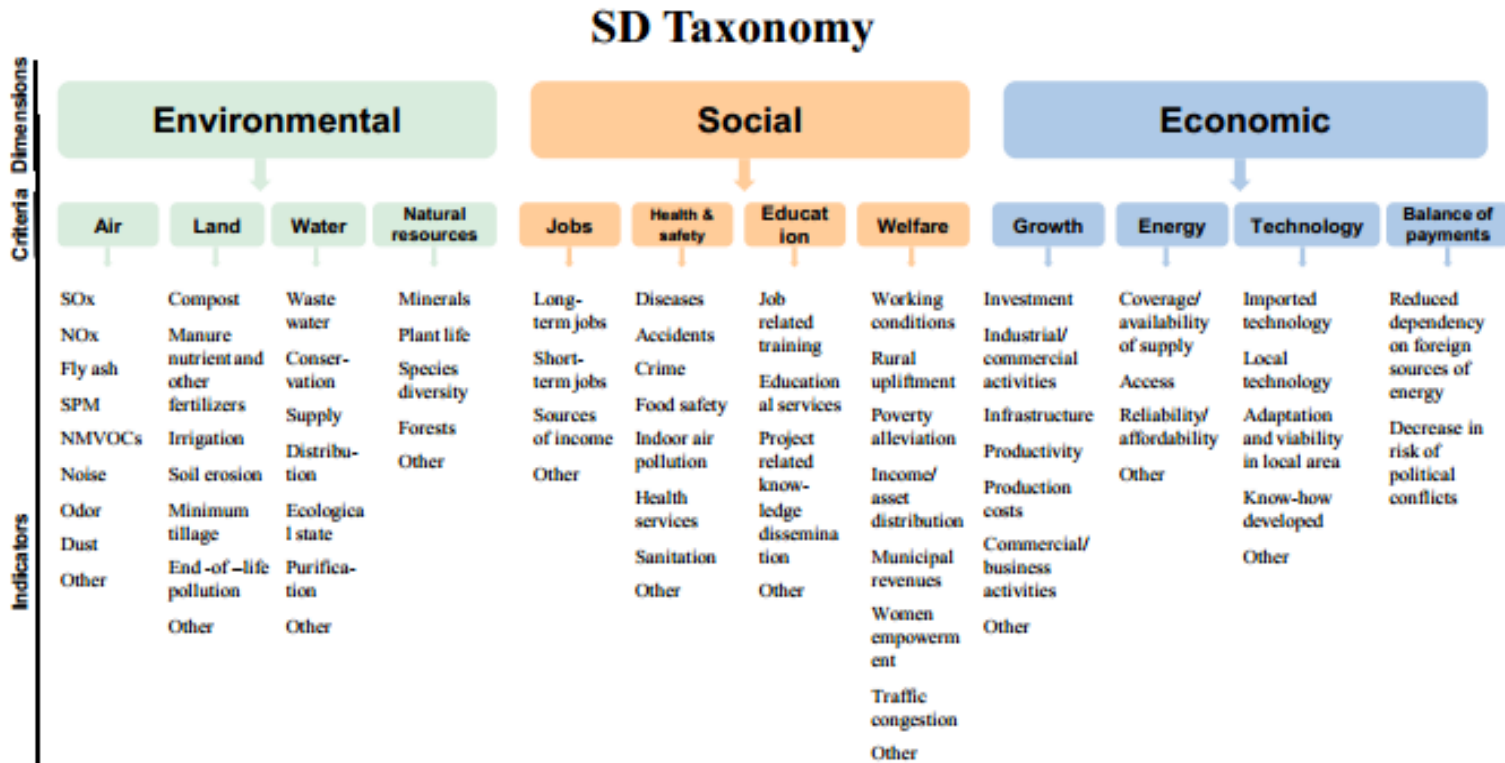
Following aspects should be considered while designing CDM project activity:

1. **Social well being:** The CDM project activity should lead to alleviation of poverty by generating additional employment, removal of social disparities and contribution to provision of basic amenities to people leading to improvement in quality of life of people.
2. **Economic well being:** The CDM project activity should bring in additional investment consistent with the needs of the people.
3. **Environmental well being:** This should include a discussion of impact of the project activity on resource sustainability and resource degradation, if any, due to proposed activity; bio-diversity friendliness; impact on human health; reduction of levels of pollution in general;
4. **Technological well being:** The CDM project activity should lead to transfer of environmentally safe and sound technologies that are comparable to best practices in order to assist in up-gradation of the technological base. The transfer of technology can be within the country as well from other developing countries also.

# Monitoring shortcomings

- No mandatory monitoring or reporting processes
- Impossible to follow up individual sustainable development goals of projects
- No incentive to fulfil promised sustainable development benefits

# CDM SD reporting tool



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- Voluntary tool for highlighting sustainable development co-benefits of implemented CDM projects
- Tool can only be used by project participants, excluding civil society
- No verification or monitoring of claimed benefits
- No measure in place when negative impacts occur

# CDM Benefit Tracker India

- Publicly accessible interactive map
- Transparent tool for performance of CDM projects
- Information about SD compared to promises and situation on the ground



# Structure

## How to use the tracker

- Use name to search for a specific project AND/OR
- Use state to get all projects in a specific state
- Filter your query by choosing a category

Name

State --Search By State-- ▾

Category: Any ▾

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- Agriculture
- Biomass
- Coal power
- Energy efficiency
- Fossil fuel switch
- Hydro
- Industrial gases
- Landfill
- Methane avoidance
- Others
- Solar

# Information

## Project related information:

- Project description
- Exact location
- Carbon credits issued
- Registration date
- Relevant links
- Project participants
- **Sustainable development benefits-promises and ground reality**

# Goal

- Raise awareness about missing safeguards and monitoring processes
- Policy at national and international level
- Push for meaningful reforms of CDM

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