# COMMUNITY ACTION STEPS

Undertaking Sustainability actions/ campaigns with your network Gayatri Raghwa - UNEP Environment Education India

### Why are we here today ?

- As Faith councillors after attending today's workshop You are expected to identify an issue of sustainability within your network and geographies.
- Undertake a sustainability action project with relevant stakeholders /networks/ followers, one that makes most sense to them and connect them to their faith/ belief and link with sound science and work for a transformative action.



# Will connecting faith with science alone lead us to positive action ?

### It's all about people

Environmental behavior result from complex interactions involving people's emotions, habits, attitudes, beliefs, identities, economic considerations, social interactions, cultural settings and value systems together with appropriate skill and opportunities to act.

When we want sustainability to be espoused as widely as possible and we want people to change , we need to give them good reason to change . For example facts alone do not sell behavior change. Instead people working to foster sustainable behavior must use various strategies to reach out to audience on a human personal scale

State of the World 2010, Transforming cultures



5 key practices of integration of emotional, social and ecological intelligence - Eco literate-Daniel Goleman

Why do most environmental campaign fail to initiate change on ground?

- Most campaign focus on dispensing information and raising awareness
- They ignore social context and emotional connect.

Developing empathy for all life

- Embracing sustainability as a community practice
- Making invisible visible
- Anticipating unintended consequences
- Understanding how nature sustains life

Emotional, social and ecological intelligence are essential dimensions of our universal human intelligence. Each expands outward in focus – from self to others to the entire natural world or if you will, all living systems.

#### Planning well and right would yield great benefits



Narrow down the issue - Focus and Frame the problem with your stakeholders / team It pays to be inclusive

- Various Techniques
- NGT (nominal Group technique)
- DPSIR (Driver/pressures/stress/impact/response)
- Mind Mapping

While there are several techniques and methods covering all aspects of planning a sustainability campaign/ project .. One thing that you can perhaps do with your audience is conduct KAP Survey

- Knowledge / Attitude and Practice survey
- Define survey objectives
- Develop survey protocols
- Design survey questionnaire
- Implement KAP survey
- Analyse the data
- Use the data

### Let us do a quick test

#### What causes COVID-19?

- Bacteria
- Virus
- Parasite
- Vector

#### How is COVID-19 transmitted?

- Miasma or bad air
- Aerosols from infected persons
- Fomites- clothes, utensils, and furniture which are likely to carry infection

#### What are the conditions that spread the disease?

- No masking
- Congestion
- Poor ventilation
- (Crowded places, Close Contact Settings, Confined and enclosed spaces)
- All of above

#### Who are likely to contract the disease?

- Doctors
- Workers in Stores
- Anyone, including me

#### Which statement do your agree with...

- Governments should play a big role in ensuring people are safe
- Individuals are responsible for their safety and wellbeing
- Both

#### Do you support lockdown measures?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

#### Are you concerned about COVID-19 transmission in your neighbourhood?

- Yes
- No

#### If given a chance, I would

•Go for birdwatching

•Visit my friends/ relatives

•Air or Train travel

•Eat in my favourite restaurant

#### How often do you come across people without masks in public?

►Too often

►Not so often

## I am very regular in attending faith based gathering/ events or meetings, I only miss them when I become unwell / sick/ traveling

Yes

No

Which preventive behaviour should be made compulsory for the year 2021 as a response to COVID-19?

I am aware of my religious scripture which says that we need to use water prudently and judiciously

Yes

No

We need to curtail our increasing demands on water

Yes

No

I water my plants in the garden using a pipe / hose

Yes

No

We prefer washing our dishes in free flowing water

Yes

No

We need to wash our clothes everyday even if we are using washing machine

Yes

No

#### AFTER IDENTIFYING THE ISSUE/PROBLEM IT IS IMPORTANT TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES AND BARRIERS







### HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THE DESIRED BEHAVIOUR CHANGE?



### **ARRIVING AT THE RIGHT ACTION**



#### ALWAYS FOLLOW OUTCOME BASED APPROACH



#### **REVIEW AND EVALUATE**