

Restoring Land and Livelihoods

GEA's Approach

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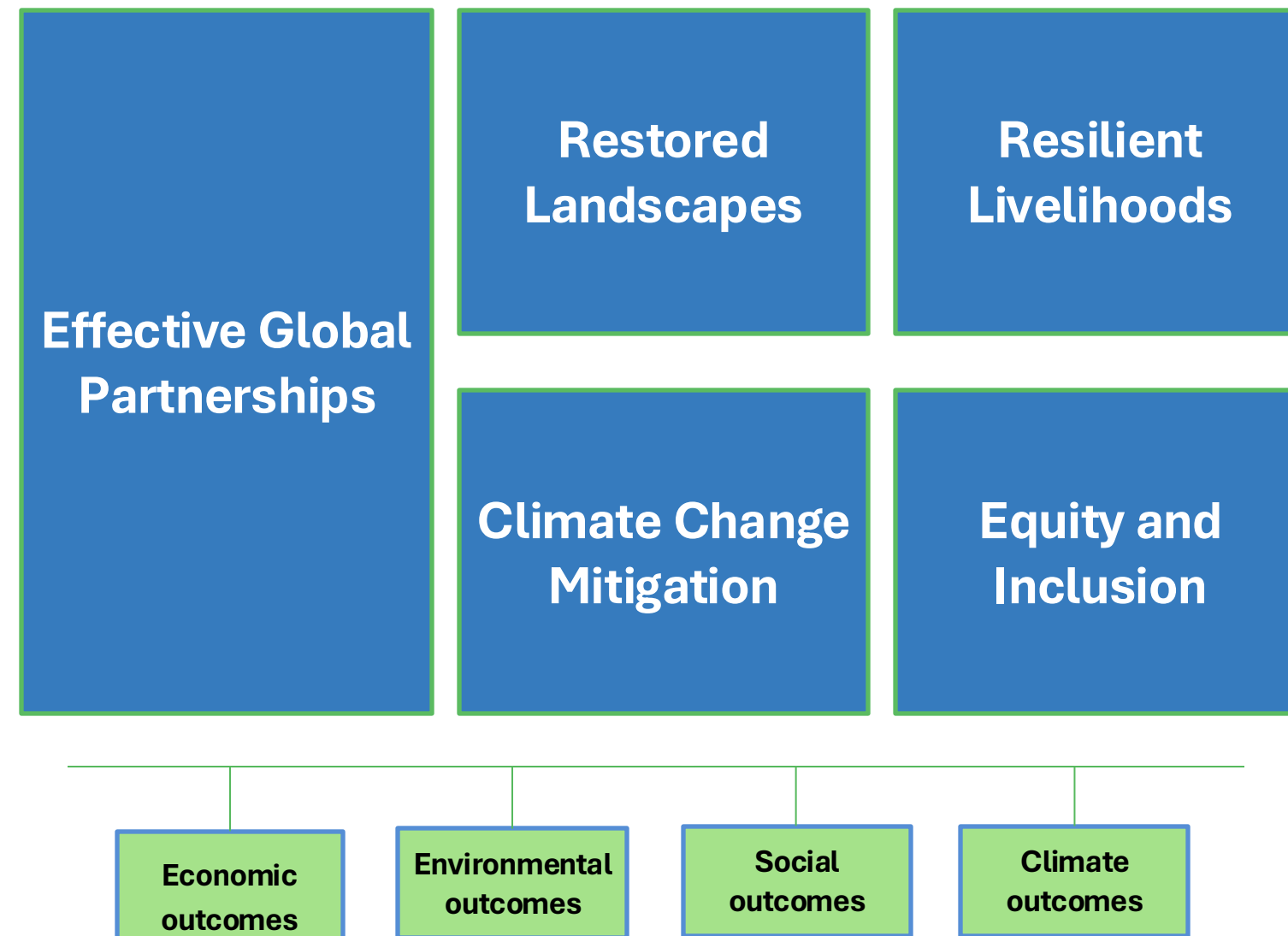




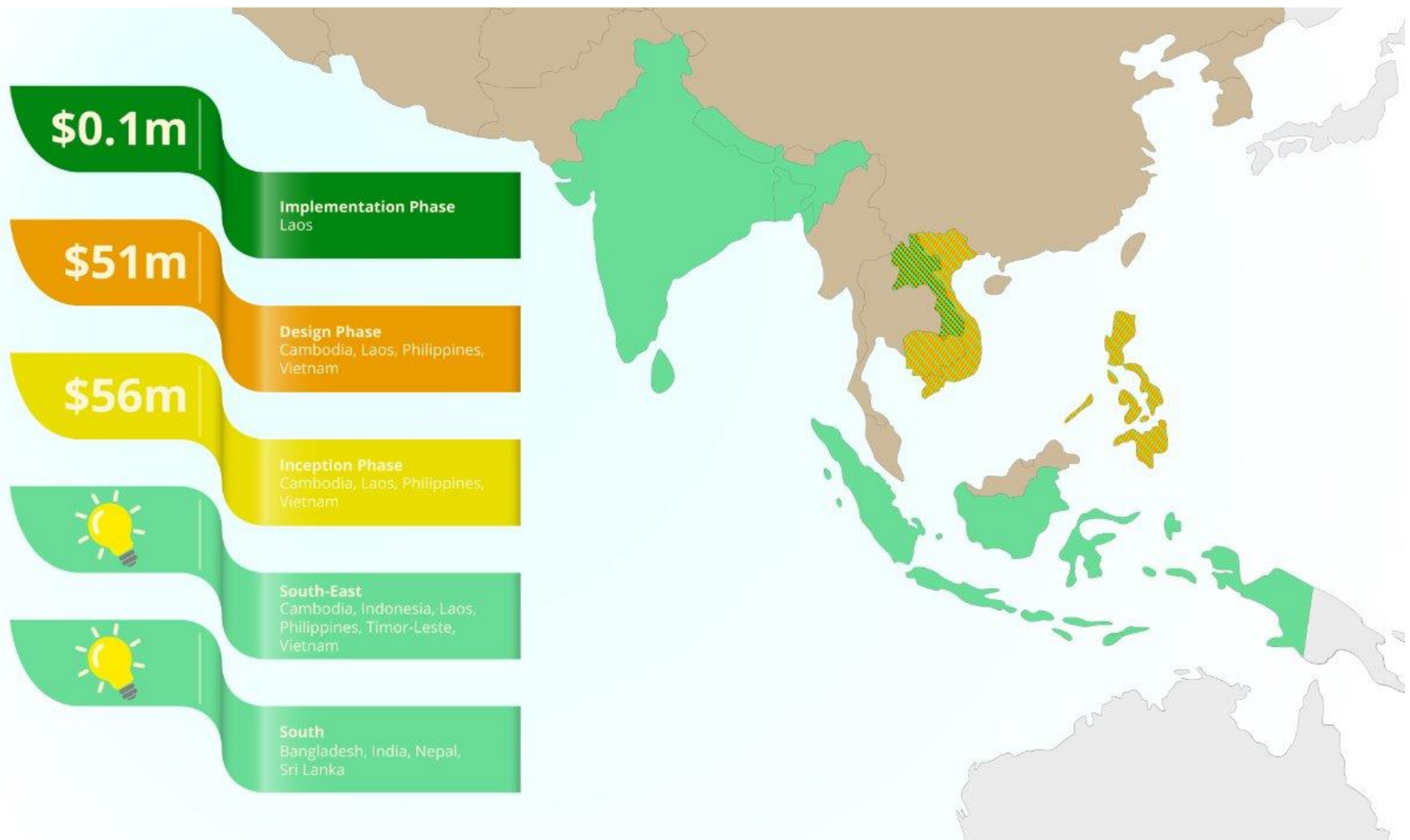
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VISION: To restore degraded lands (agricultural, pastoral, and forest lands) through nature-based approaches.

**Key
Impact
Areas**



Current Engagements in Asia





Our Design and Implementation Approach(1)

1. Smallholder Farmers and Pastoralists Focused

A large portion of the rural population in the developing world depends on agricultural plots that have been cultivated for generations, making land degradation a pressing concern. Restoring these lands through evergreen practices boosts productivity and alleviates pressure on nearby natural ecosystems.

2. Multifunctional Restoration

For restoration to succeed, it must consider the diverse social, environmental, and livelihood goals unique to each landscape. Restoring trees is important, but it should not be the sole objective.

3. Consultative Design and Implementation Approach

The voices, concerns, experiences, and needs of all key stakeholders in the restoration project should be fully considered. This is why GEA advocates for a consortium approach to project design and implementation, promoting inclusive engagement with local communities to understand their needs and learn from their experiences.

Our Design and Implementation Approach(2)

4. Alignment with Policies and Strategies

Compliance with rules and regulations, along with alignment with governments' and local authorities' short-term and long-term strategic plans, is essential to ensuring the sustainability of restoration efforts.

5. Capacity Development

A key focus of our programming approach is building the capacity of communities, relevant local institutions, and implementing organizations. This foundation equips them to effectively address emerging challenges over the long term.

6. Sustained Engagement

Sustained engagement is key to our approach, building long-term relationships with communities, local institutions, and partners. Ongoing support fosters trust, empowers stakeholders, and helps address challenges. Private sector financing offers a valuable opportunity to bridge the gap left by grants in fostering long-term relationships.



Key Challenges

- **Balancing interests among stakeholders:** Livelihood outcomes vs environmental outcomes vs carbon outcomes;
- **Complex tenurial arrangements:** Long-term engagement needs reliable tenure conditions. Land and tree tenure security is one of the main issues many countries are struggling with.
- **Evolving (sometimes unclear) policy processes and regulatory instruments,** especially when it comes to carbon-related issues
- **Predicting the future:** what tree species could adapt well in an ecosystem where environmental variables are changing rapidly due to climate change effects?
- Making people understand **that restoration is not just about planting seedlings**





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