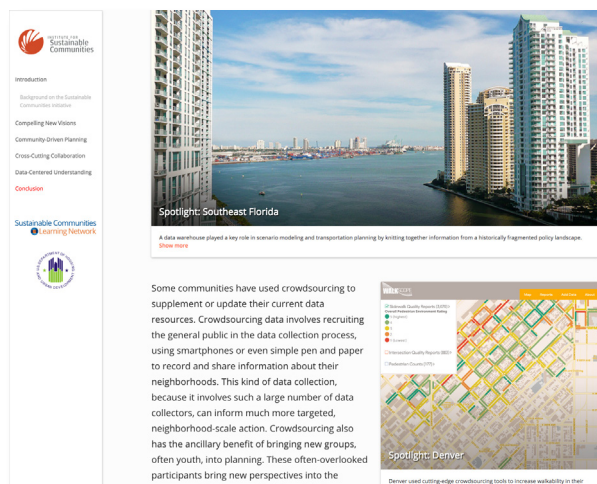


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Sustainable communities are possible — we know because every day, we see places where people live and work together, growing stronger over time, with the resilience to adapt in a rapidly changing world. We're changing the conversation to share **what's possible**.

THE HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE: BETTER PLANS FOR BETTER PLACES

2015 saw the completion of our work on the four-year U.S. HUD and EPA-funded Sustainable Communities Initiative. The Sustainable Communities Initiative supported the work of 143 urban, suburban and rural places as they developed plans that encompassed environmental, social and economic considerations to make truly



sustainable places. From our unique vantage point as the project's Learning Network Coordinator, ISC has gotten to see communities go through major transformations in how they plan. **In the hard work of creating their plans, many of these communities saw substantial – and sometimes unexpected – benefits.**

In June 2015, we released **Better Plans for Better Places: How the Sustainable Communities Initiative changed the way the country plans for a prosperous and sustainable future.**

Our report examined four major themes of the Initiative and spotlights how communities – from Seattle to the New River Valley in Virginia – put those themes and the six livability principles into action.

The Initiative was unprecedented in how it:

- Used six **livability principles** to guide grantees' work.
- Focused on **capacity-building**.
- Developed **new approaches and partnerships by requiring community involvement** and cross-sector consortia in the planning process.
- Used **data as an essential cornerstone of projects** – allowing for new methods of inclusion, transformative insights as well as established baselines and indicators to measure progress.

See more at betterplansbetterplaces.iscvt.org

CIVIL SOCIETY FORWARD IN SERBIA

In November 2014, we marked the completion of the two-year USAID-funded Civil Society Forward (CSF) project with a celebratory event in Belgrade. The event served as an opportunity not only to showcase the results of our partner organizations and recognize the progress that Serbia's civil society has made, but also to discuss the present and future challenges facing civil society in Serbia.

Our agenda showcased the accomplishments of our 11 partner organizations: Trag Foundation, Zaječar Initiative, Autonomous Women Center, Belgrade Center for Security Policy, Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA), Association for Development of Children and Youth – Open Club, SHARE Foundation, SMART Kolektiv, National Coalition for Decentralization, Center for Democracy Foundation, and Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation.

As part of CSF's Human Rights Sustainability Initiative program component, the following human rights organizations were recognized:

- Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia
- Humanitarian Law Center
- Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights (YUCOM)
- Lesbian Human Rights Organization (LABRIS)
- Urban In and Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR)



These 17 organizations are ready to be equal partners in the processes underway to strengthen Serbia's European perspective, to support rapid development of all social segments based on a sound grounding of European values, and to transfer knowledge and experiences to citizens and other relevant stakeholders.

This event marked the end of ISC's decade of work in Serbia. We are so proud of the community organizations and leaders we've worked with there, and the progress Serbians have made on local civic activism and advocacy, building a culture of philanthropy and strengthening their capacity to engage for stronger communities and a stronger country.

See more at: www.iscvt.org/program/serbia-civil-society-forward

2015 HIGHLIGHTS:

INDIA EHS+ CENTER SIGNING WITH SYMBIOSIS INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
November | India



EHS+ NETWORK SUMMIT
March | Hong Kong



HUD CLIMATE & ECONOMIC RESILIENCE WORKSHOP
March | Boston



EHS+ CENTER GENDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April | Bangladesh



Oct.
2014



SOLAR MARKET PATHWAYS WORKSHOP
May | Utah



GLOBAL RESILIENCE PROJECT
June | Bangladesh



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL RESILIENCE WORKSHOP
July | Florida



SOLAR INSTALLATION IN XIAOLAN
August | China

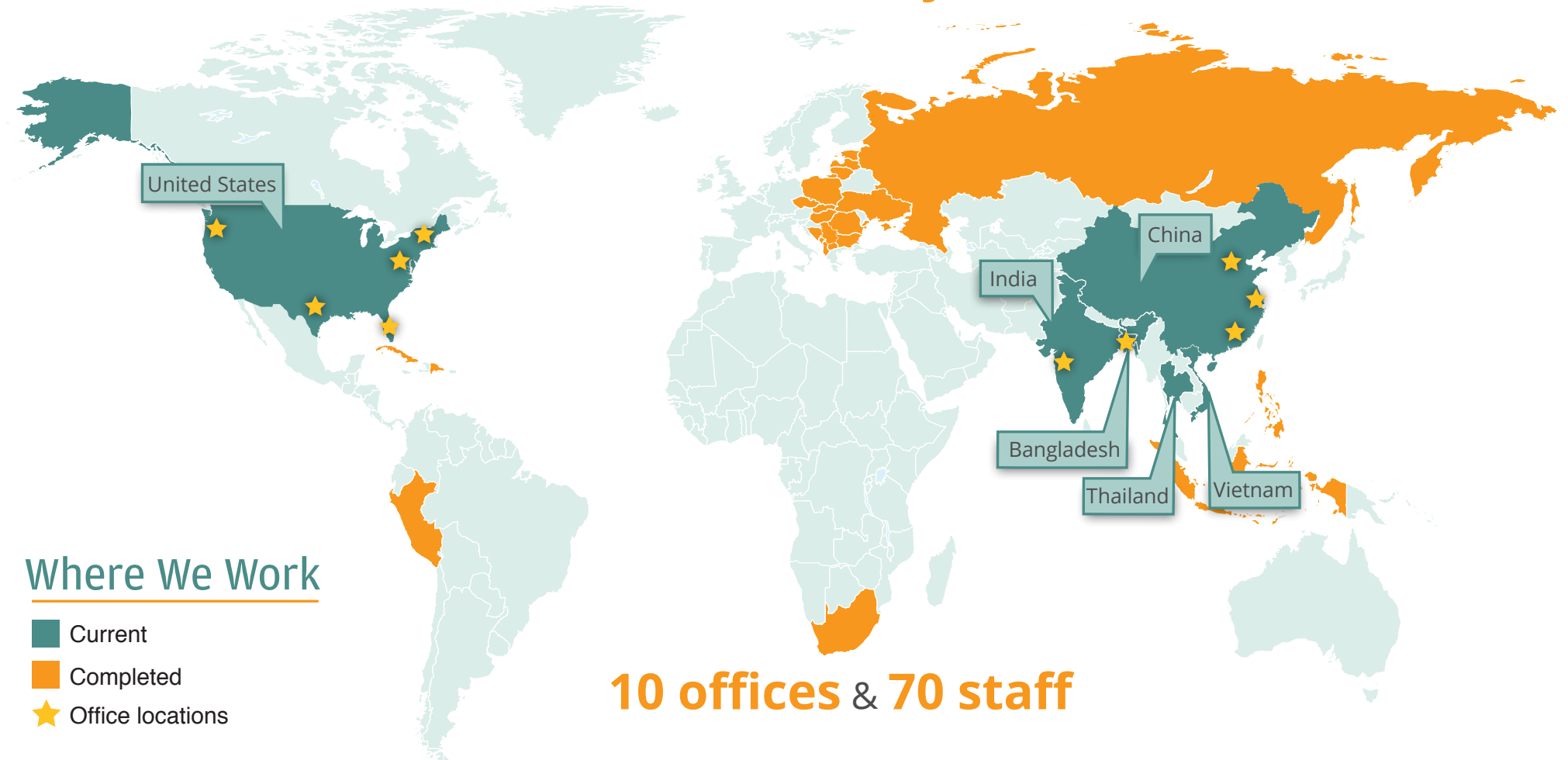


US-CHINA CLIMATE LEADERS SUMMIT
September | California

Sept.
2015

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TRAINEES ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING

21,000+



EHS+
ADVANCED TRAINING.
INSPIRING CHANGE.



LOCAL LEADERS FOCUSING ON PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS

3,500+



COMMUNITIES COMMITTED TO TRANSFORMATION

500+

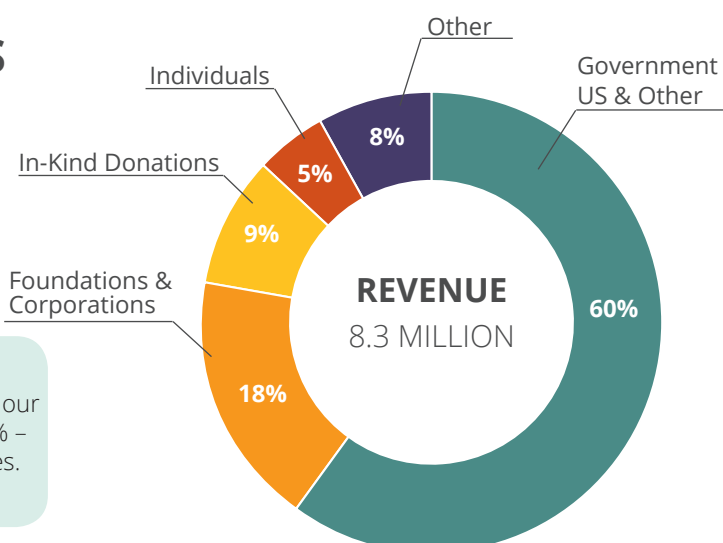


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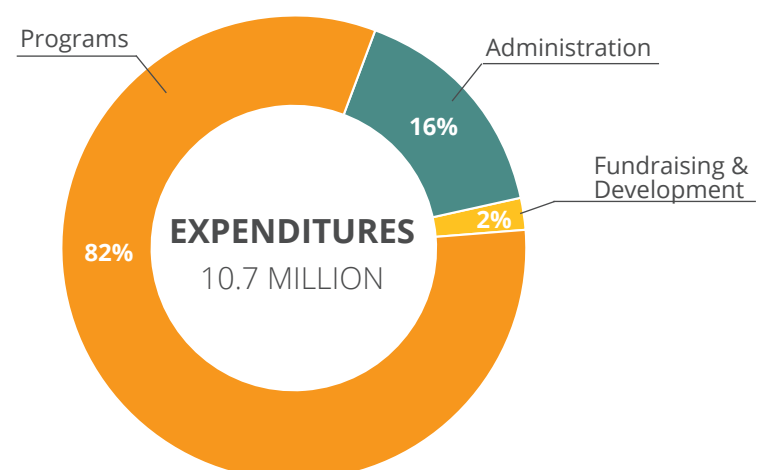
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2015 FINANCIALS



Approximately \$8.7 million of our expenditures – or about 82% – were direct program services.



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