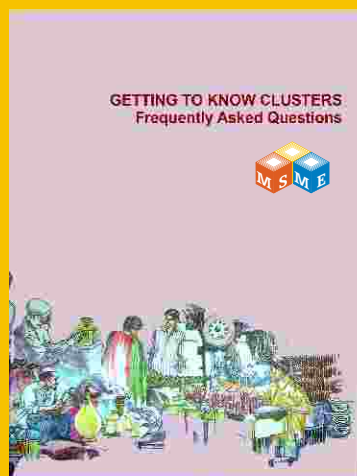
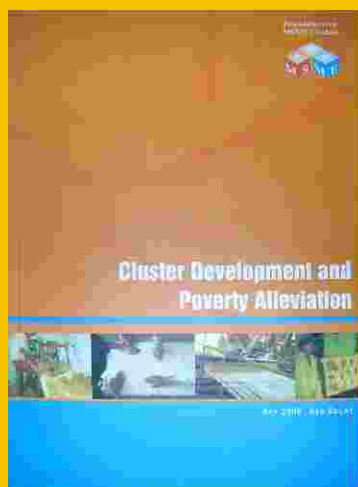
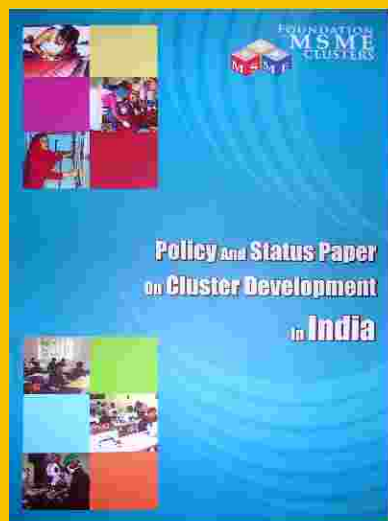
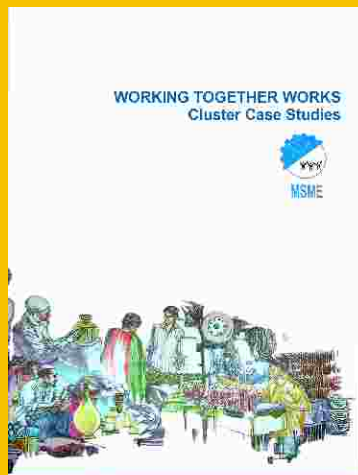


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Genesis

Clusters of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are found in abundance across the globe. Since the early nineties, cluster based development of MSMEs has been adopted in more than fifty countries. The Foundation for MSME Clusters was conceptualised to contribute towards this process of cluster based development of MSMEs and thus enhance their competitiveness, generate sustainable employment and alleviate poverty.

Subsequently, the Foundation was legally constituted as a non-government, non-profit registered trust under the auspices of the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI), Ahmedabad, in the year 2005. The headquarters of the Foundation is in New Delhi, India. It also has a regional office in Bhubaneshwar, Orissa.

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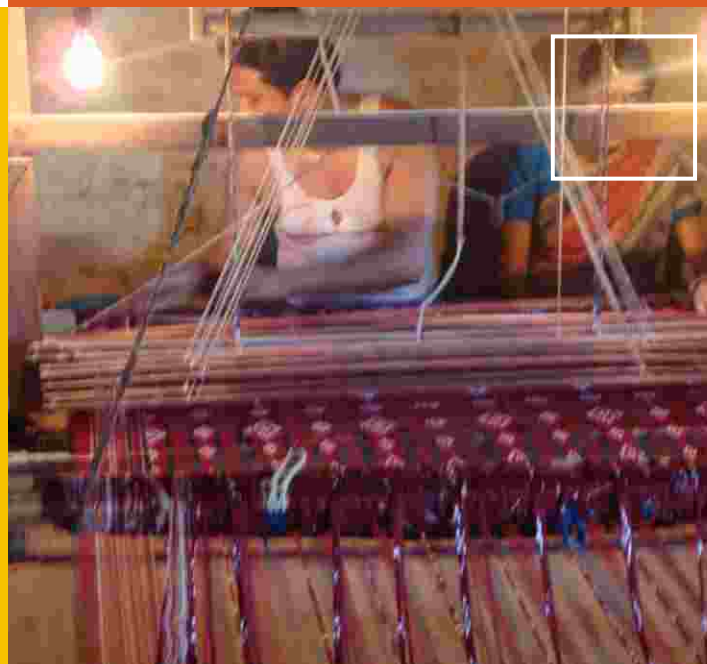
Vision & Mission

Vision

An economically progressive, socially connected, environmentally sustainable and spiritually rooted world composed of interconnected yet diverse local socio-economic systems.

Mission

To assist institutions undertake effective and inclusive cluster based local area development in developing and transition economies.



Objectives

The Foundation seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- ▣ Cluster initiatives become inclusive
- ▣ Cutting edge methodologies, tools, information and resources are accessible
- ▣ Effective linkages emerge between clusters and important thematic institutions in the area of finance, infrastructure, environment, investment, R&D, social responsibility and local governance
- ▣ Trained and competent professionals and institutions are available to facilitate cluster-based development
- ▣ Models of strong community based civil society organisations emerge to take up cluster based sustainable development initiatives

Strategy

The Foundation shall provide and enable the provision of services in the areas of **advocacy, advice, training and research** by collaborating with international agencies, government institutions, financial institutions, banks, academic institutions, technical bodies, industry associations, non-government organisations and corporate entities interested in development of MSME through sub-contracting and sourcing.



Service Divisions

Policy & Strategy Division

Clusters of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have been in existence for several decades and centuries. Yet, cluster based development is a recent phenomenon that is being constantly improved upon. The Policy & Strategy Division works with the policy makers and development practitioners as to how the cluster development approach can be applied and integrated effectively with various sectoral and thematic mandates. It also specialises in cluster mapping, devising policies, defining the focus as well as designing of support architecture for impact making development initiatives and local economic development. In this endeavor, the Division draws strength from dynamic think tank as well as host of national and international experts who are in constant touch with the Foundation.

Implementation-Coordination Division

This division undertakes coordination of field-based projects among a variety of sectors with wide ranging development objectives. It supports the local institutions by providing solutions emerging from the contextual need and usage of a basket of tools that the Foundation Experts have developed over several years of its experience in clusters and LED. The division continues to expand its frontiers of applied knowledge by learning from the field. The main deliverables are methodologies, tools and field based solutions for striking impact in diverse contexts.

Training and Capacity Building Division

There is need to develop a cadre of effective development professionals who can apply the constantly evolving knowledge base for holistic and inclusive development. This division has developed a range of training curricula and runs interactive courses and field based training initiatives to bridge the gap. Moreover, through this division, the Foundation undertakes training of trainers to further strengthen the capacities of a number of resource institutions in India and abroad to support their capacities for long-term sustenance.

Services

1. Designing cluster based MSME development initiatives
2. Mapping clusters in regions and countries
3. Conceptualisation and implementation of related training programmes
4. Monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment of cluster initiatives
5. Innovative action research in cluster development
6. Development of 'Business Development Services' (BDS)
7. Institutional capacity building for cluster based development
8. Capacity building initiatives for industrial associations and non-government organisations
9. Undertaking policy and implementation research in cluster development



Organisational Structure

The Foundation is steered by a **Board of Trustees** at the apex level, chaired by Professor **Y.K. Alagh**, former Vice-Chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, former Union Minister of State of Science and Technology and currently the Vice-Chairman of Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research as well as Chairman of Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA).

The Board comprises of other eminent persons & institutional representatives including Mr. Hari Sankaran, Managing Director, Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd. (IL&FS) and Dr. Dinesh Awasthi, Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI). The main role of the Board is to lay down the primary aims and objectives of the Foundation and ensure its overall governance in conformity with the vision of the Foundation.

The Board is supported by **Governing Council** comprising of representatives of national and international institutions as well as eminent personalities. The Council provides strategic direction and support to the Foundation and ensures that its activities are in tune with the objectives set forth by the Board.

Team

The Foundation operates through a multi-disciplinary team specialised in management, sociology, economics, finance, social work and engineering. It is a learning organisation, which always strives to deliver high quality products. The team is headed by Executive Director Mr Mukesh Gulati.



Our Major Clients

- Coir Board, Ministry of MSME, Government of India
- Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India
- Directorate of Small Scale Enterprises, Government of West Bengal
- Department of Textiles and Handloom, Government of Orissa
- Development Commissioner (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), Ministry of MSME, Government of India
- Deutsche Gessellschaft fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), New Delhi
- Iran Small Industries and Industrial Parks Organisation (ISIPO)
- Kerala Bureau of Industrial Promotion (Kbip), Government of Kerala
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Ministry of MSME, Government of India
- National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- South Asia Enterprise Development Facility (SEDF); International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), New Delhi
- Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), New Delhi
- United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New Delhi

