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Colombia Chicken-Egg Project. Chickenegg production for nutrition and financial support of a school for at-risk children

Colombia Education Center. Construction of a day center for early childhood education and community support for the elderly

East Asia Water. Water pasteurization, education on the health and environmental risks of coal burning

India for Christ Ministries (IFCM). Holistic community development and sustainable livelihood support

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India Tribal Projects with Covenant Social Services and Hindustani Covenant Church. Holistic community development in rural areas targeting tribal and low-caste communities by providing women's empowerment, access to healthcare, microfinance, education

India Truthseekers. Caste reconciliation and community development projects

Kenya Education. Schooling for Congolese refugees in partnership with the Evangelical Covenant Church of Kenya

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