Our **Theory of Change**

The **Issues**

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES:

- Face unique **barriers to accessing further education, training and employment opportunities**.
- Have on average **lower education attainment than their peers in metropolitan areas**, while rural and regional **communities miss out on accessing skills** that support communities and future generations to thrive.

Barriers

Geography, Finances, Support, Information & Awareness

Strategic **Response**

CEF seeks **to promote and enable equal access to education irrespective of background, circumstances or location by providing support** to address barriers.

Participants

WHO WE CREATE CHANGE FOR

Rural and Regional **Youth (16-25)**

Families of Youth

Rural and Regional **Communities**

WHO HELPS MAKE THE CHANGE

CEF **National Leadership & Staff**

Local **Foundations & Volunteers**

Donors & Partners

Our **Inputs**

WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE CHANGE

- **Fundraising & Donations**
- **Partnerships & Agreements**
- **Volunteers through Local Foundations**
- **Education, Corporate & Philanthropic Partners**

Our **Activities**

WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE CHANGE

- **Financial Support**
- **Mentoring**
- **Partnerships**
- **Ongoing Support**
- **Strengthening Communities**

Outcomes

THE CHANGES WE WANT TO SEE

CEF is achieving its strategic objectives and is set up to continue its mission and deliver impact sustainably now, and into the future.

CEF local foundations are resourced, funded & equipped to support local young people and are set up in areas that see the need.

Rural and regional young people have access to further education, training and employment opportunities, and are supported to achieve their full potential.

Families and caregivers value education and engage in young peoples' learning and career journeys.

Rural and regional communities are thriving, more connected and resilient.

Our **Impact**

Rural and regional youth can **access further education, training and employment opportunities** that support them to **achieve their potential** - contributing to **thriving, more connected and resilient communities.**

To help us better articulate our impact, CEF partnered with Social Ventures Australia to develop a **Theory of Change and Outcomes Framework**, clearly mapping **how CEF's activities lead to meaningful change for young people, their families and the communities they call home**. This work reaffirms what we know well: **students across rural and regional Australia continue to face significant barriers to further education and training, including distance, financial pressure, limited support networks and a lack of accessible information**.

Our impact is possible because of our community-based model. The value of the CEF model lies in the commitment of **our volunteers**, whose dedication, time and devotion to our cause turns ideas into action and ensures **our work creates lasting change for individuals, families and communities**.

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