

# Contributions and potential of community forestry to achieve SDGs

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# CONTRIBUTIONS OF COMMUNITY FORESTRY

The potential contributions of community forestry are multiple:

- Contributes to **family livelihoods**, though activities often yield low returns, and income sources remain diverse
- **Generates local income**, but not always evenly distributed
- **Can catalyze local efforts to conserve forests**, but can increase risks of degradation
- **Preserves values and cultures**, but migration and social erosion a growing reality

AND, still many gaps in understanding the role of population dynamics, market forces, and biophysical factors in explaining the outcomes from community forestry

# POTENTIAL OF COMMUNITY FORESTRY

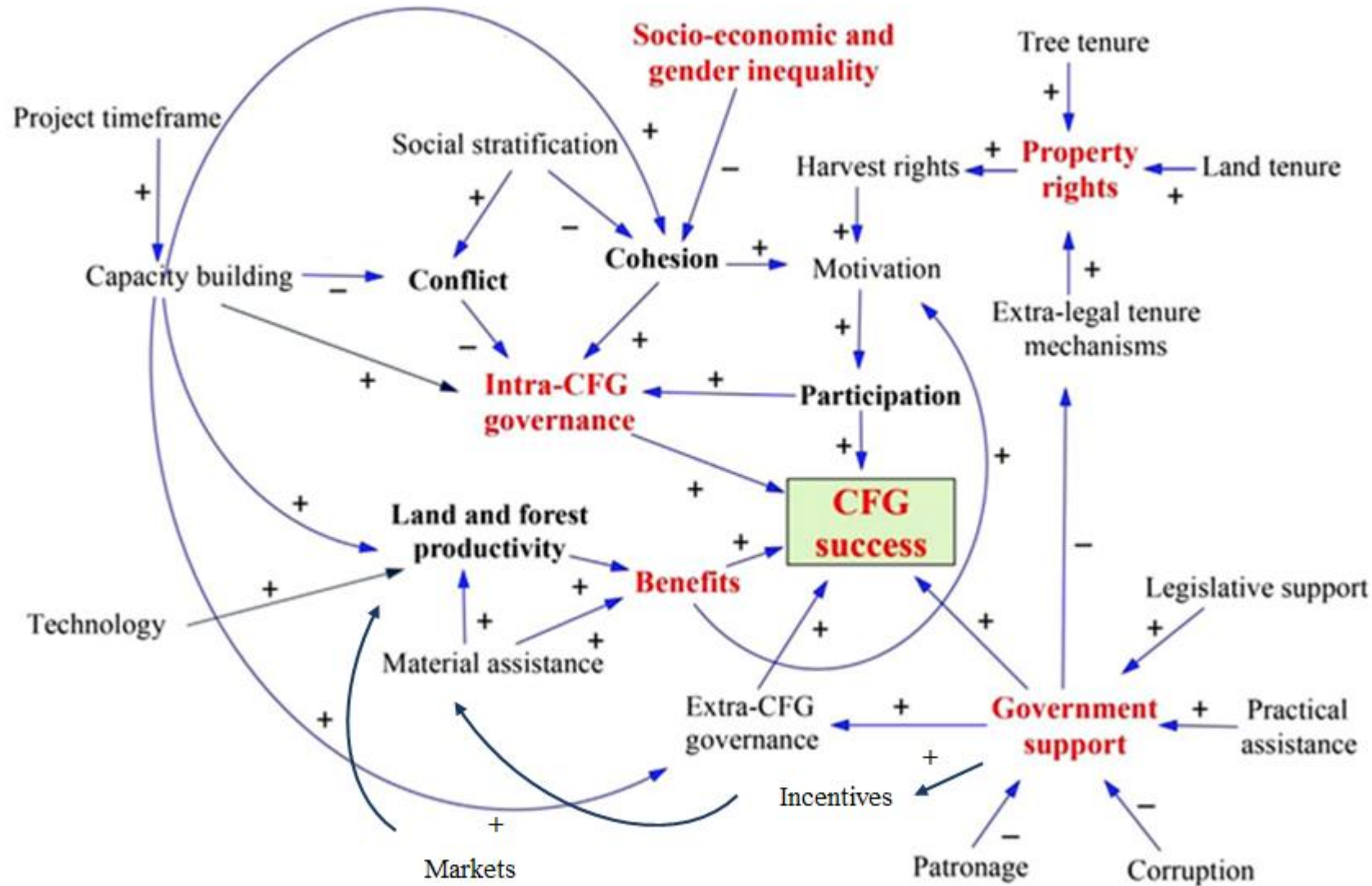
While outcomes are mixed, community forestry has important **potential** for contributing to more sustainable futures.

- Contributes to **climate change mitigation**
- Helps to **protect biodiverse ecosystems**
- Supports **local economic development**
- **Provides a safety net** against external shocks
- Builds **social** and **institutional resilience**
- **Nurtures local values** supportive of nature



# CFG SUCCESS

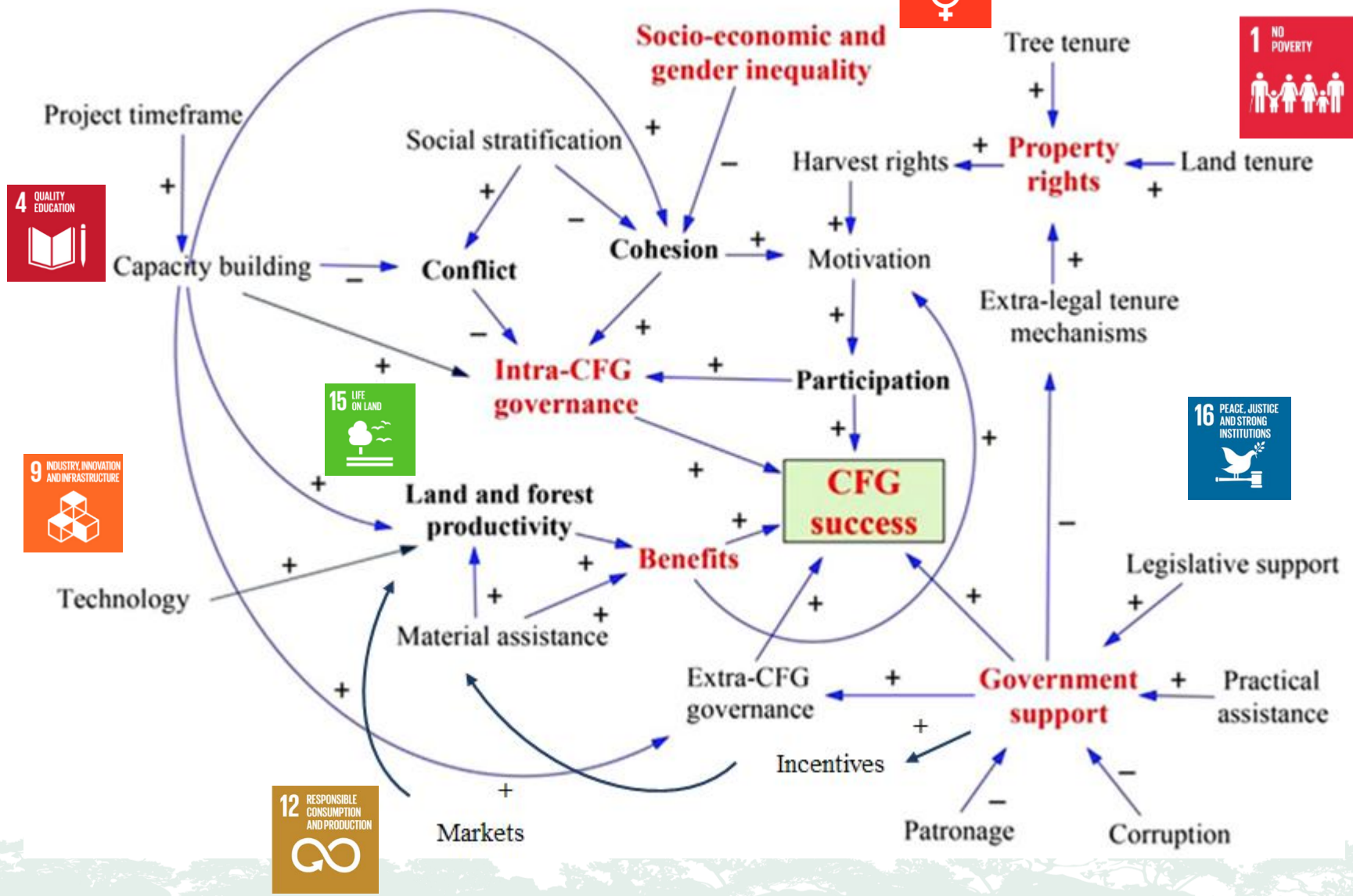
Factors explaining failure or success of community forestry tend to interact in complex ways



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# LINKS BETWEEN FACTORS AND SDGs



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# SUMMARIZING MAIN FACTORS

- Experience in several countries (Philippines, Nepal, Mexico, & others) shows that community forestry can increase local incomes and improve forest outcomes.
- Supportive public policies are essential, e.g. strengthened tenure security, more market-friendly regulations, and capacity building.
- Supportive local conditions also important, e.g. equitable distribution of meaningful benefits, legitimate local institutions, & acceptance of the rules.
- Some SDGs are more relevant than others, especially 1, 4, 5, 9, 12, 15, 16
- These are complementary and mutually supportive, and full benefits more likely to result where planning and delivery are integrated.



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