GIS Enabled Entitlement Tracking (GEET)

Geographic Information System (GIS) - Enabled Entitlement Tracking (GEET) is an initiative from the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) to improve reach, response, and review of the implementation of social security schemes.

Purpose of GEET
GEET aims to provide a single platform that helps rural communities access various government schemes and programmes that they are eligible for, thereby enabling communities to claim their entitlements. GEET, through its GIS-enabled dashboard, aims to assist district and state government officials in informed decision-making and better utilization of resources under various schemes and programmes.

How does GEET work?
Step 1: Individuals can identify welfare schemes and programmes that they are eligible for by providing basic details such as state name, gender, age, caste, etc.

Salient Features of GEET
- A database of state and central welfare schemes.
- A single point of access to information on welfare schemes.
- Provision for a unique ID to track intended beneficiaries. This will also enable tracking the reach of schemes at village, block, district, and state levels.
- Provision for dispatching bulk SMS messages updating beneficiaries when they become eligible for new or existing schemes.
- Versatile design which provides for adding and editing functionalities for schemes, eligibility criteria, and individual details.
- Online and offline modes maximising reach in areas with limited internet bandwidth.
- GIS-enabled dashboard with spatial and temporal information on eligibility and utilisation of welfare schemes.
- Provision for registering grievances.
Step 2: For each scheme the individual is eligible for, GEET provides - a brief description highlighting the benefits under the scheme, the department responsible for the scheme, and the documents needed for availing the scheme.

Step 3: Once an individual or a household is verified and registered in the GEET system, he/ she will be issued a unique ID that will enable the system to track the individual’s entitlement record and update the individual whenever they become eligible for new or existing schemes.

For decision and policy makers
Officials responsible for the implementation of welfare schemes and programmes can monitor the progress and identify intended beneficiaries through the GIS-enabled dashboard, which provides spatial and temporal information on eligibility and utilization of welfare schemes and programmes.

Impact and Way Ahead
Implementation of GEET has been initiated in FES’ project areas and in three states (Jharkhand, Odisha and Chattisgarh) in collaboration with their respective State Rural Livelihood Missions. In order to enhance last mile reach of welfare schemes and programmes across India, we aim to scale up the use of GEET by partnering with other organisations and state governments.