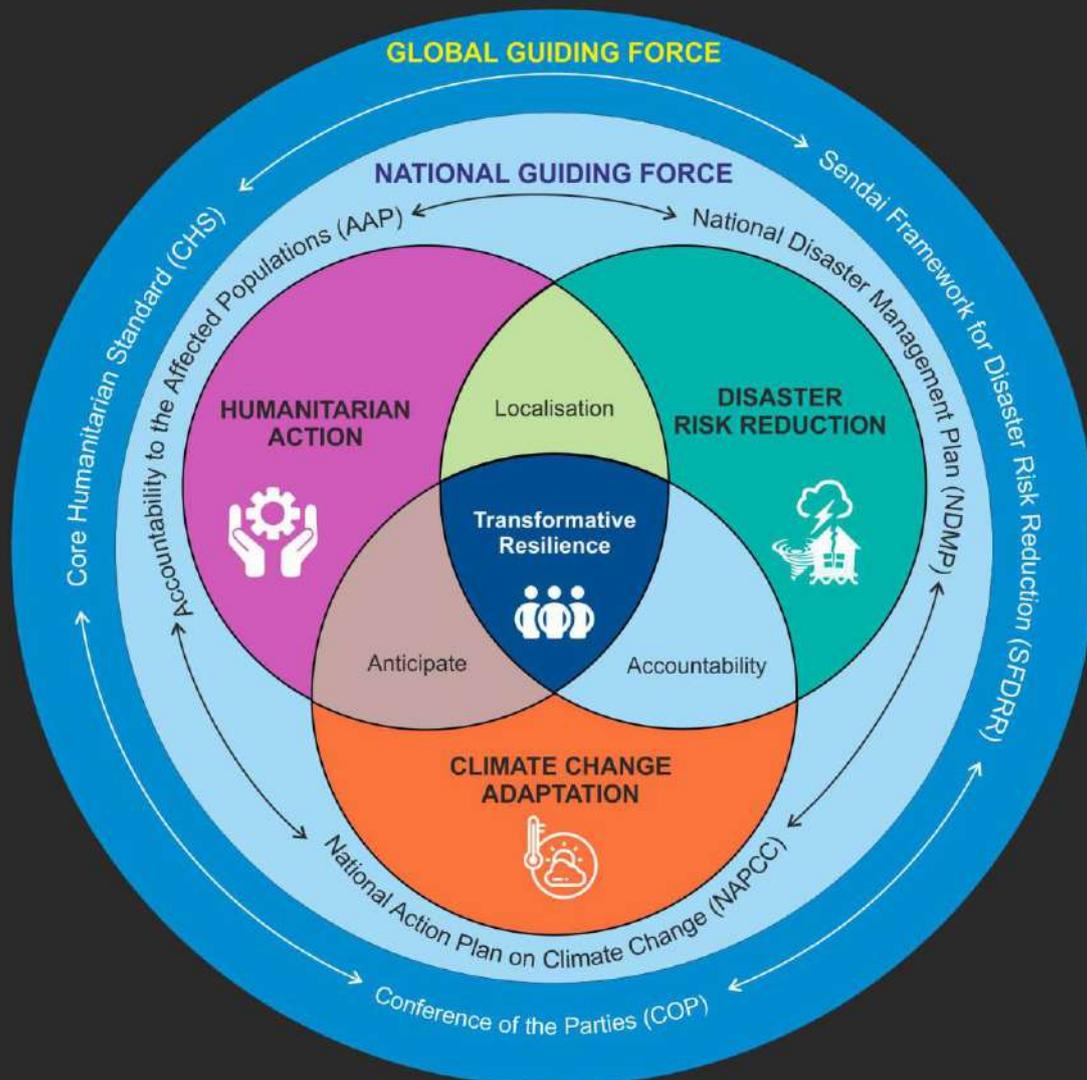


# Working with Affected Communities: Raising Resilience and Reducing Risk

*AIDMI's Annual Activities 2022-2023*

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## For and with the Affected Population

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2022-23 for the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) was moving closer to working for and with disaster and climate-change-affected populations.

The main population focus of AIDMI was on people with low incomes, women, workers, migrants, minorities, and Dalits.

The affected population reached out by AIDMI was from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Assam, Ladakh, and Kashmir in India and the neighboring countries, including Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.

In this report, AIDMI presents short and clear infographics to capture the processes followed in carrying out the projects and programmes so that others can use the same, modify, and re-imagine these ways to put the affected population in the center.

The main findings of the 2022-23 activities are that the affected population is doing its best to avoid loss and damage to their health, life, and livelihoods by reducing risk and taking adaptation measures with their own money and other resources. But their pace is slower, context uncertain, and they are future unsecured. They know what and how to do but lack money and a voice.

AIDMI's work with the affected population included finding the voices of women affected by COVID-19 busy to recover themselves and their families; supporting poor women in reducing disaster risks in their daily lives and livelihoods; and finding ways to offer training and related efforts to co-create methods and modules with and for the affected population.

The street vendors, hawkers, and handcart pullers affected by the heat wave are taking small adaptation measures to protect health, life, and livelihoods in urban areas in Ahmedabad and similar towns. AIDMI worked with them to offer information, direction, and technical know-how to be better protected from heat waves.

Farmers directly exposed to heat all day long for some seasons are not yet on heat wave policy and allocation. AIDMI worked with farmers to understand the impact of heat waves and what measures they are taking to deal with them.

AIDMI reached out to those who collect data after disasters and those who own data—health, income, loss, and damage—on disaster-affected populations to be closer to the affected people. The question AIDMI

raised at many levels is how they own and access data.

AIDMI helped the affected population develop and transform community learning and business activities, find ways to transfer risks, and draw on public insurance coverage, whether farmers, vendors, or school students.

Agro-ecology is one way that the affected population in the farm, horticulture, and commodity sectors deal with risk and try to build resilience.

The risk and resilience programmes do not effectively deal with the affected population. So AIDMI worked out the process at many levels, including clean air and water initiatives across cities and villages.

In the end, it must be said that AIDMI is glad to share the transformative processes of its activities here in this report.

In 2023-24 AIDMI aims to further outreach to the affected population—women, farmers, urban migrants, and minorities—widespread the impact on awareness, investments, institutions, and the future. ■

## AIDMI In Numbers 2022-2023

According to the Global Humanitarian Overview 2023 report<sup>1</sup>, “in 2023, a record 339 million people will need humanitarian assistance and protection – a significant increase from 274 million people at the beginning of 2022”. It means one in every 23 people now needs humanitarian assistance. AIDMI will be more busy in the coming years. Though AIDMI focuses on small groups, the number of groups adds up to a large number. In 2022, AIDMI reached out to more individuals and institutions, turn in the past, amounting to an overall 20% increase. In 2023 AIDMI aims to increase its outreach by 25% to more locations, affected populations, and local institutions.

Planning for local **4** Enterprises that are working with over **5000** People.



Support advisory and utilizing SOHS 2022 trainings for local CSOs.

Joint development of Strengthening the Humanitarian System in India (SHSI) Report with over **60** CSOs.

Action research for the Central and South Asia region, with over **2000** knowledge resources mapped, extensive consultations with over **27** national and regional experts from **12** countries.

Total local **4** Appreciative Inquiries on Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture in **3** states of India, reaching out to over **50,000** farmers' families.



Total **48** Knowledge Products for researchers, practitioners, and organisers.

Total **16** local trainings, and Capacity Building events were conducted,

Total **400** participants from **6** states of India,

**10** virtual round table events, reaching over **3000** participants from South Asia.



Study of over **600** Small and Informal Businesses on COVID-19 response and recovery.

Over **500** students, parents, and teachers consulted prior to the design of the products on school re-opening needs in desert areas.



**54%** **45%**

Distribution of Hygiene Kit for **19,946** poor local students in Bhuj.

A set of **23** IEC products on DRR and CCA targeting Agriculture and Education sectors co-created for use by over **60,000** families.



Guidelines and IEC products made to reach out to over **3000** at-risk populations in **4** states.

Covered **350** schools, **35,000** children, and **18,127** school teachers under Comprehensive School Safety and Security Programme to date.



Demand side of Adaptation Survey with **2600** Women Farmers in two states.

Over **600** families Heat Wave Impact Assessment in **4** states of India.



<sup>1</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/world/global-humanitarian-overview-2023-enaesfr>

## Ten Key Achievements of AIDMI in 2022-2023

1. AIDMI led the **first-ever action research for the Central and South Asia region, focusing on research and innovation demand** from the affected population in the humanitarian sector. In addition, over 2000 knowledge resources were mapped and consulted with over 27 national and regional experts from 12 countries. The report is being drafted.
2. AIDMI designed and developed **appreciative inquiry of local adaptation that reached out to 100000 small landholders** to help them rate their performance.
3. AIDMI organised the **first-ever online training with NIDM on the intersectionality approach to gender and DRR** at the national level for over 500 participants across India.
4. AIDMI conducted **baseline action research on 'Women Led Informal Businesses and Community Resilience'** with **600 businesses** covering 40 villages of Kashmir and 20 villages of Ladakh enlisting key resilience actions.
5. AIDMI **designed local training with over 120 community leaders on 'Local Recovery and Preparedness to the Pandemic'** in India to develop preparedness plans and community funds.
6. AIDMI conducted an **action-research on 'Impact and Response to the Pandemic by Women-Led Enterprises'** with **four textile, stationary, food, and agriculture enterprises**. As a result, business continuity is being planned.
7. AIDMI launched **self-assessment action and learning of climate change adaptation practices in agriculture and horticulture** with over 70 field practitioners across 18 districts. Assessments are used for planning.
8. AIDMI designed **Heat wave Assessment action learning covering 600 families** located in poor and vulnerable populations in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
9. AIDMI conducted a **baseline study covering 2600 women farmers across eight districts of Gujarat, focusing on their needs for agriculture extension services and climate change adaptation** to develop adaptation plans.
10. AIDMI developed a **case study of successful microfinance services that reached out to over 135000 poor women farmers** to consolidate their demand for finance. The case study aims to promote and replicate financial inclusion for poor and vulnerable women farmers in changing climate. ■



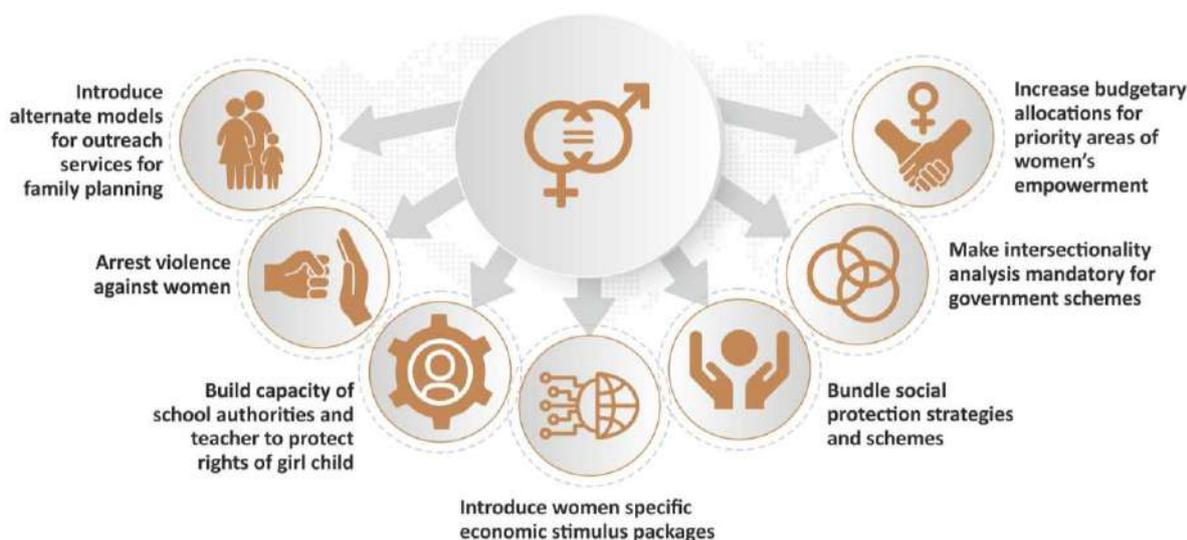
*Visual Vocabulary exercise undertaken by women farmer in Jogad village, Surendranagar, Gujarat.  
Photo: AIDMI.*

# COVID-19 Pandemic and Women: Response and Recovery

The impact of COVID-19 on women is far more severe and long-lasting but is not yet adequately reviewed or reflected upon. Therefore, AIDMI initiated several activities in 2022 to start filling these gaps across India. These activities have contributed to integrating pandemic management aspects into disaster management plans and put women at the center of policymaking. Following are vital actions and accommodations. AIDMI plans to take this learning to the local to global planning processes and shape better results on the ground.

Application of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction for Pandemic Management and Disaster Response			
<b>Priority 1</b> <b>Understanding Disaster Risk</b>	<b>Priority 2</b> <b>Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk</b>	<b>Priority 3</b> <b>Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience</b>	<b>Priority 4</b> <b>Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to Build Back Better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Role in Peace and Security</li> <li>• Programmes for and with Women</li> <li>• Enhancing Women's voice by engaging Men and Boys</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in Local Actions</li> <li>• Role of Active Young Girls</li> <li>• Governance and Local Planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of SDGs, NDCs and SFDRR</li> <li>• Education, Health and Social Protection Services</li> <li>• Ownership and control of physical and financial assets – Land, Housing, Finance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Economic Empowerment</li> <li>• Making Humanitarian Action Flexible</li> <li>• Removing constraints for more and better jobs for young girls</li> </ul>

## Recommendations for Building Response and Recovery: Natural Hazard-Induced Disasters and the Covid-19 Pandemic



# Women's Leadership in Reducing Disaster Risks

Women have always been at the center of AIDMI work, and in 2022 AIDMI revived its work and launched a new initiative to support women's leadership in DRR. The following timeline and AIDMI response indicate the demand from women at risk. The Covid-19 pandemic showed more clearly how discrimination and inequality make women more vulnerable to natural hazard-induced disasters. Thus, there was a need to apply an intersectional lens to shape responses that recognize multiple identities of individuals, such as caste, sex, gender identity, disability, religion, and status. In 2023, AIDMI aims to focus more directly on the intersectionality of affected women.

### Women's Leadership in Reducing Disaster Risks

### Addressing Vulnerability

Practices of Inclusivity  
Public Policy Initiatives  
for Women's Leadership

Pilots and Capacity Development Actions for Rainwater Harvesting Structures in drought prone areas with women.

Exchange for Change Internship Programme initiated. So far 61 female interns out of 122 to promote and strengthen young women leadership in DRR.

Replication of Women and Livelihood Relief in Odisha Cyclone.

Addressing Vulnerability: Public Policy in South Asia.

Design and conduct more than 50 women-led (Relief and Response, Preparedness and Mitigation, Livelihood Security) trainings, covering more than 1500 women leaders.

Launch of first Southasiadisasters.net, so far 180 issues developed that have contributions from 300 women leaders.

Tsunami Evaluation Coalition with one objective to assess gender differences and experiences.

Bringing Gender in the Disaster Management Planning process at district, city, state, and department levels. It was started in 2011 and so far developed / audit more than 89 plans.

Assam 27 district CBDR training with 1055 participants, covering 697 women.

**1989**

Impact study on Drought and Women through Report Card.

**1997**

**1999**

**2002**

**2004**

**2006**

**2011**

**2015**

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**1996**

Joint the Evaluation of Latur Earthquake Recovery Programmes (Gender as one of the core area).

**1998**

Facilitation of Women-led Action Planning in 1998 Kenda Cyclone.

Set up Livelihood Relief Fund for disaster victims, Reach out 7000 women.

**2001**

Set up School Safety Campaign that reached out more than 10,000 schools addressing girls' vulnerability issues and teachers as DRR promoters.

Community capacity building cycles, more than 18 subjects, 579 trainings with Gender and DRR as one of the key parts. So far 21,098 participants. Covering 8800 women.

Experience Learning Series on Importance of Women's Role in Disaster Mitigation.

**2003**

Support to set up Community Learning Cycle in rural areas as disaster recovery efforts for local women leaders.

**2005**

Launch of Risk Transfer and Insurance mechanism for more than 5000 women clients and women as strong campaigners for the grassroots actions.

Women in Recovery: Issues and Integrated Approaches of UNIFEM Partners in Sri Lanka.

Tsunami, Gender and Recovery: Special issue of Southasiadisasters.net for IDDR.

**2008**

Impact Assessment of Disaster Micro-insurance: Gender Evidence from South Asia.

**2013**

Disaster Insurance Impact Study with Women Leaders in Furi, Odisha.

**2016**

AMCDRR 2016 Gender and DRR Guidelines with UNISDR.

Chapter in book on Women and Disasters in South Asia.

Contribution to SADR on "Building Back Better" with focus on gender sensitive approach.

**Color indicators:**  
■ Sub-national  
■ National  
■ Regional (South Asia)

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**2017**

Pan-India Study on the Existing Mechanisms of Ensuring Accountability to the Affected Population in India.

Documenting Lessons Learnt and Good Practices on WASH by Women Leaders.

Documenting Case Studies of Women Farmers from 7 States of India.

Documenting Efforts and Plan Ahead of "Agroecology Measures in Rural Areas" for and with Women Farmers.

Incorporating Disaster and Climate Risk in Women-led Campaign for Empowerment and Gender Equality.

Situational Analysis of Women and Children in Char Areas, Brahmaputra, Assam.

**2019**

Electricity Usage Trend and Hidden Needs in Indian Rural Sector Project.

Supporting teachers for building safety against COVID-19.

Case of Ahmedabad City.

**2021**

Publication on Learning and Understanding Intersectionality of Women Led Disaster Preparedness and Resilience

Sustainable Cotton: Women Farmers and Climate Smart Cotton Farming (Process Document) with 2100 women farmers.

Policy, gender, and governance during double disasters in Sri Lanka with Duryog Nivaran (DN), supported by Asia Foundation.

**2018**

Development of 3 years action plan with women leaders for setting up Community Resource Centre (at Leh and Ganderbal, Jammu and Kashmir and South Sikkim, Sikkim).

Documentation of "Bharat Darshan" - 8 exposure visits by 196 girls and women as peace building and better local economic connection of women from Jammu & Kashmir.

Celebration of "World Toilet Day" with Rural Women of Jaipur and Durgapur, Rajasthan.

Community Survey (Officials from Government, Civil Society, and Private Sector on "Clean Air")

Exposure Visit of Women Leaders from Rajasthan on Women-led Organisation Management.

AMCDRR 2018 Gender and DRR Report with UNFPA and CA.

**2020**

Training and Capacity Building of 2100 Women Farmers for Sustainable Cotton Producing Practices.

Documenting response to COVID-19 pandemic by women driven businesses.

India Agriculture Scoping Study.

Impact of COVID-19 and Lockdown on 300 Women in Informal Business.

**2022**

Training on Women's Leadership in Disaster Preparedness of 130 Women from Maharashtra.

Community Learning and Business Resource Centre: Women Led Livelihood Development in Ladakh.

Support quantitative and systematic data collection for agriculture and climate change information services for 4000 vulnerable women farmers in 8 districts of Gujarat.

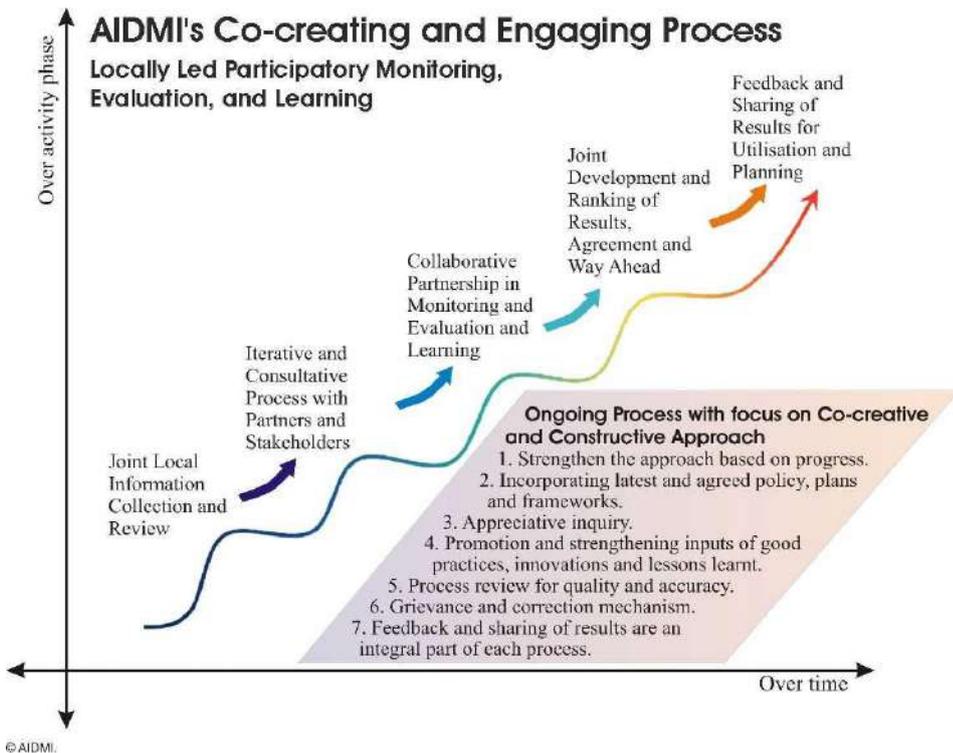
Appreciative inquiry of women farmers to strengthen adaptation practices with 96,855 women farmers in 3 States of India.

Conduct a 3-National Training Programme on Intersectionality, Gender, and DRR for over 500 participants from local authorities and NGOs.

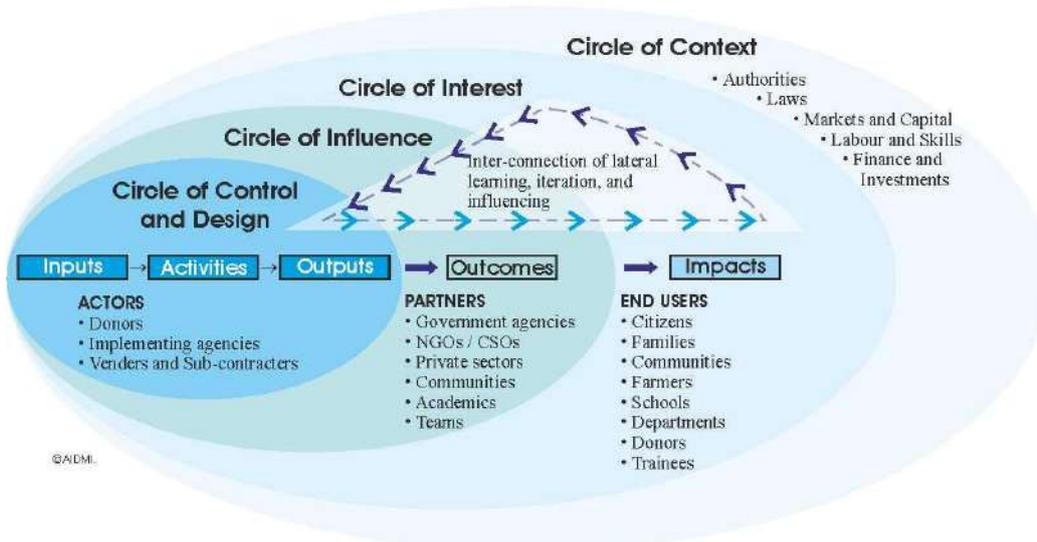
Study of 7 women led enterprises with focus on impact, response and recovery from the pandemic.

# Co-Creation and Engaging Process in Training and Capacity Development

Training on building the capacity of the affected population is always at the forefront of AIDMI work. In 2022, AIDMI re-defined and updated the process to match the increasing demand from affected people and focus on monitoring, evaluation, and learning activities. AIDMI aims to invest significantly in co-creating training for the affected population in India in 2023 using the process described below.

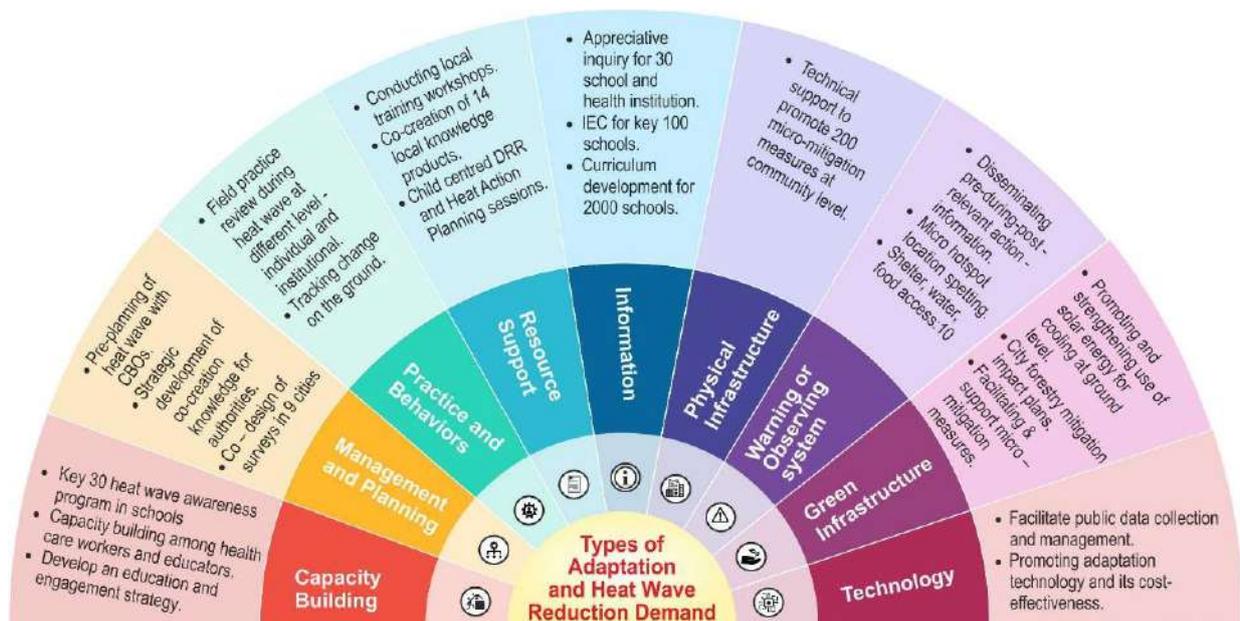


## AIDMI's Co-creating Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning with Local Partners and Stakeholders



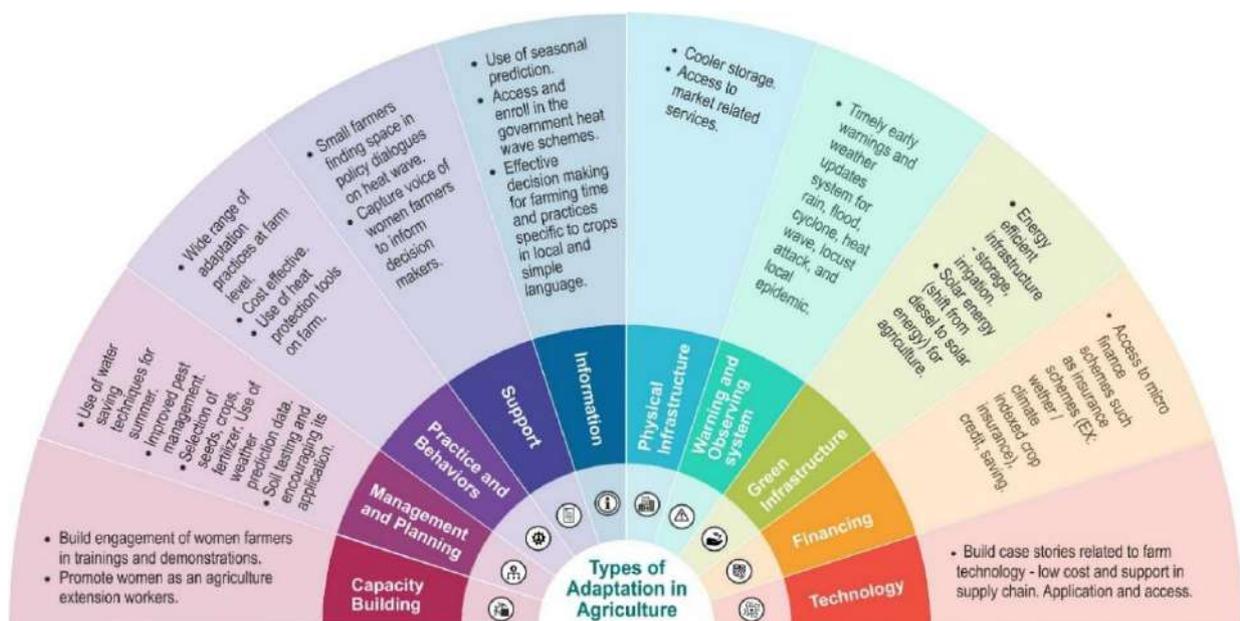
# Types of Adaptation in Heat Wave Reduction Demand and Agriculture

According to Government records, India experienced the hottest-ever March and the third-hottest April this year over the past 122 years. An intense heat wave sweeping through northern India in May 2022 recorded temperatures hitting 49.2C (120.5F) in parts of Delhi. Climate change is expected to make heat waves more common in India and other South Asia. Plurality and diversity of adaptation measures by the affected population are of great value to AIDMI. Therefore, in 2022 AIDMI worked with farmers to enlist some such adaptation measures. In 2023 AIDMI aims to wide-scale this initiative to more affected population groups and collect more such measures for community-to-community exchange of adaptation ideas.



Types of Adaptation demands on AIDMI for Heat Wave Reduction from individuals, groups and institutions.

Based on Biagini et al (2014).

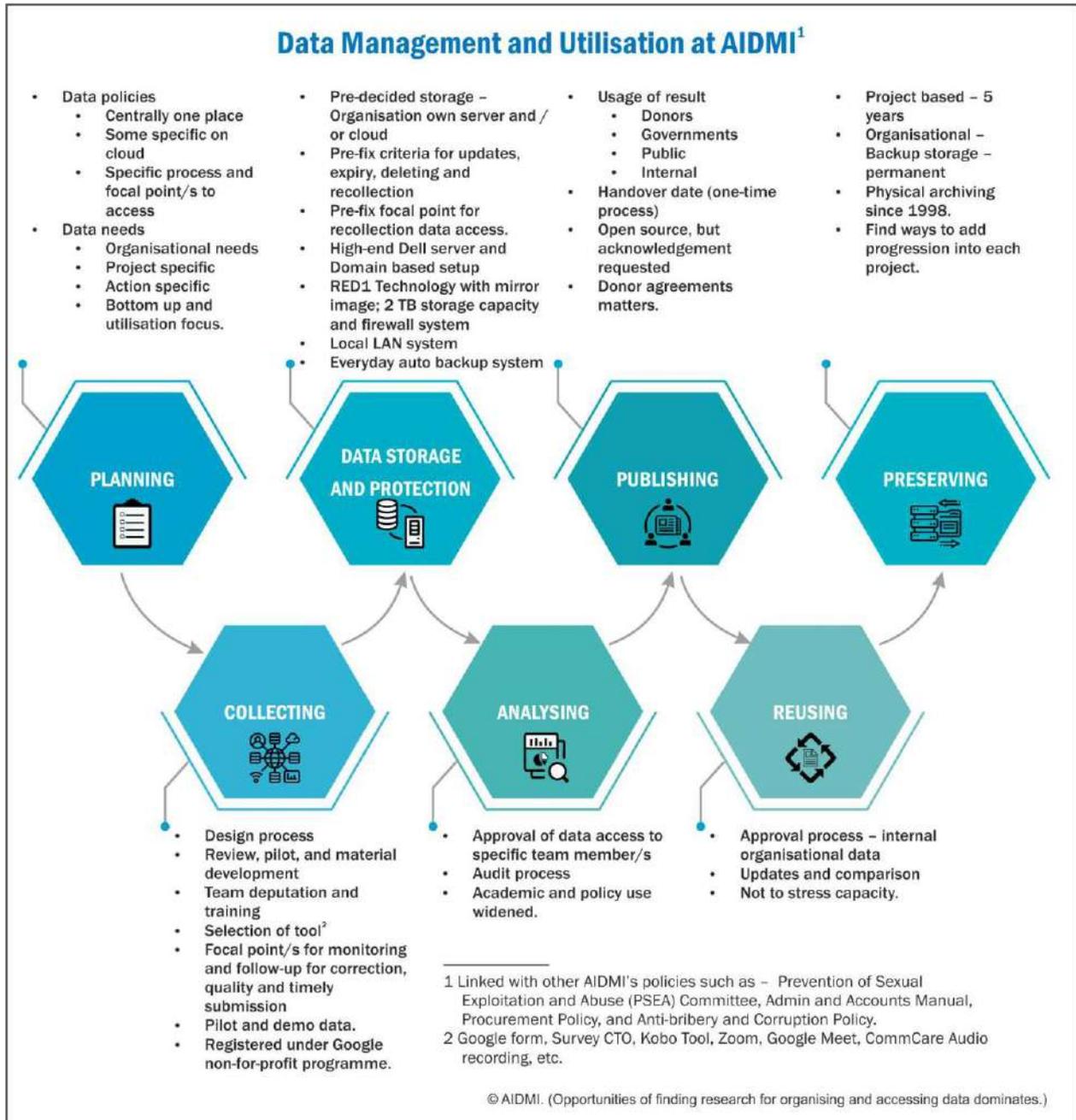


Types of Adaptation in Agriculture and relevant measures coming out from the appreciative inquiry

Based on Biagini et al (2014).

# Disaster and Data

AIDMI has underlined the link between data and disaster discussion and has aimed to make it more effective. In 2022, AIDMI systemized this process to look at South and Central Asia for the demand side of data and disaster agenda. Furthermore, the institute is developing a concept of a bottom-up humanitarian observatory to support policymakers and donors. The objective is to monitor natural hazard-induced disasters and man-made threats to inform policy and practice. In addition, AIDMI aims to move closer to thinking about its data repository and collaborating with other such data sets in India and South Asia for broader use and impact on improving the lives of affected communities.



# Risk and Resilience Programme

Since 2008 AIDMI has been promoting a “green economy” and “clean development” in humanitarian action and DRR. In 2022 AIDMI reviewed its work and focused on developing work on heat wave planning and co-located hazards (floods and droughts) for affected populations. In 2023 AIDMI will scope critical areas such as climate change, uncertainty, and transformation in India’s desert, delta, and coastal metro to intervene in vulnerable areas.

- Understanding Intersectionality of Women Led Disaster Preparedness and Resilience.
- Co-creating Transformative Knowledge and Action.
- The Pandemic and Safe Re-opening of Schools.
- COVID-19, Uncertainty, Vulnerability and Recovery in India.
- Training on Women’s Leadership in Disaster Preparedness.
- The Economy Impact of COVID 19 Lockdown in Gujarat.

- 9th South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy on “Ecosystem Approach To Disaster Risks And Climate Change”.
- COVID-19 Impact on Education.
- Local Recovery and Preparedness for the Pandemic.
- Assessing Pandemic Impact on Social Enterprises.
- National Roundtable on Pathways to Transformation: Coastal, Delta, and Desert Communities.

- Documenting and Design of Framework: Empowerment and Gender Equality – Women’s Campaign.
- Rural Development: Women Leadership and Economic Development – Comprehensive Document of Efforts and Plan Ahead.
- Case Studies of Women Farmers from 7 States of India.
- Programme Development on Sustainable Cotton for and with Women Farmers of Gujarat.

- Virtual Cadre Training Programme for the officials from seven departments on DRR, Government of Kerala - Training Needs Assessment.
- Accountability to Affected Populations in Times of the Pandemic.
- COVID-19 and the New Humanitarian Agenda.
- Women Led Climate Smart Agriculture: Lessons from Small Farmers of Gujarat.
- India Agriculture Scoping Study: Engagement of Small Farmers towards Sustainable Development.

- Mainstreaming DRR-CCA Road Map of Andhra Pradesh.
- Towards Implementation of NDCs in 5 states of India.
- Climate Induced District Disaster Management Plan (DDMP) and City Disaster Management Plans in Andhra Pradesh.
- Curriculum Framework for State Institute of Disaster Management (SIDM), Odisha on Integration of DRR and CCA.
- India Case Study Report on Loss and Damage-Climate Change.
- South Asia Disaster Report.

- A System Approach to Air Pollution.
- Addressing Climate Change Uncertainty in Dryland Kutch, India.
- Climate Change, Uncertainty from Delta Areas.
- Transforming Urban Governance to Manage Uncertainty.
- Enhancing Institutional and Community Resilience to Disaster and Climate Change

- Demand Survey on Disaster Insurance for Urban Informal Businesses (Assam, Odisha, and Tamil Nadu).
- Workshop on Upgrading State Disaster Management Plan in New Delhi.
- DRR Training Needs Assessment for Integration of CCA in Odisha.
- Baseline Study on Community Resilience in Assam.
- Linking DRR & CCA Pilot ToTs in Odisha.

- National Round Table Meeting on Fighting Successive Droughts in India.
- Capacity Development Strategy on DRR CCA in Himachal Pradesh.
- Course on Long-term Recovery (Gujarat Earthquake) with Oxford Brooks University.
- Eighth Academy of Protecting Small Business through Risk Transfer.
- Inputs to 7 panels of Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR.
- Mitigation of Heat Impact on Children.

- UNDP and MoHA Workshop in India to inform HFA 2.
- Development of Programme for Deltas in India.
- Civil Society Workshop in Pakistan by Oxfam.
- Climate Smart Disaster Risk Management (CSDRM) Approach.
- UNDP Climate Smart Fund design in New York.
- Took National Agenda to UNOCHA Policy Forum for Asia Pacific.

- Impact of a Community Based Microinsurance – UNOCHA Study.
- Supporting Cyclone Affected Women in Microenterprise.
- Linking Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) & Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Pilot ToTs in Assam.
- Study on Urban Floods-Guwahati.
- Study on Effectiveness of Microinsurance in Cyclone Phailin.
- Scoping Study on Need in Higher Education.

- Commonwealth Foundation Workshop in Chennai and Puducherry to launch on Asian Agenda on Climate Change.
- Arid Area Farmer’s Local Seasonality Fund in Gujarat.
- A Video Documentary on at risk businesses in Tsunami areas on Business and Climate Change for ‘May Day Network, London.
- DRR Development Study in Odisha.
- Ecology based Community Livelihood Restoration in Ladakh.

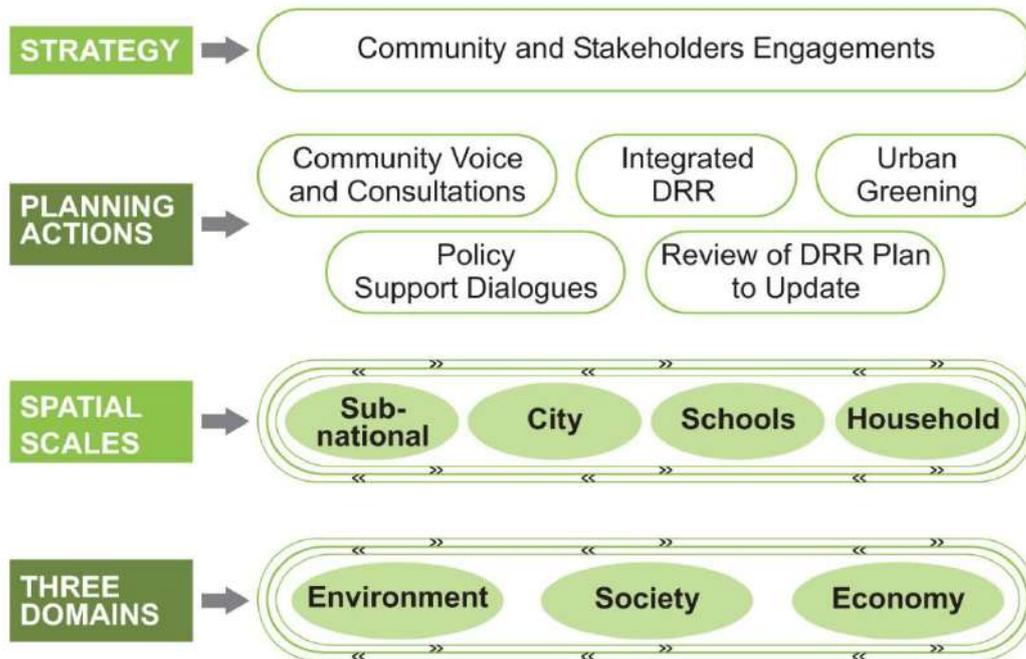
- Join Climate Services of Earth Institute, New York to put local needs on global agenda.
- Pakistan SREX Launch and Utilisation of Findings.
- Worked with Concern Worldwide and DIPECHO: Process Documents in West Bengal and Odisha on role of insurance and resilience in coastal India.
- Co-authored Chapter 9 in IPCC SREX Global Report.
- Rural Non-Farm Economy.
- Climate Development and Knowledge Network on CSDRM.

Over 30 Issues of [Southasiadisasters.net](http://southasiadisasters.net) particular to areas of integration of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

Download from <http://www.aidmi.org/publications.aspx>

## Clean Air for Active Citizens

Clean Air is a fundamental human right, and there is a concern from citizens and authorities, especially from cities in India, about deteriorating air quality. Air Pollution is a disaster for AIDMI, becoming a catastrophe. Therefore, AIDMI conducted a demand survey on clean air actions in communities. In 2023 AIDMI will collaborate on initiatives in cities to wide-scale its work on clean air.



- Ongoing survey on air pollution in **11** cities across India. **324** citizens and municipal officers were the key respondents.
- Part of expert committees in two cities to address pollution issues.
- Offers plan and policy support to schools, city authorities, and disaster management authorities for addressing challenges and control strategies.
- Incorporating air quality education in safer school campaign of All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) that worked in **16 states and union territories** of India.
- Air quality study has become part of AIDMI's local planning services that has so far prepared and/or reviewed more than **83 disaster management plans** – city, district, state, and departmental levels.
- Ongoing orientation to poor and vulnerable schools located in poor and vulnerable areas.



The most common strategies (AR5, IPCC) for reducing GHG emissions of health-damaging air pollutants are to:

- Improve end-use energy efficiency;
- Increase combustion efficiency;
- Encourage fuel switching;
- Increase use of non-combustion renewable.

# Agro-ecology and Climate Change Resilience

During its District Disaster Management Planning work and Covid-19 response, AIDMI found that agriculture was neglected. The covid-19 pandemic disrupted the lives and livelihoods of farming communities across India and globally. UN research roadmap for the covid-19 recovery has recognized small farmers among one of the most vulnerable populations experiencing the highest marginalization. So in 2022, AIDMI reached out to farmers to develop this work. In 2023 AIDMI will take agri-ecology to more states in India.

In recent years, AIDMI is putting stronger efforts for taking agreed plans and frameworks locally such as SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals); NDCs (National Development Councils); and SFDRR (Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction). Agriculture is one of key field by multiple angles - for local and national development, by its sensitivity to climate risks; by its coverage of employment and many more such angles. AIDMI with focus on poor and vulnerable communities and small farmers working for sustainable agroecology.



The ten elements of agroecology suggested by FAO\* is crucial while working with small farmers to strengthen agriculture and related fields.

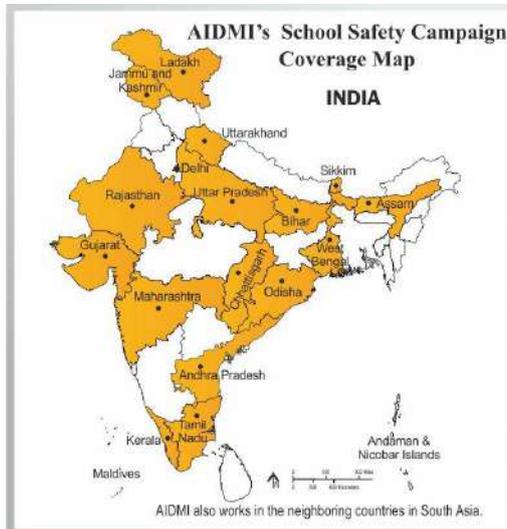
\* <http://www.fao.org/3/I9037EN/i9037en.pdf>

# Making Schools Safer

For two decades, AIDMI has worked on making schools safer, and in 2022 AIDMI reached out to 200 schools to pilot new programmes. AIDMI interventions with schools ranged from risk assessment to training and installation of Covid-compliant WASH infrastructure. In addition, in 2023, AIDMI will work on broad-scaling this work, directly and collaboratively, in more schools.

The following figures give an idea about AIDMI's commitment to school safety:

- **Enhancing Resilience Building for Schools in Gujarat and Chhattisgarh.**
- **Conducted 290 training of teachers (ToTs) on School Safety in 16 Indian states and 4 countries**
- **Trained 18,127 teachers in school safety**
- **Facilitated the drafting and submission of 3421 school disaster management plans**
- **Trained over 1047 teachers on Emergency Medical Response**
- **Conducted mock drills on earthquake with 3808 children including 1088 girl child participants**
- **Facilitated the education track at EMExs held in 19 cities**
- **Conducted more than 648 school safety audits/assessments**
- **Implemented SDMPs in 919 schools of Assam**
- **Piloted the national insurance policy for school children with 42,000 students from 648 schools**
- **Published 76 issues of AIDMI's monthly periodical Southasiadisasters.net on the theme of Child Centered DRR and School Safety.**

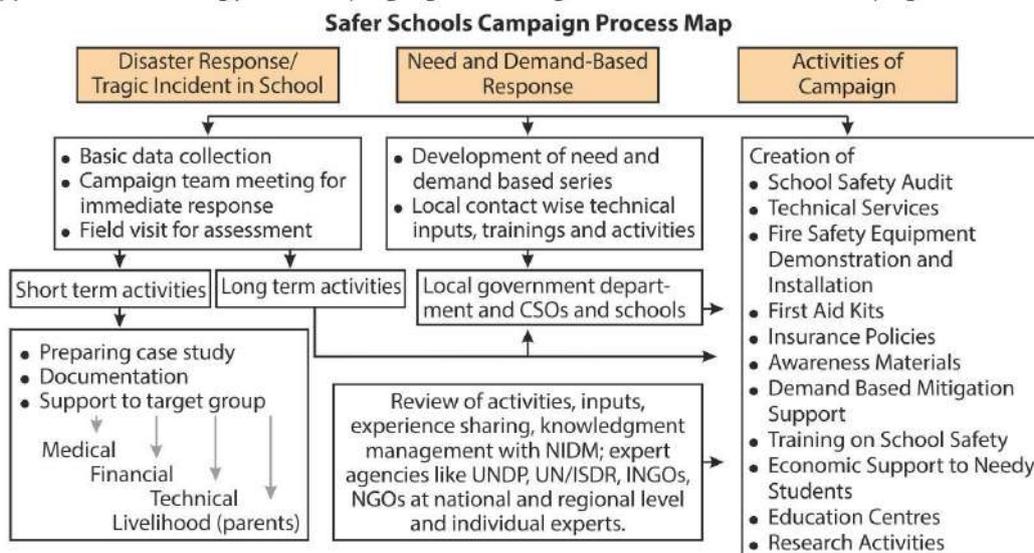


## CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Reducing the risk for the most vulnerable sections of society has always been the organizational ethos of AIDMI. Since children are highly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of natural hazards, AIDMI has worked ceaselessly to promote school safety and child centered disaster risk reduction (DRR).

## THE DESIGN OF AIDMI'S SAFER SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

In promoting the ideal of Child Centred DRR, AIDMI has taken a very meticulous and research based approach. The following process map highlights the design of AIDMI's Safer Schools Campaign.



# Adaptation to Climate Change

Climate change intensifies the effects of deadly heat waves, more erratic rainfall, cold waves, and natural hazard-induced disasters such as droughts and cyclones. Since 2009 AIDMI has been promoting adaptation funds for affected communities. In 2022 AIDMI focused on the leadership of adaptation in some 50 leaders. In 2023 AIDMI aims to reach more such leaders in various districts.

## Building Capacity for Leadership Programme

All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) has set up a programme to build community capacity for leadership in taking local measures for adaptation to climate change in India.



### Key Capacity Activities:

- Increase community awareness about adaptation measures; Direct investments in local leadership for adaptation measures; Promote democratic leadership for adaptation; and Anticipatory adaptation measures are key activities.



amount goes to the poor and vulnerable individual in need of adaptation.

### Community Focus:

- AIDMI focus is on women, children, dalits, disabled, minorities, and casual and migrant labour among the community members.



### Locations:

- Dry and arid lands such as Kutch; Coastal urban communities such as Mumbai; and Delta communities such as Sundarbans are covered.



### Partners:

- Local self-help groups, unions, cooperatives, and panchayats are AIDMI partners. UN bodies including UNICEF and UNDP and national authorities such as National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) are AIDMI partners.



### Key Activity Focus:

- Livelihoods and income; Education and skills; and Health and wellbeing are key focus areas for community leadership.



### Key Related Activities:

- AIDMI was invited as coordinating lead author of IPCC SREX report titled, “Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation”.
- Most recently AIDMI was invited to conduct global Lessons Learned paper titled, “Adapting humanitarian action to the effects of climate change” by ALNAP, ODI, UK.
- AIDMI is invited to do regional policy work by GRRIPP in UK on intersectionality and gender with focus on livelihoods in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka with Duryog Nivaran.



### Key Risks:

- Droughts, Floods, Cyclone, Heatwaves, and Salinity are key risks covered in this programme.



### Costs:

- On average UK GBP 200 per affected individual in community adapting to climate change.



### Overheads:

- No overheads are charged by AIDMI. Overheads are AIDMI contribution. 100% donation



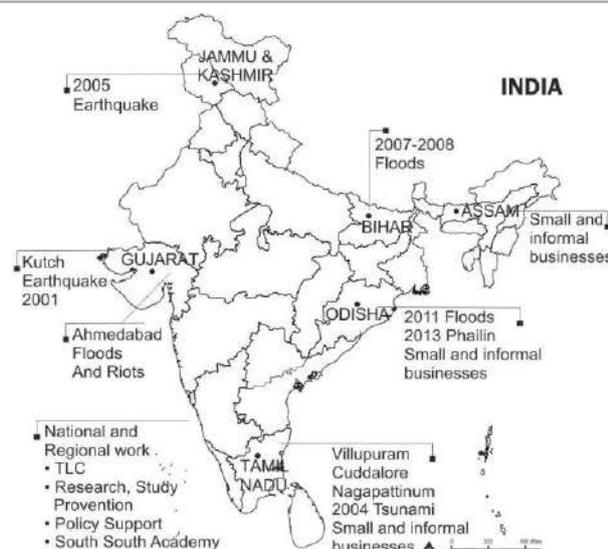
## Risk Transfer and Afat Vimo (Insurance) for Climate Finance

AIDMI has one of the first to look at risk finance from the demand side. AIDMI has created evidence through innovative *Afat Vimo* (disaster insurance) pilots and regional research in South Asia to demonstrate to governments and humanitarian donors that disaster microinsurance can work and should be integrated with recovery programmes. In 2022 AIDMI worked on the local finance process – informal and formal – to see how and where adaptation finance can sit. In 2023 AIDMI aims to develop this work at the affected local population and national policy levels.

Theme	Action and focus
<b>Innovations Through Pilot and Demonstration</b>	AIDMI is going to keep continue (See the map of so far actions) to <b>generate evidence through innovative pilots and demonstration as policy support</b> to powerful governments and humanitarian donors that disaster microinsurance can work and should be integrated in recovery programmes and argues with giant insurance companies about market potential of disaster insurance in the region.
<b>Policy Support</b>	Through national and regional round table, seminars, workshops, and consultations, AIDMI is promoting and strengthening the risk transfer and insurance mechanism for poor and vulnerable populations. The policy support towards <b>local implementation of agreed policies and priorities</b> such as SFDRR, NDCs and SDGs with active and meaningful local participation, turning DRR and recovery policies and programmes in the favour of poor, particularly for women, and small and informal businesses.
<b>Action Research, Evaluation, and Knowledge Management</b>	AIDMI has conducted over 30 studies and (joint) evaluations related to risk transfer and insurance in India, South and Southeast Asia. AIDMI is pioneer organization to promote disaster insurance through various knowledge management services. AIDMI has captured and shared insights into <b>how risk transfer and insurance works</b> , building ownership and management in favour of poor and affected communities. In coming time, AIDMI is going to study further the perspectives and gaps between stakeholders in the field of risk transfer and insurance.
<b>Capability Development</b>	AIDMI is working on risk transfer and insurance agenda since more than a decade having experience of <b>working with all the stakeholders</b> – local communities, government and non government institutions, insurance companies, donor organisations, and academic institutions. Building each other's understanding and perspectives on demands and requirements are crucial. AIDMI is going to focus further on conducting training and capacity building programmes for the stakeholders with focus on strengthening disaster insurance and as a tool for adaptation to climate change.

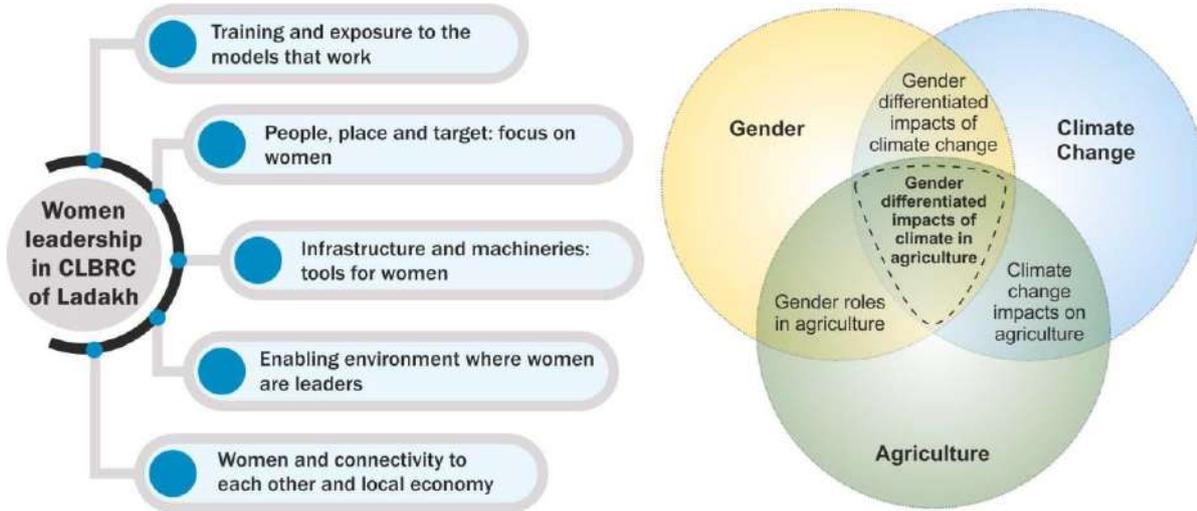
### Spread of AIDMI's Risk Transfer and Insurance Work

*AIDMI is welcoming to work together for promoting and strengthening risk transfer and insurance for poor and vulnerable population which is aligned with the local implementation of SFDRR, NDC, SDGs, and India's National Disaster Management Plan.*



# Community Learning and Business Resource Centre

AIDMI has focussed on local, small, family-owned businesses; in 2022, AIDMI worked on ways to expand this work. In 2023 AIDMI will set up such a center.



## Learning and Disseminating Successful Cases of Financial Inclusion



**List of Knowledge and Information Products of AIDMI  
(April 2022 to March 2023)**

**1. Southasiadisasters.net**

Sr.No.	Issue No.	Main Topic	Month and Year
1.	199	COVID-19 Impact on Education	April 2022
2.	200	Reaching the Last Citizen in the Pandemic: An Agenda for Panchayats	June 2022
3.	201	Co-Creating Transformative Knowledge and Action	September 2022
4.	202	Global Recovery and Preparedness for the Pandemic	October 2022
5.	203	National Recovery and Preparedness for the Pandemic	November 2022
6.	204	Building Adaptation and Resilience to Heat Waves	January 2023

**2. Experience Learning Series**

Sr.No.	No.	Main Topic	Month and Year
1.	80	Learning and Understanding Intersectionality of Women- Disaster Preparedness and Resilience	June 2022
2.	81	Towards Transformative Resilience: Annual Report 2021-2022	July 2022

**3. Advocacy Brochures**

Sr.No.	Main Topic	Month and Year
1.	Towards Transformative Resilience: Annual Report Executive Summary 2021-2022	April 2022
2.	Women's Leadership in Reducing Disaster Risks: Journey from 1989	April 2022
3.	Making Schools Safer: AIDMI's Initiatives	May 2022
4.	Adaptation and Resilience at AIDMI	May 2022
5.	Participatory Visual Humanitarian Research Methods	May 2022
6.	Roundtable on COVID-19 Impact on Education, May 11, 2022	May 2022
7.	Book Launch: Learning and Understanding Intersectionality of Women Led Disaster Preparedness and Resilience, June 15, 2022; CIRDAP Auditorium, Topkhana Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh	June 2022
8.	Online training on Intersectionality Approach for Securing Women's Livelihoods, Food and Nutrition Security Towards Disaster Resilience Building: Agenda for APMCDRR - A three-day Online Training, June 28-30, 2022	June 2022
9.	Online Roundtable on Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in COVID-19 Response: Key Lessons for Long Term Impact, July 29, 2022	July 2022
10.	Local Action Planning: Views from the DRR Frontline (Presented at GNDR's VFL 2019 - National Multi-Stakeholders Workshop, Bhubaneswar, August 5, 2022)	August 2022
11.	Data Management and Utilisation at AIDMI	August 2022
12.	Online Roundtable on Assessing Pandemic Impact on Social Enterprises of SEWA, August 10, 2022	August 10, 2022
13.	Online Roundtable on Co-Creating Transformative Knowledge and Action, October 12, 2022	October 2022
14.	Online Roundtable on Global Recovery and Preparedness for the Pandemic, November 18, 2022	November 2022
15.	Online Roundtable on National Recovery and Preparedness for the Pandemic, November 25, 2022	November 2022
16.	AIDMI's Risk and Resilience Programme	December 2022
17.	Local Heat Wave Action Planning	December 2022

Sr.No.	Main Topic	Month and Year
18.	Online Roundtable on Building Adaptation and Resilience to Heat Waves, February 28, 2023	February 2023

#### 4. Reference Materials

Sr.No.	Main Topic	Month and Year
1.	Result Brief: Safe School Reopening in Kutch District of Gujarat	April 2022
2.	Roundtable Report on COVID-19 Impact on Education	May 2022
3.	Natural Hazard Induced Disasters and the COVID-19 Pandemic in India: An Intersectionality Perspective	June 2022
4.	Intersectionality Approach for Securing Women's Livelihoods, Food and Nutrition Security Towards Disaster Resilience Building: Agenda for APMCDRR	June 2022
5.	Roundtable Report on Assessing Pandemic Impact on Social Enterprises of SEWA	September 2022
6.	Roundtable Report on Transboundary Opportunities and Collaborations for Sundarbans Delta Transformation	August 2022
7.	Roundtable Report on Transboundary Discussion in Kolkata ( <i>in English and Bengali language</i> )	August 2022
8.	Roundtable Report on Transforming Coastal Communities: Present and Future, Versova Koliwada, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	August 2022
9.	Roundtable Report on Pastoral Futures: Youth Aspirations and Transformations, VRTI Campus, Naliya, Abdasa, Kutch, Gujarat, India ( <i>in English and Gujarati language</i> )	September 2022
10.	National Roundtable Report on Pathways to Transformation: Coastal, Delta, and Desert Communities, Victor Menezes Convention Centre (VMCC), IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India (Hybrid)	September 2022
11.	National Roundtable Report on Pathways to Transformation: Coastal, Delta, and Desert Communities ( <i>in Hindi language</i> )	September 2022
12.	Appreciative Inquiry and Co-Creating Learning	Three Quarters

#### 5. Virtual Roundtables

Sr. No.	Main Topic	Month and Year
1.	COVID-19 Impact on Education, May 11, 2022, 03:00 to 04:00 pm (IST)	May 2022
2.	Online Roundtable on Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in COVID-19 Response: Key Lessons for Long Term Impact, July 29, 2022 from 03:00 to 04:00 pm (IST)	July 2022
3.	Assessing Pandemic Impact on Social Enterprises of SEWA, August 10, 2022; 03:00 pm to 04:00 pm (IST)	August 2022
4.	Online Roundtable on Co-Creating Transformative Knowledge and Action, October 12, 2022, 03:00 to 04:00 pm (IST)	October 2022
5.	Online Roundtable on Global Recovery and Preparedness for the Pandemic, November 18, 2022, 03:00 to 04:00 pm (IST)	November 2022
6.	Online Roundtable on National Recovery and Preparedness for the Pandemic, November 25, 2022, 03:00 to 04:00 pm (IST)	November 2022
7.	Online Roundtable on Building Adaptation and Resilience to Heat Waves, February 28, 2023, 03:00 to 04:00 pm (IST)	February 2023

#### 6. Virtual Trainings

Sr. No.	Main Topic	Month and Year
1.	Online training on Intersectionality Approach for Securing Women's Livelihoods, Food and Nutrition Security Towards Disaster Resilience	June 2022

	Building: Agenda for APMCDRR - A three-day Online Training, June 28-30, 2022, 03:00-05:00 (IST)	
2.	ADPC-AIDMI Webinar on Flash Flood Forecasting System for Enhancing Community Resilience to Climate Change, Saturday, November 5, 2022, 04.30 to 05.30 pm Bangkok time	November 2022
3.	ADPC-AIDMI Webinar on Reopening Schools in Asia, Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 04.30 to 05.30 pm Bangkok time	November 2022

#### 7. Roundtables

Sr. No.	Main Topic	Month and Year	Locations
1.	Transboundary Opportunities and Collaborations for Sundarbans Delta Transformation, Tuesday, August 16, 2022; 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm (Bangladesh Time), Independent University of Bangladesh, Bangladesh (Hybrid)	August 2022	Dhaka, Bangladesh
2.	Transboundary Discussion in Kolkata, Friday, August 19, 2022; 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (IST), Kolkata, West Bengal, India	August 2022	Kolkata, West Bengal, India
3.	Transforming Coastal Communities: Present and Future, Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 12pm to 1pm (IST), Versova Koliwada, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	August 2022	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
4.	Pastoral Futures: Youth Aspirations and Transformations, Friday, September 9, 2022; 10:00 am to 01:00 pm (IST), VRTI Campus, Naliya, Abdasa, Kutch, Gujarat, India	September 2022	Kutch, Gujarat, India
5.	National Roundtable on Pathways to Transformation: Coastal, Delta, and Desert Communities, Saturday, September 24, 2022; 02:30 to 04:30 pm (IST), Victor Menezes Convention Centre (VMCC), IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India (Hybrid)	September 2022	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

#### 8. Trainings

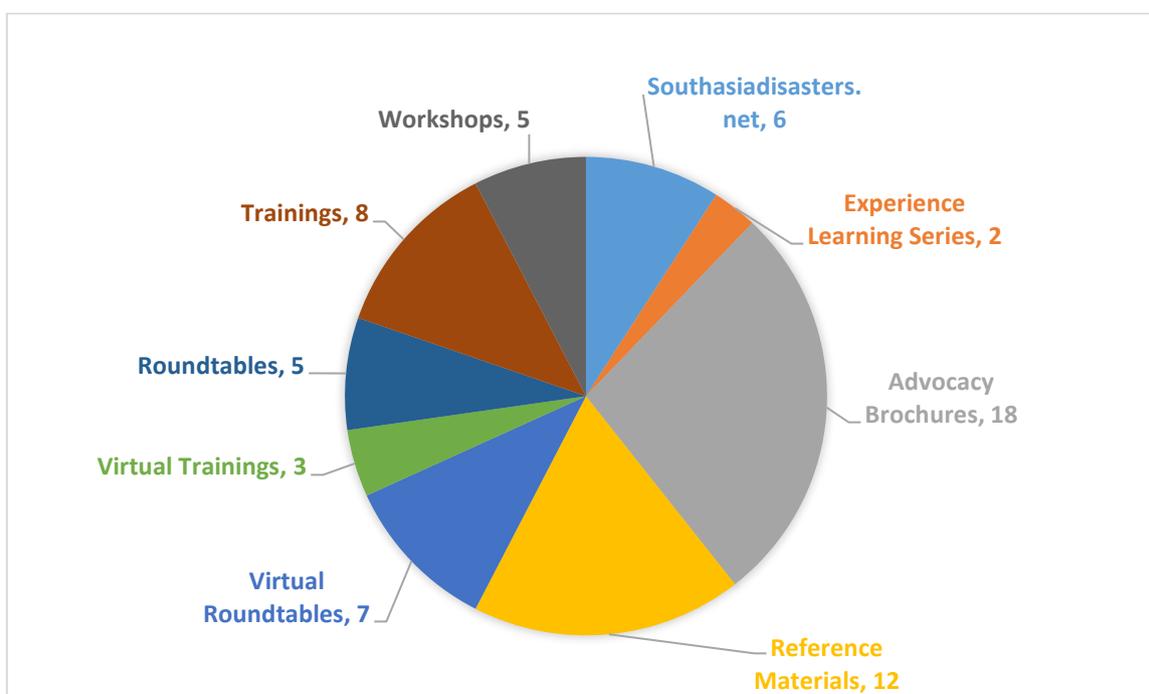
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1.	Training on "Pandemic Local Recovery and Preparedness", September 13, 2022, Gramhaat, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India	September 2022	Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
2.	Training on "Pandemic Local Recovery and Preparedness", September 14, 2022, Gramhaat, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India	September 2022	Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
3.	Training on "Pandemic Local Recovery and Preparedness", September 16, 2022, Gramhaat, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India	September 2022	Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
4.	Training on "Pandemic Local Recovery and Preparedness", September 17, 2022, Gramhaat, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India	September 2022	Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
5.	Training on "Pandemic Local Recovery and Preparedness", September 27, 2022 Nanded, Kinwat, Maharashtra, India	September 2022	Kinwat, Maharashtra, India
6.	Training on "Pandemic Local Recovery and Preparedness", September 30, 2022, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India	September 2022	Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India

Sr. No.	Main Topic	Month and Year	Locations
7.	Training on "Pandemic Local Recovery and Preparedness", October 1, 2022, Jalgaon, Amalner, Maharashtra, India	October 2022	Jalgaon, Maharashtra, India
8.	Training on "Pandemic Local Recovery and Preparedness", October 11, 2022, Madhya Pradesh, India	October 2022	Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh, India

#### 9. Workshops

Sr. No.	Main Topic	Month and Year	Locations
1.	Final Dissemination Event of GRRIPP South Asia Venue: The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), June 14-15, 2022, Dhaka, Bangladesh	June 2022	Dhaka, Bangladesh
2.	9th South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy on "Ecosystem Approach To Disaster Risks And Climate Change", June 22-24, 2022, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines	June 2022	Philippines
3.	Workshop of Coastal Pastoralists, September 8, 2022, Naliya, Kutch, Gujarat, India	September 2022	Kutch, Gujarat, India
4.	Participatory Workshop on Women Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change, March 24-25, 2023, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India	March 2023	Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India
5.	Participatory Workshop on Women Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change, March 26-27, 2023, Jalgaon, Maharashtra, India	March 2023	Jalgaon, Maharashtra, India

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