



Making Schools Safer: AIDMI's Initiatives

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.

AIDMI's **Child's Right to Safer Schools** campaign brings promotes school safety at the local level but with a global mandate. For it is aligned to UNISDR's One Million Safe Schools and Hospitals initiative and NDMA's National School Safety Programme (NSSP). As the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) comes into force, AIDMI will strive to achieve the goals and outcomes enshrined in this framework to make the world safer for children.

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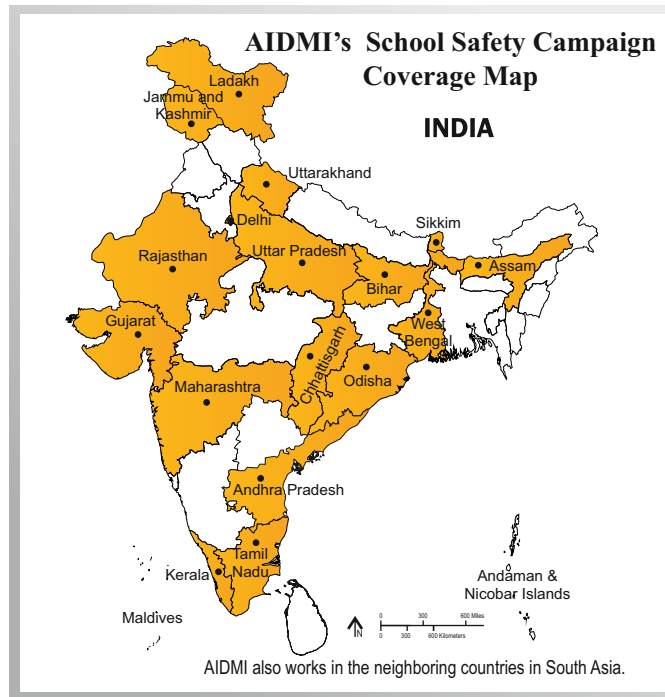
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INTRODUCTION

Due to their unique state of physical and psychological development, children, as a demographic group are extremely vulnerable to the adverse impacts of disasters and emergencies. In its experience, the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) has found the rehabilitation of children in post disaster situations as one of the most challenging tasks. To address the needs of protecting children from disasters, AIDMI launched its **Safer Schools Campaign**.

Ever since its inception in 2001, AIDMI's **Safer Schools Campaign** seeks to improve school safety — as a right of children through disaster risk reduction. More specifically, it aims to increase disaster awareness, develop school-specific disaster preparedness plans, promote structural and non-structural safety measures for disaster risk reduction, and provide disaster insurance coverage to school children, teachers and administrators against several types of accidents. It aims to mitigate the impact of hazards on school children, teachers, administrators and infrastructure and to foster a culture of disaster prevention and mitigation.

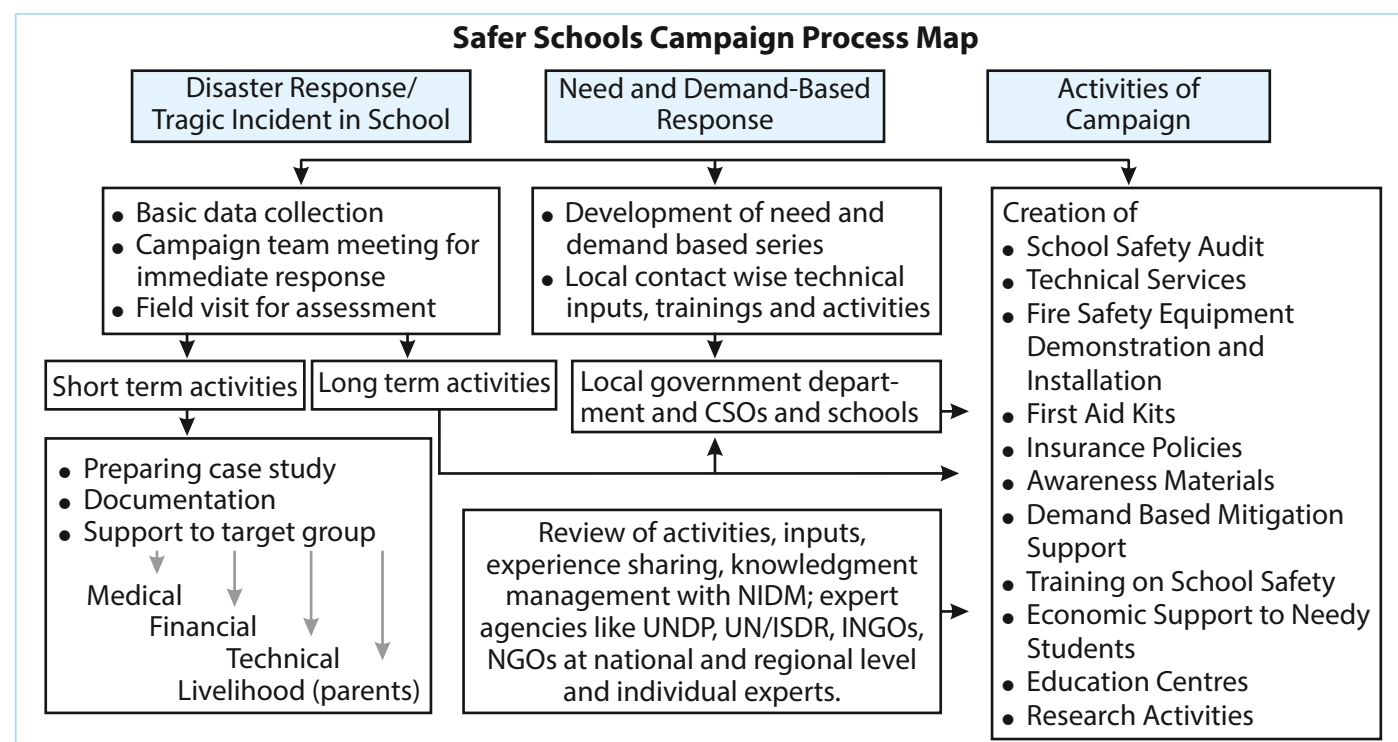


CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL SAFETY

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.



Schools should provide a safe learning environment for children and this is one of the priority area which not only includes safety of built environment, but also preparing them for any unforeseen eventuality, by integrating prevention, mitigation, preparedness and response capabilities.

– **Lt Gen N C Marwah,**
PVSM, AVSM (Retired),
Member, National Disaster Management Authority,
New Delhi, India



ADDRESSING THE SFDRR THROUGH SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVES

AIDMI's efforts to build the resilience of children and schools to disasters are aligned with the priorities of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The following table captures this:

Priorities of Action of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

	Priority 1 Understanding Disaster Risk	Priority 2 Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk	Priority 3 Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience	Priority 4 Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to Build Back Better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction
AIDMI's School Safety Activities	<p>School Risk Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted more than 648 school safety audits/assessments Involved children in school safety audits/assessments Institutionalized child centered DRR by making <p>Knowledge Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed 6 course materials on school safety Published 76 issues of AIDMI's monthly periodical Southasiadisasters.net on the theme of Child Centered DRR Designed 23 advocacy brochures on the theme of Child Centered DRR Drafted a booklet on the Children and Climate Change 	<p>Emergency Management Exercises (EMExs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated the education track at EMExs held in 19 cities Held evacuation exercise for EMExs held in 19 cities <p>Pilot Implementation of School Disaster Management Plan (SDMP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented SDMPs in 919 schools of Assam Conducted Non-structural school risk assessments in 4 schools Facilitated the drafting and submission of 4 'Model' SDMPs Facilitated search and rescue trainings by Civil Defense Force 	<p>School Safety Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piloted the national insurance policy for school children Extended the insurance umbrella to 42,000 children from 648 schools 	<p>School Safety Trainings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted 290 training of teachers (ToTs) in 15 Indian states and 4 countries Trained 18,127 teachers in school safety Facilitated the drafting and submission of 3421 school disaster management plans Trained 1047 teachers on Emergency Medical Response Conducted mock drills on earthquake with 3808 children including 1088 girl child participants