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1. INTRODUCTION

In 2023-24, the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) has forged ahead with its mission of building resilience to disaster and climate risks for vulnerable communities in India and beyond. This pursuit of resilience was based on an intersectional approach to social justice, equity and accountability towards at-risk population groups such as women and children, all minorities, casual and migrant labours, and tribal citizens. In the previous year, AIDMI also strengthened the convergence among humanitarian action, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation with success. The scope of AIDMI's activities was broad to address priorities and create impact at the regional, national and sub-national level. Most importantly, AIDMI has piloted and promoted a novel data-based approach to address various disaster and climate risks.

All in all, a variety of resilience-building outcomes were achieved through AIDMI's various operations including policy support, capacity development, evaluations and knowledge management. The Annual Report for 2023-24, gives an overview of AIDMI's activities and impacts in the given year.

2. ACTIVITIES

In 2023-24, AIDMI continued to shape policy with local reality, plan pilots for the poor and vulnerable, help local authorities and CSOs, learn through review and evaluation, and continue to consolidate and capture local knowledge through the co-creation of publications. AIDMI's various activities are described in detail below.

A. Policy Support

In 2023-24, AIDMI actively shaped the policy discourse around climate and disaster risks and their integration. As a signatory organization of the **COP 28 UAE Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace**, AIDMI's work was shaped by global and local concerns around risk reduction, climate change and

AIDMI is one of the Signatory Organization at COP28 UAE, December 2023.





*Informal
businesswomen face
heatwave challenges,
Delhi, June 2023.*

**“Need a cool
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from heat.”**

humanitarian action. Furthermore, AIDMI also carried out the policy mandate of global frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SDGs), on the ground.

AIDMI shaped the policy and praxis of data governance within NGOs by releasing a policy memo titled, ‘**Best Practices in Data Governance for NGOs**’. This policy memo investigated data sovereignty and interoperability issues at NGOs and how they can leverage collaborative data ecosystems to prioritize governance and security.

Similarly, AIDMI addressed the policy of data generation and usage in disasters. In this policy support activity, AIDMI interviewed 70 individuals from India and other South Asian countries for addressing the demand of data and data repositories across thematic areas of Humanitarian Action, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.

Moreover, AIDMI advocated for greater access to **risk insurance for poor family farmers and agriculture workers** in the face of increasing climate change uncertainties. Such risk insurance schemes can provide a safety net against the loss and damage caused by various disaster and climate risks.

AIDMI has been actively involved in shaping and guiding the policy ecosystem around **heatwave risk mitigation in India**. In 2023-24, AIDMI produced a policy brief titled, ‘**Policy perspectives on heatwave action in India**’. This policy brief comprehensively analyses heatwave patterns in the Indian region, documenting an increase in their frequency and intensity due to climate change. The findings of this policy brief highlight the enhanced threat caused

by extreme heat to public health in India, as demonstrated by the 2,200 excess deaths in 2015 heatwave. This enhanced threat has necessitated comprehensive and targeted policy action aimed at heatwave management.

Recommendations of this policy brief include establishing enhanced heatwave forecasts and early warning systems to alert and protect populations proactively. The brief advocates for the formulation and execution of localized Heat Action Plans to prepare communities, especially those most vulnerable, for the adverse effects of heatwaves. This involves educating the public on heat stress prevention, ensuring access to cooling shelters, and improving healthcare responses to heat-related illnesses.

In addition, the following table highlights how AIDMI worked to achieve the various sustainable development goals (SDGs) in 2023-24.

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)	AIDMI Activities
SDG 5: Gender Equality	AIDMI worked closely with women small and micro farmers in states like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Ladakh to improve their agency and access to resilient livelihoods.
SDG 7: Decent Work and Economic Growth	AIDMI helped micro & small-scale informal women entrepreneurs in Gujarat to adopt disaster and climate resilient strategies in their operations for optimizing economic growth.
SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	AIDMI worked with at-risk urban populations in Gujarat to assess their vulnerability to the risk of extreme heat and provide them with sustainable coping mechanisms.
SDG 13: Climate Action	AIDMI helped small-scale women cotton farmers in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh to adopt climate and disaster-resilient agriculture techniques and achieve livelihood resilience.
SDG 17: Partnerships for Goals	AIDMI partnered with several organizations and entities, such as the World Food Program (WFP), Deakin University, ALNAP, ELHRA, and Sphere India, to achieve disaster and climate resilience outcomes in India, South Asia and Central Asia.

B. Capacity Development

Capacity Development was an integral part of AIDMI’s activities in 2023-24. AIDMI’s capacity development inputs provide both – risk

reduction demonstrations and education through training, internships, practical demonstrations, and participatory exercises. In 2023-24, AIDMI organized a series of Climate Change Workshops and Trainings for small-scale women cotton farmers from the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. In total, 197 women leaders were trained in these capacity development programs to reach out to over two lakh farmers.

These workshops called '**Women Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change**' tried to address all aspects related to climate change, disasters and resilience building on agriculture value chains. The first step towards solving a problem is to correctly understand of it and assess the extent of its impacts. These workshops were an attempt by AIDMI to understand how the preparedness and response capacities of small and marginal women cotton farmers can be improved against the various impending climate and disaster risks. Demand from farmers of Odisha, Assam, and Himachal Pradesh has come up.

In 2023-24, AIDMI carried out a **review of its local capacity building cycles**. They have positively impacted disaster management in India in the last 23 years, training over 23,219 affected people from 14 states and union territories. With 635 sessions conducted and partnerships like that with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), and State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMAs), AIDMI has markedly

A family farmer with the vermibed installed in her farm in Khandwa district, Madhya Pradesh.





“When we meet we find solutions to many more challenges of family in extreme heat and floods.”

The participants engaged in a group exercise to co-create farm resilience knowledge at the local level, Nanded District, Maharashtra, October 2023.

strengthened the capacity of communities to mitigate and respond to crises. By emphasizing practical skills in local contexts, these programs have led to quicker, more effective disaster responses, fostering greater resilience.

The focused application of AIDMI’s trainings can potentially decrease human and economic losses when disasters strike, demonstrating substantial and far-reaching benefits for India. AIDMI’s training portfolio includes over 30 training modules and 4 Training of Trainers toolkits, addressing disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and humanitarian action issues. Demand for training has come from now over six states.

C. Pilot and Demonstration

In 2023-24, AIDMI implemented two pilots in response to the floods in Punjab and Gujarat. Based on the ground situation, it was decided to focus on socially and economically vulnerable women affected by floods. Ground CBOs were involved in the effective response. In Punjab, the CBO provided 2600 Safety Kit, 35 Cattle Foder, and 246 Ration Kit to disaster-affected populations to start with and made future plans for resilient crops.

In 2023-24, AIDMI started a pilot project titled, ‘**Assessing the Demand Side of Heatwave Mitigation and Management in Affected Populations of India**’. This pilot project aims to analyze the impact of heatwave risk on informal workers and businesses in several urban and rural locations across India. This project has come out of demand from such workers in six states, and is also an exercise in assessing the demand for appropriate mitigation actions (physical, financial and structural) against the risk of heatwaves.

Thus far, the project has underscored the need for targeted measures for adaptation, stressing the need for durable infrastructure, reliable heatwave forecasting, and comprehensive educational programs. These needs are even more pronounced in resource-scarce regions where widespread deprivation and informality intersect with the risk of extreme heat to lead to enhanced vulnerability for a large number of people. AIDMI's human and other resources fell short of demand.

In response, the project proposes adopting workforce adaptation policies that guarantee sufficient hydration, access to cooling, and flexible work timings to avert heat-related health issues. It also underscores the importance of fortifying social safety nets to protect vulnerable populations robustly during heatwave conditions more thought is needed here. The project also delineates the need for innovation in several key areas: developing crops that can withstand harsh heat, devising economical cooling options, and creating inherently climate-resilient housing. Furthermore, it encourages in-depth investigation into heatwaves' long-term health and economic repercussions. Several cities have contacted AIDMI for guidance and project planning from the South India.

“Yes, we know what we want for protection from extreme heat: more income, more savings, and insurance.”

Farmer members of Patan district, Gujarat responding during group discussion.

D. Evaluation and Reflection

In 2023-24, designing and implementing evaluations of climate change, disaster risk and sustainable development projects, policies and programs formed a key pillar of AIDMI's work. For instance, AIDMI was invited to join a team of experts to conduct the



evaluation of the **climate and environment charter for humanitarian organizations**. The charter is open for signature by all humanitarian organizations. This charter intends to galvanize and steer collective action in response to the dramatic impacts of the climate and environment crisis, for those who will feel their impacts the most. As a result several UN agencies have contacted AIDMI to help draw guidance from such evaluations.

Similarly in 2023-24, AIDMI led its evaluation efforts through the '**Appreciative Inquiry and Co-Creating Learning**' program. This multi-year evaluation program is conducted with Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) to evaluate sustainability in agriculture, climate adaptation and resilience of farm-based livelihoods for small and marginal women cotton farmers in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. The evaluation made use of a blended technique of qualitative and quantitative methods using participatory tools that collect, analyze, discuss, and document the progress made by the farmers and with the farmers in the lead position with SEWA team members at the district and state levels.

Moreover, the evaluation is conducted every quarter to allow for a flexible and thematic focus. In 2023-24, AIDMI conducted four detailed evaluations in the aforementioned geographies with different thematic focuses, such as livelihood diversification, regenerative agriculture, resilience to climate and disaster risks and access to agriculture extension services. The findings of this unique evaluation have contributed significantly to improving the efficiency of small-scale cotton farming among the women farmers of the aforesaid regions directly, and of the sector indirectly.

Similarly, AIDMI's '**Data and Data Repositories**' evaluation has shed light on an often-overlooked aspect of disaster management: the actual demand for data by those who need it the most. The study, which was carried out through detailed interviews with professionals across various sectors in India, reveals a skew toward data supply without adequately addressing the critical question of how this data is utilized. Amidst reflections on the response to recent crises like the Joshimath landslides and the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become evident that operational data is not just a resource but a lifeline for policy-making and effective crisis intervention. AIDMI is invited by authorities to offer alternative view on data and its use.

Looking to the future, AIDMI will champion greater collaborative efforts that foster the integration and utility of data across different platforms and stakeholders. Addressing the shortfall in demand-driven data analytics will augment AIDMI's capacity for informed decision-making, bolstering immediate disaster response and long-term resilience strategies.

E. Co-creating Knowledge

AIDMI has always been at the forefront of conducting research and knowledge dissemination in the field of disaster risk reduction and climate action with and for the affected population in the centre. In 2023-24, AIDMI partnered with the ELHRA and Deakin University, Australia, to conduct the **Global Prioritization Exercise (GPE)** to arrive at substantive Research and Innovation (R&I) priorities for the larger humanitarian sector.

The GPE was a flagship research and knowledge management endeavour which hinged on AIDMI's expertise to work on diverse themes in humanitarian action across multiple regions and geographies. AIDMI conducted the GPE in Central Asia and South Asia region and also in India. Consequently, it came up with two reports, i.e. one for the Central Asia and South Asia region and another one country report for India. Demand for similar reports have come from other countries, UN agencies and international organisations in the areas of gender, employment, agriculture, and small business.

For this seminal research project, AIDMI leveraged the NVIVO software to rigorously analyze and report the qualitative data captured through online consultations with leading humanitarian experts in India, South Asia and Central Asia. The GPE for humanitarian research and innovation, examined perspectives of regional actors engaged within the humanitarian R&I space. It also helped to further the understanding of how the humanitarian R&I ecosystems in India, Central Asia & South Asia function, how decisions are made, who has a seat at the priority-setting table, and R&I topics and priority topics requiring attention in the region. AIDMI plans to make a Road map with suitable partner.

In 2023-24, AIDMI partnered with one of the most reputable Indian humanitarian agencies to design the Disaster Response and Disaster Risk Reduction strategy. This is a stronger organizational

“South Asia has so much to offer in terms of pilots, innovations, and new opportunities.”

Roundtable at the World Conference on Humanitarian Studies in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on November 5, 2023.



plan that links disaster response to recovery and long-term recovery and stronger local implementation of the NDMP (National Disaster Management Plan). As a result, the agency has revised its vision with more focus on poor victims in Nine states.

In the previous year, AIDMI also led knowledge co-creation by partnering with global think tank on environment to conduct a scoping study on the need for financial instruments by the small and marginal farmers in Gujarat and Maharashtra. The findings of this scoping study were also shared with the stakeholders to validate and to shape possible future actions. One of the principal recommendations of this study was to improve the access of farmers to agriculture insurance so as to help them deal with climate change uncertainties as well as with other cascading hazards that so after are co-located. The findings are well received at national level by authorities who are drafting a policy for this effect.

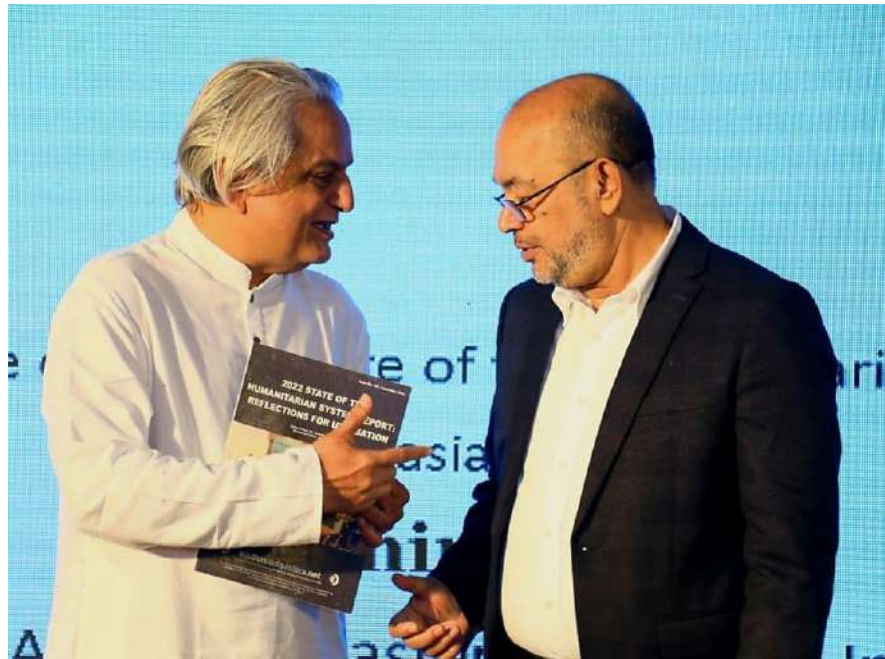
In 2023, AIDMI together with a global network launched the **State of Humanitarian System (SOHS) Report** in Delhi and Dhaka and later in Odisha. In the launches at Delhi and Odisha, a national and sub-national perspective was captured to promote its contextualization with a higher focus on three themes - locally-led adaptation, COVID-19, and accountability and dignity of crisis-affected populations. Demand has come to conduct similar reports again at national and subnational levels.

AIDMI's long-standing disaster risk reduction (DRR) and sustainable development publication called '*Southasiadisasters.net*' was robustly published in 2023-24. As AIDMI's flagship publication, Southasiadisasters.net started in May 2005, and ever since then, it has created and maintained its position as a reputed publication boasting of contributions from some of the most respected academics, practitioners and organizations operating in the field of disaster risk reduction. This publication has pushed the envelope of knowledge and research in the field of DRR, climate action and sustainable development. Demand has come for more publications in a year on more themes such as loss and damage, climate finance, and major global humanitarian crises.

In 2023-24, five issues of this Southasiadisasters.net were published on Building Back Greener: Environmental Accountability in the Post-Pandemic Context; Local Recovery and Preparedness for the Pandemic; 2022 State of the Humanitarian System Report: Reflection for Utilisation; Strengthening the Humanitarian System: From India to South Asia; and Urgency of Heatwave Risk Management.

“Each community in South Asia may consent system wide systematic reviews.”

AIDMI shares the 2022 SOHS utilisation report with the Bangladesh Minister for Disaster Mitigation.



AIDMI leveraged its knowledge management and research expertise to investigate the impact of climate extremes such as heatwaves on the livelihoods of micro and informal enterprises headed by women in the state of Gujarat. This seminal research endeavour resulted in the report titled **‘Women, Heatwaves and Informality’**.

In 2023-24, AIDMI participated in over 33 online and offline conferences, roundtables, webinars, workshops and other events to promote research, knowledge exchange and discourse on several themes on disaster risk reduction, climate action and sustainable development with a focus on policy performance, new and adequate financing for local action, a better data supported decisions, and anticipatory action focused living.

For instance, AIDMI, together with the university, CSR Steel corporation, organised the international conference on climate change, Disaster Resilience and Human Wellbeing at Berhampur, Odisha. The conference shortlisted over 40 young researchers to present their papers at the conference. The conference discussions strongly emphasized climate change and its actions. A wide range of themes was covered that resulted in a book - ‘Climate Change, Disaster Resilience and Human Wellbeing’.

Similarly, AIDMI participated and organized a panel on **‘Heatwave Preparedness- Policy Demand from Family and Home Businesses’ at the Global Conference in Dhaka**. At the conference, experts addressed the escalating threat of heatwaves in South Asia, punctuating the urgency induced by climate change. At this conference, the experts deliberated on the necessity for gender-inclusive policies and the fusion of technological

advancement with community resilience efforts against heat extremes.

Through 2023-24, AIDMI has also been working on a data-driven situational awareness context report of Cyclone Michaung. This report which is set to be published shortly, was created using publicly available data from Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority. This analysis will cover aspects such as population exposure, vulnerability, mobility patterns, mortality rates, and infrastructure damage.

3. TEAM

AIDMI's team members and partners are the agents through which AIDMI realizes its mission of localised risk reduction for the poor. In the previous year, AIDMI's various team members contributed in different capacities to complete its organizational projects and programmes. Moreover, over ten young interns joined AIDMI and brought on a new energy and perspective to the organization's activities and vision.

AIDMI has continued to be a part of the 'Exchange for Change' work programme that links motivated university students and fresh graduates with social impact organizations. As we're moving into a new year, AIDMI is seeking to expand its team by accepting applications from a data scientist and disaster risk reduction graduates to work across various organizational projects that promote integration of disaster risk reduction, climate resilience, and humanitarian action.

4. IMPACT

In 2023-24, AIDMI's efforts have had far-reaching impacts on disaster risk reduction, climate action, humanitarianism and sustainable development outcomes. This impact could be measured in how organizations and planners have been empowered and DRR has been integrated into development planning or how affected populations have been extended with targeted and contextualized disaster relief.

More tellingly, AIDMI has always been guided to work according to the priorities of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) and India's National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP). The following table highlights the impact of AIDMI's activities against the various priorities of SFDRR in 2023-24.

“Each action must impact policy and each policy must impact action within the system.”

SFDRR Priority of Action	AIDMI Activities and Impact
PoA 1: Understanding Disaster Risk	<p>AIDMI conducted extensive local research through consultations, fieldwork, and workshops to understand the extent of local disaster risks such as heatwaves on businesses, agriculture, education and health.</p> <p>AIDMI collaborated with research and academic institutions to investigate global research and innovation priorities in humanitarian action across Central Asia and South Asia regions.</p>
PoA 2: Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk	<p>AIDMI collaborated with government agencies such as the National Institutes to develop and implement national and local DRR strategies.</p> <p>Through workshops, AIDMI facilitated local farmers, small businesses, and other stakeholder engagement to ensure inclusive and participatory decision-making in DRR at all levels of the humanitarian system.</p>
PoA 3: Investing in Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience	<p>AIDMI supported livelihood diversification and climate-smart agriculture initiatives to reduce communities' economic vulnerability to disasters in urban and rural areas.</p>
PoA 4: Enhancing Disaster Preparedness for Effective Response and Build Back Better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction	<p>AIDMI is a signatory organization of COP 28 UAE Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace to further the agenda of better preparedness, response, recovery and reconstruction.</p> <p>AIDMI is also promoting CHS new standards, climate and environment charter, and Sphere performance Standards.</p>
Cross-Cutting Theme: a) Focus on Underlying Risk Factors	<p>All of AIDMI's work factored in social, economic, and environmental factors that contribute to disaster risk with focus on women, children, migrants, casual labour, small</p>

SFDRR Priority of Action	AIDMI Activities and Impact
	businesses, family farmers, and all minorities.
Cross-Cutting Theme: b) Gender equality and empowerment of women	All AIDMI projects addressed the specific needs of women and girls are addressed in DRR efforts with focus on women, their leadership, and the intersectionality.
Cross-Cutting Theme: c) Use of technology and innovation	AIDMI explored and integrated innovative tools in its resilience-building projects, such as Kobo Toolbox, NVIVO, Webex, Zoom, Google Forms, SPSS, AI, etc. to develop database for decisions.

5. WAY AHEAD

As we move into a new year, AIDMI will continue its work of building a resilient and sustainable future for some of the most at-risk and marginalized communities in India and beyond. AIDMI's rich experience and expertise in risk reduction across various geographies and themes will be leveraged to uncover newer risks and devise appropriate local strategies to address them.

As the impacts of disruptive technologies (generative A.I.) and climate change unfold, the landscape of development and humanitarian action is bound to change. In this changing landscape, AIDMI will also review and re-define its vision, mission and strategy and reconcile them to these new realities.

AIDMI will leverage its experience to advocate for stronger disaster risk reduction and climate change policies at the national and regional levels with a focus on local actors and their organisations. This will include collaborating with government agencies, participating in policy forums, and engaging with other NGOs and stakeholders who directly impact the affected population.

In the coming year, AIDMI will develop partnerships with individuals and organizations for heatwave risk preparedness, reaching out to affected populations through loss and damage pilots, and anticipatory actions for vulnerable populations. Plans are ready for support. Similarly, there will be a renewed focus on landslide risk management.

AIDMI plans to assemble a diverse team across the disciplines of data science, technology, and climate research, along with

inaugurating and developing a Disaster Data Hub for enhancing research in disaster and climate science.

Most importantly, AIDMI will co-create solutions collaboratively and imaginatively with a host of stakeholders but mainly with the affected population to pursue the imperative of inclusive, equitable and sustainable risk reduction for all.

“I shade my work place. Can we shade our cities? with trees?”

AIDMI has a study to look at the ground-level impacts of heat waves on the people especially the working poor in the informal sector of the Gujarat economy both in rural and urban areas.



Promoting Knowledge on Risk and Resilience: AIDMI's Knowledge Products and Resources Published in 2023-24

The All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) has consistently demonstrated its commitment to advancing knowledge and understanding in the fields of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and humanitarian action. In the year 2023-24, AIDMI continued this tradition by producing a diverse array of knowledge products and resources, each designed to address critical issues and promote informed decision-making in these vital areas.

At the forefront of AIDMI's knowledge dissemination efforts is its flagship publication, *Southasiadisasters.net*. This monthly periodical serves as a platform for exploring pressing themes related to disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and humanitarian action. In the 2023-24 period, AIDMI published five issues of *Southasiadisasters.net*, each focusing on a distinct and timely topic. The May 2023 issue delved into the concept of "Building Back Greener," examining environmental accountability in the post-pandemic context. This was followed by a June 2023 issue that addressed local recovery and preparedness for the pandemic, highlighting the importance of community-level resilience.

In September 2023, *Southasiadisasters.net* provided a critical reflection on the 2022 State of the Humanitarian System Report, offering valuable insights for its utilization. The January 2024 issue took a broader perspective, exploring ways to strengthen the humanitarian system from India to South Asia. The final issue of the fiscal year, published in March 2024, underscored the urgency of heatwave risk management, a topic of increasing relevance in the face of climate change.

Complementing the regular issues of *Southasiadisasters.net*, AIDMI also published its annual Experience Learning Series. The 82nd edition of this series, released in April 2023, focused on "Working with Affected Communities: Raising Resilience and Reducing Risks." This publication served as AIDMI's annual report for 2022-2023, providing a comprehensive overview of the institute's activities and achievements in working directly with communities to enhance their resilience and reduce disaster risks.

AIDMI's commitment to influencing policy and practice was evident in its series of Policy Notes. Throughout the year, the institute published eleven such notes, covering a wide range of topics. These included summaries of AIDMI's annual report, advisories on heatwave protection, analyses of the humanitarian system, and explorations of localization efforts. The Policy Notes also addressed women's leadership in disaster risk reduction, impact monitoring and evaluation, and specific initiatives such as

SEWA's work in Ladakh. These concise yet informative documents serve as valuable resources for policymakers, practitioners, and researchers in the field.

Recognizing the need for practical, action-oriented resources, AIDMI also produced a series of Reference Materials. These included booklets on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in both Gujarati and Hindi languages, ensuring wider accessibility. Specialized materials were developed for cotton farmers and their children, demonstrating AIDMI's commitment to addressing sector-specific risks. The institute also published case studies and reports on topics such as internal finance mobilization in forest and farm producer organizations, the impact of heatwaves on women in rural and urban Gujarat, and insights from policy dialogues on heatwave preparedness.

A significant portion of AIDMI's knowledge dissemination efforts in 2023-24 took the form of Virtual Policy Roundtables. The institute organized and reported on fourteen such events throughout the year, covering a diverse range of topics. These roundtables addressed issues such as heatwaves in South Asia, the Sudanese conflict and refugee crisis, cultural heritage protection during conflicts and disasters, and postcolonial futures for disaster risk reduction. The discussions also explored international experiences in planning for extreme heat, lessons on adaptation from South Asia, and strategies for strengthening the humanitarian system. These roundtables served as important platforms for exchanging ideas, sharing experiences, and formulating policy recommendations.

In addition to these broader policy discussions, AIDMI also conducted focused Virtual Training sessions. Two such sessions were held in early 2024, both centered on "Women-led Disaster Preparedness." These training events, targeting participants from Kashmir, underscore AIDMI's commitment to empowering women as key agents in disaster preparedness and response.

AIDMI's engagement with on-the-ground realities was further exemplified through its Action Planning initiatives. Throughout the year, the institute organized twelve such events across various locations in India, including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, and New Delhi. These action planning sessions covered a wide range of topics, from COVID-19 pandemic research to women's resilience building in the face of climate change. The institute also participated in international conferences and dialogues, including events in Dhaka that focused on addressing humanitarian needs in South Asia and policy options for dealing with heatwaves in the region.

A notable aspect of AIDMI's knowledge products in 2023-24 was their linguistic diversity. Several materials, including booklets and

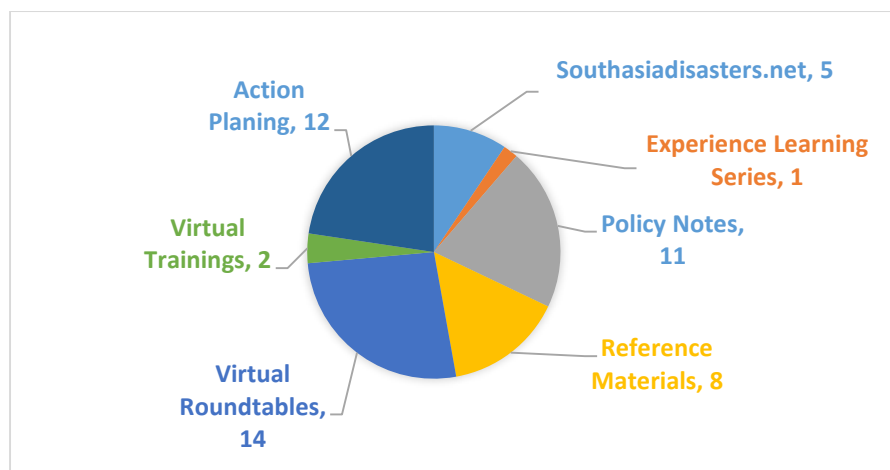
display materials on disaster risk reduction, were produced in Gujarati and Hindi, in addition to English. This multilingual approach reflects AIDMI's commitment to reaching diverse audiences and ensuring that critical information is accessible to local communities.

The institute's focus on emerging issues is evident in its repeated engagement with topics such as heatwave preparedness and management. This reflects AIDMI's responsiveness to evolving challenges in the realm of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. Similarly, the emphasis on women's leadership and participation in disaster preparedness and climate resilience building demonstrates AIDMI's commitment to gender-inclusive approaches in these fields.

AIDMI's knowledge products and resources published in 2023-24 showcase the institute's holistic approach to disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and humanitarian action. By producing a mix of regular publications, policy briefs, practical guides, and event reports, AIDMI caters to a wide range of stakeholders, from policymakers and practitioners to local communities and international organizations.

In conclusion, the knowledge products and resources published by AIDMI in 2023-24 represent a significant contribution to the fields of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and humanitarian action. Through its diverse range of publications and events, AIDMI has not only disseminated valuable information and insights but also fostered dialogue, promoted best practices, and advocated for evidence-based policies. As the challenges posed by disasters and climate change continue to evolve, AIDMI's commitment to producing relevant, accessible, and impactful knowledge resources remains crucial in building resilience and reducing risks across South Asia and beyond.

In Numbers - Knowledge and Information Products of AIDMI in 2023-24



AIDMI's Collaborative Network: A Diverse Ecosystem of Partners

The All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) has fostered partnerships with a wide array of organizations, reflecting its comprehensive approach to disaster mitigation and sustainable development. This diverse network of collaborators has been instrumental in AIDMI's efforts to create a lasting impact across India.

At the forefront of AIDMI's partnerships are international development agencies and multilateral organizations. These global entities bring vast resources, expertise, and a global perspective to AIDMI's work, enabling the implementation of large-scale projects and the sharing of best practices from around the world.

Governmental bodies, both at the national and state levels, form another crucial category of AIDMI's partners. These partnerships facilitate policy-level interventions, ensure alignment with national disaster management strategies, and provide official support for AIDMI's initiatives.

Academic and research institutions feature prominently in AIDMI's collaborative network. These partnerships foster knowledge creation, evidence-based interventions, and the development of innovative approaches to disaster mitigation. They range from renowned universities to specialized research centres focused on climate change, disaster management, and sustainable development.

AIDMI has also cultivated strong ties with international non-governmental organizations (INGOs). These global NGOs bring their extensive experience in humanitarian aid and development work, complementing AIDMI's local knowledge and reach.

The institute's commitment to grassroots action is evident in its partnerships with local and national NGOs. These organizations provide invaluable on-ground support, community connections, and contextual understanding that are crucial for the success of AIDMI's initiatives.

AIDMI has also engaged with private sector entities, including corporations and foundations. These partnerships likely involve corporate social responsibility initiatives, funding support, and the application of business acumen to development challenges.

Professional associations and networks in fields related to disaster management and sustainable development are also part of AIDMI's collaborative ecosystem. These partnerships facilitate knowledge exchange, professional development, and the establishment of industry standards.

More notably, AIDMI has partnerships with UN agencies, underscoring its alignment with global development goals and its recognition as a credible partner in addressing complex humanitarian challenges.

The diversity of AIDMI's partners – spanning governmental, non-governmental, academic, private sector, and international organizations – reflects its holistic approach to disaster mitigation. This multi-stakeholder collaboration enables AIDMI to leverage a wide range of resources, expertise, and perspectives in its mission to build resilient communities across India.

By fostering such a comprehensive network, AIDMI demonstrates its commitment to inclusive, collaborative, and innovative approaches to disaster mitigation and sustainable development. This diverse partnership model not only enhances the effectiveness and reach of AIDMI's work but also positions it as a key player in the broader ecosystem of organizations working towards a more resilient and sustainable future for India.

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