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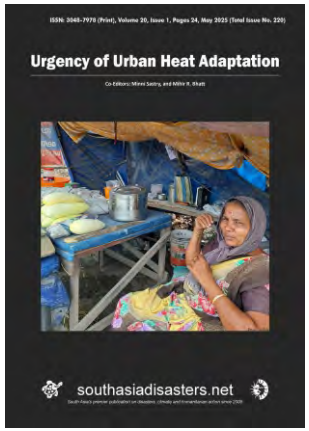

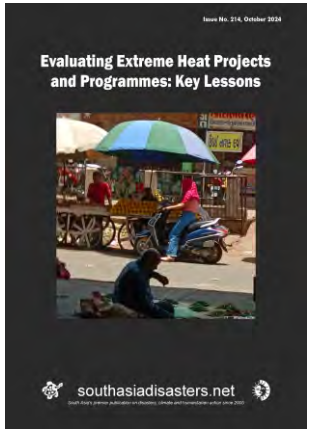

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- **August:** Contributed to Ahmedabad's Heat Action Plan (HAP) Process

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- **April:** Taking HAP to Indian cities with CDKN
- **July:** A Study Report, Mitigation of Heat Impacts on Children as a Priority of India's Climate Change Agenda, Experience Learning Series No. 68
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- **January:** Took HAP to South Asian city with CDKN
- **July:** Report on Heatwave in Urban India
- **October:** Rising Risk of Heatwaves in Asia, Southasiadisasters.net, issue No. 174

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- **October:** Adapting Humanitarian Action to the Effects of Climate Change: An ALNAP Lessons Paper
- **December:** Operationalised steps for India to pick up HAP as a central theme on cooling.

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- **April:** Policy Support on Heatwaves in South Asia: Observing and discussing the dynamics of heatwaves is crucial for improved heatwave governance and humanitarian responses
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- **September:** Report on Varanasi Small Business Women Face Heat Wave Challenges
- **October:** Policy Perspectives on Heatwave Action in India
- **October:** Report on Women, Heatwaves and Informality: Insights from Rural and Urban Gujarat
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- **December:** Local Heatwave Action Planning method and questions for communities.
- **March:** Urgency of Heatwave Risk Management, Southasiadisasters.net issue No. 209
- **April:** Guidelines: Precautions to be Observed by Schools to Combat the Ill-effects of the Heatwave *(in Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Panjabi, and English languages)*

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- **April:** Protection Against Heatwaves: Schools Kit
- **May:** Brochure on Cool-roof Application on Schools: Heatwave Risk Preparedness with Schools
- **May:** Heatwave Safety for Small Workers and Small Businesses *(in Gujarati language)*
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- **May:** Report on Assessing the Demand Side of Heatwave Mitigation and Management in Affected Populations of India
- **May:** Heatwave Risk Mitigation and Management in Uttar Pradesh: A Demand Survey with Small Businesses and Workers - A Study Report
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- **May:** Heatwave Preparedness Video *(In Gujarati and Hindi languages)*
- **May:** Parametric Heat Insurance trainings and capacity building.
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