Engagement Towards Resilient Community

Local Implementation of India's National Disaster Management Plan

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At a Glance

This summary report reflects AIDMI's inclusive and holistic approach to disaster risk reduction covering diverse sectors and themes in humanitarian action both in India and abroad. It also describes a roadmap for the future which the organisation will be taking to expand its reach and impact.

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"The All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) has done a remarkable job in advocating for best practice in disaster risk management since 2005 through its excellent publication Southasiadisasters.net It is essential reading for anyone interested in disaster trends and analysis. The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (www.unisdr.org) greatly appreciates its advocacy and communication around the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 which so important to informing and encouraging policymakers and decision makers who visit the site."

– Robert Glasser, Former UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR, Geneva, Switzerland (November 2017)

About Us

Over the years AIDMI expanded its humanitarian action to include 9 types of Disasters, 41 Cities, 52 Districts, 15 States in India

All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) is a registered non-governmental organisation based in Gujarat, India. It is a community-based action planning, research and policy support organisation, working towards bridging the gap between policy, practice and research related to disaster mitigation. Established after the 1987–89 Gujarat droughts, AIDMI has expanded its work over the years to cover a nine types of disasters in twelve areas of India and beyond to eight countries in Asia. AIDMI strives to link local communities to national and international levels of risk reduction, relief and long-term recovery policies and programmes.

Vision

Prepare a society of poor and excluded citizens that is resilient to hazards, has its own coping mechanisms, is prepared to manage disaster recovery on its own, and access public resources as their right.

Mission

We mainstream disaster risk reduction by turning disaster relief and rehabilitation into an opportunity for sustainable human security and poverty alleviation by supporting poor and excluded citizens.

"Perhaps time has come for a small and local initiative such as AIDMI to focus its energies towards making the plans work at local level. First, in the end plans must perform in the communities. Second, examples of such performance has very contagious and more local and small as well as national and big organisations pick up action. Third, the lessons drawn from such action is far more important to further learning as well as action than any other activity." **– Mihir R. Bhatt**

"I am sure that the experience and expertise of AIDMI is highly valuable at the national and international scale of India and South Asia, as well as at the all-important local level as they tackle the challenges of disaster risks in a sustainable manner. These activities form an essential contribution to the SFDRR."

– Ian Davis,
Visiting Professor in Disaster Risk Management in Oxford Brookes, Kyoto and Lund Universities

"My experience of AIDMI is of a nearly unique institution that has been able to build bridges between practice and practitioners, government and academia: all this while maintaining a clear and distinct commitment to empowering the poorest and most marginalized".

– Dr. Ben Wisner, Visiting Professor, Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction, University College London, UK & Environmental Studies Program, Oberlin College, USA

Local Implementation of India's National Disaster Management Plan

A plan is as good as its implementation. Without proper implementation, a plan is at best, a pipedream. This holds true for India's national Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) as well. The All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) is committed to realizing the vision enunciated in India's NDMP. AIDMI strives to make this exercise collaborative, imaginative, and at times creative.

Strengthening the convergence of DRR actions with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) is AIDMI's interest. As planned, AIDMI implemented a series of actions that directly contribute to the NDMP's agenda of holistic resilience building. AIDMI's work has clearly established the correlation between poverty reduction and DRR (including adaptation and mitigation of climate change) for sustainable development. Resilience building activities such as comprehensive school safety and security with UNICEF, local disaster management panning with state and city level authorities and disaster risk transfer initiative with the private sector and communities are key examples of AIDMI success. Overall, AIDMI was able to support poor and vulnerable populations across 15 states of India.

Key examples of AIDMI's efforts to support the local implementation of India's NDMP are summarized below.

- **Reducing risk; enhancing resilience:** AIDMI evaluated the project 'Strengthening Institutional and Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change' formulated under the GoI-UNDP Country Programme Action Plan (2013-2017).
- **Preparedness and response:** AIDMI reviewed and revised Disaster Management Plans of Departments, Districts and Cities with Government of Andhra Pradesh and UNDP; and Government of Chhattisgarh and UNICEF.
- **Capacity development:** AIDMI carried out Training Needs Assessment (TNA) for Comprehensive School Safety and security in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal and Utttar Pradesh. AIDMI also facilitated the preparation of the training module on search and rescue for the community volunteers with and for OSDM. About 540 schools were supported with training inputs and preparation of School Disaster Management Plans (271 SDMPs) in Assam, Maharashtra, and Gujarat with UNICEF, Municipal Corporation, UNDP, SDMAs, and SCERT. These actions reached out more than 35,000 students.
- **Strengthening disaster risk governance:** Facilitated the process and documentation of DRR Road Map: Implementing SFDRR in Andhra Pradesh with the Andhra Pradesh State Institute of Rural Development (APSIRD), Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA), UNDP and UNICEF.
- **Recovery and building back better:** AIDMI actively contributed in preparing, launching, disseminating and utilizing the findings of the South Asia Disaster Report (SADR) 2016 and contributed a chapter on building back better.

AIDMI invites all – each one in Indian society – to join hands in making India safe from disasters and in becoming a leader in risk reduction in its neighbourhood.

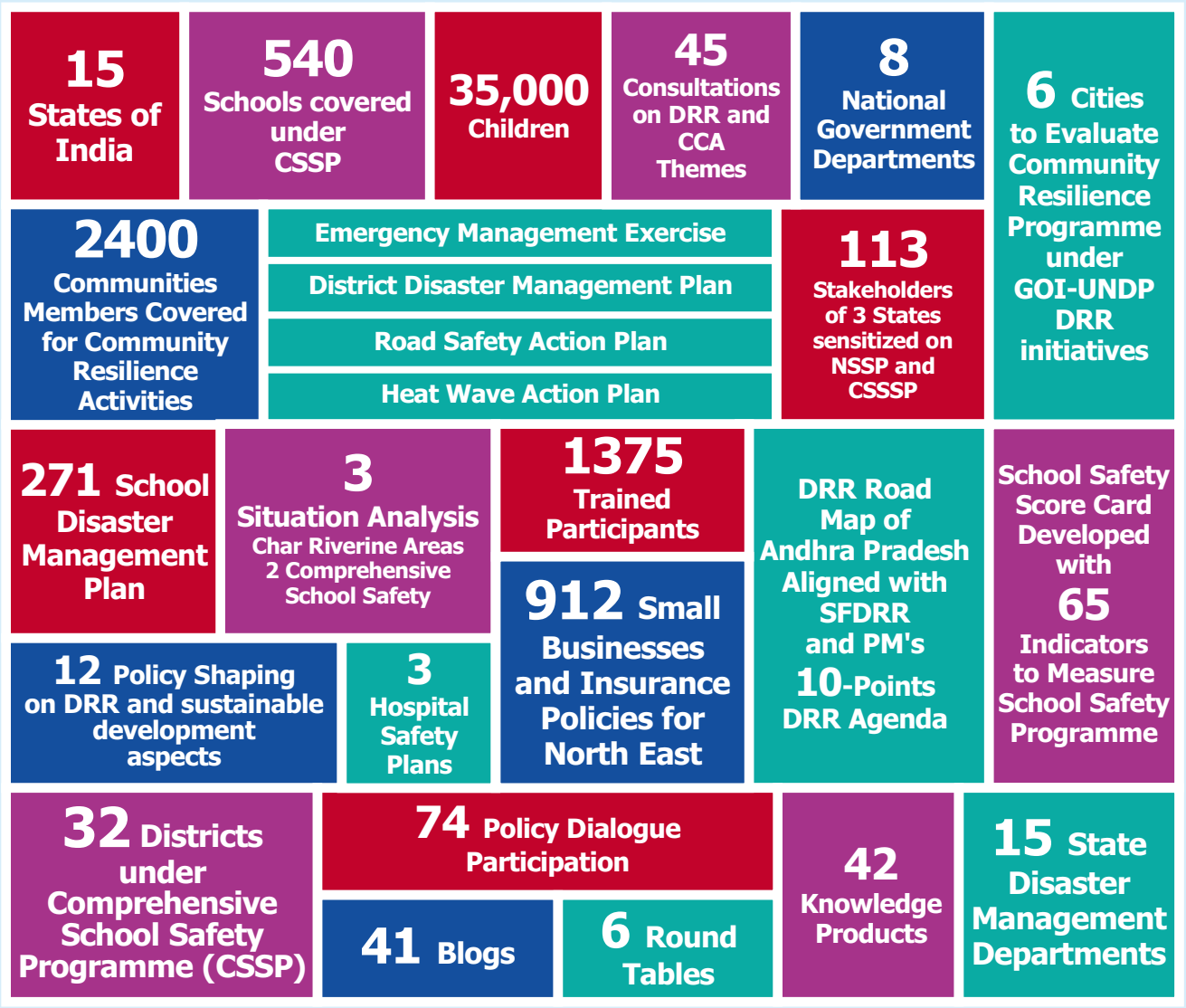
"Community is first responder in any disaster situation and if we have to reach to the last person of community, schools are the best medium. If school children are trained and oriented on the issues of disaster risk reduction and disaster safety, they not only would save their own life in case of any threatening situation but also each of them would orient at least 10 persons of the community. This would maximize the results of our efforts by minimum10%. I wish AIDMI team all success for their School Safety Initiatives started in Uttar Pradesh."

– Aditi Umrao, Disaster Expert, Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority, Lucknow

"Even though Odisha has done extremely well in building the capacity of the communities to save lives during cyclone and floods, it needs to learn from others to withstand climate change related impacts. In this regard, AIDMI would play an important role in bringing the world views to help the state of Odisha to be resilient to disasters and climate change related issues."

– Dr. Ambika Prasad Nanda, Head CSR, Tata Steel Limited, Odisha

2017–18 in Numbers



"We at Jhai Foundation feel privileged to partner with AIDMI for carrying out a pioneering study in char areas of Assam. Perennial flood and erosion strike the char-dwellers every year. However, we didn't have any idea about the extent of loss and suffering caused by disaster on its people, especially on women and children. For the first time, AIDMI conducted a study "Status of Women and Children in Char Areas of Assam". As a partner organization, it was a great learning experience for us. Our every good wish is with AIDMI and we look forward to further collaboration."

– Abdul Kalam Azad, Secretary, Jhai Foundation, Assam

"In 2004, with CDKN support, AIDMI launched the Regional Risk Transfer Initiative (RRTI) with partners at Odisha and helped institutionalize disaster microinsurance into disaster risk planning and management of the State. This new evidence helped to increase the understanding of targeted policy-makers and stakeholders on the opportunities and limitations of disaster insurance as a part of an integrated DRM strategy. This is how I learned how best to work for the poor and vulnerable society instead of rushing in after a catastrophe. I wish AIDMI all the best for innovating such practical solutions for the needy community."

– Aditi Paul, Former Country Head, CDKN India

Areas We Serve

"AIDMI combines technical excellence with a deep, long-standing and holistic understanding of the concerns of people and communities where policies and strategies are implemented. Their work shows how local level resilience to disasters can only be achieved if the poorest and most vulnerable groups in society are meaningfully involved all the way from policy formulation and through to implementation."

– Lars Otto Naess, Ph.D., Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, UK

We have also worked in the neighboring countries: Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"It has been our privilege to have supported the work of AIDMI. Their approach toward identifying vulnerability and recommending measures to prepare for disaster is both pragmatic and creative. Until governments develop the capacity and devote the means to discharge their rightful responsibilities, organisations like AIDMI will remain essential to the protection of ordinary citizens."

– Amit A. Pandya, Chairperson, Jatashanker T. Pathak Charitable Trust, Gujarat

Highlights: 2017–18

APRIL

- Andhra Pradesh UNDP Plans
- Karimganj Emergency Management Exercise, Assam
- South Asia Disaster Report 2016
- India UK Energy for Growth Partnership
- Accountable Now's Independent Review Panel Meeting
- Sixth International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference
- National Summit on Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness
- Certificate Course on Disaster Management
- NIDM's School Safety Consultation

MAY

- Bengali School Safety Display Set
- Roundtable Discussion on Scaling Renewable Energy Finance in India
- Role of Women's Leadership
- Updating Schools Disaster Management Plans (SDMPs) of 200 Schools of Kamrup Metro, Assam
- Workshop on Financing State Climate Actions
- Consultation on State and DDMPs

JUNE

- 7 School Safety training with DDMA, Kamrup Metro
- Assamese School Safety Display Set.
- Curriculum Framework for State Institute of Disaster Management (SIDM), Odisha
- Three days training on Hospital Safety
- Workshop on Connecting Science with Practice and Policy for Resilience Towards Climate Change Risks in Uttarakhand

JULY

- District Consultation Process on District Disaster Management Planning, Raipur
- Meeting with UNDP and UNICEF to discuss process for DRR plan of Andhra Pradesh

AUGUST

- Work on Ajmer Dargah Sharif
- Unicef Comprehensive School Safety
- Stakeholder workshop with Community Radio Stations on DRR
- Climate Risk Assessment: Loss and Damage framework at New Delhi
- Workshop on Looking Back, Informing The Future
- Stakeholder workshop with Community Radio Stations on DRR

SEPTEMBER

- Andhra Pradesh Road Map
- Odisha S & R Curriculum
- 71 SDMP of NMMC schools
- ToTs on School Safety for 140 Educators of Navi Mumbai Municipal Cooperation (NMMC)
- Midterm DDMP review at Raipur
- Conference on Peri-Urban Ecosystems for Enhancing Urban Resilience at New Delhi
- NDMA Formation Day

OCTOBER

- Celebrating the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR), Vijayvada, Andhra Pradesh
- Localizing Response to Humanitarian Need: The Role of Religious and Faith-based Organisations at Colombo
- State Level Workshop on Making Schools Safer in Uttar Pradesh: Achievements and Opportunities
- Resilience Academy: Loss and Damage and Livelihood Security at USA

NOVEMBER

- Consultation: Global Capacity Development Strategy for Implementation of the Sendai Framework at Bangkok
- Orientation Programme on CSSSP
- School Safety and Security: Reflections
- Risk Analysis of Key Temples in Gujarat
- DDMP Raipur 8 Report
- Roadmap for the Implementation of SFDRR in Andhra Pradesh

DECEMBER

- Evaluation of UNDP's Urban Project on Building Resilience
- Role of Academia in Building Resilience of Children to disasters in Barak Valley, Assam
- UNISDR Asia Partnership Forum at Bangkok
- Workshop on Making Schools Safer in Andhra Pradesh
- Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction and School Safety by SCERT at Assam
- Second Cyrus Jhabvala Memorial Lecture
- National Conclave on SDGs: Roadmap for State Action
- National Workshop on Climate Change and Disaster Resilience for Urban

JANUARY

- Meeting with IDS, UK
- Round Table on 'Climate Change and Uncertainty' at Gandhinagar, Kolkata and Mumbai.
- School Disaster Management Training at Kokrajhar, Assam

FEBRUARY

- Microplanning workshop with 10 villages of Leh district on Livelihood Resilience
- Programme on Comprehensive School Safety and Security-DIET, Leh
- Session on Climate Smart Disaster Risk Management: Promoting and Strengthening Local Action of Integration

MARCH

- Book release "Avoidable Deaths: A Systems Failure Approach to Disaster Risk Management" by Nibedita S. Ray-Bennett
- Round Table on Safer School Campaign in Cities
- State of Housing in the Emerging Urban India

Our Approach

AIDMI's Engagement for Local Implementation of the NDMP: 2017–2018

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b. Safety and Community Gatherings at Religious Locations

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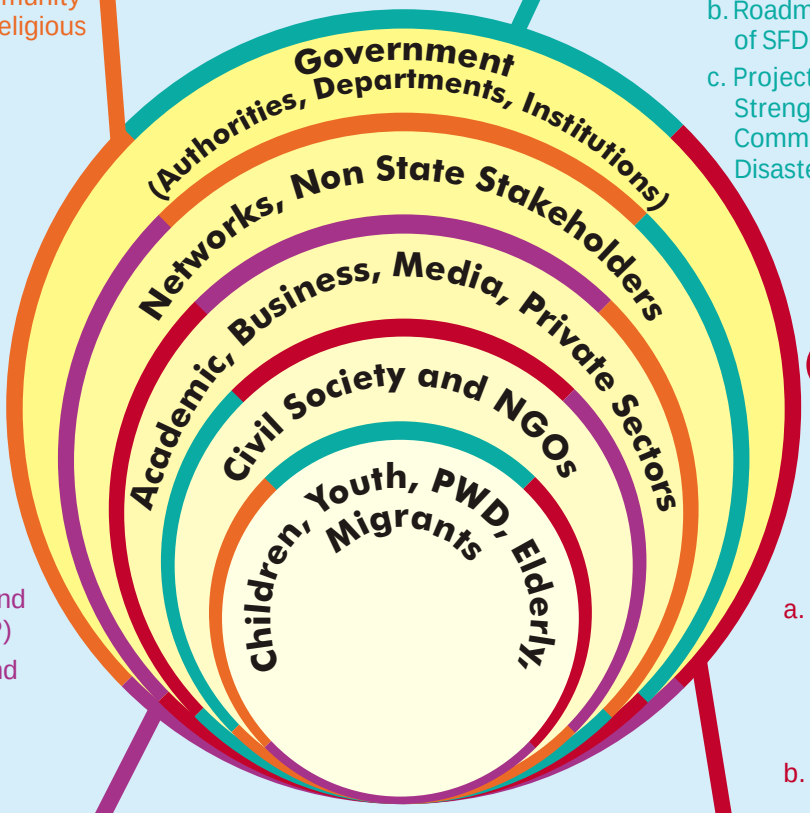

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a. 1947 Partition: Migration, Displacement and Humanitarian perspectives

b. South Asia Disaster Report 2016

AIDMI provides much needed community perspectives to tackle disaster governance which are often missing in top-down policy making. Through its action research, it provides locally grounded perspectives on how to enhance local resilience to disasters, drawing on gender and human rights approaches whilst cognizant of wider issues concerning politics and power across scales. AIDMI is now a powerful voice in South Asia and beyond on disaster management. It has been a pleasure to work with AIDMI and may it go from strength to strength over the coming years."

– Lyla Mehta, Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, London, UK

"As India continues its explosive growth, in cities and economically, we must ensure that these gains are inclusive and not at risk to the growing threats from climate change. Much of this growth is urban and informal but remains unprotected. Resilient communities are ones that have access to the range of risk reduction, risk mitigation and risk transfer options that are proven to work. Engaging the urban poor with innovative programs and enabling policies will be critical to create a safe and resilient future for India. AIDMI is helping lead this work through research, advocacy, community engagement and partnerships with government and the private sector."

– Ronak B. Patel, Director, Urbanization and Humanitarian Emergencies Program, Associate Faculty, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Cambridge, MA, USA

Understanding Disaster Risk

Climate Change and Uncertainty

Climate change and uncertainty are reflected as evolving risks. To initiate adaptation and mitigation actions to better understand disaster and climate related risks incorporating community perspective is main-streamed. In a survey conducted in Assam and Maharashtra involving 100 respondents to understand the views of Government officials and educators on their understanding of uncertainty and Climate change. Hence, uncertainty emerging as a major setback in diverse fields in decision making at various levels. AIDMI initiate to incorporate the community perspective and sharing with wider group of researchers to address the uncertainty in climate change decision- making.

Safety and Community Gatherings at Religious Locations

Disaster at religious locations is a rising concern in India. Reasons being many, AIDMI conducted early HVCA (Hazard, Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment) in 5 temples of Gujarat and 5 historical Dargah/Mosques. AIDMI is proposing Dargah Disaster Management Plan with crowd management of Ajmer Sharif Dargah – Ajmer in Rajasthan state. Also, AIDMI has published a document – Risk Analysis of Key Temples in Gujarat: Early Findings and is planning to move further for preparing disaster safety to equip staff and congregation with the necessary information, training and preparation to protect people and facilities.

Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance to Manage Disaster Risk

Disaster Management Plans – City, District, State and Departmental Level

The disaster management plans are prepared and implemented by local. These plans primarily supports to respond to climate induced disaster, identify the vulnerability and risk to climate change, identify and implement Mitigation actions and facilitate in capacity building of the key stakeholders. AIDMI is assisting the process of making, auditing, reviewing the local disaster management planning including child centred DRR, women centred DRR in city level, district level, departmental level and state level. AIDMI is also pushing the agenda of climate smart DDMPs with local level planning to increase adaptive capacity of humans and environment to climate change and associated disaster risks. AIDMI is planning to move further with stronger local planning process and higher participation of Children and local institutions to build evidence for policy support.

Roadmap for the Implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) in Andhra Pradesh

India has advanced in taking up the responsibility of disaster risk reduction (DRR) and to launch a National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) totally aligned with the Sendai Framework. AIDMI was invited by the Andhra Pradesh State Institute of Rural Development (APSIRD) and Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) to support the process and documentation of Disaster Risk Reduction Road Map, Implementing SFDRR in Andhra Pradesh. Thus, AIDMI is supporting institutions at district and sub-national levels to prepare their plan aligned with the implementation of SFDRR.

Project Evaluation – Strengthening Institutional and Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change

AIDMI was invited to conduct the evaluation with project stakeholders, and Partners in the project 'Strengthening Institutional and Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change' formulated under the GoI-UNDP Country Programme action Plan (2013–2017). The project was implemented in Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttrakhand. The main components of the project were mainstreaming DRR and CCA; urban risk reduction; technical assistance and capacity building; support for knowledge management; and enhancing resilience of vulnerable communities to cope with disasters and climate variability by implementing scalable demonstrative pilot initiatives.

Investing in Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience

Risk Transfer and Insurance

Since 2004 based on the findings from community consultations, AIDMI through its pilots, knowledge management, policy support and capacity development services in risk transfer and insurance as disaster risk reduction has provided support for the local implementation of agreed framework and plans – the Sendai framework, NDMP, and SDGs. Furthermore, AIDMI with support from local partner agencies – Society for Women Action Development (SWAD), Puri, Odisha and Society for Social Transformation and Environment Protection (sSTEP), Guwahati, Assam – working together in pilot to understand the demand of disaster insurance among informal businesses. 887 informal Businesses has been covered in the disaster insurance policy to study the effectiveness in urban areas.

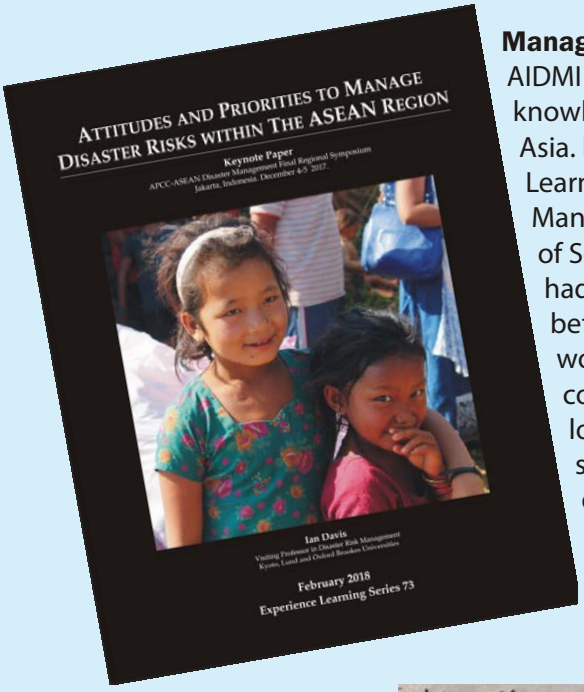
CSR for Community Resilience

Disaster risk reduction positively impacts the economics, social welfare and natural resources of a country. Thus, AIDMI is promoting the agenda of integrating DRR in CSR actions. The thematic areas has been identified – a) promotion of education with focus on livelihood protection, enhancement; and skill, capacity development; b) empowerment of women and gender equality; c) focusing on environmental sustainability; and d) poverty alleviation in urban and rural context. AIDMI with Reliance Foundation in Madhya Pradesh conducted assessment with focus on possible ways to build community resilience.

Comprehensive School Safety and Security (CSSSP)

AIDMI has performed various tasks in the fiscal year 2017-18, it conducted state level workshop in AP, Gujarat and UP to develop better understanding on NSSP Guidelines, training on DRR, drafting and implementing SDMP was conducted in 2 districts of Assam. The Situation Analysis of Women & Children 2017 (SiTAN) was piloted to establish a common understanding of the main challenges faced by the char dwellers of Assam, the assessment was done on 240 households in 24 villages of these three districts. A baseline study was conducted in 250 schools of 10 representative districts of Gujarat to understand the present situation and needs for developing comprehensive school safety and security programme for the state. Also, Training Needs Assessments (TNA) was done in Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh to understand the present capabilities and identify the required training needs in the areas of CSSSP, School Safety in the states, and developed School Disaster Management Plans (SDMP) of 200 schools in Assam and 71 schools of Navi Mumbai. In the recent task, Views from 29 youths from Mumbai were taken on the current situation of safety and security in schools of India. And a workshop with Principals from Leh, Ladakh and DIET was led by AIDMI team as an objective to build capacity on key concepts of CSSSP. AIDMI also accomplished training, Capacity development, certificate course, etc. on DM at GIDM and participated in Karimganj emergency management exercise. Subsequently, AIDMI is with full commitment to promote and strengthen school safety actions with stronger collaboration with wide range of institutions at sub-national, national and regional levels. As an immediate plan of action, AIDMI is moving ahead with district and state institutions in five states of India with focus on capacity development actions and policy support.

Enhancing Disaster Preparedness for Effective Response and Build Back Better



Manage Disaster Risks within the ASEAN Region

AIDMI has come a step forward to pursue and promote knowledge to engender greater disaster resilience in India and Asia. Keeping true to this mission, AIDMI's 73rd ELS (Experience Learning Series) was prepared titled 'Attitudes and Priorities to Manage Disaster Risks within The ASEAN Region' (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) by Dr. Ian Davis. India has always had strong ties with ASEAN. The common areas of interest between India and ASEAN have always encouraged AIDMI to work with several authorities and communities in key ASEAN countries. The ELS is a catalogue expression of Dr. Davis' long held vision for effective risk reduction in the region. In spelling out these attitudes and priorities for managing disaster risk, Dr. Davis has provided a roadmap for pursuing the imperative of risk reduction in the ASEAN region.

1947 Partition: Migration, Displacement and Humanitarian perspectives

As of humanitarian perspectives, it is significant to study the displacement and migration. 1947 partition was one of the most important events in human history; it was the largest migration that ever took place. AIDMI in partnership with Harvard South Asia Institute is researching to understand the mechanics and impacts of the 1947 migration. Till now, 25 interviews were conducted of people who either witnessed or migrated during the partition. The research will continue further with more conversations, analysis and documentation.

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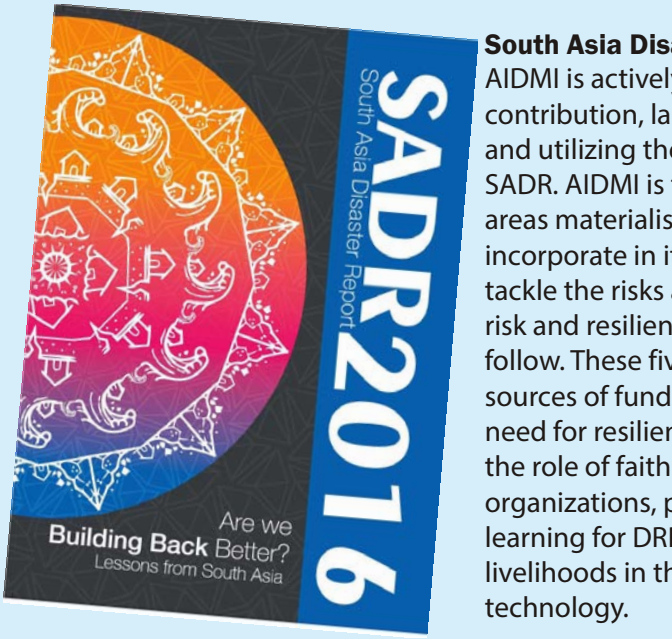

South Asia Disaster Report 2016

AIDMI is actively involved in the contribution, launch, dissemination and utilizing the findings of the SADR. AIDMI is to address the five areas materialised from SADR to incorporate in its areas of action to tackle the risks and challenges of risk and resilience for other to follow. These five areas are: Limited sources of funding for CSOs, the need for resilient water resources, the role of faith based organizations, promoting lateral learning for DRR, and sustainable livelihoods in the face of changing technology.

Knowledge and Information Products of AIDMI

Southasiadisasters.net

1. Implementing Cancun Agenda in South Asia
2. Crowd Management in India
3. Floods Again: What Can Be Done Differently?
4. School Safety and Security: Reflections
5. Knowledge Resources for Comprehensive School Safety and Security in India

Experience Learning Series

6. Attitudes and Priorities to Manage Disaster Risks within the ASEAN Region

Reference Material

7. South Asia Disaster Report 2016
8. School Disaster Management Training at Kokrajhar and Majuli, Assam
9. Risk Analysis of Key Temples in Gujarat: Early Findings
10. DDMP Raipur 8 Reports *(In Hindi language)*
11. Roadmap for the Implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) in Andhra Pradesh
12. Using SREX and AR5 for Better Implementation of India's NDCs
13. Risk Transfer and Insurance: Investing in DRR and Adaptation to Climate Change

Policy Brief

14. Policy Brief on Child Centered Disaster Risk Reduction Progamme
15. Policy Support: Risk Transfer and Insurance

Course Module

16. Curriculum Framework for State Institute of Disaster Management (SIDM), Odisha

Folder

17. Making Schools Safer: Achievements and Opportunities
18. Knowledge Resources for Capacity Development Strategy for Implementing SFDRR in South Asia

Poster

19. Climate Change Education *(in Gujarati language)*
20. Southasiadisasters.net: Capturing Disaster Risk Reduction Voices since 2005
21. Supporting Comprehensive School Safety and Security Programme *(In Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh)*

Displays

22. School Safety Displays *(In Bengali language)*

"AIDMI working together to promote dynamic accountability of civil society organizations across the globe is the most valuable contribution toward sustainable and democratic development world. I am so proud to be have this incredible journey with you in 2017."

– Soeung Saroeun, Executive Director, Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC), Cambodia

DRR Roadmap of Bihar envisages a 'Resilient Community' as a dynamic and proactive social unit wherein all individuals, households and the communities as a whole are capable to assess and address the disaster and climate change induced risks through risk informed development planning which includes preparedness, response and mitigation actions and recover from disaster(s) through building back better. UNICEF is engaging with 2.7 million people across six districts in Bihar to build community resilience and has successfully demonstrated the benefits of a resilient community. UNICEF is promoting comprehensive school safety reaching to 1.6 million children. AIDMI has played a key role in building the capacity of children as well as assisted four districts in developing child centered DDMP. My best wishes for AIDMI team."

– Banku Bihari Sarkar, Emergency Officer, United Nations Children's Fund, Bihar

"Greater sensitization of diverse stakeholders in Mumbai involved in disaster management is urgently required. AIDMI can help to organize a series of stakeholder workshops at the region, city, and neighbourhood level, and provide training and sensitization on disaster risk awareness, prevention, and mitigation. These can eventually evolve into self-sustainable training and sensitization modules to be provided periodically to citizen groups, public officials, NGOs, schools, hospitals, transport staff, and other relevant groups who can play a significant role in disaster risk mitigation and recovery."

– D. Parthasarathy, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Maharashtra

Way Forward 2018-2019

These four priorities will be implemented through concerted efforts in the following five key activity areas of AIDMI.

POLICY SUPPORT

- Supporting institutions at sub-national level to develop and implementation agenda, particularly for climate sensitive sectors.
- Policy support through round tables.
- Generate evidence on risk transfer and insurance to inform decision makers.
- More focus at sub-national levels on integration agenda and risk informed planning.

CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

- Training and capacity development to promote and strengthen departmental actions in planning and implementation at district and state levels.
- Knowledge management for CSR members on DRR.
- Capacity building on climate change and green growth.
- Wider and deeper engagement for Comprehensive School Safety and Security (CSSSP).

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

- Design and conduct action-research for closer linkages between DRR and CCA.
- Capturing community learning and strategic dissemination to wider group of decision makers.

EVIDENCE

- Evolve plans and mechanism for monitoring actions.
- Enhance communication between science and policy making in related issues in coastal and river basins.

PILOT PROJECTS

- Direct focus on the poor and vulnerable.
- Addressing girls and women specific vulnerabilities on a priority basis.
- Emphasis on DRR activities for use by local actors.
- Replication of disaster insurance in urban sites.
- Mainstreaming DRR and CCA in development efforts.

This is a long list and an ambitious plan. But as in the past, with matching partners and sustained resources AIDMI is committed to achieve the above in the coming years.

"My Journey with AIDMI started way back in 2012 and I was a part of AIDMI team till March, 2017. The experience and learning from AIDMI's work was immense and far reaching. Though I had the professional interest in 'Family and Child Welfare", my work with AIDMI actually contributed towards shaping specialized perspective on children and their rights in the context of disaster and climate risk. Now, as I work with the UNICEF in Assam as Consultant, I have seen the work of AIDMI from a partner's perspective as it conducted a study on 'Situation of Children and Women in Char Areas of Assam' and also supported trainings on school safety. I am happy to see that AIDMI is committed towards building resilient communities in Assam."

– Anand Prokash Kanoo, State Consultant (DRR-CCA), UNICEF, Assam

"What I like most about AIDMI is that, this is an NGO really works on the field and serves the people on the ground. AIDMI has such a large network with research institutes, universities, NGOs, government officers, and UNs that offers great opportunities to learn, exchange experiences, and contribute. I was mainly associated with AIDMI in two projects of Building District Disaster Management Plans, and Evaluation of School Safety and Security Projects. Days on the field helped me to understand more about the lives of people, about diversified cultures and history, and disaster reduction practices in India. AIDMI has done a great job in creating such a platform for youth involvement and development, including raising awareness, training young professionals, and encouraging the youth to participate in creating a resilient community. The youth, play a vital role in both emergencies and should take the lead as change agents in spreading the message of resilience."

- Thao Do, Vietnam

Our Source of Strength

International Organisations:

UN Organisations:

Universities & Research Centres:

Universities & Research Centres:

Non-governmental Organisations:

Government Organisations:

Government Organisations:

Private Sectors:

Networks:

Our Inspiration

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