



**DOCUMENTED
REPORT
ON
MODEL FLOOD RESILIENT
VILLAGES
AND
CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES IN
EMERGENCIES**

Success story of ASDMA Pilot Project “Model Flood Resilient Villages”

The pilot project was taken up in five villages in each of the five districts viz. Dhemaji, Barpeta, Lakhimpur, Morigaon and Kamrup to help the villages cope with floods and to establish models of resilience.

The DDMA of respective districts along with line departments facilitated the activities under the project. The villages were selected for pilot project, based on previous years’ flood vulnerability studies & reports

of ASDMA. Detailed vulnerability mapping of the 5 villages was carried out by ASDMA & DDMA using appropriate technologies.

Based on the mapped data, approximately 900 fuel efficient cook-stoves & solar lanterns were distributed to the households for preparation of the “Flood Evacuation kit”. The community mobilization was carried out through local NGOs enrolled under GO-NGO protocol of the ASDMA. Pre-monsoon camps were conducted with the help of local NGOs & line departments to create awareness on departmental schemes. The NGOs mobilized the community to identify land for creation of community assets like raised hand-pumps etc.

Raised hand-pumps funded by ASDMA



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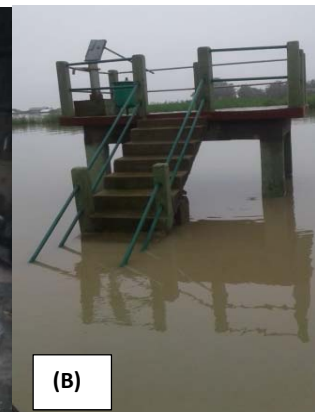


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Activities carried out in the villages in Pre-monsoon season (A) Raised Hand-pump installed in Dhemaji (B) Awareness camp on “Flood Evacuation Kit” (C, D) Demonstration & Distribution of Fuel



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Post Flood season in 2019 (A) Women in Barakhat village, Kamrup cooking food in the fuel efficient cook-stove provided by ASDMA (B) Raised Hand-pump in Barakhat, Kamrup used by people during Flood



An Elderly person in Hindujaopori, Morigaon using Fuel Efficient Cook-stove distributed by ASDMA

were constructed in the villages with the help of PHE Department. The project activities were initiated towards end of 2016 and have been continuing for the past three years. ASDMA also conducted training of Disaster Management Task Forces in those villages.

However the positive impact of the pilot project could be seen during Flood 2019 when the communities residing in those villages faced the wrath and devastation due to flood. The infrastructures like raised hand pumps installed in villages, fuel efficient cook-stoves helped the communities to cope with the severe impact of flooding.



Post Flood season in 2019 (A) Women in Hindujapori, Morigaon fetching water from raised hand-pump funded by ASDMA (B) Raised Hand-pump fitted with water purification unit in Hindujapori, Morigaon used by people during Flood

Child Friendly Spaces set up for the first time in Assam in flood Relief Camps:

Setting up of “Child Friendly Spaces in Emergencies” is mandated as per National School safety Policy (NSSP). Therefore ASDMA in collaboration with other line departments like State Education Department, Social Welfare & Health and international agency UNICEF & local NGOs operationalized CFS for the first time in Assam in flood relief camps. A Pilot project was initiated in two districts namely Majuli & Dhemaji for documenting the experiences. Based on experiences and challenges captured during the Pilot project, ASDMA will notify a detailed guideline for the



Inspector of Schools Dhemaji monitoring Child Friendly Spaces in Jonai HS Relief Camp



Children engaged in playful activities in Child Friendly Spaces in Auniati high school Relief Camp, Majuli

entire State of Assam. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) in collaboration with the DDMA Dhemaji and Majuli districts, UNICEF and RVC NGO operationalized Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Flood Relief Camps for children affected during flood. During flood the children's physical and mental well-being is compromised, therefore, CFS provides the space to children to continue life normally and provides opportunities for them to learn and grow and stay away from the trauma of devastation. Children during flood go to erosion sites or flooded areas and are washed away due to their ignorance of the situation. Therefore, CFS is an opportunity for keeping the children safe and under observation. In CFS, their health and nutritional aspects are also taken care of. The CFS in Dhemaji and Majuli are also monitored by the Inspector of Schools and child Protection Officials. The other line department officials like Health, Social Welfare, PHED etc. also provided essential services in CFS. Additionally, under the initiative of Social Welfare department, "Breast Feeding Corners" were provided in Relief Camps.



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(A) Children engaged in playful activities in Child Friendly Spaces in Jonai HS Relief Camp, Dhemaji



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(B) "Breast Feeding corners" set up for lactating mothers in Auniati high school Relief Camp, Majuli