## MOVING TOWARDS WATER SECURITY

Structures, Tools, and Processes for Drought Prone Areas



The effective management of water resources demands a holistic approach, linking social and economic development with protection of natural ecosystems. Water development initiatives should be based on a participatory approach involving users, planners, and policymakers at all levels. From the traditional knowledge of the rural poor to assisting the vulnerable in accessing agricultural insurance, the Water Security Programme of AIDMI integrates many aspects of development for water resource sustainability.



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All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI), Gujarat, is a community based action research, action planning and action advocacy organisation now spreading it's work across India. It works towards bridging the gap between policy, practice and research related to disaster risk mitigation, in an effort to link the local community to policy level activities.

AIDMI's activities for disaster risk mitigation include: (a) Awareness Generation, (b) Capacity Building, (c) Policy Advocacy, (d) Direct Implementation, (e) Research and Publications, and (f) Networking.

AIDMI was established in response to the repeated 1987-89 droughts in India. It has evolved from a project in 1989 to an autonomous organisation in 1995. During its evolutionary journey AIDMI has developed four security programmes and eleven activity centres run by 83 team members.

Four sector securities include: (a) Food (b) Water (c) Livelihood and (d) Habitat. The four jointly add up to building Human Security.

Eleven Activity Centres include:
(i) Action Review and Research Services,
(ii) Bhuj Reconstruction Project, (iii) Building
Peace and Protection, (iv) AIDMI-AMA Joint
Centre for Disaster Risk Management,
(v) Emergency Food Security Network,
(vi) Emergency Health Unit, (vii) Learning
Resources, (viii) Livelihood Relief Fund,
(ix) Organisation Resources, (x) Sphere
Resource Centre and (xi) Water Security
Programme.

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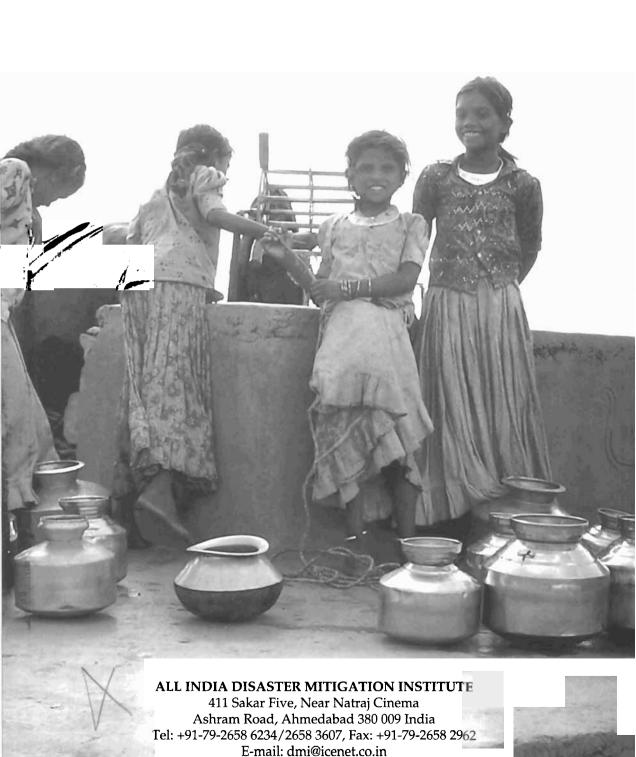
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