

CARITAS India



CARITAS India is a social service organization responsible for developing the ‘Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction’ programme involving over 200 Indian villages, touching the lives of nearly half a million families. ‘Through the programme, there has been a paradigm shift where communities are not considered objects but subjects that influence the social and economic realm through their proactive attitude of self-reliance, depending on their own resources,’ said Mr. Khilesh Chaturvedi, the organization’s Deputy Director. A survey of the 200 villages found that 62.7% of families have prepared themselves for at least 10 days of flood, with safekeeping of dry food, household items and documents.

Over 1 million vulnerable families who live very close to rivers, sea and landslides zones have modified their shelters, verandahs or side walls of the house. Over 200 schools have demonstrated understanding of key learning of disaster risk reduction and environment protection issues. They have relayed the information to children in other schools as well as to people in other villages. The various agricultural interventions include alternative cropping systems for rice and vegetables, techniques to preserve seeds and food grains, and soil health management through the application of balanced nutrients.

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