

Gender Sensitive Heat Action Plans in Cities of South Asia

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The project “Integrating Gender-Sensitive Heat Adaptation Plans in the climate policy and guidelines of selected cities in South Asia” is funded by Asia- Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN).

Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), supported by International Development Research Centre, worked with three cities viz. Rajkot, Bhubaneswar and New Delhi Municipal Corporation (Delhi) in India to design and develop climate-adaptive heat action plans. The project also led to setting up the South Asian Heat Health Information Network (SAHHIN), which has been accredited with World Health Organization (WHO) and Global Heat Health Information Network (GHHIN).

This project aims to further support South-Asia’s medium-term development planning, especially in prioritizing and integrating adaptive resilience within the agenda of climate-resilient smart cities. It will disseminate knowledge on heat stress management strategies, including the development of spatially differentiated and gender-sensitive Heat Adaptation Plan (HAP) in South Asian countries of Sri Lanka (Colombo), India (Surat) and Bangladesh (Rajshahi).

PROJECT AIM

To disseminate knowledge on heat stress management strategies, including the development of spatially differentiated and gender-sensitive Heat Adaptation Plan (HAP) in the South Asian countries of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and India.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Disseminate knowledge of a replicable spatially differentiated and gender-sensitive Heat Adaptation Plan.
- ✓ Local-level stakeholder's capacity building for better institutionalization and adoption of the newly developed strategies.
- ✓ Develop an effective communication strategy to ensure broader outreach and dissemination among different levels of stakeholders.

OUTCOMES: Support South Asia’s medium-term development planning, especially in prioritising and integrating adaptive resilience within the agenda of climate-resilient smart cities.

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