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Foreword

It is our pleasure to present the fourth annual report of AADHAAR for the year 2016-2017. This year journey took AADHAAR a step further, towards its mission. AADHAAR not only succeeded in engaging community to work towards their developmental needs in intervening areas of Uttarakhand and Himachal but also successfully extended capacity building support to many state and national level organizations..

We acknowledge the resource support received from our volunteers, supporters, partners and governing board members for their support and guidance in our journey.

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President

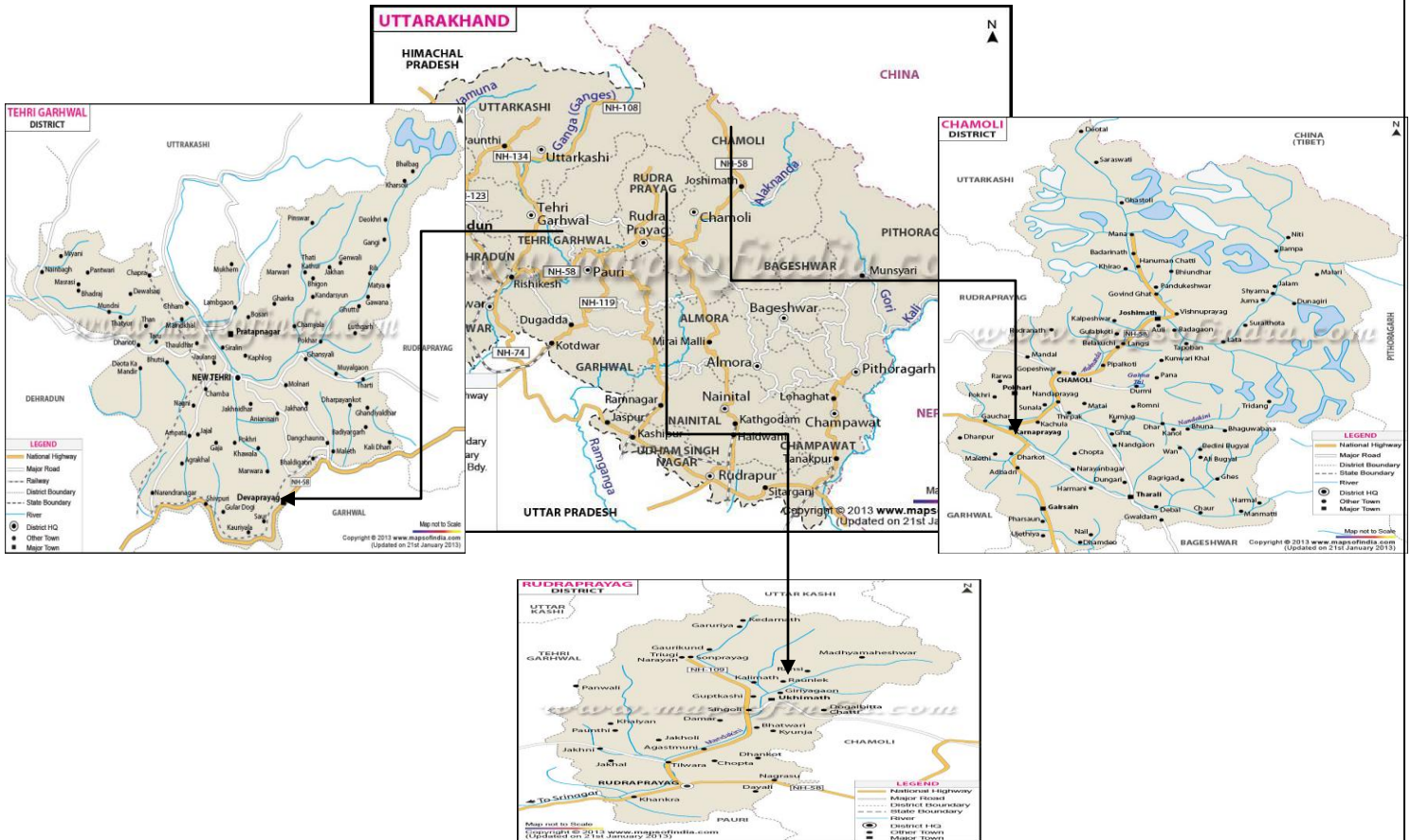
Kamleshwar Singh

Secretary

I. Background

AADHAAR operational areas is spread in two north Indian states namely Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh since its inception in 2011

Field sites in Uttarakhand:

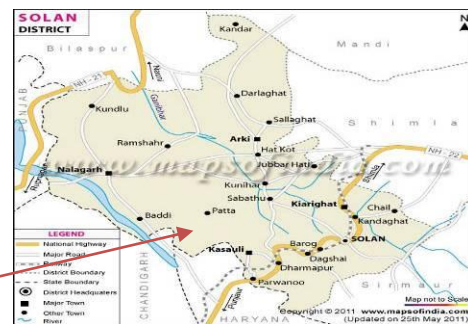
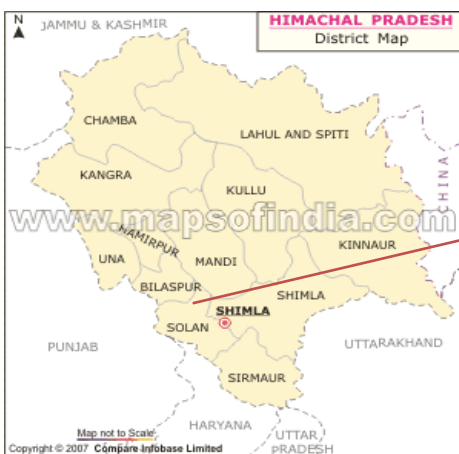


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Field site in Himachal Pradesh:



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II. AADHAAR's Programmes and Interventions in 2016-2017

Annual report for the year 2016-2017 presents the highlights of AADHAAR's developmental interventions in under different themes. The report has been divided into three sections which are as follows:

1. Field based Interventions
2. Support to Civil Society
3. Liaison and Linkage Building

Section I Field based Intervention

1. District Tehri Garhwal

Under the own initiative of AADHAAR- "environment protection and water conservation with the involvement of the community", AADHAAR undertake following activities without the active financial support form other donors were-

Situational analysis of drying springs in the villages of Devprayag Block, District Tehri Garhwal:

With the support of partner organisation- CEDAR, AADHAAR did a year long survey of the drying springs of Panchayats-Mahar, Kimkhola and Pyunkhari. The first set of surveys were done in the month of July, it being the month of maximum rainfall and the second part of the study was completed in the month of November which is said to be a 'sufficient water available' season.



The springs are ranked in terms of their importance for users based on the responses collected from them; along with the parameter of a spring's ecological importance for the system. The Hardship Ranking System is used, which includes some of the following indicators:

1. Water fetching time (trip timings/ to-&-fro and availability of another source)



2. Water availability - liters per household per day
3. Water quality
4. Reliable months for water fetching
5. Continuity of flow (hrs/day)
6. Status of spring discharge over last 10 years

It was came out from the study that there are five sources of the spring water need immediate attention

and require water recharging interventions.

Strengthening and Supporting Self Help Groups

Groups formed earlier, were provided continuous support for saving and inter loans to the members for their developmental needs and consumption purposes. Two of these women self help groups have saving of about Rs 50000/-.



Health and Sanitation:

To strengthen the initiative of Government of India -"Swachh Bharat Abhiyan", AADHAAR voluntarily did the campaign and sensitize villagers to construct latrine and to make their villages open defecation free.

Capacity Building of Local Government:



A number of orientation programme was organised by the AADHAAR for the leaders of Panchayats to build their capacity to function as a local self governance unit. Especial focus was given on women and Sc representatives to build their capacity to plan for their respective wards.

Skill Building of Youth:

At Village Mahar one month skill building course was organised on computer's basic knowledge and also on tailoring for the local youths.



Horticulture and Agriculture Promotion:

Fruits plant especially mangos were also secured from the horticulture department and distributed among the villagers. Seeds of tomatoes and pees were also distributed to few farmers to promote kitchen garden. Runners of grasses were also distributed. A training camp was also organised on mushroom cultivation for the local farmers with the help of partner organisation CBED-Dehradun.

Education Initiative in Rudraprayag District:

Under its education support, AADHAAR, team visited the GIC-Narayankoti and Paldwari (supported with new classrooms by AADHAAR & Empathy foundation-Mumbai-2014-2015) to monitor the progress of the computer based teaching and learning aid program.

Disaster Resilience in Urban Areas of Uttarakhand in Chamoli District:

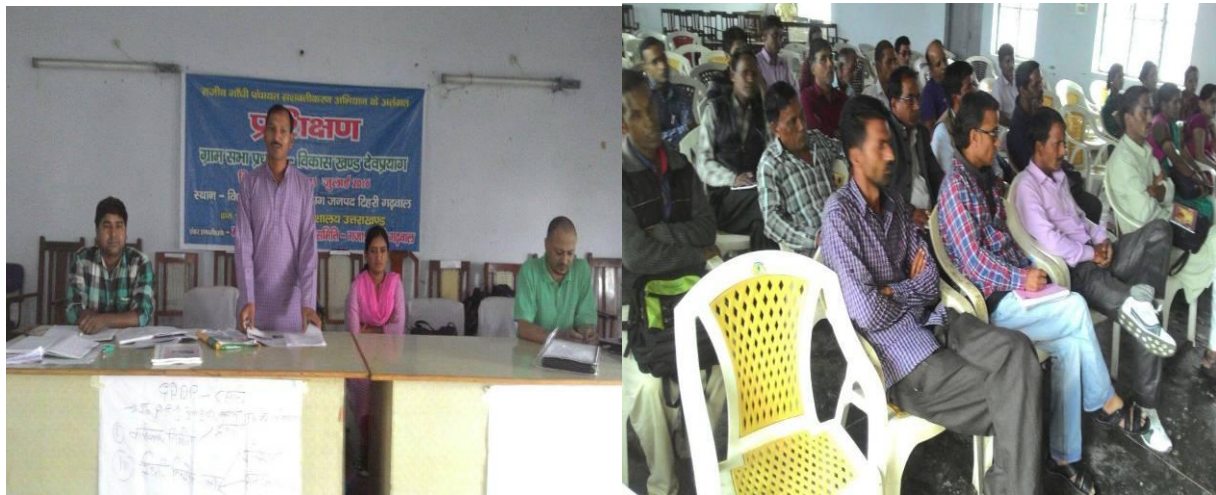
Volunteers of AADHAAR, have continuously engaged in spreading information to local masons and common citizen about the disaster resilient building technology through Karnshila disaster resilience building technology park -Karanpyag. This Park is helpful in spreading awareness about safe construction practices in disaster prone hill areas using traditional construction technology that makes use of locally available material. A number of models is displaying various aspects (foundation, plinth, lintel, slab etc) of building construction in the park.



Support to Civil Society Organisations

Training of Elected Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institution, Block Devprayag, Tehri Grahwal:

Training course for the representatives of Gram Panchayats and Kshetriya Panchayat on PRI roles and function was facilitated by Mr. Kamleshwar Singh, CEO-AADHAAR at Block head quarter -Hindolakhil For Matra Chhaya organisation in July and August 2017. The Training was assigned to Matrachhaya Organisation by the Panchayati Raj department of government of Uttarakhand under its capacity building programme



Annual and Quarterly Report Reparation for Himmotthan society's post Disaster livelihood Programme:

Mr. Kamleshwar Singh provided its support services to Himmotthan society, Dehardun ,to develop the Annual and quarterly reports of 'Uttarakhand Post Disaster Livelihood Programme' (UPDLP) implemented by the Himmotthan Society and supported by Tata Uttarakhand Programme". The programme is being implemented in the 05 clusters of 03 disaster impacted districts of Uttarakhand.

Panchayat Advisory Group meeting, Sehgal foundation, Gurgaon

CEO AADHAAR and Dr. Rajesh Sinha, Vice President-AADHAAR provided its inputs as advisor to Panchayat Advisory group of Sehgal foundation on 12 of July 2016 at Sehgal Foundation, head office , Gurgaon.

Liaison and Linkage Building

Workshop On Climate Adaptive Water Management Plans for Cities in South Asia (CAMPS)

CEO-AADHAAR participated in the inception meeting for the project “Climate Adaptive Water Management Plans for Cities in South Asia (CAMPS)” funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada at Hotel Pacific, Fern Hill Estate, Camels Back Road on 19th of September, 2016. The project is in collaboration with the Centre for Ecology Development and Research (CEDAR), South Asia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) and researchers from two Australian Universities (University of New South Wales and The University of Sydney). Four sites, two across two countries(India & Nepal), have been taken to understand and develop water management strategies in view of changing climatic conditions.

Workshop on Climate Change Turning Points & Adaptation Pathways with respect to Extreme Events in Upper Ganga Basin.

CEO AADHAAR attended the workshop organised by **TERI, New Delhi** and **CEDAR, Dehradun** on **22 December, 2016** at **Hotel Madhuban, Dehradun**. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss and prioritize adaptation options for extreme events of heavy precipitation leading to flash floods and floods, in context of climate change. We would be honored to



have you join us for this workshop to be held. The workshop note is enclosed herewith.

