

**HOW DO PEOPLE SURVIVE
THE ANNUAL DISASTER?**

Modus Operandi...

- Short term measures - survival mechanisms during the disaster
- Long term strategies - ensuring a secured future

Short term measures...



More...



Desperate measures...



And...



Ultimately...



Long term strategies...

- Livelihood opportunities
- Dwelling
- Drinking and sanitation facilities

Livelihood opportunities...



Agriculture...



Water based farming...



Dwelling...



Drinking water and sanitation...

(small number)

- Handpumps at individual household level
- Integrating toilets

Way forward...



Basics...

- India's **3rd most populated** state : 83 million
- 40 per cent of population below poverty line
- **Rural poverty = 41.1 per cent**, depends on
 - Agriculture wage
 - Non-farm jobs and most of them are either landless or near landless
 - Lower quality of livestock

Contd...

- Agriculture
 - **80 per cent of workforce** depends on agriculture
 - Contributes towards **40 per cent of GDP**

Strategies...

- Developing a **point of reference** in the affected region
- Strengthening the **adaptive capacity** of flood affected population
 - Diversify income strategies to strengthen the ability of individuals, households and communities to cope with the impact of floods
 - Develop non-farm components
 - Revisit the traditional wisdom of flood coping mechanisms and integrate with contemporary mechanisms
 - Development of physical infrastructure adaptive to the natural floods

And...

- Streamlining flow of information, goods and services in the flood prone region
- Developing secure sources of water for domestic uses
- Assessing the extent of human-induced natural resource disruption and
- Developing strategies for arresting and improving the present flood related problems (Water logging, disruption of flow of river water because of roads, bridges, railway lines etc)

Create an enabling environment to coexist with floods

