



## **SEEDS collaborates with the Center for Disaster Philanthropy to rebuild lives in Assam**

*Touching the lives of the flood-affected communities in Assam's Cachar district through promoting disaster preparedness practices*

**Assam, December 13, 2022:** SEEDS, a renowned humanitarian organisation engaged in disaster response and management, announced its partnership with the Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP), today. CDP, an organisation that seeks to help minimise the effects of disasters on marginalized and at-risk groups and ensure equitable recovery through philanthropic consulting, educational resources and localised disaster funding.

For over 28 years, SEEDS has been committed to strengthening disaster resilience by building the capacity of the most marginalised population across many states of India; and its collaboration with CDP will aim to further the shared objectives of both organisations, enabling a secured future for all.

**Alex Gray, Director, CDP International Funds said,** *“I am pleased to officially announce CDP’s collaboration with SEEDS today. This partnership will aim to provide a platform for recovery and rebuilding the lives of flood-affected communities in the Cachar district of Assam. With our combined efforts, we also plan to strengthen capacities and reduce risk in the affected communities and ensure a more disaster-prepared future for vulnerable populations to ensure that no one is left behind.”*

Due to their recurrent displacements, underinvestment in critical infrastructure and a lack of resources, the vulnerable communities are disproportionately affected by climate change and disasters. This collaboration seeks to serve as a catalyst in restoring the flood-damaged resources in Cachar district of Assam and preparing the community to withstand future disasters.

SEEDS will reach out to the community; assess the damage to schools and rebuild them; improve institutional capacity for disaster response and promote disaster and risk reduction (DRR) practices through training, planning and regular safety drills. In addition, SEEDS will also provide the communities with sustainable water filters that can be operated locally. It will reduce their dependence on outside assistance during emergencies as they learn to manage their essential resources independently.

**Dr Manu Gupta, Cofounder, SEEDS said,** *“This partnership is a significant step in shifting the narrative from relief to recovery and resilience building. The programme*



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*aims to build resilience to help communities in Cachar adapt and thrive in the changing risk landscape caused by climate change.”*

### **About SEEDS:**

"SEEDS (Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society) is a not-for-profit organisation that enables every individual with practical solutions towards disaster lifecycle management and sustainable environment. It builds self-reliant, resilient, and sustainable communities across boundaries using innovation and engaging at grassroots. Since 1994, the organization has worked extensively on every major disaster in the Indian subcontinent assisting affected families; strengthening and rebuilding schools and homes; putting its faith in skill-building, planning and communications to foster long-term resilience.

SEEDS is also India's first agency to be certified for the global core humanitarian standards - an international certification system for quality and accountability in humanitarian response and is recognized for its 30 years of service in disaster and environment by United Nations Sasakawa Award in 2022 and Government of India Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Award in 2021.

SEEDS completed nearly three-decade-long service to humanity rebuilding more than 62,000 homes, 650 schools and healthcare facilities, school safety programmes for more than a quarter million children, disaster management plans for 500+ communities, emergency assistance to more than 830,000 people. It has positively impacted the lives of more than six million people by re-anchoring its approach to building resilience through innovation. It continues to empower the most vulnerable across Asia to build a better future.

For more information, visit [www.seedsindia.org](http://www.seedsindia.org)    

### **About the Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP)**

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy's mission is to leverage the power of philanthropy to mobilize a full range of resources that strengthen the ability of communities to withstand disasters and recover equitably when they occur. CDP manages domestic and international Disaster Funds on behalf of corporations, foundations and individuals through targeted, holistic and localized grantmaking. For more information, visit: <http://disasterphilanthropy.org>, call (202) 464-2018 or tweet us @funds4disaster.

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