



Riding the Storm

Community Experiences from Disaster
Preparedness Initiatives in Andhra Pradesh

Community Based Disaster Preparedness

Natural calamities like cyclones, floods, landslides and earthquakes have been damaging lives and livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of people every year. The United Nations Organisation estimated that globally 100,000 lives are lost each year, and properties worth \$300 billion are damaged due to natural hazards. The impact of natural disasters is particularly harsh on countries like India, because of a lack of preventive mechanisms.

The state of Andhra Pradesh has suffered tremendously from the adverse effects of severe cyclones, floods and droughts. It is estimated that about 44% of Andhra's total territory is vulnerable to tropical storms, floods and related hazards. A study commissioned by Oxfam GB informs that the state has experienced more than 100 medium to major scale cyclones and floods over the last 100 years.

In the event of such GB have organised relief not reduce the risk people has absorbed significant development efforts. The and preparedness a culture

In 1997, Oxfam GB initiated Pradesh. The key components communities through holistic and capacity building of these livelihood support Disaster Preparedness.

This multi-pronged approach by building the capacity livelihood asset base. The risk-reduction, and is an programme.

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