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Comprehensive Climate Risk Management: Can social protection be a leverage?

Insights from an on-ground pilot

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AGENDA



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Leveraging Social Protection (SP) for Climate Change losses

 Forecast & SP budget Limited probabit 	getary shortfall <u>knowledge of</u> lity and severity	Poor financial longevity Poor Budgetary forecasting
Distribution & Delivery delivery	and Targeting ed distribution and	Leakage of benefits Missing the scale-opportunity Poor accessibility, further aggravated post catastrophe
 Limited damage Design Delayed 	cover for loss and cover	Inconspicuous impact Aggravation due to delay

DESIGN & RESEARCH LABS

Piloting Climate Insurance: Catastrophic Floods in Bangladesh

Ganges, the Brahmaputra, and the Meghna —annually drain a vast basin **12 times Bangaldesh's area**

Flood (*Bonna*) is an annual recurring phenomenon beneficial for Bangladesh







Meso-Level Flood Index Insurance

Project Details:

Design - RDRL, Institute of Water Modeling Implementation – OXFAM, GB Insurer - Pragati Insurance Project Location - Sirajgunj , BD Initiation - 2009



WHAT



Forecast & Finance

- Modeling
- Spatial Pooling
- <u>Risk & Finance</u>

Layer: Resilience &

co-contribution

• Aid

SP strategies

Distribution & Delivery

Resilience infrastructure <u>DIGITISATION</u> of - ID & Targeting - Partnerships for

shock-proof distribution

Product Design

Deepening of cover

- Customized to CAT. Risk- household portfolio
- Easily accessible claims
- Timeliness



Leveraging Social Protection (SP) for Climate Change losses

Forecast & Finance	AID: Market Creation Cat modeling & assessment Invest in Data infrastructure		
Spatial Pooling	 Households & Business, inco Across risks and regions/acro 	<u>me-groups</u> oss countries	
Layering Co-contribution	 L 1: Microinsurance on SP program L 2: Meso CAT insurance on Resilience Infrastructure & SP programs for increased severity 		
Aid	• Co- finance 'unknown risk'	DESIGN & Research Labs	

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Financing immediate Disaster Relief



Unlocking finances for **Resilience** Building



Significant amount of money locked in disaster relief funds need to be unlocked for resilience building

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Insurance can help unlock the money that is kept for relief and use it for climate change adaptation and mitigation

Strategies



Promoting Preparedness



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Distribution & Delivery	AID: Invest in ID and Monitoring infrastructure to Improve Targeting	
ID & Targeting	 Biometric Identification, GPS tagging Spatial risk +Socio-economic targeting 	
Delivery	 Existing SP programs Existing aggregators (banks, mobile, agri supply chains) 	
Aid	• Co- finance 'tech back-end' to allow channel agnostic Claim delivery	



RFID technology for cattle ID



Satellite data for agriculture loss assessment



RSBY Coverage across India ashmi machal Pradesh 37 million active cards Uttarakhand NCT of Delhi Rajasthan Bihar West Bengal 9.7 million claim cases (till date) **RSBY Coverage** Dadra & Nagar Have Round 1 Round 2 Round 3 Round 4 Andhra Pradesh Round 5 arnataka Andaman & Nicobar Islands cshadwoe Resilience

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OXFAM's strategy in Bangladesh

Community Resilience Building

RISK Increased flood intensity and longevity

Raising Homes: Higher and stronger foundations help protect homes



RISK Floods contaminate water supply

Raised Tubewells:

Raising tubewells potentially preventing health epidemics during severe floods



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RISK

Changing farming calendars, Sudden floods due to embankment breach. Radio Forecast and Warning: Weather forecasts, Special broadcasts alert



RISK → Severe and widespread floods Rescue rental Boats, free access to poly covers Rescue boats provided to the NGO Disater Management Cell



Leveraging Social Protection (SP) for Climate Change losses

Product Design	AID: Create KP and Product Design Hubs	
Deepening of cover	 Household: Covering Life and Livelihood loss Business: Productivity cover 	
Timely Accessibility	 Reliable shock-proof cash channels Channel agnostic, transparent payout Varied payouts based on stages 	
Aid	• Co- finance 'product feature' research, testing and pilot	

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DATA: Defining the **Client** for Climate Insurance and Social Protection



- 1. MiM relies on Industry data reported under IRDA regulation (as under **MI Act 2005** and under the **Rural and Social Obligations)**
- 2. Under the IRDA regulations, reported data includes products served to RED PLUS GREEN
- 3. Hence, Microinsurance Maps also presents data for RED PLUS GREEN
- 4. Ideally it should report for products offered to GREEN

* LIG: Low Income Groups

* IRDA: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority





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Comprehensive Disaster Management strategy

Need for ex ante strategies:



Combining

- ex ante efforts (risk reduction and risk transfer) with
 - ex post strategies (relief, rehab, reconstruction)

help build a comprehensive risk management strategy

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Flood risk reduction: Structural approach

Embankments:

- Costly in terms of construction and maintenance
- Increases erosion, inhibiting silt deposition
- Increases the risk for low income households living inside the embankment zone
- Tend to increase height and speed of river flow
- Recent embankment breach

Ex ante strategies



Pieces of the Puzzle



Meso-Level Flood Insurance

Scale & Sustainability via Social Protection





What

Platform

- Invest in <u>CAT and Loss assessment</u> <u>data infrastructure</u>
- Invest in <u>Targeting</u>: identification (cash and data) infrastructure
- Invest in <u>spatial pooling</u> across economic groups
- Layer risk and Bundle
- Layer 1: resilience Layer 2: Risk Transfer
- Parsing out layers to household, private sector, regional government and then Aid

Product

Building-block products for customisation

Bundle 'Tangible' services

Define uninsured events



How NOT to build SP programs for Climate Change losses

Insurance is at the end of a risk trajectory. It begins with RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE

The client is the household and small business and the AGGEGATOR

Use existing 'highways', the poor shouldn't be paying for the new highway

Use aid for long term RISK REDUCTION & MARKET CREATION. NOT for one time premium subsidy

Leverage the power of spatial high volumes. Leverage Technology at every stage to monitor, distribute, assess and improve.



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Ex ante strategies

Flood risk reduction: Community approach

- Managing effects of flood instead of attempting to prevent it
- Focus on household **resilience** building in the context of **climate change** induced erraticity
 - Dredging rivers to increase the capacity of rivers
 - Improved preparedness
 - Flood warning: Improve Flood monitoring, measurement, zoning and forecasting
 - Shelters and stronger houses
 - Increased height of water sources

Coping with residual risk

1998:

- 2/3rd of Bangladesh flooded for almost 13 weeks
- ¾ million hectares of agri-land submerged ruining most of the autumn rice crop
- 1.2 million of Grameen Bank's 2.3 million customer affected



People and animals sharing the same room as well as same fate. Photo - Salahuddin Azizee Source : Grameen Bank

- Embankment Breaches
- Recurring Floods 1962 (3 floods in July, August, September)
- Intense Local Floods Sylhet (1966),

Inadequate funds for ex-post relief & rehabilitations (1963,1988,1998, 2007)

Coping with **residual risk**

Increased frequency and severity strain all reduction and coping strategies Embedding insurance within specific risk verticals help in:

- No white spaces in risk coverage continuum
- Lower probability of loss and improved affordability
- Improve product designing capability coverage,
- Platform for Distribution

Operation Challenges

- Need to insure public finances donors and state
 - Increased severity of recent events lead to aggravated financial loss
 - Household premium financing impractical
 - Inability of households to premium finance severe shocks) and
 - Low demand (unwillingness to allocate budgets for low or no probability catastrophe)
 - Need for predictability in disaster preparedness and relief financing for NGOs
- Need for regional risk zoning
 - Non availability of reliable individual loss data correlated to severe floods
- Inability to access damage in real time
- Inability to reach the insured in real time
 - Identification and targeting challenges
- Adverse selection

Design Challenges

- Post disaster ground level loss assessment impractical, costly and cause time delay
- Need for relief financing 'immediately' for reduction in losses
- Index contract based on historical data which also helps predict probability and improve forecasting
- Poor Data Quality and Availability at higher resolution
 - Flood Impact Data wasn't available
 - Historical data on flood depths no available
 - DEM not updated

Hence Index Based Insurance

Structure of Flood Insurance





How

Market Creation

Capacity Building	Data Warehousing	Impact Research	Policy Advocacy
Insurer / Regulator / Multi-lateral / Aggregator Training		Rigorous Academic Research	Knowledge Synthesis Reports
Resilience DESIGN & RESEARCH LABS	Live Industry Databank		Influence Govt. and Multi- lateral Policy