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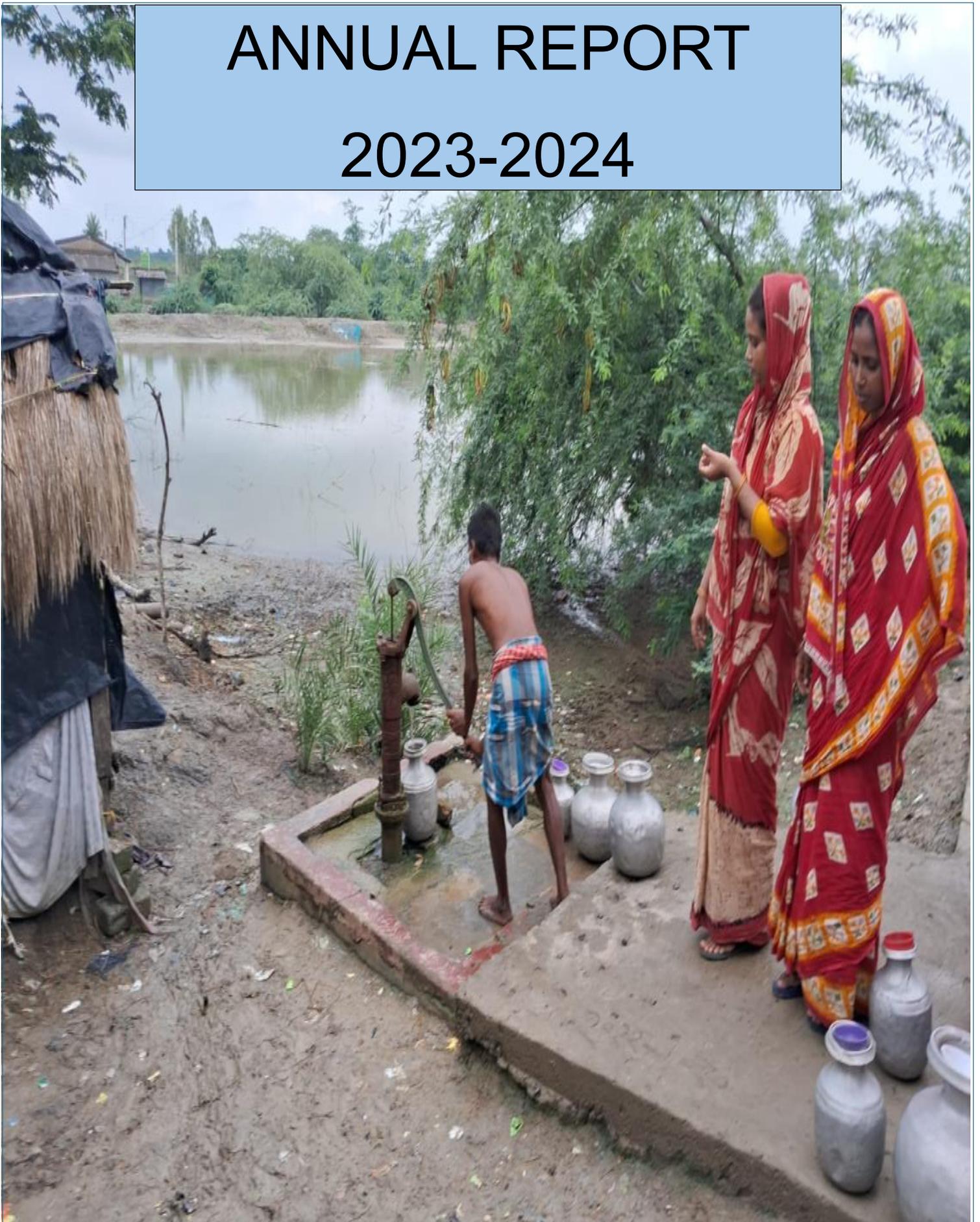


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FOREWORD/ED's Desk

Dear Readers,

Greetings from SaciWATERS!

I am delighted to present the Annual Report of SaciWATERS for the year 2023–2024. This report highlights the initiatives and activities undertaken during the year and reflects our commitment to advancing research, practice, and capacity building across diverse thematic areas. I take this opportunity to thank all our partners for their continued support, which has been vital to our achievements. My sincere gratitude also goes to the board members for their guidance and commitment in steering the organization forward. Finally, I extend heartfelt appreciation to the dynamic SaciWATERS team whose creativity, dedication, and hard work have been central to delivering impactful projects, training programs, workshops, and publications.

During 2023–2024, SaciWATERS undertook diverse initiatives across South Asia under its core themes of **Water Policy and Governance, Climate Change and Water, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), and Sustainability and ESG**.

- Under **Water Policy and Governance** theme, the team strengthened regional and national dialogues through the multi-country Coastal Resilience Partnership, enhancing knowledge sharing, youth engagement, and policy advocacy on sustainable coastal management. In addition, through the Cap-Net Roadmap 2025–2030, SaciWATERS contributed to shaping a regional strategy for integrated water management across Central, South, and Southeast Asia, emphasizing capacity building, inclusive approaches, and the use of digital technologies. A sector-specific Risk Assessment of Coconut Cultivation and Coco Peat Manufacturing in India highlighted legislation, certification systems, and key stakeholder perspectives.
- **Climate Change and Water**, Two phases of the Adaptation Solutions to Menstrual Health Risks project in the Sundarbans advanced understanding of gendered vulnerabilities linked to climate impacts. Using participatory action research and multi-stakeholder knowledge co-creation, the project strengthened community engagement, skill development, and advocacy by connecting menstrual health with climate adaptation and resilience strategies.
- In the **WASH** theme, SaciWATERS, with corporate support, improved access to safe drinking water in six government schools in Hyderabad by installing LifeStraw filters and supporting infrastructure, directly enhancing student health and well-being.

- Expanding into **Sustainability and ESG**, the organization worked with industry partners to guide framework selection, conduct impact and materiality assessments, and prepare baseline and disclosure reports. This initiative strengthened the private sector's ability to integrate sustainability into core business practices.

SaciWATERs will continue to work towards its vision by engaging with diverse communities and institutions across the region, adopting a pro-poor, human rights-based, gender-inclusive, and ecosystem-centered approach that integrates water, ecosystems, and human well-being for sustainable and equitable development. This year, our efforts spanned across key themes that reflect both emerging challenges and long-term priorities. We engaged with issues of **water policy and governance**, analyzing institutional frameworks and contributing to regional strategies for sustainable water management. In the area of **climate change and water**, we deepened our work on adaptation and resilience, with a particular focus on gender and social inclusion. Our initiatives in **WASH** addressed the pressing need for safe drinking water in schools and communities, while our focus on **sustainability and ESG** helped integrate environmental and social responsibility into organizational practices.

Through these engagements, SaciWATERs remains committed to an interdisciplinary and collaborative approach, bringing together stakeholders from academia, civil society, government, and the private sector. By fostering capacity building, knowledge exchange, and dialogue, we aim to strengthen governance, promote equity, and support sustainable water management for the region.

As I have always emphasized, these achievements are made possible by the continued trust and support of numerous funding organizations across the globe. I am pleased to see SaciWATERs beginning to realize the positive impact of building and sustaining meaningful partnerships across South Asia. Our greatest strength remains the qualified, and highly motivated SaciWATERs team. Looking ahead, we will continue to focus our efforts on the broad themes of water policy and governance, climate change and adaptation, drinking water and sanitation, water resources accounting, and urban water management.

Let me take this opportunity to express my sincere pleasure and pride in congratulating every one of the SaciWATERs family for making this year very productive.

Prof S. Janakarajan
President, Executive Board

About SaciWATERs

SaciWATERs, the South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies, is a not-for-profit organization based in Hyderabad, India. Established in 2002, it works at the intersection of research, policy, and practice to address the complex and evolving challenges of water management in the face of climate change. With a legacy of impactful research and transformative initiatives, SaciWATERs continues to spearhead efforts toward resilient, inclusive, and sustainable water futures across South Asia and beyond.

Through an integrated and holistic approach, SaciWATERs examines water in its multiple dimensions: social, economic, environmental, and political, to promote sustainable and equitable solutions. Its work is driven by three pillars: **research** to generate new knowledge, **capacity building** to nurture future leaders and practitioners, and **implementation** to translate ideas into action at the community level.

The organization actively collaborates with universities, research institutions, development organizations, bilateral and multilateral agencies, and networks across the global north and south. These partnerships strengthen its efforts to foster dialogue, knowledge exchange, and evidence-based decision making, ultimately catalyzing a **paradigm shift** in water resources management in South Asia.

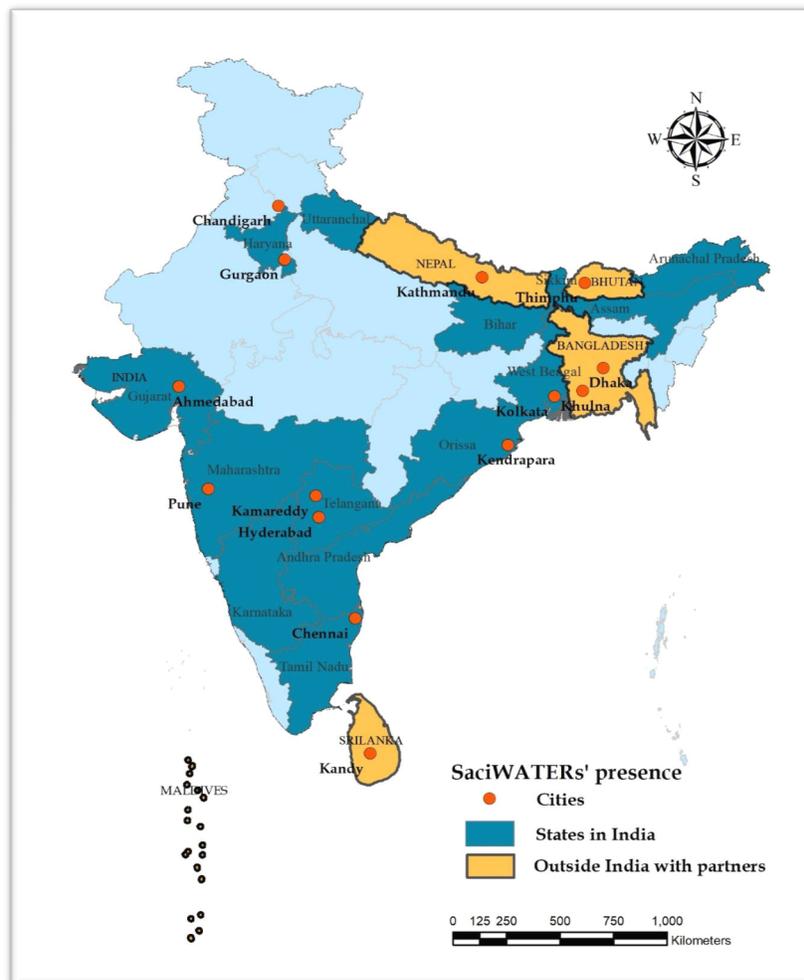
Key thematic areas include water governance and policy, gender and water, climate change adaptation, sanitation, the water energy food nexus, and transboundary water cooperation. By engaging with policymakers, communities, and academia, SaciWATERs strives to shape resilient, inclusive, and sustainable water futures in the region.

In alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), SaciWATERs integrates international, regional, and national water policies into its initiatives, both in principle and practice, making it a leading voice for interdisciplinary and impactful water research in South Asia and beyond.

Our Thrust Areas

- Interdisciplinary Water Education & Capacity Building
- Water Policy and Governance
- Water and Gender
- Water and Climate Change
- Biodiversity, Ecosystem Rejuvenation and Nature-based Solutions
- Water Quality
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Urban and Peri-urban Water Security
- Sustainability and Environment, Social and Governance (ESG)

Our Presence in South Asia



Overview of Projects

Theme of the Project: Water Policy & Governance

Water systems are typically complex, with the relationship between water and development being particularly dynamic. In this context, conflicts are increasingly determining the interactions between water policy and governance. Working in partnership, SaciWATERs focuses on the characteristics of water institutions in South Asia, evaluates their influence on reform processes, analyses disputes over divergent water uses and assesses the impact of salient actors in promoting or obstructing institutional change.

1. Building a multi-country, civil society partnership to increase the resilience of coastal populations in South Asia

Funded by: Global Nature Fund (GNF)

Period of funding: 15 December 2021 – 31 December 2024

A short note on the project:

The project, funded by the Global Nature Fund (GNF), aims to strengthen the resilience of coastal communities in South Asia by addressing the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation. It seeks to enhance coastal protection, secure livelihoods, and promote the sustainable management of natural resources through collaborative, community-driven, and transboundary approaches. To achieve this, the programme brings together a regional CSO partnership comprising NEWS, CReNIEO, TERRE Policy Centre, and SaciWATERs from India; BEDS from Bangladesh; Nagenahiru and EMACE from Sri Lanka; and Huvadhoo Aid (HAD) from the Maldives. This partnership promotes the sharing of best practices, joint development of innovative solutions, and stronger policy advocacy at both national and regional levels.

SaciWATERs will act as a knowledge partner

The primary role of SaciWATERs is to serve as a knowledge partner, advancing the project's objective of enhancing the resilience of coastal populations through the following means: Establishing a knowledge hub to disseminate the best practices implemented by organizations under various project objectives and sub-goals, Providing capacity development support for the youth within partner organizations and the coastal community they are working with., Engaging in policy advocacy at the national and regional levels through co-creating knowledge for evidence-based advocacy, webinars, and policy briefs. Through these endeavors, SaciWATERs aims to involve a wider array of stakeholders including representatives from other civil society

organizations, local communities, authorities, and government officials. This ensures the feasibility of proposed solutions and the scaling up of the project.



Field visit to mangrove restoration site 1-
Kalpitiya: Tottupulai Lagoon, Sri Lanka



Mangrove plantation by TerrePolicy Center

Project Outputs

Events:

SaciWATERs has been actively involved in regional and national forums that brought together diverse stakeholders to advance dialogue on climate resilience, youth engagement, and water governance.

- A **National Forum** on “Building Synergies for Healthy Mangroves and Robust Value Chains Around the Mangrove Ecosystem in Sundarbans” was organized by NEWS in technical collaboration with the Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, from 26–27 July 2023. The SaciWATERs team actively participated in the symposium, preceded by a field visit. The forum featured interactive sessions highlighting the ecological significance of Sundarbans mangroves, the impacts of anthropogenic activities, scientific approaches to restoration, and the role of communities in sustainable management. A key milestone of the symposium was the launch of the **All-India Mangrove Alliance for Climate and Conservation (AIMACC)**.
- At the **Regional Forum in Sri Lanka (5–9 February 2024)**, organized by the Nagenahiru Foundation, SaciWATERs convened sessions on documenting best practices, youth capacity building, and policy advocacy. A highlight was the Water Policy Framework and Approach for Increasing Coastal Resilience developed by SaciWATERs, along with a

session led by Mr. Kabindra Sharma on the critical role of youth in addressing the climate crisis.

- During the **National Forum in Chennai (6–8 August 2024)**, hosted by CReNIEO, youth engagement was a central focus. Through structured exercises and role plays led by Mr. Sharma, students critically examined climate and environmental challenges, identified real-world issues in their surroundings, and proposed innovative solutions. This interaction demonstrated the potential of young people to be active contributors to addressing the climate crisis and shaping sustainable futures. The forum also included a Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Just and Conflict-Free Water Governance, led by Prof. S. Janakarajan, and a field visit to CReNIEO's centre in Pulicat to connect policy discussions with community-level experiences.
- At the **National Forum in Pune (21–23 November 2024)**, organized by TERRE Policy Centre, SaciWATERs participated in the Conference on Coastal Resilience and Water. The team contributed to discussions on Mangrove Policy and Governance in the Coastline of India: Gaps and Opportunities, highlighting challenges in policy implementation and opportunities for strengthening governance frameworks.

In all three forums, the youth sessions proved to be a valuable platform for learning and exchange. They encouraged young participants to think critically about climate and environmental challenges, build practical skills, and share their ideas for solutions. By creating these interactive spaces and connecting youth perspectives with broader policy dialogues, SaciWATERs highlighted the crucial role of younger generations in shaping resilient coastal futures.

SaciWATERs organized a series of two **Regional Policy Advocacy Webinars** on key thematic areas:

- **Coastal Governance in South Asia: Strengthening Coastal Regulatory Policies** (16 October 2024), jointly presented by the Global Nature Fund (GNF) and SaciWATERs, in collaboration with the Global Mangrove Alliance (GMA) and Bay of Bengal Programme–Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO).
- **Ecosystem-based Approaches to Coastal Development and Resilience Building for Coastal Communities** (29 November 2024), with a special focus on mangrove restoration, SAIME, and coral restoration, led by NEWS, CReNIEO, BEDS, and HAD.

Publications:

- SaciWATERs team has successfully reviewed the (total ten) case studies from the partner organization for dissemination through knowledge hub of GNF.
- SaciWATERs was invited to convene a panel on “**Policy Perspectives: Coastal Resilience and Livelihoods in South Asia**” at the 5th India **Public Policy Network (IPPN)** Conference, held at IIT Bombay from December 6–8, 2024. The panel, led by Mr. Kabindra Sharma, created a platform to highlight the work of CRP partners and address critical gaps in coastal governance policy discourse in the region. As part of the conference theme “Policy Processes in the Global South”, the session facilitated dialogue among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners on resilience-building, livelihood opportunities, and the role of effective policy in shaping sustainable coastal futures.

2. Risk Assessment of Coconut Cultivation and Coco Peat Manufacturing in India

Funded by: Global Nature Fund

Period of funding: 20 June- 30 June 2023

A short note on the project:

The coconut palm, known as *Kalpavriksha* or the “tree of heaven,” supports nearly ten million livelihoods in India. The country ranks third in coconut cultivation area and first in production, especially in the southern states, and is also a major producer of coir and coco peat, a valuable byproduct of the coconut industry. This project focused on understanding the coconut fiber sector in India with reference to legislation, certification, and key stakeholders. The study combined desk research at national and state levels with field surveys conducted in Tamil Nadu, including districts such as Dindigul, Namakkal, Tiruppur, and Coimbatore. Semi structured questionnaires were administered in person and telephonically to key informants, including coconut farmers, traders, coir manufacturers, exporters, fertilizer distributors, and officials from agriculture, horticulture, water resources, and forest departments.

The project provides an overview of the legislation for coconut cultivation and processing in India, a stakeholder analysis from the certification point of view, and presents the results of the questionnaire surveys.



Sprinklers to wet the husk



Manual turning to facilitate drying and separation of cocopeat

3. Cap-Net Roadmap 2025-2030 - Asia

Funded by: Malaysian Capacity Development Network for Sustainable Water Management (MyCDNet)

Period of funding: 1 Sep--15 Nov 2023

A short note on the project:

The SaciWATERS-CapNet Network (SCaN), a regional platform for partnerships and capacity building in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) across South Asia, contributed to the analysis and drafting of the **CAP-NET Roadmap 2025–2030** for the Asia Regional Task Team. The roadmap addresses critical water management challenges across Central, South, and Southeast Asia, including climate change impacts, river pollution, ecosystem degradation, groundwater depletion, and the urgent need for integrated water management.

The report was developed through one-on-one discussions and written inputs from member countries—Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Pakistan, India, Central Asia, and Bangladesh—as well as through regional and country-level online consultations. It identified key capacity gaps in climate adaptation, WASH, and disaster risk reduction, while also highlighting country-specific challenges such as inadequate climate data and governance in India, water insecurity in Myanmar, flood vulnerability in Bangladesh, and poor wastewater management and urban planning in several countries.

The roadmap highlights the need for cross-cutting approaches, including gender and social inclusion, citizen science, stakeholder engagement, and the application of digital technologies

such as AI, IoT, and GIS. It further calls for capacity building at individual, institutional, and community levels to ensure long-term ownership and impact.

Project Activities

Events:

- Asia Roadmaps Task Team Online Meeting – 20 July 2023
- Regional Task Team Meeting (Asia) on Developing Regional Roadmaps – 24 October 2023

Theme of the Project: Climate Change and Water

Climate change events in the region, coupled with population growth, are degrading natural resources while making South Asia particularly vulnerable to conflict. As climate change impacts finely balanced social, economic and ecological systems adversely, ripple effects are already being felt in terms of negative pressures on food security, livelihood security and energy security. Acknowledging this, SaciWATERs works to transform existing paradigms in natural resource management, simultaneously considering climate change mitigation and adaptation with food, energy and livelihood optimization strategies.

4. Finding Adaptation solutions to Menstrual Health Risks induced by Climate change through knowledge cocreation (Phase I)

Funded by: SSN/ARA MICRO-GRANTS PROJECT

Period of funding: May-December 2023

A short note on the project:

This the first phase of the project which was carried out in four villages of the Indian Sundarbans (Gosaba and Pathar Pratima blocks, South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal). Using a participatory action research approach, the study examined the interlinkages between climate change impacts, water quality deterioration, and menstrual and reproductive health risks faced by women and girls in this climate-vulnerable region.

Methodologies included household surveys with women, semi-structured interviews, focus group discussions, and extensive field visits to capture lived experiences of climate stressors such as cyclones, salinity intrusion, and water scarcity. Eight Participatory Action Research Group (PARG) workshops were conducted to strengthen community voices, co-create knowledge, and identify adaptation pathways.

The findings highlighted severe gendered vulnerabilities, including heightened menstrual health risks due to poor water and sanitation infrastructure, limited healthcare access, and economic challenges aggravated by male outmigration and recurring natural disasters. The absence of

reliable data on menstrual health emerged as a key gap, emphasizing the need for gender-responsive and context-specific interventions.



Household Survey with Women



Participatory Action Research Group (PARG) workshops

Project Outputs

Events:

- A state-level dissemination workshop convened in Kolkata facilitated the sharing of research findings and engagement with stakeholders from government agencies, NGOs, academia, and the community.



State Level Workshop



Publications

- Layers of Crisis: Climate Change, Water, and Women's Health in the Sundarbans by Dr. Jayati Chourey.

5. Finding Adaptation solutions to Menstrual Health Risks induced by Climate change through knowledge cocreation(Phase II)

Funded by: SSN/ARA–Budget upliftment grant by IIED

Period of funding: Jan-March 2024

A short note on the project:

Phase 2 of the project built on the foundations of Phase 1 by strengthening advocacy, stakeholder engagement, and skill development in the Sundarbans. Using random sampling, four villages were selected across Patharpratima and Gosaba blocks: Chandipur, Hetalbari, Mahendra Nagar, and Durbachati. A strong focus was placed on gender and social inclusion through block level multi stakeholder workshops, which provided platforms for dialogue on menstrual health and climate change adaptation. These workshops facilitated collaboration among diverse stakeholders, resulting in resolutions that inform future policy advocacy and community driven strategies for sustainable development.

In addition, skill based training empowered women to produce low cost biodegradable sanitary napkins, ensuring health security while creating livelihood opportunities. To further strengthen advocacy and awareness, a documentary film was developed showcasing community challenges, local innovations, and the collective efforts made to address climate change and menstrual health in the Sundarbans.

Together, these initiatives enhanced awareness, promoted resilience, and advanced gender responsive action in this climate vulnerable region.



Ponds in Durbachati village, Pathar Pratima



Gosaba Block-level Multi-stakeholder Knowledge Co-creation, Consultation, and Dissemination Workshop



Pathar Pratima Block-level Multi-stakeholder Knowledge Co-creation, Consultation, and Dissemination Workshop



Meeting with the General Duty Medical Officer at Madhabnagar Rural Hospital in the Pathar Pratima block



Awareness Campaign in Durbachati, Pathar Pratima (21st March 2024)



Awareness Campaign in Mahendra Nagar, Pathar Pratima (22nd March 2024)

Project Activities

Events:

- Block-level Multi-stakeholder Knowledge Co-creation, Consultation, and Dissemination Workshop (19th March 2024 in Community Hall, Gosaba Rupayan building, Arampur, Gosaba.
- Block-level Multi-stakeholder Knowledge Co-creation, Consultation, and Dissemination Workshop (20th March 2024 in Hotel Paradise, Madhab Nagar, Pathar Pratima.
- Awareness Campaign in Durbachati, Pathar Pratima (21st March 2024)
- Awareness Campaign in Mahendra Nagar, Pathar Pratima (21st March 2024)
- Awareness Campaign in Hentalbari, Gosaba 23rd March 2024
- Awareness Campaign in Chandipur, Gosaba March 24th, 2024
- Documentary Production conducted from March 21st to March 24th in the villages of Durbachati and Mahendra Nagar of Pathar Pratima bloc

- Exposure Trip and Training on Manufacturing of Sanitary Napkins and Biodegradable Alternatives (26th March 2024): SaciWATERs in collaboration with Washonomics Fulcrum Pvt. Ltd successfully conducted a one-day programme on Exposure trip and training on manufacturing of sanitary napkins and biodegradable alternatives with a focus on entrepreneurship development.

Publication:

- As part of our policy advocacy and outreach efforts, SaciWATERs produced a documentary titled “***The Bleeding Tides: Impact of Climate Change on Women’s Menstrual and Reproductive Health in the Sundarbans, India.***” The film, featuring real-life stories from the region, premiered at the **World Water Forum in Bali, Indonesia**, on May 22, 2024. Showcased during the Asia Pacific Regional Session on “*Strengthening Resilience: Capacity Building for Gender-Inclusive Proactive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management,*” the documentary highlighted the intersection of climate change and women’s health and provided an international platform to amplify community voices from one of the most climate-vulnerable regions.
- An article “Sundarbans: Climate change, water and women’s health in a globally critical ecosystem” written by **Dr. Jayati Chourey** was published in economic times on 30 May 2023. ([Link](#))

Theme of the Project: Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Despite massive interventions, basic access to safe drinking water and effective, equitable and sustainable delivery of sanitation remains a major challenge throughout most of South Asia. Initiatives at both the policy and institutional levels have fallen far short of meeting these critical needs in the region’s eight countries. The lack of independent studies on a sufficiently representative scale is further exacerbating the problem of correctly assessing ground realities. Recognizing the importance of the issue, SaciWATERs is developing an inclusive, cross-sectoral strategy.

6. Access to Safe Drinking water at Government Schools, Hyderabad--Phase II

Funded by: Qvantel Software Solution Private Limited, Hyderabad

Period of funding: 1 March – 31 March 2023

A short note on the project:

Accessing safe drinking water in urban government schools in Telangana is a persistent challenge, as most schools serve marginalized or underserved communities. Often, authorities purchase only 20 liters of RO water daily from nearby shops, far below the actual requirement.

SaciWATERs installed two LifeStraw water filters in each of three schools in the Secunderabad urban area. The LifeStraw filters use advanced purification technology to remove viruses, bacteria, and parasites, and have a high capacity holding of 50 liters. Preparatory plumbing work was completed in each school to ensure a running water connection, making clean water readily available to students, particularly during break and lunchtime.

The installation of LifeStraw filters provides a practical and sustainable solution, significantly improving access to clean drinking water and contributing to the health and well-being of students and staff. Careful planning, stakeholder collaboration, ongoing maintenance, and student education are essential to maximize the impact of this initiative



Hand Wash station at Yaprul School



Children access clean and safe water

Theme of the Project: Sustainability and Environment, Social and Governance (ESG)

Sustainability and ESG have become central to how organizations plan and operate, linking environmental care, social responsibility, and good governance. SaciWATERs works with firms to adopt suitable ESG frameworks, carry out materiality and impact assessments, and build systems for transparent reporting and disclosure. Through these efforts, organizations are better equipped to integrate sustainability into their practices, ensure accountability, and create long-term value for both communities and the environment.

7. Choosing an ESG framework/ Impact & Materiality Assessment/ Baseline Survey & Reporting & Disclosures for Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd.

Funded by: INTUERI Consulting LLP

Period of funding: Short Term

A short note on the project:

SaciWATERs supported the firm in strengthening its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices. The team guided the selection of a suitable ESG framework, conducted a materiality assessment to identify priority issues, and carried out a baseline survey to assess the current state of ESG performance. An impact assessment report was prepared to capture the firm's environmental and social footprint.

Other events/occurrences

- **UN Water Conference 2023: Virtual Side Event on Climate Change, Wetlands and Women: Actions Towards Creating Resilient Communities and Ecosystems** (20 March 2023): Organized by SaciWATERs in collaboration with Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) and Global Water Partnership–South Asia. GNF-CRP partner BEDS (Bangladesh) also shared insights. The event highlighted women’s leadership in building resilient communities across South Asia.
- **Webinar: Mangroves – Nature’s Bio-Shields and Biodiversity’s Hidden Haven (Threats and Conservation)**(12 July 2023): Organized by SaciWATERs in collaboration with W for W Foundation, India. Featured GNF partners CReNIEO (India) and BEDS (Bangladesh) and contributions from Dr. Ravishankar Thupalli, International Consultant, WWF-Cambodia.
- **Launch of the All India Mangrove Alliance for Climate and Conservation (AIMACC)** (26 July 2023): SaciWATERs, as founding member and Secretariat host, formally launched AIMACC with founding member Dr. Ravishankar Thupalli. The alliance promotes conservation of Blue Forests and sustainable coastal development.
- **Webinar: Leaders Beyond Beneficiaries – Empowering Women in Water Resources Management in South Asia towards Achieving SDG 6** (2 November 2023) Organized by SaciWATERs in collaboration with GWP-South Asia, India Water Partnership, and WfWP. Featured Dr. Peter Mollinga and an international panel discussing women’s leadership in water governance.
- **Webinar: Sustainable Flows – Unveiling Springshed Management Narratives for Water Security & Climate Resilience in the Himalayas** (11 March 2024) Co-organized by SaciWATERs, GWP-South Asia, WfWP, and Save the Hills as part of the “Signpost to Bali–World Water Forum 2024” series, highlighting springshed management for climate resilience in the Himalayas.
- **Contribution to the Living Lakes Series Newsletter – “The Cauvery Water Dispute: The Experiences of the Cauvery Family Initiative as a Means for Breaking the Deadlock”** (22 March 2024): Authored by Professor S. Janakarajan and released on World Water Day 2024.
- **Workshop on Lake Protection and Rejuvenation in Urban Areas, Hyderabad** (21 May 2024) Organized by CDMA in collaboration with GHMC and HMDA. Represented by Judith Christiana and Kabindra Sharma, SaciWATERs contributed to discussions on sustainable lake rejuvenation practices.

- **Membership in the Global Mangrove Alliance (2024):** SaciWATERs became a member, strengthening its role in global mangrove conservation efforts.