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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

BY SUDHANSHU S SINGH

As a founder of HAI, a reflection on the accomplishments of the previous year and all the preceding years since HAI was established gives me immense satisfaction but also an alert that the journey is still long to achieve for which the organisation was established. HAI was established not only to develop itself as an institution but also to bring about an architectural change wherein other meaningful grassroots organisations, struggling to survive due to structural barriers in the competitive age of branding and fundraising find a supportive environment to revive institutional excellence.



Our dream of collective growth is fructified through the emergence of the LOCAL (Local Organisations' Coalition for Advancing Localisation) platform, which, as of now, has 22 member organisations from 13 disaster-prone states of India. Through this platform, HAI's response time to any disaster has been reduced to a maximum of 36 hours. This collaboration has also helped to make a move from being episodic to embarking upon a process of transformation with a focus on mitigation and resilience building. Another milestone has been the establishment of a HAI roster from the LOCAL membership, which has 40 highly skilled professionals to provide surge support to LOCAL members to manage their responses comprehensively and effectively.

During the year, we also launched our DATA (Dashboard for Aid Transparency and Accountability) platform, which is the first of its kind across the Global South. We hope the dashboard will bring about substantial transparency in the humanitarian sector, help local organisations to have better access to funding and help donors make quick decisions to address unmet needs.

Localisation and decolonisation continue to be the prime agenda points for HAI. While HAI continues to be meaningfully engaged in the global reform frameworks, we also have a full realisation that Southern actors also need to be proactive to address their coloniality and be the change agents instead of waiting for others to change the system for them. The LOCAL platform is a significant breakthrough in that direction. HAI continues to work on the intellectual autonomy of Southern actors, which is not seeking validation from the Western framework without necessarily being opposed to it.

HAI continues to explore the real spirit of localisation, which is not merely based on funding trajectory and relationship with Western counterparts but also the resurgence of traditional characteristics of the civil society structure by acknowledging the heterogeneity of communities and their agencies. Given that, HAI has been and will continue to work on 'relocalisation' and redefining the development from the communities' perspectives.

While being rooted in the communities, HAI continues to be part of key national global platforms, including Grand Bargain, Charter4Change, Pledge4Change, BOND Advisory Group, Steering Group of World Humanitarian Action Forum (WHAF), ADRRN, the Climate Charter, VANI, etc. HAI continues to be engaged in the development of the India Humanitarian Hub (IHH), connected with Start Network. HAI is ambitious and disruptive. We have a huge mission in front of us. Thankfully, HAI has a very committed and passionate team, which makes the massive task rather simple.



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This Year's **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

22 active members from 13 states in Local Organisations' Coalition for Advancing Localisation (LOCAL) platform.

Over 600 direct beneficiaries served in the New Delhi Refugee Programme Responded to 8 disasters across 7 Indian states between March 2023 and April 2024.

₹ 173,697,008/reported on the Dashboard for Aid Transparency and Accountability (DATA) platform.





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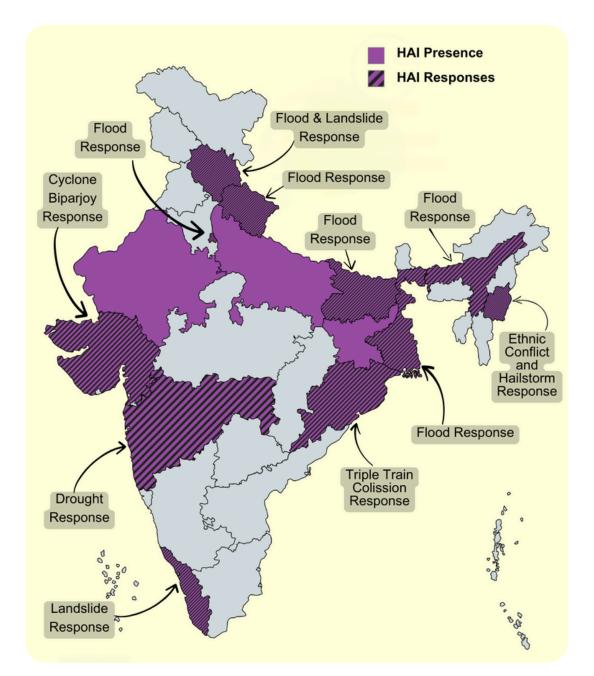
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PART I HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

1.1 OVERVIEW

This report highlights HAI's humanitarian response to refugees and disasteraffected people in need between April 2023 and March 2024 in the following states of India (see map below):





The **Pakistani Refugee Programme** implemented in **Majnu ka Tilla and Signature Bridge camps** in Delhi are operated by HAI to deliver comprehensive humanitarian, developmental and integration support to the **Pakistani Hindu minority** refugees. The programme has impacted the lives of up to **600 individuals** through a rights-based and participatory approach.

Key highlights



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HAI has conducted routine medical checkups in collaboration with Doctors For You (DFY) and the Liver Care Foundation to ensure the health and well-being of the community, benefitting 50 to 100 people during each health checkup drive. Additionally, HAI provides medical assistance in case of any serious health issue, assisting 3 – 4 people per month on average. Initiatives for drinking water and hygiene have also been carried out in coordination relevant with government stakeholders, benefiting over 350 people in the area.





HAI continues to promote universal education for refugee children and encourage their enrollment in school. HAI offers remedial education for **100-120 children** in the camps. To support exemplary performance in secondary education, HAI awards **monthly scholarships** to children from grades 9th to 12th, for **15 – 45 students** based on quarterly performance evaluation. HAI works to empower these children to achieve educational success. Moreover, for students living 5 to 7 km away from school, HAI provides **e-rickshaw transportation** for **55-60 children** daily,





HAI has facilitated **disability certification** for all differently abled camp residents **(5-6 people)** and trying to get access to disability pensions for them. HAI has supported the admission of children to government schools. In collaboration with DLSA, HAI has assisted community members in obtaining **Aadhar Cards** and other forms of documentation. HAI has additionally assisted residents in opening bank accounts, enhancing their access to essential services and benefits and applying for Citizenship through CAA for around 15-18 direct and indirect beneficiaries.



In response to the destruction of property caused by floods in Delhi, HAI arranged dry rations kits and wash kits for 120 families in the community. To help solve problems caused by flooding, HAI launched a campaign to construct semi-permanent shelters and electricity connections for 30 of the most affected families, ensuring that at least 150 direct beneficiaries receive safety and security from the elements. As a community-based initiative. HAI established the **Community Disaster Response Force** (CDRF) to respond to future disasters.





To help new families in the camps, HAI offers dry ration and tarpaulin sheets for tents as initial support. HAI offers livelihood support with better opportunities like skilled artisan training such as embroidery bag production, tailoring courses at HAI's Sewing Centres and organising other training programmes for 80 to 100 women entrepreneurs.



Large-scale ethnic violence in Manipur in May 2023, resulted in over 178 casualties and displaced over 50,000 people over the next five months. HAI's LOCAL platform responded immediately using its reserve funds. The initial assistance was provided to **1,130 displaced individuals** in Assam through the **Rural Education Development Institute (REDI)**, in coordination with LOCAL member **North-East Affected Area Development Society (NEADS)**.



Late May onwards, LOCAL extended its support to internally displaced people from both communities through the **People's Resource Development Association** (PRDA) and the **Evangelical Assembly Church (EAC)** in **non-tribal and tribal areas**, respectively. Additional assistance was coordinated with the **Centre for Research and Advocacy Manipur (CRAM)** to reach valley areas.

Key highlights

3565 beneficiaries across 23 relief camps with support from Oak Foundation, an anonymous donor and crouwfunding

Supported with dry rations for community kitchens, hygiene essentials, non-food items, children's food, clean drinking water, ceiling and pedestal fans, solar lamps, and more.

The first LOCAL response to the ethnic violence was initiated within seven days of conflict onset, with the assistance of LOCAL member NEADS and local supporter REDI in Cachar district, Assam provided.

Relief support and drinking

water provided to 1330 IDPs

in 8 Assam relief camps





Subsequently, support was extended to 2235 displaced Meitei and Kuki IDPs in Manipur relief camps, coordinated through LOCAL members PRDA and EAC.

The response is ongoing and has now transitioned into the recovery phase, given the continued volatility in the entire state.

Looking ahead, LOCAL devised long-term plans to assist individuals in the camps across two districts of Manipur through a community-centred approach called **Survivor and Community-Led Response (SCLR).**

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1.4 SURVIVOR AND COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSE (SCLR)

The **Survivor & Community-Led Response (SCLR) Co-Designing Workshop**, facilitated by Mr. Justin Corbett took place in Jorhat, Assam, from November 15–18, 2023. The workshop covered foundational aspects of supporting community-led responses, including the Core SCLR Approach and Appreciative Inquiry. Practical measures such as "Do Less Harm" strategies and microgrant distribution were also emphasized to reinforce mutual aid and accountability. The workshop focused on "learning by doing" and addressed crucial operational aspects such as process and impact monitoring, practical implementation of programming, action planning, and budgeting. The primary aim was to equip participants with the tools needed for immediate impact while fostering sustainable community empowerment through a participatory approach.



Key highlights

Following the co-design workshop, the SCLR initiative was **piloted in four districts across two states.** The initiative was launched in Assam through LOCAL partners **AGUP** and **NEADS** in Barpeta and Jorhat and in Manipur through LOCAL partners **PRDA** and **EAC** in Bishnupur and Churchandpur districts.

March 2024, droughts in Western In Maharashtra impacted 24 blocks in Solapur, Sangli and Satara districts. The blocks are recognised as permanently drought-prone areas due to low average rainfall. Following a state-wide drought alert issued by the local government, LOCAL member **Dr Ambedkar** Shetty Vikas Va Sanshodhan Sanstha (ASVSS) received support for drought mitigation efforts, addressing food and water insecurity for over 90 acres of land.





Key highlights

The efforts included water rejuvenation for two wells with low water capacity for the past 13 years. This significantly increased their output and benefited **35 marginalised** families in the area.

1.6 ASSAM FLOOD RESPONSE



As part of its early recovery and mitigation efforts following the devastating floods in Assam in HAI the Village 2022, initiated Disaster Response Force (VDRF) with 623 community members from 15 affected villages across two districts in Assam, as а proactive and comprehensive approach aimed at enhancing community resilience.

These members have been trained in various aspects of emergency response, including emergency search and rescue, psychosocial first aid, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), gender sensitisation, climate change awareness, rights and entitlements, and the digitisation of identity documents.

Key highlights

To address the root cause of soil erosion in the most affected areas of Barpeta district, a long-term mitigation strategy was implemented using the traditional yet effective bamboo screening method, in coordination with the Water Resource Department and district administration. **A total of 1,104 running meters of bamboo screening were installed along the Beki riverbanks** in Jania-Daukmari and Kalampur, successfully reducing erosion and increasing siltation in the treated areas.







On June 2, 2023, three trains collided in the Balasore district, in the state of Odisha. A total of 294 people were killed in the crash, and 1,175 others were injured. It was India's deadliest railway crash in the past 28 years and the deadliest rail disaster worldwide after 2004. LOCAL started responding on 3 June 2023, within 24 hours of the incident, through its member the Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), and another supporter, the Alternative for Rural Movement (ARM).

Key highlights

The response included providing cooked food to 1518 people, evaluating the overall condition of 234 people, coordinating with 34 families to find loved ones, collecting blood donations from 37 people, and providing care for 24 children. Overall, the response reached over 2500 people.

1.8 TROPICAL CYCLONE BIPARJOY

LOCAL mobilised support for **600 individuals with shelter kits** from Amazon, facilitated by Donatekart, for the severely impacted districts of Kutch and Morbi, implemented via LOCAL member organisation UNNATI and local supporter ANANDI India.



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On 11th July 2023, floods in Delhi's Yamuna Bank caused distress for refugee communities at Signature Bridge and Majnu Ka Tila camps, resulting in the total displacement of the communities to the roadside with insufficient facilities and compromised security.

LOCAL, through its secretariat, Humanitarian Aid International (HAI), **facilitated cooked food support** for the initial few days and coordinated with local authorities to mobilise interim shelters, health check-ups, mobile toilets, and waste management.

Key highlights

LOCAL mobilised support for **120 severely** affected families by distributing shelter kits and ration kits with support from Amazon, facilitated by Donatekart. LOCAL additionally focused on restoring a sense of stability and security through the construction of disaster-resilient shelters for at least **30** families from the affected community.



1.9.1 DELHI FLOOD

RESPONSE

1.9.2 UTTARAKHAND LANDSLIDE AND FLOOD RESPONSE



Relentless rainfall in the Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand led to the erosion of land and soil, resulting in the unfortunate loss of farms and barns.

Key highlights

LOCAL had mobilised support for **108 families with 120 ration kits** from Amazon, facilitated by Donatekart. The most affected families across four villages of Rudraprayag district were reached out with support through collaboration with the LOCAL member **Parvatiya Niyojan Vikas Sansthan (PNVS)**, which addressed the most immediate needs of the affected families.





On 14th August 2023, several districts in Himachal Pradesh were affected by floods and landslides. LOCAL, with support from the **Rural Technology Development Centre (RTDC)** acted on priority by providing support to **298 affected families** in Kullu and Mandi districts with immediate necessities. LOCAL arranged **ration kits, family kits and shelter kits** for the most vulnerable individuals.



PART II LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS



2.1 OVERVIEW

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The Local Organisations' Coalition for Advancing Localisation (LOCAL) is a platform of Indian local, hyperlocal, and national NGOs, with 22 members across 13 states, bound by an Accountability Charter. LOCAL aims to alter the humanitarian architecture, seeking prompt, relevant, cost-efficient, and durable solutions. LOCAL is an opportunity to strategically approach localisation in India by representing local voices and organising grass-roots and local organisations to decolonise aid architectures, contextualise international frameworks, and assist local actors in leading transformative initiatives towards durable solutions for complex challenges.





2.2 LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

2.2.1 LOCAL INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

A LOCAL Communications Officer, Finance Officer, and Fundraising Officer were appointed to work on gaps among LOCAL members in communication, financial practices, fundraising efforts and strategy development to provide handholding support to address these issues effectively.

2.2.2 LOCAL SURVIVOR AND COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSE

45 community initiatives received small support totalling **USD 49,710 (INR 40,95,121)** during the piloting period of 6 months as directly as possible to enhance their mutual aid initiatives.

2.2.3 LOCAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE ROSTER

A LOCAL Roster was initiated to map the professional and technical capacities available among the LOCAL network, with 40 humanitarian professionals across 15 states currently enlisted. The objective of the LOCAL Humanitarian Response Roster is to fortify surge capacity, ensuring timely, efficient, costeffective, and high-quality humanitarian interventions that adhere to established standards and accountability measures. It is designed to enhance and support local response mechanisms rather than supplanting the responsibilities of member external organisations or requiring assistance.



Key Highlights

- One-year accident insurance provided to 84 front-line workers (71 personnel from seven LOCAL member organisations AGUP, NEADS, ASVSS, PRDA, EAC, PNVS and PSS and 13 community volunteers who were engaged in Manipur conflict response).
- 17 LOCAL members have functional social media handles and organisation websites.
- 15 initiatives have been undertaken to introduce LOCAL members to donors.
- LOCAL **reduced the emergency response time by 35%,** from an initial 72 hours or more to an average of 47 hours for the first response over the past year.

LOCAL has **published 18 situation reports for 10 disasters within an average timeframe of 47 hours** from the onset of each event. Under LOCAL, eight disasters across seven states have been responded to by LOCAL members with support from LOCAL. A total of **USD 72,373 (INR 59,62,088) in funding** has been made available to LOCAL members more directly to enable effective locally-led responses.

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PART III **BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN THE SUNDARBANS DELTA**

HAI's interventions in the Sundarban Delta targeted mangrove reforestation, climate change mitigation, rising sea levels, cyclones, and salinity intrusion, jeopardizing millions of lives. The programme, led by HAI in partnership with Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI), is intended to empower communities and advocate for global climate action. Utilizing geospatial drone mapping, risks were identified and targeted prevention measures were promoted while supporting sustainable livelihoods for women and farmers. The programme propelled community resilience. Successful initiatives generated income and promoted environmental sustainability. Collaboration with partners, including SPADE and Jadavpur University, culminated in a landmark conference on climate resilience, engaging 300 stakeholders in vital discourse and action.



LIVELIHOODS **ENHANCEMENT**

Fishery, Banana, Jackfruit, Kitchen Garden, Organic Farming, Paper Plate manifacturing, Honey, Tailoring



Community Awareness Programme, Environment and DRR related Activities, Roadside Plantation, Soil Management & Plant Management



EMPOWERMENT

Training and Capacity Building, SHG Formation, Financial Inclusion, Income Generation.



Mangrove Plantations, Cash for Work



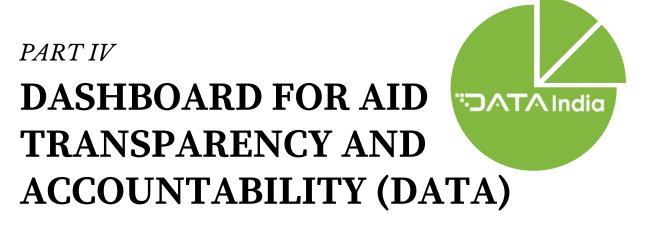
Key Highlights



VDRF Formation, Mock Drills, Lightning Arrestor, School Children Orientation, Humanitarian **Response** Material

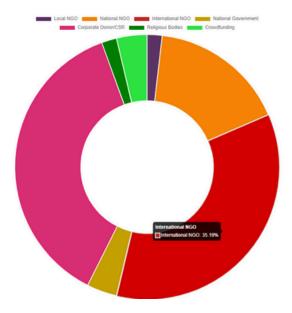
Through a developmental nexus approach, the programme provided 598 direct beneficiaries livelihood has opportunities through agriculture, animal husbandry, cottage industry manufacturing, organised foraging, apiculture, pisciculture and clean energy generation.

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The **Dashboard for Aid Transparency and Accountability (DATA)** was soft-launched in **January 2024** as a first-of-its-kind, voluntary, sector-led dashboard in India designed for humanitarian actors in India and donors worldwide. LOCAL secretariat HAI launched DATA as a one-stop platform to track humanitarian funding flows in India and to enhance the financial accountability and transparency of actors receiving humanitarian funding while increasing the visibility of frontline organisations and advocating for equitable partnerships within the sector.

Key Highlights



Currently, DATA has 36 local and grassroots NGOs and crowdfunding platforms registered on the platform. As of March 2024, approximately **INR 173,697,008 (USD 210,848) has been reported** on DATA through **44 entries from 15 humanitarian organisations.**

The International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI), Financial Tracking System (FTS) and Core Humanitarian Standards Alliance (CHS) have extended support to explore potential complementarity with DATA by pooling responses and reporting country-level financial information. HAI has also joined IATI Connect to exchange resources and insights and to link DATA for country-level IATI reporting. (CHS)

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PART V

HAI GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND **OPERATIONS**

5.1 HAI BOARD MEMBERS, **DONORS AND ADVISORS**

HAI BOARD MEMBERS

Vice-President Mr Pradeep Bhatnagar

Secretary/ CEO Mr Sudhanshu S Singh

Treasurer Mr Sudhir Kumar

Trustees

Mr NM Prusty

Mr Arockiam Vedamuthu

Mr PV Krishnan

Dr Ranjana Mittal

Ms Meenakshi Batra

REMUNERATION/ REIMBURSEMENT TO BOARD MEMBERS:

Supervision Fee: ₹ 19,00,000/-

Reimbursement: ₹ 71,657/-

ADVISORS

Mr Abhishek Prakash

Mr Akshat Joshi

OUR DONORS

Vitol Foundation Oak Foundation **Give Foundation Ltd** Crowdfunded/ Private Donors

Culver Max Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. Organisation fur Eine Solidarische Welt 145 Individual Donors

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5.2 FY 2023 - 2024

HAI AUDIT FINANCIALS

Income	2023-2024	2022-2023	Expenditure	2023-2024	2022-2023
Donation (Domestic)	35,63,752	1,41,19,857	Programme Cost (Domestic)	32,84,516	86,86,852
Foreign Contribution Total	3,36,15,690 3,71,79,442	2,79,69,267 4,20,89,124	Programme Cost (Foreign)	2,96,27,132	2,32,39,095
			Operational Expenses	4,03,214	6,18,092
			Total	3,33,14,862	3,25,44,039

5.3 DISTRIBUTION OF HAI STAFF MEMBERS

Name	Gender	Designation	Salary Bracket	
Rajeev Kumar Jha	М	Director - DRR	60,001-1,10,000	
Tarini Annette Ross	F	Sr Programme Manager		
Atma Prakash	Μ	Finance Manager		
Suresh Chand Bhatt	М	Finance Officer	30001-60000	
Tamanna Yadav	F	Programme Officer		
Nahith Beegam	F	Programme Officer		
Arani Majumdar	F	Programme Officer		
Nishant Joshi	М	Programme Support Officer		
Anoushka Wanchho	F	Communication & Sponsorship Officer		
Souvik Kumar Chandra	М	Field Coordinator		
Ashwani Singh	М	Field Officer		
Pradeep M		Account & Admin - Assistant	- Below 30000	
Neetu	eetu F Field Coordinator			
Karan Verma	М	Office Attendant		



5.4 OUR IDENTITY

Humanitarian Aid International is registered as an NGO under the **Indian Trusts Act, 1882 (Reg. No. 522)**.

Humanitarian Aid International is registered under Section 12A (a) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and donations to the organisation have been granted exemption under Section 80G of the Act. HAI is also registered under CSR with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) with the registration number CSR00000222

Humanitarian Aid International is registered under Section 11 (1) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA Reg. No. 231661875)

OUR BANKING AND AUDIT

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AUDITOR

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ABRIDGED FINANCIALS

ABRIDGE INCOME & EXPENDITURE (IN LAKHS) 2023-24

Total Income	Rs. 371.79
Total Expenditure	Rs. 333.04
Excess of Income over Expenditure	Rs. 38.75

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET (IN LAKHS) 2023-24

General Fund & Excess of Income Over Expenditure	Rs. 261.55
Fixed Assets Control Fund	. Rs. 6.25
Total	. Rs. 268.07
Fixed Asset	. Rs. 6.25
Investment	. Rs. 256.32
Current Asset	. Rs. 5.23
Total	. Rs. 268.07

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PART VI INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- HAI attended the Humanitarian, Development, and Peace Nexus Conference in Denmark as an A4EP representative on 5th and 6th October 2023.
- LOCAL was represented by HAI in the **Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week (RHPW) 2023**, held in Bangkok. Also, LOCAL moderated a session on pooled funds, intermediaries in localisation, and the decolonisation of aid.

6.1 INTERNATIONAL CONVENING AND PARTNERSHIPS

- LOCAL members, **ASVSS and HAI**, participated in the **Core Humanitarian Standards Asia-Pacific region revision workshop**, and a **seminar on contextualising safeguarding community engagement and communication**.
- HAI represented LOCAL at Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN) Annual Meet and Shrinking Humanitarian Space Conference organised by Community World Service Asia (CWSA) in December 2023.



HAI CEO and Founder was one of the steering group members for the **World Humanitarian Action Forum (WHAF) consultations** that sought opinions on the involvement of diaspora humanitarians in aid sector reform. An insights **report by the name Promoting Collaboration and Challenging Inequitable Systems** was written which draws upon participant perspectives concerning desired partnership dynamics and what the collaborative space would look like.

- HAI was invited to take part in a survey conducted by the **Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG)** for their research study on the inequalities in humanitarian response related to staff movement and recruitment.
- HAI CEO and Founder has contributed to Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG)'s new report (which we presented at the RHPW), **Respectful Recruitment in Humanitarian Response**: Why we need it and how to do it. This paper is part of HAG's People, Power, and Local Leadership stream of the Humanitarian Horizons Research Program 2021-24.



6.4 ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS

HAI CEO and founder was invited by **Deakin Univerity for a consultation to discuss review and provide inputs into graduate programme** offerings on International and Community Development, Humanitarian Assistance, and Disaster Response. ΗAÍ

PART VII MESSAGE FROM HAI STAKEHOLDERS

"The world needs an Indian vision of humanitarian aid. HAI is an inspiring example of practical thinking, compassionate action, and international engagement."



Dr Hugo Slim University of Oxford



Tanya Wood Director, CHS Alliance

"It has been wonderful to engage with the work of HAI, to see the fantastic work they are doing to support front line workers, as well as pull more transparency and accountability into the system through their work on the data platform. We look forward to continuing the collaboration with them"



"HAI has made significant strides in humanitarian response, disaster risk reduction, and climate resilience work. We extend our sincere appreciation to HAI particularly for conceptualizing and developing the Dashboard for Aid Transparency and Accountability (DATA)-a pioneering initiative in the humanitarian sector. DATA is set to revolutionize transparency and accountability in humanitarian funding across India, ensuring aid reaches those in need more effectively and efficiently."



Sandeep Sharma, Executive Director, FMSF



Regina "Nanette" Antequisa, Executive Director, ECOWEB Philippines

"HAI has demonstrated exceptional leadership not only in advancing transparency of aid and safeguarding frontline workers but also in driving strong global advocacy for transforming the humanitarian system and policies. By mobilizing local resources and fostering regional and international cooperation, HAI continues to champion the localization agenda and make a profound impact in supporting crisis-affected communities in India and beyond!"





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