

Event Report

A DIALOGUE ON AWARENESS AND ACTION IN CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH

December 1, 2021

National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi



National Programme
on Climate Change
and Human Health

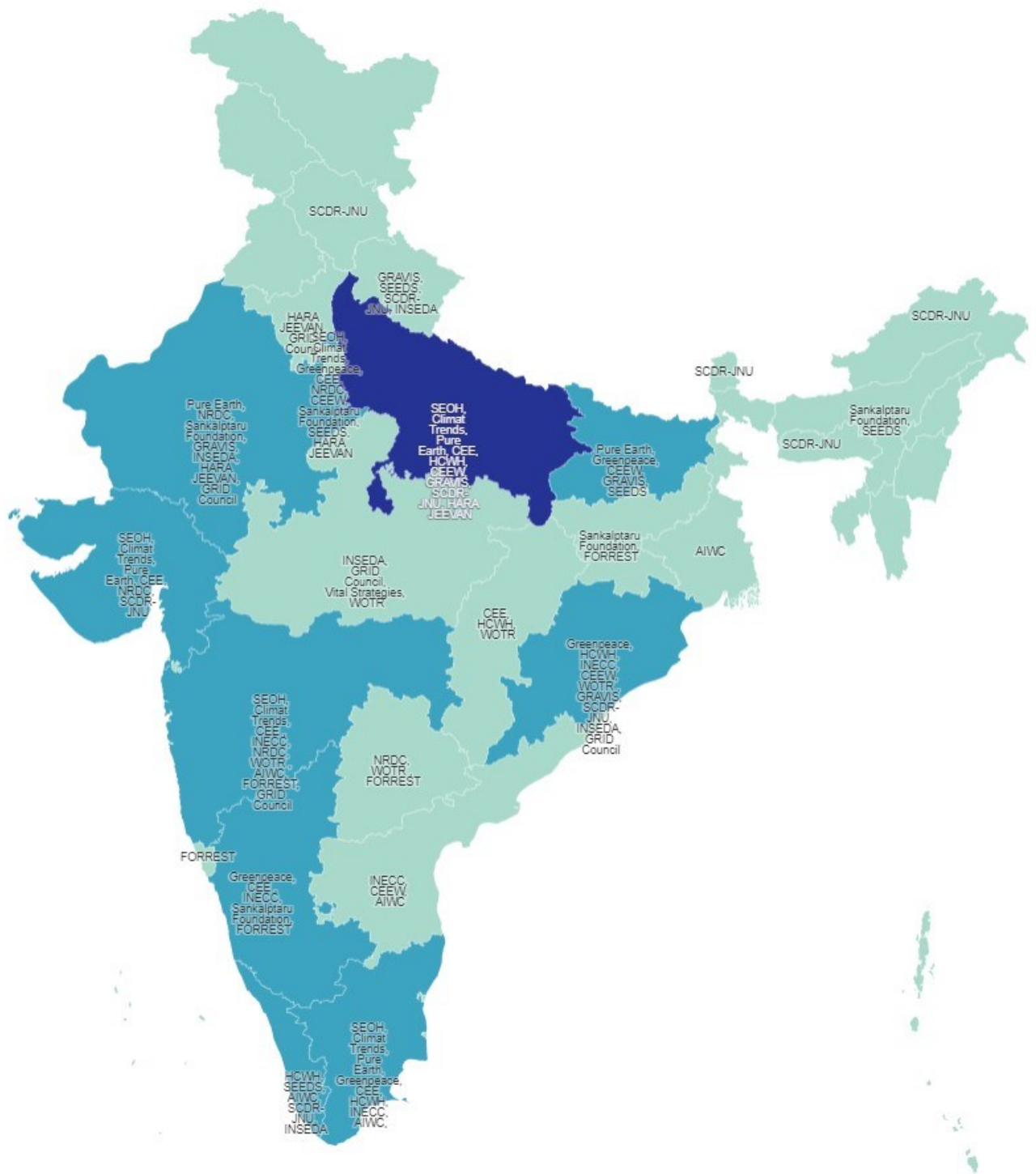
The role of non-state actors in advancing climate action is well recognized. WHO and recent research studies have asserted the importance of such entities, including civil society organizations (CSO), in overcoming the impact of climate change. CSOs play a vital role in advancing climate action through campaigns in conservation, advocacy, and conflict resolution. They facilitate the population's access to climate information and work as a bridge between research institutions and the population, and encourage direct dialogue. By working close to communities, they give voice to the most vulnerable groups and ensure vulnerable groups are adequately addressed in the policy process, and help integrate disaster risk reduction with a participatory approach. To advance climate awareness and action in the country about the impact of climate change on health, the need for collaboration with CSO is perceived by the National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH).

On **December 1, 2021**, NPCCHH, NCDC, organized a meeting with CSOs that have a presence in Delhi. The meeting, **A Dialogue on Awareness and Action in Climate Change and Health**, aimed to identify areas of mutual interest and activities related to climate change and human health for collaboration. The event began with a detailed presentation on NPCCHH's objectives and activities by Dr. Purvi Patel, Sr. Consultant, at 9.30 am, followed by a welcome note from Dr. Sujeet Singh, Director, NCDC (Annexure 2). Dr. Aakash Shrivastava, Additional Director, and HoD, NPCCHH, further explained the framework of NPCCHH implementation, answered queries from the CSO representatives and set the agenda of the further dialogue. This is followed by an introduction from each CSO representative of their work and geographical presence in the country and potential subject area of mutual interest and collaboration. About 32 CSO representatives from 25 organizations attended the meeting and presented their interests (Annexure 1). Details of their activities were also collected through a semi-structured questionnaire for further understanding and mapping. The event was organized with COVID-19 appropriate measures in consideration.

As a way forward, the CSO are invited to send a brief concept note on one activity they would like to pursue in a specific geographical location in collaboration with NPCCHH.

Preliminary analysis of survey questionnaire of 23 CSO responses is presented below.

A. Mapping of CSO's presence states/UT



B. CSO's specific subject area of work in the field of climate change

Climate change related work area	No of CSO
Air pollution related illness	14
Allergic diseases	1
Cardio pulmonary diseases	2
Coastal climate sensitive diseases	2
Disaster risk reduction	9
Energy conservation/Alternative energy/Energy transition	6
Environment education	1
Green & sustainable health care	6
Health information system	6
Heat related illness	4
Hilly region climate sensitive diseases	2
Mental Health	5
Nutrition related diseases/ Food security	9
Occupational health	7
Point source pollution	1
Sustainable infrastructure	12
Vector borne diseases	5
Vulnerability assessment	7
Waste management	1
Water borne diseases	5

Many CSO work in multiple fields. Most CSO worked in air pollution (14), sustainable infrastructure (12), and disaster risk reduction (9).

B. Type of civil society organization attended the meeting

CSO type	No of CSO (N=23)
Academic Institution	3
Development NGO	1
Disaster reduction and climate change adaptation	1
Energy and environment, sustainable development	1
Environmental health and ecology	1
Environmental organization	1
Health & Development NGO	11
Health & Development NGO, Research agency	1
Health NGO	1
Health NGO, Health & Development NGO, Research agency	1
Health NGO, Medical Association	1
Medical Association	1
Non-Health NGO	3

Annexure 1: Attendee List

	Organization Name	Representative	Designation
1	All India Women's conference	Ms. Ritu Ms. Pratibha Arya	Program manager Programme officer
2	Allergy Asthma Forum, HQ at VPCI	Dr. Parul Mrigpuri	Program Manager
3	Centre for Environmental Education	Mr. Naim Akhtar Ms. Tannu Saini	Programme Coordinator Project documentation assistant and field supervisor
4	Climate Trends	Ms. Palak Balyan Ms. Gunjan Jain	Consulting Scientist Communication Strategist
5	Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW)	Mr. Abhinash Mohanty Ms. Shreya Wadhawan	P.L. Research analyst
6	FORREST	Ms. Neha Singh	Director
7	Geohazards Society	Mr. Hari Kumar	Regional Coordinator
8	Gramin vikas vigyan samiti (GRAVIS)	Ms. Madhureema Auddy	Program Coordinator
9	Greenpeace India	Mr. Avinash Chanchal Mr. Rohin Kumar	
10	GRID Council	Dr. Archisman Mohapatra	Executive Director
11	Hara Jeevan	Ms. Mohit Saini	Director
12	Healthcare without Harm	Ms. Shweta Narayan	Climate and Health Campaigner
13	Indian College of Allergy, Asthma, Applied Immunology	Dr. A B Singh	Secretary ICAAI
14	INECC people's voice in policy choices	Mr. Myron Mendes	National Facilitator
15	INSEDA	Mr. Sanjeev Nathan Mr. Ashok Zutshi	Sr. Consultant
16	JNU Special Center for Disaster Research	Dr. P K Joshi, Dr. Nikunj Makwana	Professor School of Environmental Sciences & Chairperson of SCDR, Assistant Professor
17	Lung Care Foundation	Dr. Rajeev Khurana	Co-Founder and Trustee
18	Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC)	Mr. Polash Mukarhjee	Lead, Air Quality, and Climate Resilience
19	National Research Development Corporation	Mr. Sanjeev	
20	Pure Earth Org	Ms. Promila Sharma Malik	Director
21	Sankalptaru Foundation	Mr. Rohan Thomas	Program Specialist
22	Society of Environment and Occupational Health (SEOH)	Dr. Rajiv Garg	President
23	Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS)	Mr. Parag Talemkar	Director Planning & Mobilization
24	Vital Strategies	Mr. L.M. Singh	CEO & MD
25	Watershed Organization Trust (WOTR)	Mr. Rishu Garg Mr. Dhyna Dudeja	Deputy Director

Annexure 2: Event Schedule

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Civil Society Organizations


WITH
AND
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December 1, 2021 9:00am-5:00pm
National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi

MORNING	
09:00am	Registration
09:15am	Introduction to NPCCHH
10:00am	Welcome from Director, NCDC
11:15am-1:00pm	Introduction from Organizations

AFTERNOON	
01:00pm	Lunch
01:30pm	Introduction from Organizations <i>(continued)</i>
04:00pm	Discussion
05:00pm	Vote of thanks

Tea with snacks will be served in both the sessions

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Annexure 3: Snapshots of the event



Director, NCDC chairing the meeting with more than 30 Civil Society Organization representatives with officers from National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH) on December 1, 2021 at NCDC, Delhi



Deliberations of the Civil Society Organization meeting with NPCCHH, on December 1, 2021 at NCDC, Delhi