



# Organisational Mapping for Heat Resilience in India

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# Overview

Extreme heat in India has emerged as one of the most pervasive and rapidly intensifying climate hazards. With the increase in frequency, intensity, and duration of heatwaves and the associated rise in heat stress, the far-reaching implications have already been experienced country-wide. This highlights a growing need for coordinated, multi-sectoral responses to manage the potential risks, particularly in urban and peri-urban contexts. In this regard, the Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP) has undertaken the **Building Heat Resilience in India's Growing Urbanscapes (BHRIGU)** project to link data-driven evidence with policy and action. To facilitate this, we are conducting an organisational mapping exercise of actors engaged in building heat resilience in India.

Organisations are being identified using targeted keywords, publicly available reports, and project portfolios. This ongoing exercise serves as an analytical starting point for identifying overlaps and opportunities for collaboration to build heat resilience in India. Visualisations based on the data collated so far are presented in this document.

Organisations are invited to participate in this exercise by scanning the QR code at the end of this booklet to share their details.

# Organisational Categories

## Shaping Heat Resilience

In recent years, India has made notable progress in recognising heat as a policy concern, and the national discourse is being actively shaped by a variety of actors. So far, we have identified 117 such organisations and consortia (Figure 1). These organisations have been segregated by their primary mandate and the scale of their operational presence, with multi-state referring to organisations that have an active presence across more than one state.

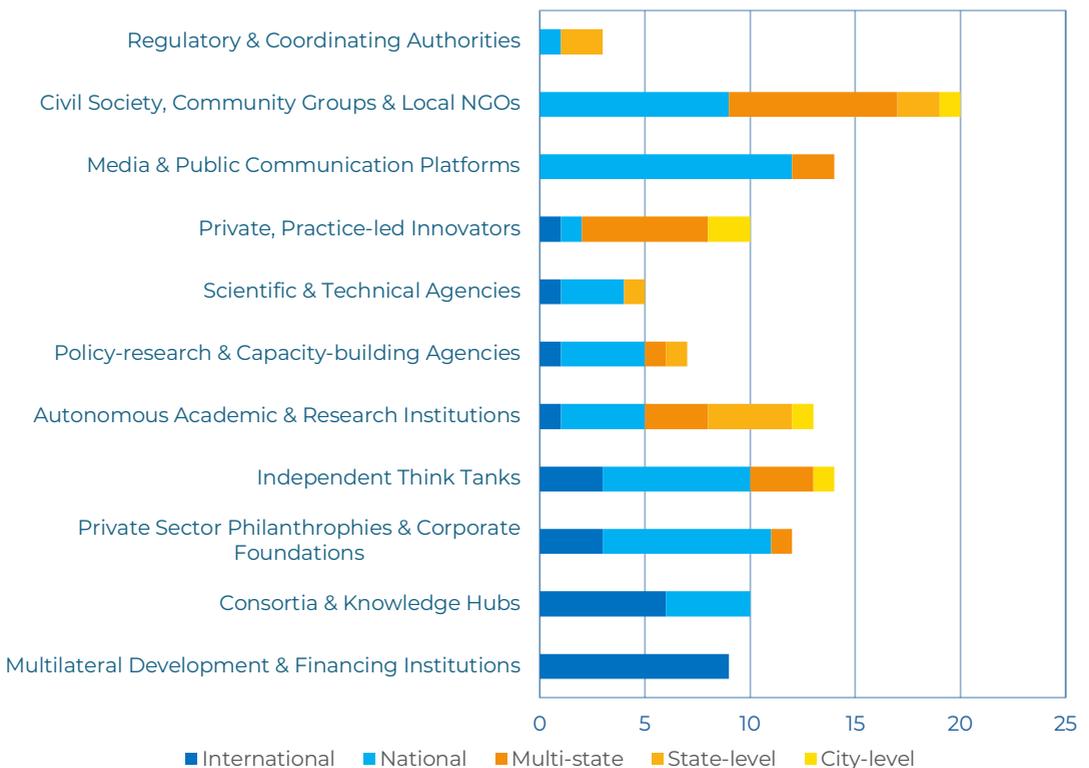


Figure 1: Distribution of organisations across scales

# Geographic Presence

Overall, 74 of the 117 identified organisations, both national and international, have pan-India relevance. To visualise the spatial distribution, we have mapped organisations that operate at the sub-national level.

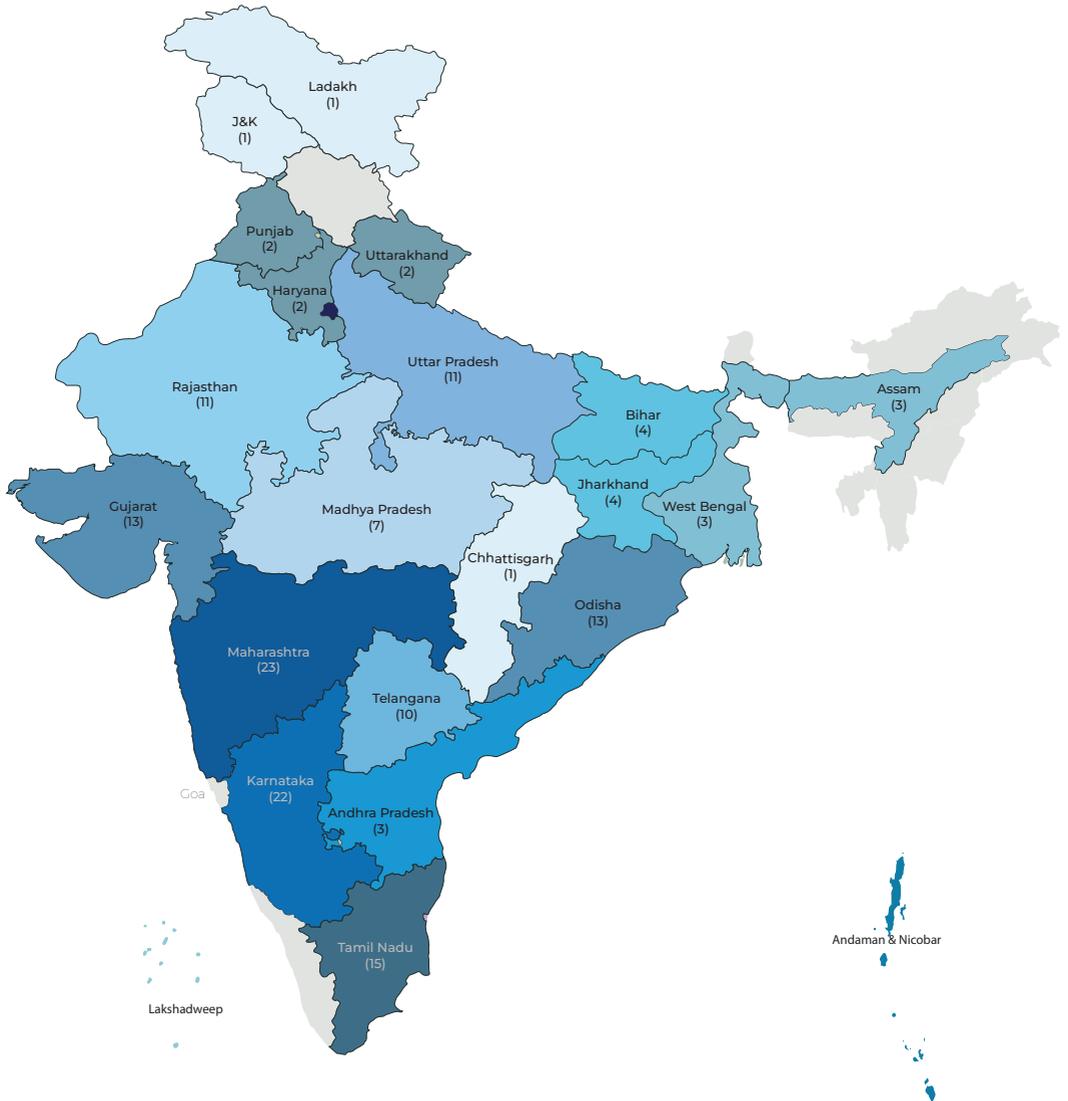


Figure 2: India-wide distribution of active organisations. Darker shades indicate a higher density of organisations across states. (Note: Since some organisations may operate in multiple states, total counts exceed the sum of organisations mapped.)

# Core Pathways

To determine the focus of work, each organisation was mapped to a primary heat resilience pathway based on its dominant area of engagement. We used keywords identified from published work and ongoing projects. The majority of actors are engaged in heat governance and policy pathways, placing a strong emphasis on Heat Action Plans, institutional coordination, and regulatory frameworks. In contrast, fewer organisations focus explicitly on mental health and heat and water–heat interactions (linking water access, scarcity, or services with heat exposure or coping). The tree map (Figure 3) identifies potential gaps and opportunities for engagement related to heat.

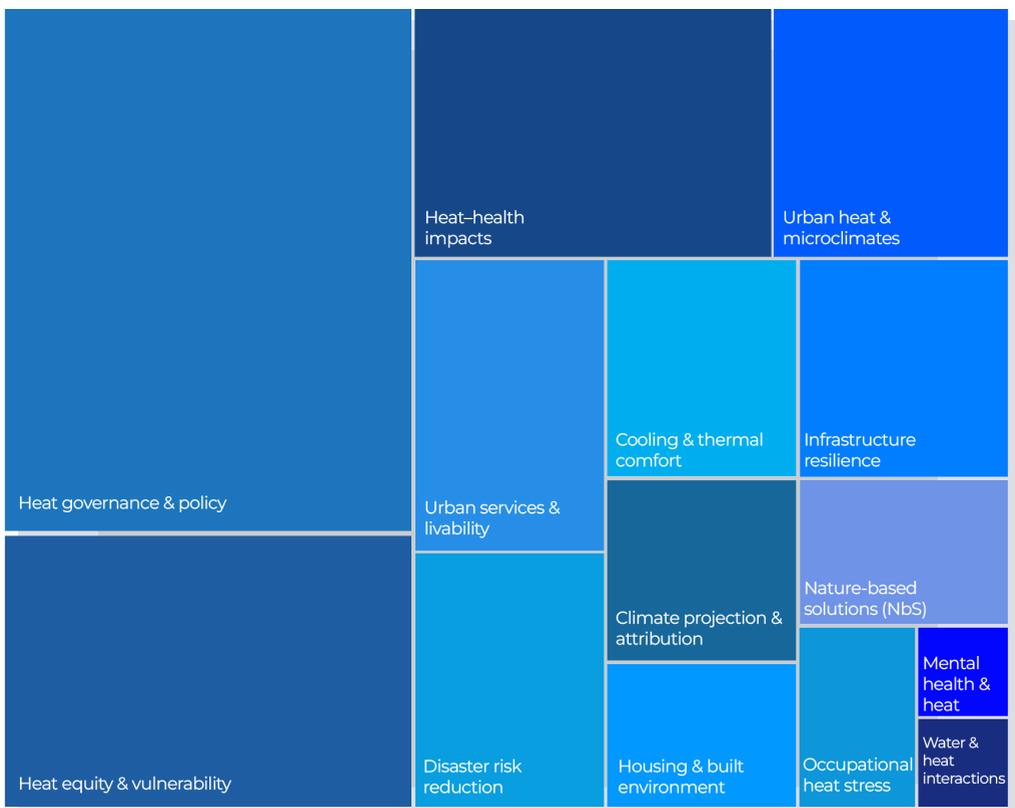


Figure 3: Tree map of core pathways through which the mapped organisations prioritise heat resilience. A larger area represents a greater number of organisations prioritising the pathway. (Note: This figure is indicative only.)



## List of Organisations Mapped So Far

Aga Khan Development Network  
All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI)  
Architecture for Dialogue (A4D)  
Atlantic Council's Climate Resilience Center (Arsht-Rock)  
ARTPark  
Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)  
Ashraya Hastha  
Asian Development Bank (ADB)  
Association for Promotion of Social Action (APSA)  
Basti Suraksha Manch  
BIOME Environmental Solutions  
C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc.  
Carbon Impacts  
CarbonCopy  
cBalance  
Centre for Environment Education (CEE)  
Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT)  
Centre for Policy Research (CPR)  
Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)  
Citizen Matters

CivicDataLabs (CDL)  
Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)  
Climate Trends  
Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)  
Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Foundation  
Confederation of Risk Reduction Professionals (CRRP) India  
Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC)  
Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)  
Dasra  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)  
Dr BN College of Architecture (BNCA) Pune  
Farmers for Forests (F4F)  
Fridays for Future India  
Green, Resilient, Risk-Informed Development (GRRID) Corps  
Greenpeace India  
Hasiru Dala  
HeatWatch  
Heatwave Action Coalition  
Hindustan Times / TOI  
Housing Lands Rights Network  
HSBC  
HT Parekh Foundation (HTPF)  
Hyderabad Urban Lab  
iFOREST

India Climate Collaborative (ICC)  
India Development Review (IDR)  
India Health Fund (IHF)  
India Meteorological Department (IMD)  
Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)  
Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH) -  
Gandhinagar  
Indian Institute of Science (IISc)  
Indian Institute of Technology (IITs)  
Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM)  
IndiaSpend  
Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)  
Institute of Social and Environmental  
Transition (ISET)-India  
Integrated Design (INDÉ)  
Integrated Research and Action for  
Development (IRADe)  
International Finance Corporation (IFC)  
International Labour Organisation (ILO)  
Jan Pahal  
Jan Sahas  
Jana Urban Space  
Janagraha  
Jhatkaa  
Khushi baby  
M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation  
(MSSRF)  
Maharashtra Institution for Transformation  
(MITRA)  
Mahila Housing Trust (MHT)  
Mariwala Health Initiative  
Mongabay  
National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)  
National Disaster Management Authority  
(NDMA)  
National Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS)  
University  
National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)  
National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
Natural Resources Defence Council (NRDC)  
Observer Research Foundation (ORF)  
Okapi Research and Advisory Pvt Ltd.  
Oorvani Foundation  
PATH India  
Praja

Prayas Energy  
Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)  
Question of Cities  
Rainmatter  
Reap Benefit  
Relief India Trust  
Resilience AI 360  
Resilient Cities Network  
Resilient Cities Network (R-cities)  
Reuters/Thomson Reuters Foundation  
Rockefeller Foundation  
Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies (RNP)  
Scroll  
SELCO Foundation  
Self-Employed Women's Association  
(SEWA) Federation  
Setu Mitra India  
Social Policy Research Foundation  
(SPRF)  
Sphere India  
State Disaster Management Authorities  
(SDMAs)  
Sustainable Environment and Ecological  
Development Society (SEEDS)  
Sustainable Futures Collaborative (SFC)  
Sustera Foundation  
Taru Leading Edge  
The Energy and Resources Institute  
(TERI)  
The George Institute for Global Health  
The Hindu  
The Wire Science  
UN Environmental Programme (Cool  
Coalition)  
UN-Habitat  
Visvesvaraya National Institute of  
Technology (VNIT), Nagpur  
Wellcome Trust  
Wipro Foundation  
World Bank  
World Resources Institute - India (WRI)  
Yuvaa

## Next Steps

The mapping is intended to support more deliberate collaboration, targeted capacity building, and informed engagement across the ecosystem. To enable this, we encourage organisations to share their relevant publications and contact details via the QR code provided below. Collectively, these actors define the institutional landscape that will shape and support future heat resilience efforts in India.



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