



NSDMA
NAGALAND STATE **DISASTER** MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Aapda Mitra

“Aapda Mitra training benefited me as I learned many lifesaving skills, such as CPR, Earthquake, flood rescue, fire incident, and forest fire. Hands-on training on these topics was more effective.”

~**Mr Keyipeigongbe**, *Aapda Mitra* trainee, *Peren*.

“The training was a good learning experience as I can confidently say that I am prepared and equipped with knowledge and practical skills to rescue during disasters.”

~**Mr. Angukha**, *Aapda Mitra*, *Zunheboto*

Aapda Mitra, meaning “Friends in Disaster,” is a central sector scheme that aims to train community volunteers with the skills they need to respond to their community’s immediate needs in the aftermath of a disaster. The Scheme would enable them to undertake essential relief and rescue tasks during emergencies such as floods and urban flooding. Community youths in Dimapur completed the pilot project of Aapda Mitra with the support of the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, and over 200 volunteers have been trained in flood search and rescue.

Over the years, the state has witnessed inundated cases of disaster causing immense loss of lives, livelihood, and properties. The disaster has increased due to unpredictable weather and climatic change phenomena. Therefore, the need to strengthen the local community to respond to the catastrophe effectively has surged.



THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME

- Development and Standardization of training modules at the National Level;
- Development of Information Knowledge Management System at National level linked to States/UTs;
- Training institutions to be empaneled by respective States/UTs at the State/UT level;
- To train 6000 community volunteers in life-saving skills of disaster response (flood relief and rescue), coordination, assistance, and provide personal protective equipment and emergency responder kits;
- To create a Community Emergency Stockpile/Reserve at the district/block level containing essential light search and rescue equipment, medical first aid kits, etc;
- To disseminate training and education tools developed under the project to more flood-prone districts in subsequent phases of the Scheme.

Thus, to effectively manage disasters, the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, in collaboration with the Home Guard, Civil Defence and SDRF, with support from the National Disaster Management Authority, organized training programs.