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Australia India Water Security Initiative

AIWASI COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

AIWASI CDP

***“Transitioning two
disadvantaged communities
in Delhi along the continuum
towards a water sensitive city
by 2025”***

The Australia India Water Security Initiative's (AIWASI) Community Demonstration Project (CDP) aims to improve water security and liveability conditions for two disadvantaged communities in Delhi, India in line with Water Sensitive City (WSC) and Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) principles.

This initiative, with its focus on women and girls, involves co-development of community-level vision, priorities, plans and implementation of Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) (refer *AIWASI-WSUD Toolkit*) pilot demonstration projects through participatory processes. Collaborative governance (including participatory decision-making processes and joint accountability mechanisms), capacity development and knowledge sharing are being facilitated through 'City Water Forum' (CWF) (refer *AIWASI-CWF Toolkit*).

VISION



Prioritise SDG 6.1



Improve Water
Security



Implement
Participatory
Approach



Empower
Communities



Transition to a
Water resilient
City

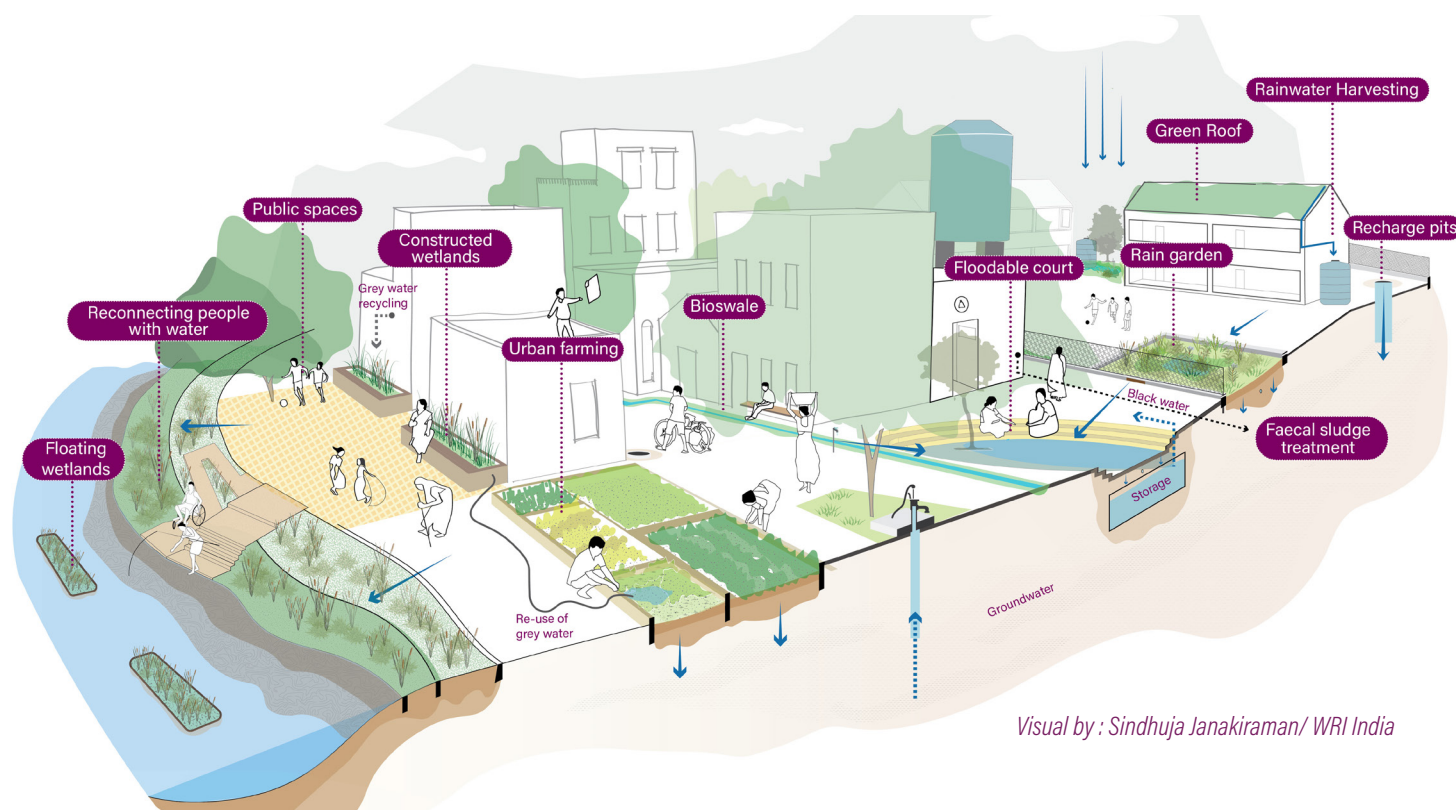
The project is a ***‘living laboratory’*** that will showcase sustainable triple bottom line outcomes – environment, social amenity, security and well-being, and economics

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WATER SENSITIVE CITIES APPROACH

The Water Sensitive City (WSC) vision is underpinned by three principles:

- Understanding cities as catchments to provide resources at different scales in fit-for purpose applications.
- Cities provide ecosystem services to integrate urban water management into the urban landscape, providing multiple benefits such as heat mitigation, ecological health and landscape amenity.
- Water conscious communities, where citizens value and connect with their water environments, engage in water conscious behaviour and water professionals work collaboratively to deliver water sensitive outcomes.



PRINCIPLES

GEDSI



AIWASI CDP's design and activities will be informed by overarching GEDSI principles that will entail a thorough understanding of the different risks, opportunities, barriers and impacts faced by all sections of the society, including women, disabled people, and other marginalized groups. The following GEDSI principles are underpinned by AIWASI CDP Consortium Partner's commitment to equitable and inclusive programming.

The AIWASI CDP initiative will:

- At the very least, do no harm to the disadvantaged or vulnerable sections of the subject communities, such that our solutions and approaches benefit everyone equitably.
- The activities and solutions will strive for transformative approaches* that ensure lasting change towards empowerment of the disadvantaged or vulnerable section of the subject communities.
- The activities and solutions will be underpinned by participatory and inclusive approaches that ensure meaningful engagement** from disadvantaged or vulnerable sections of the subject communities, including women, disabled people, and other marginalized groups.

*Transformative approaches are ones that explicitly examine and change institutions and norms that reinforce inequalities and biases against marginalized groups in the society.

** Meaningful engagement entails providing iterative opportunities for two-way engagement and dialogue; securing free, prior and informed consent where applicable; actively overcoming barriers like cost, illiteracy, asymmetric information, exclusionary institutions and discriminatory norms; and ensuring that all stakeholders' opinions are not only heard but appropriately incorporated into planning and implementation processes

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