









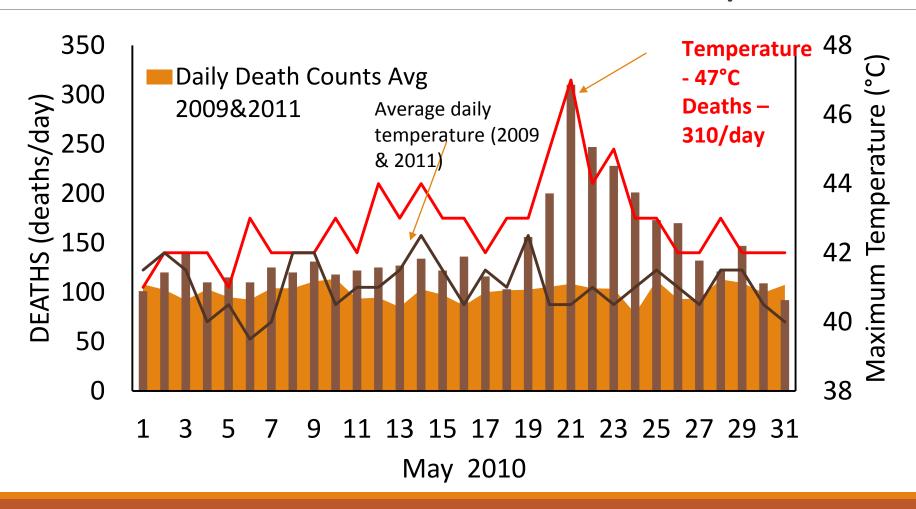




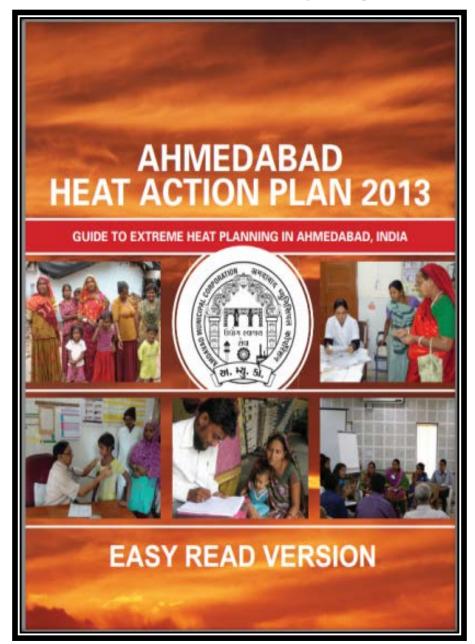
Ahmedabad Heat Action Plan Development and Lessons

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2010 Ahmedabad heat wave: May 20-27th – excess deaths 800 in one week and 1344 excess deaths in May 2010.



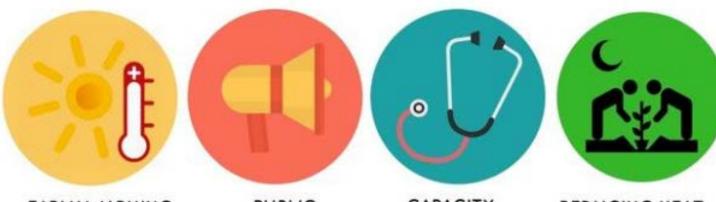
PIlot AHMEDABAD HEAT ACTION PLAN in 2013



Key steps in developing HAP

- City government engagement
- Background data & analysis weather and mortality / health
- Understanding city and vulnerable groups
- Early warning system and setting thresholds
- Feasible interventions and detailing them
- Writing the plan and disseminating
- Implementing and monitoring the impact
- Revising the plan and scaling it up

HAP COMPONENTS



EARLY WARNING SYSTEM & INTER AGENCY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

Alert residents of predicted high and extreme temperatures & formally communication channels to alert governmental agencies

PUBLIC AWARENESS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Communicate the risks of heat waves and implement practices to prevent heat-related deaths and illnesses

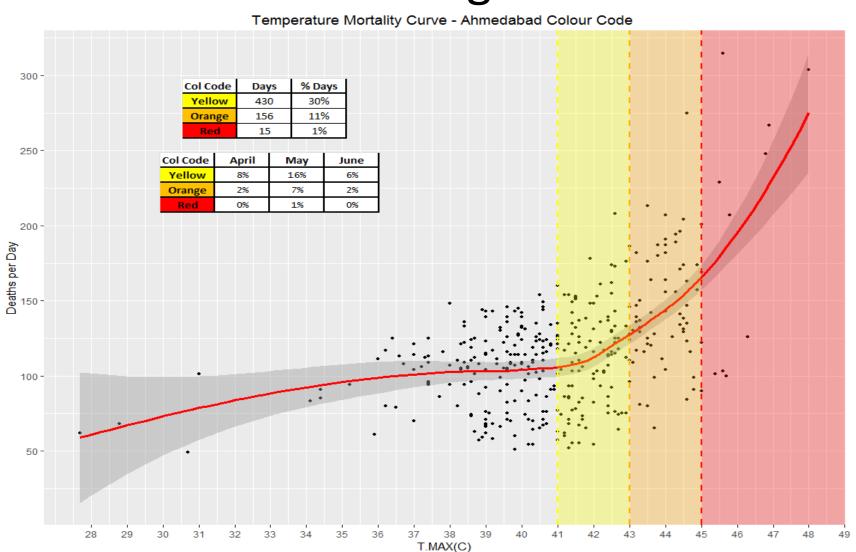
CAPACITY BUILDING OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Training focus on primary medical officers and other paramedical staff, and community health staff

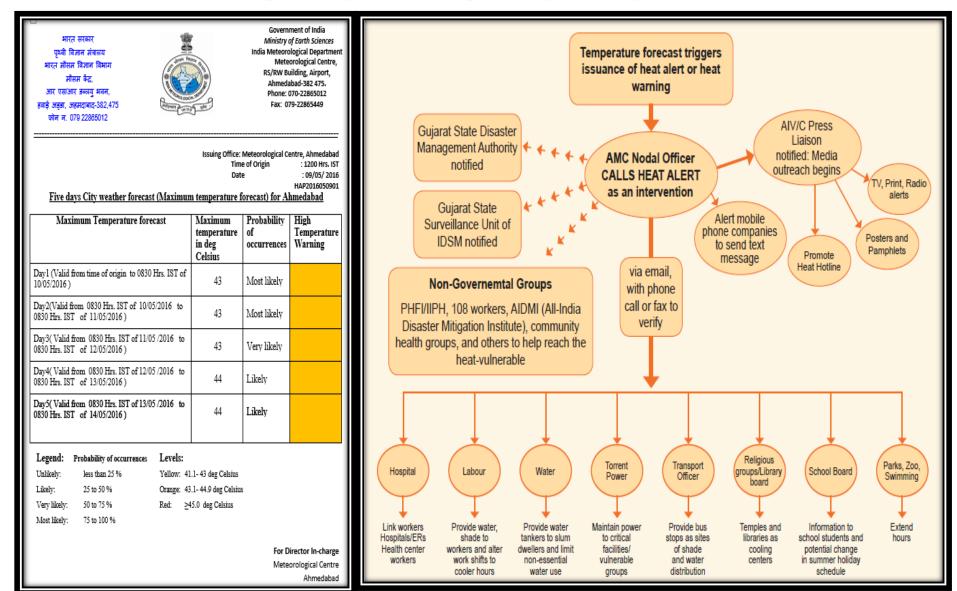
REDUCING HEAT EXPOSURE AND PROMOTING ADAPTIVE MEASURES

Access to potable drinking water and cooling spaces during extreme heat days & promote adaptive measures.

Temperature Mortality scatter plot and fitted Curve – Setting the Thresholds



Intervention – 1 Early Warning System & Inter-Agency Emergency Response Plan



Intervention — 2 Public Awareness & Community Outreach



Community Outreach









Intervention – 3 Building Capacity of medical community



Case Definitions

HeatIthess-Typical Presentations

Clini <i>ca</i> l Entity	Age Range	Sotting	Cardinal Symptoms	Cardinal Signs	Pertinent Negatives	Prognosis
#eatrash	All, but frequently children	Hot environment; +/- insulating clothing or swaddling	pores in setting of heat exposure; bumps can sometimes be filled with clear or white fluid	Diffuse maculopapular rash, occasionally pustular, at hair follicles; pruritic	Not focally distributed like a contact dermatitis; not confluent patchy; not petechial	Full recovery with elimination of exposure and supportive care
Heat cramps	All	Hot environment, typically with exertion, +/- insulating clothing	Painful spasms of large and frequently used muscle groups	Uncomfortable appearance, may have difficulty fully extending affected limbs/joints	No contaminated wounds/tetanus exposure; no seizure activity	Full recovery with elimination of exposure and supportive care
Heat exhaustion	All	Hot environment; +/- exertion; +/- insulating clothing or swaddling	Feeling overheated, lightheaded, exhausted and weak, unsteady, nauseated, sweaty and thirsty, inability to continue activities	Sweaty/diaphoretic; flushed skin; hot skin; normal core temperature; +/- dazed, +/- generalized weakness, slight disorientiation	No coincidental signs and symptoms of infection; no focal weakness; no aphasia/dysarthria; no overdose history	Full recovery with elimination of exposure and supportive care; progression if continued exposure
Heat syncope	Typically adults	Hot environment; +/- exertion; +/- insulating clothing or swaddling	Feeling hot and weak; lightheadedness followed by brief loss of consciousness	Brief, generalized loss of consciousness in hot setting, short period of disorientation if any	No seizure activity, no loss of bowel or bladder continence, no focal weakness, no aphasia/dysarthria	Full recovery with elimination of exposure and supportive care; progression if continued exposure
Heat stroke	All	Hot environment; +/- exertion; +/- insulating clothing or swaddling	Severe overheating; profound weakness; disorientation, obtundation, seizures, or other altered mental status	Flushed, dry skin (not always), core temp >40°C; altered mental status with disorientation, possibly delirium, coma, seizures; tachycardia; +/- hypotension	No coincidental signs and symptoms of infection; no focal weakness; no aphasia/dysarthria; no overdose history	25-50% mortality even with aggressive care; significant morbidity if survive

Intervention – 4 Reducing Heat Exposure & Promoting Adaptive Measures – Drinking water, cooling centers





Reducing Heat Exposure: cool roof initiative 2017

- Goal 3,000 low income households to get roof painting – cool roof
 - Strong political support: Initiative was inaugurated by the Mayor by painting of the slum roofs

 Publicity through advertisements done for cool roof.



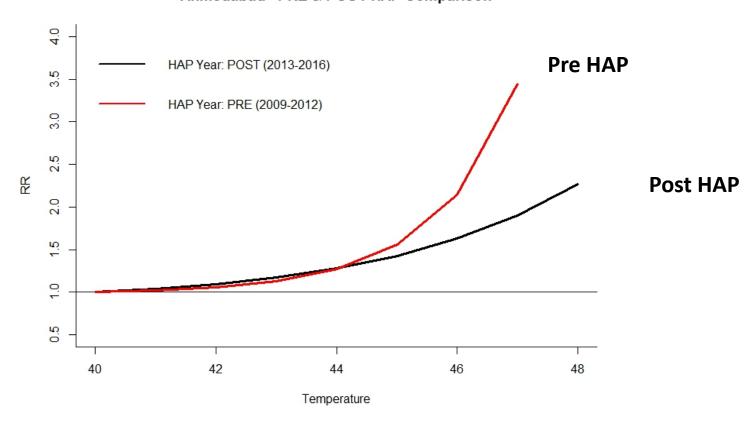
Impact of Heat Action Plan

Reduction in all cause of mortality during heat waves

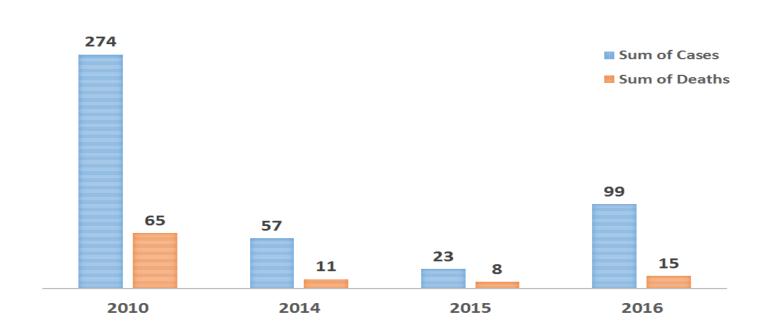
 Decrease in heatstroke cases and deaths in sentinel hospitals in the city

Relative Risk of Death with max temperature – Ahmedabad Pre & Post HAP

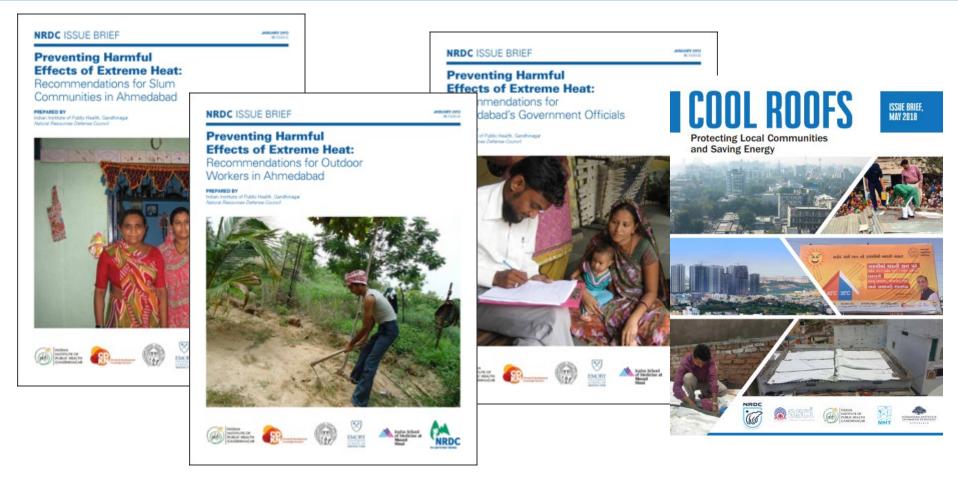
Ahmedabad - PRE & POST HAP Comparison



Heat Stroke Mortality and Morbidity before and after HAP on Selected 5 Municipal Hospitals of AMC



Engaging with Policy stakeholders Policy Papers: Issue Briefs



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By editor Created 11 Jun 2014 - 00:00 Vardhan slams states' action in battle against encephalitis

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and Uttar Pradesh ruling party chief Mulayam Singh Yadav may not be publicly subscribing to Prime Minister Modi's style of functioning, the Centre has suggested the two states to subscribe the Gujarat model in dealing with menacing encephalitis, that has resulted in 500-600 deaths this year so far.

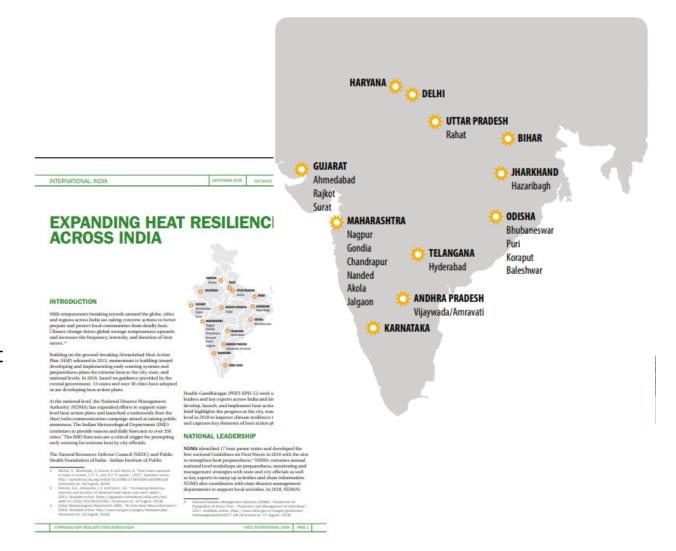
In a meeting held today Dr Harsh Vardhan asked both UP and Bihar officials to replicate the "early warning

Harsh Vardhan at a meeting to review encephalitis cases in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

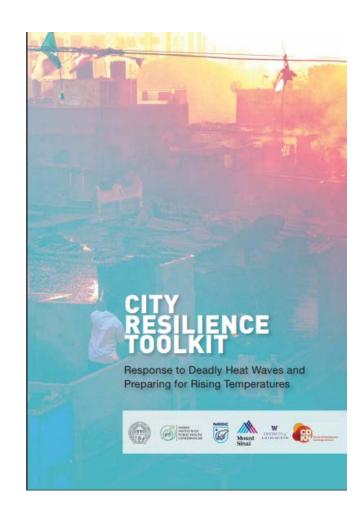
Resources Defence Council and the Indian Institute of Public Health to replicate the existing system of Ahmedabad. "The government of Gujarat gets support from local health and environment groups to prepare local communities to the onset of extreme heat so that they can take all the necessary steps to protect themselves. My ministry will be happy to extend all possible assistance to put in place a preparedness plan," he said during a high-level meeting held Tuesday, following recent deaths of over 40 children in Bihar due to

Engaging with States governments and National authorities for Scaling up

- States with HAP
 - Haryana
 - Odhisa,
 - Telangana,
 - Andhra Pradesh,
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Bihar
 - Karnataka
- HAP as a part of State Disaster Management Plan
 - Gujarat
 - Rajasthan



City Resilience toolkit and How to Manual- Guide for other cities and state of India to develop HAP



Key lessons on development of HAP at local level

- Involvement of Local city or district administrative and health and political leadership
- Engagement with all stakeholders: IMD for weather data, Health data for analysis, city govt for various actions.
- Facilitation by local and national institutions / experts
 universities
- Learning and adapted HAP developed in other countries / cities
- Measurement of process of implementation and Impact on mortality and morbidity















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