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Engaging Communities for Effective Climate Solutions

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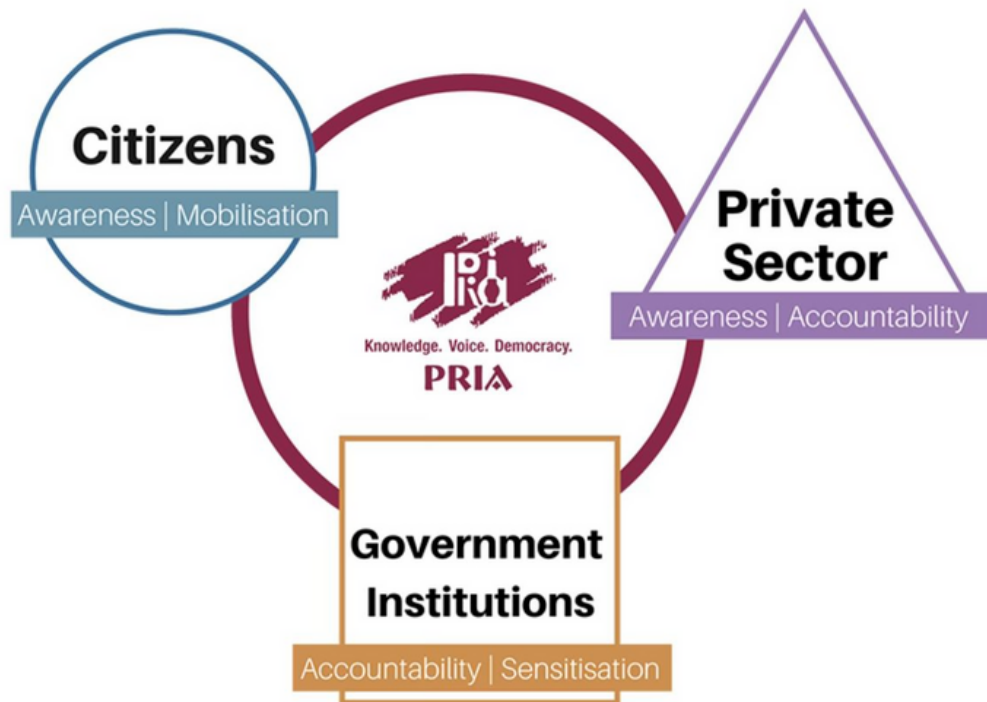
Building resilience and collaboration through CSO and Community engagement



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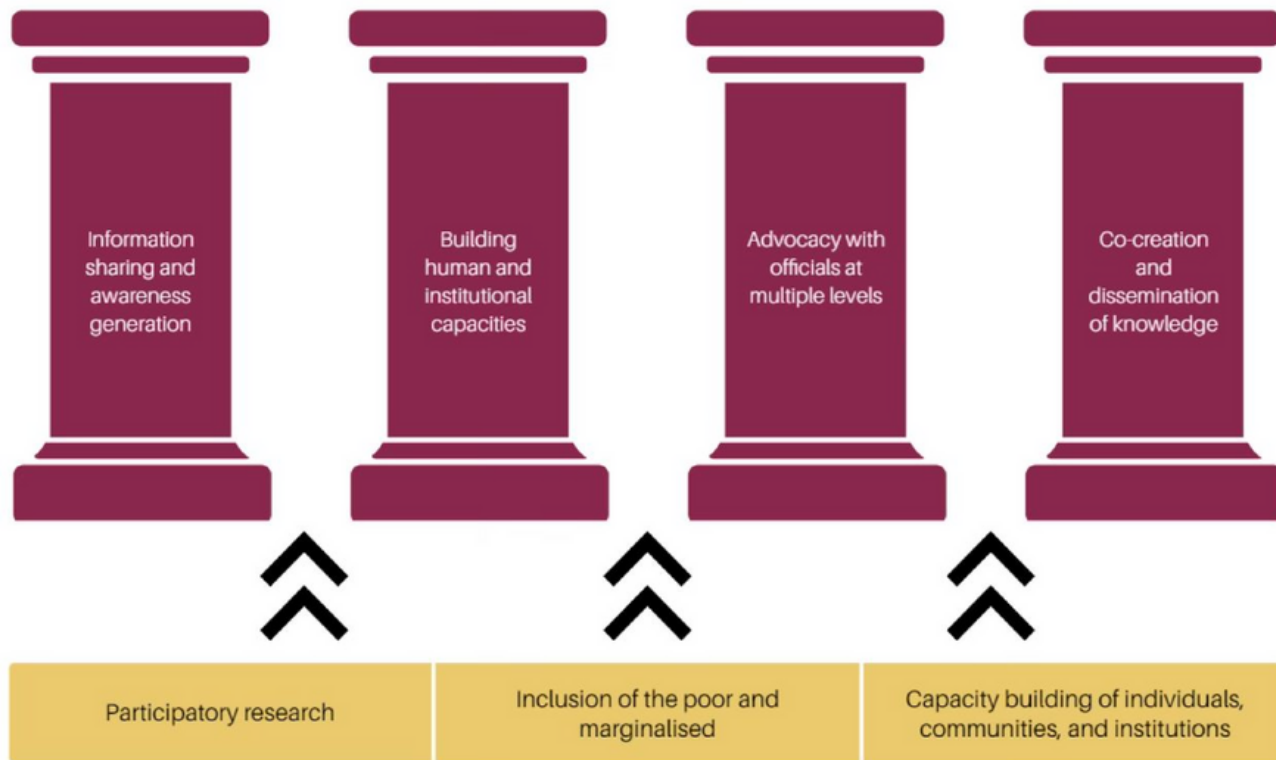
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About PRIA



PRIA is an educator, facilitator and support organization, and a global centre for participatory research and training

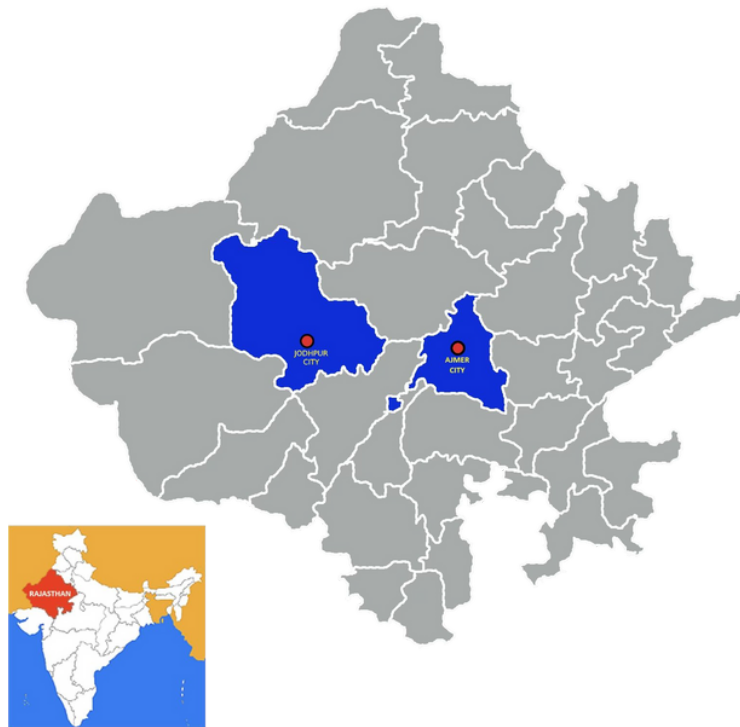
PRIA's interventions are designed and constructed around **4 pillars**



Natural Water Bodies Rejuvenation amid Fragmented Governance and Climate Stress

- **Ajmer** and **Jodhpur** face intensifying heat, floods, and water scarcity
- Urban water bodies, once cultural and ecological lifelines, are now encroached, polluted and disconnected from planning systems
- Who owns and maintains water in a city of overlapping institutions?

Our intervention reframes water as a shared climate and cultural asset, not a departmental problem



Integrated Strategies

- 1 Co-Production through Multi-Actor Advisory Mechanisms
- 2 Community-Driven Mapping & Data for Action
- 3 Partnerships for Structural Change
- 4 Reflexive Learning & Scaling



Ensuring Water Security in Informal Settlements



PRIA's role as capacity building institution and research facilitator

Critical Areas of Intervention



Community women trained as citizen scientists

Impacts

1

Scales impact by translating city-level learning into policy and replication across cities

2

Fosters collective water resilience through shared governance and coordination across departments and actors

3

Empowers women and communities to produce localized data for equitable, inclusive water planning

4

Institutionalizes participatory urban water governance through government–Civil Society–HEI–SHG collaboration



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Reflections/ Experiences, Questions?

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