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## Heat Action Plans (HAPs) in India

# WHAT CITIES ARE GETTING RIGHT AND WHAT'S STILL MISSING?

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# FROM CRISIS TO CONTINUOUS RISK

Extreme heat is no longer a one-off crisis. It is becoming a persistent urban risk. Cities across India are responding with Heat Action Plans (HAPs).

## **BUT WHAT ARE THEY STRUCTURED LIKE?**



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# STRONG FOUNDATIONS IN PLACE

Across cities like Ahmedabad,  
Surat, and Bhubaneswar:



Early warning systems



Institutional coordination



Health system preparedness

HAPs are now well-structured and operational

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# SHIFTING TOWARDS ADAPTATION

Cities are going a step further:



Localised heat alerts



Mapping vulnerable populations



Long-term measures like  
cool roofs & urban greening

From response → towards adaptation

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# THE MISSING PIECE: FINANCING

Most plans:



Don't have dedicated budgets



Rely on existing schemes

Don't clearly cost interventions

Financing remains unclear

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# FROM PLANS TO SCALABLE ACTION

Heat is still largely treated as a disaster,  
not a long-term investment priority.

As risks intensify, the key question is:

How do we move from planning to  
funded, scalable action?

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Part 3 of the series explores this.

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