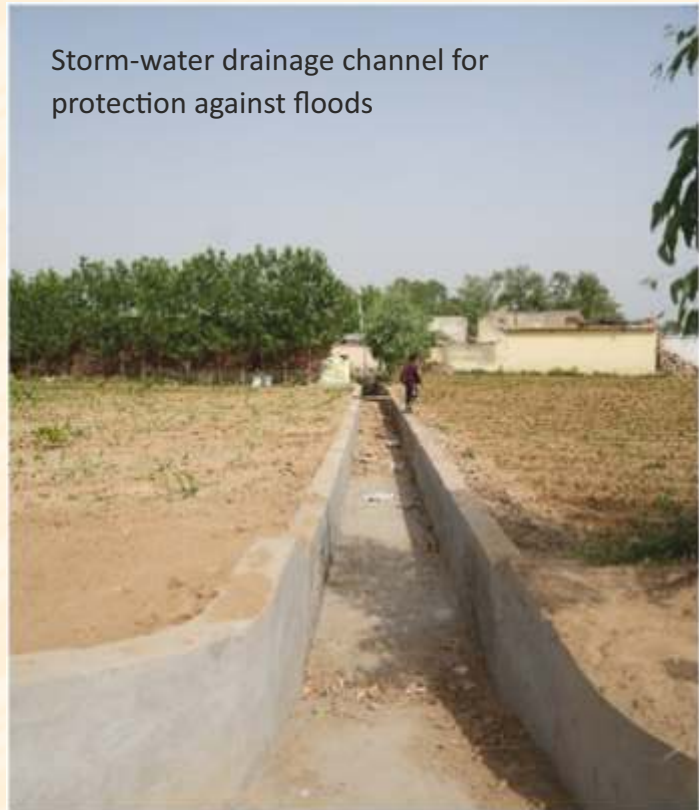


DISASTER RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

Cyclones, droughts, floods, landslides and other disasters with high intensity have been occurring quite frequently these days due to extreme events. Climate change has left no geography in the country today without the threat of disaster. To be able to quickly respond to the disaster, BAIF has instituted a Disaster Management Fund in the FY 2023-24 to provide immediate relief measures to families affected by various natural calamities in its operational areas across the country. The relief measures include the distribution of essential supplies such as food, water and shelter and establishment of emergency helplines. BAIF is also engaged in rehabilitation measures, with special focus on sustainable livelihoods.

In the floods which ravaged Haridwar in July 2023 and caused immense loss to a large number of families in the region, BAIF Uttarakhand with immense concern for the flood-hit victims and to provide relief as soon as possible, contributed food kits to the Chief Minister's Flood Relief Work and delivered the food kits to the Bhagwanpur Supply Office which was functioning as the Control Room for Roorkee to meet the requirement. Reconstruction initiatives include formation of a



Storm-water drainage channel for protection against floods

storm-water drainage channel, protection walls, land levelling and repair of cattle sheds to protect the villages from excessive flood water.

BAIF has also introduced livelihood initiatives such as low-cost polyhouses, high value vegetables-cum-floriculture production unit, trellis farming, livestock development and low cost goat units resulting in a significant increase in agricultural production for the families

affected by the Tapovan Disaster in Joshimath area of Chamoli, Uttarakhand, in the year 2021. BAIF is associated with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India as a Technical Institute for drought mitigation initiatives in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. Integrated and holistic drought mitigation strategies and pilot projects are being developed jointly with the Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat under NDMA.

Eco-friendly polyhouse for livelihood support

