

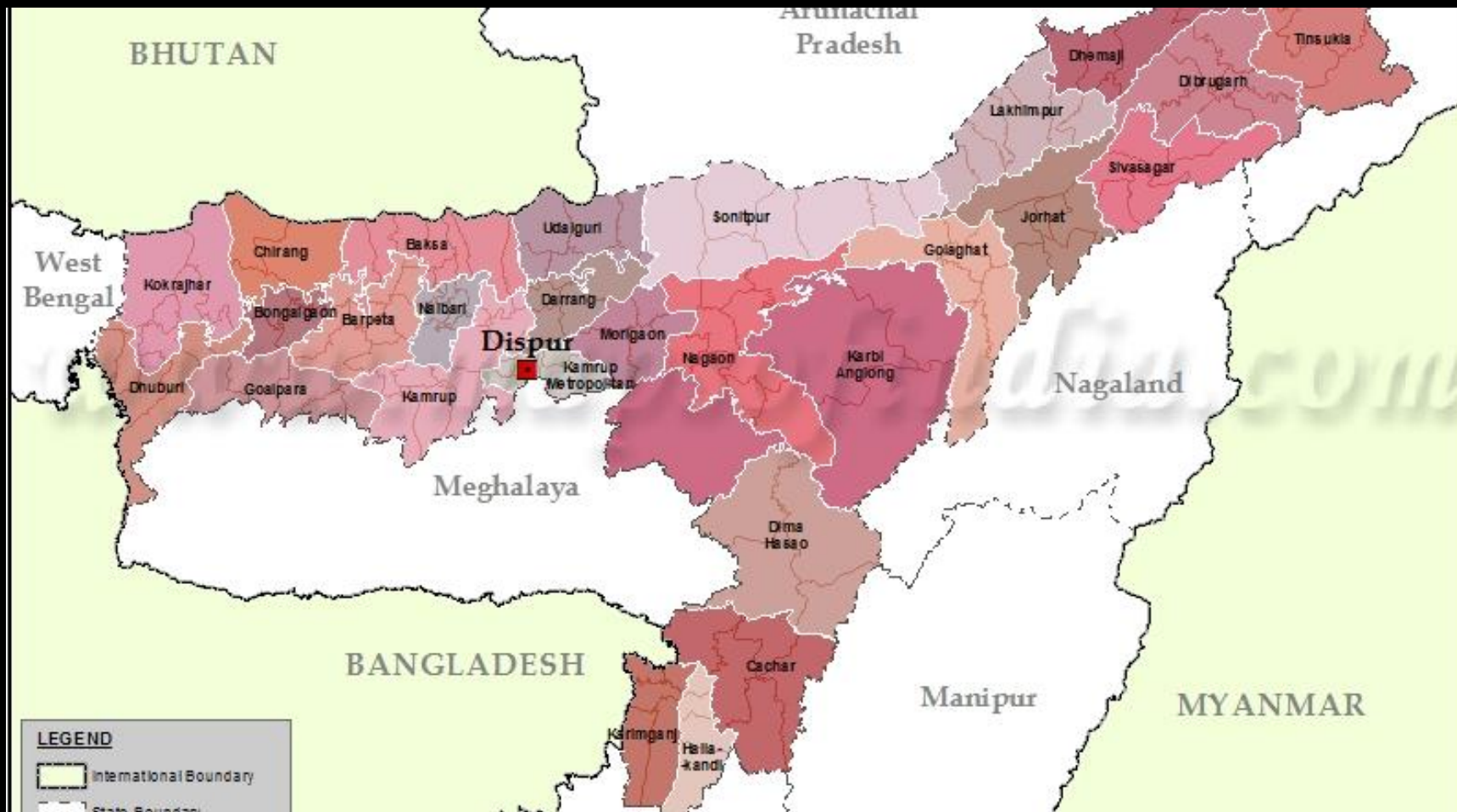
Gender, Environment, Food Security

Reports from India

Women are disproportionately impacted



Assam [India]



Flood Impact in Assam

- 386,000 hectares of land lost to soil erosion since 1954
- Approx. 800,000 hectares affected by flood every year

– World Bank Data

“My paddy fields are covered with
silt and sand.”

– Ushabala Das, 50 years old
[After the Sep 2014, floods]



Vulnerability gives rise to Human Trafficking

- 2800 minor girls have gone missing from Assam in the last 5 years
- 400 trafficked victims have been rescued and 281 middlemen arrested since 2011

- Assam State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights

Mirila [17 years old] was sold for to an older man in Rajasthan for \$1160

“I was sold to this old man. He would repeatedly beat and physically abuse me. He said that he had paid a lot of money for me. Then one day I managed to call my mother and told her where I was. I was then rescued by the police.”

Sold as a bride

