

Inter Agency Multi Sector Assessment Process

The Himalayan disaster of Flash floods followed by landslides on 16th June, 2013 has resulted in loss of thousands of lives and many missing. The impact on the infrastructure and environment was huge and many villages are still inaccessible. The efforts of the Government, humanitarian agencies and other stakeholders who came forward in solidarity with the people affected with disasters for immediate rescue and life saving response is highly appreciable. A lot needs to be done for the people to recover and rebuild their lives now.

Sphere India a national coalition of humanitarian agencies in India along with Inter Agency Group in Uttarakhand has been coordinating multi stakeholder response efforts through Inter Agency Coordination (IAC) Subcommittee of Sphere India. IAC subcommittee is committed to assess the overall response and recovery need through joint efforts of all stakeholders and facilitate the process of addressing the needs through collaborative efforts of all Government and Non Government stakeholders. For this purpose, an assessment process is being facilitated which support assessment missions or other secondary methodologies from time to time to assess the changing situation and needs.

Goal of the Assessment Process:

The goal of the assessment process is to assess changing situations and emerging needs from time to time to facilitate coordination and decision making by different stakeholders for their response and recovery programs.

Detailed Multi Sector Joint Assessment:

Currently, a detailed multi sector joint assessment is being carried out for priority sector like Shelter, Food and Nutrition Security, Shelter, WASH, Health, Protection and Education. Each of the sectors is led by an agency with expertise on the subject and working in Uttarakhand.

Objectives of the Multi Sector Joint Assessment Exercise:

- To assess in depth sector needs for 3-6 month and 6-18 months period.
- To facilitate development of collaborative strategies for each sector and build consensus among all stakeholders.

Key Components of the Multi Sector Joint Assessment

1. WASH
2. Food and Nutrition Security
 - a. General Food Security
 - b. Nutrition
 - c. Market Mechanisms
 - d. Livelihoods
 - e. Livestocks
3. Shelter
4. Health
5. Protection
6. Education

Key Stakeholders in the process:

- Government at all levels
- Sphere India, IAG, Associated Members and other civil society organisations
- Corporate
- Academic Institution
- Media
- Communities

Processes Followed So far:

- Activation of Unified Response Strategy
- Multi stakeholder coordination meetings at different levels steered by Inter Agency Coordination subcommittee
- Initial rapid assessment for immediate needs for Govt. of Uttarakhand.
- Activation of Sector Sub Committee for sector coordination
- Planning of Detailed Multi Sectoral Joint Assessment.
 - Sector coordination meetings for development of TOR, format, checklists and collation of secondary information for each sector.
 - Orientation for assessment missions by sector groups where needed.
 - Analysis of information by sector groups is in process

Milestone ahead:

- Multi stakeholder consultations on each sector at National and State level to discuss the analysis and develop Collaborative Strategies for each sector.
- Multi stakeholder consultation for all sectors together for final compilation of Multi Sectoral Joint Assessment Report and collaborative multi sectoral strategies for recovery processes.
- Continues assessment to quantitatively evolve information on all affected households and periodic analysis of changing situation