

English Press Release

Sphere India to Release 6 Handbooks on Multi-Sector Coordination for Emergency Response

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- *Maj Gen Manoj K Bindal, Executive Director, NIDM to Deliver Keynote address during the Workshop on **IDDRR Day 2021***
- *Roundtable on **'Emphasising the Role of Media in Disaster Risk Reduction'***
- The panelists for the workshop include- Prof Anil K Gupta, NIDM; Shri Kamal Kishore, NDMA; Mr Daniel Gilman, UNOCHA; Shri SN Pradhan, NDRF; Mr Tom White, UNICEF; Ms Lee Macqueen, NCDHR; Dr Rajat Jain, Doctors for You; Dr Ritu Singh Chauhan, WHO; Dr Nidhi Pundhir, HCL Foundation; Mr Justin Jebakumar, Habitat for Humanity, India.
- The Panelists for the Media Roundtable are - Mr Vijay Soni, Editor, Open Magazine; Mr Anil Tiyaagi, Editor, Gfiles; Mr Himanshu S Mishra, Senior Editor, NDTV; Mr Deepak Parvatiyar, Chief Advisor, Indian Federation of UN Associations; Mr Roshan Gaur, Bureau Chief, Rashtriya Sahara. Mr Sanjay Singh, Sec General, Press Club of India. Mr. Onkareshwar Pandey, Editor in Chief, Indian Observer Post will moderate the media panel.

New Delhi, Oct 11, 2021:

The COVID 19, which was initially a health disaster, quickly became a socioeconomic one with long-term impact, has pushed the world into turmoil, and made the disaster risk governance more paramount. There is an urgent need for a whole-of-society approach towards prevention and risk-informed recovery and development. Good governance and responsive government institutions are the cornerstone of effective disaster management and risk reduction. Thus, the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)** and **Sphere India** are organising a **Workshop** to commemorate **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR Day) 2021** and a **Media Roundtable** focussing on the role of media in disaster risk reduction on 13 Oct 2021.

On this occasion, Sphere India, a National Coalition of 93 humanitarian organisations and its member organisations will also be releasing a series of **Handbooks on Multi-Sector Coordination for Emergency Response**.

The handbooks are based on six key thematic sectors of emergency response- **Health, Shelter, Education, Food and Nutrition, Water & Sanitation and Protection** act as an operational manual for stakeholder coordination during emergencies.

“These handbooks define the roles played by different stakeholders and sector actors and are guidelines to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian action. They aim to enable coordination among different stakeholders for better outcomes during emergency response- thus, building disaster risk resilience, said Mr. Vikrant Mahajan, CEO, Sphere India.

“In the Media Roundtable, Sphere India has planned to discuss the critical role of the media in building the resilience of the community through sharing of life saving information during all the three stages of the disaster cycle- Preparedness, Relief & Recovery, and Rehabilitation”, Mr. Mahajan said.

The Keynote address will be delivered by Major General Manoj Kumar Bindal, Executive Director, NIDM. The panelists for the workshop include- Prof Anil K Gupta, NIDM; Shri Kamal Kishore, NDMA; Mr Daniel Gilman, UNOCHA; Shri SN Pradhan, NDRF; Mr Tom White, UNICEF; Ms Lee Macqueen, NCDHR; Dr Rajat Jain, Doctors for You; Dr Ritu Singh Chauhan, WHO; Dr Nidhi Punthir, HCL Foundation; Mr Justin Jebakumar, Habitat for Humanity, India. The Panelists for the Media Roundtable will be as follows- Mr Vijay Soni, Editor, Open Magazine; Mr Anil Tiyagi, Editor, Gfiles; Mr Himanshu S Mishra, Senior Editor, NDTV; Mr Deepak Parvatiyar, Chief Advisor, Indian Federation of UN Associations; Mr Roshan Gaur, Bureau Chief, Rashtriya Sahara. Mr Sanjay Singh, Sec General, Press Club of India. Mr. Onkareshwar Pandey, Editor in Chief, Indian Observer Post will moderate the media panel.

IDDRR DAY

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, held on 13th October every year, recognises and commends efforts of both individuals and communities to raise awareness on disaster risk reduction and in turn reduce their vulnerabilities to disasters. First declared in 1989 by the United Nations General Assembly, IDDRR calls for a need to globally promote disaster awareness and risk reduction.

Sphere India

As a part of its efforts to strengthen preparedness and unified emergency response, Sphere India is a National Coalition of 93 humanitarian organisations with a vision to build a disaster resilient India by promoting quality and accountability in humanitarian action through processes of collaborations at various levels. Its membership includes key nodal agencies from Govt. of India, UN Agencies, INGOs, NGO Networks and National NGOs. Sphere India facilitates Inter Agency Coordination, Training and Capacity Building, Knowledge Management and Collaborative Advocacy to protect the rights of the people affected by disasters and other humanitarian crisis. www.sphereindia.org.in

Event Details:

Date - 13 Oct 2021

Time - 4.00-5.30 PM

Venue - India International Centre