



## KEY EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Dear Readers and Member Agencies,

I would like to welcome to the 10th edition of Sphere India monthly newsletter, April Issue, 2015. I hope some of the articles/features in this issue will contribute to that seasonal glow of renewal and enrichment of humanitarian sector in India as to gather together and organize ideas that are worth sharing as a national coalition of humanitarian sector in India.

This Issue covers a key note message from Sphere India member; news update from members organizations like **ACF**, **CBM** and **AmeriCares** on “Generation Nutrition” Campaign launched to highlight Severe Acute Malnutrition, an Everyday Emergency in India and (Cyclone Phailin and Hudhud) immediate relief distribution on recent disaster in India. ; Inter-Agency Groups (IAGs) update from **IAG-MP** and **IAG-Odisha** on Jan Chetna Rally in village with children to spread the message on Malnutrition, Launched Odisha WASH Learning Forum, training programme on WASH during Emergencies and Lesson Learnt workshop on Odisha Floods etc.; Sphere India programme update from IAC, KM, CA and TCBP; Case studies and miscellaneous section with upcoming events/ training in month of April & May, 2015.

We are honored to share the work of so many committed and thoughtful activities/program of our member organizations in India.

**Vikrant Mahajan,**  
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## Key Note Message

*Dear Friends,*

As a global disaster response and public health organization AmeriCares believes in 'collaboration' as one of the success lever in all our endeavours. Be it our large scale multidimensional disaster response program across the country or the 'gift in kind' partnership program that ensures our foot print across 20+ states, collaboration is central to our work. Our Mobile Medical Clinic program that provides 'access & continuity' of primary care to ~500 individuals living in the slums of Mumbai every day, brings together stakeholders to address a major healthcare issue faced by millions migrating to urban India. We collaborate with local government, institutions and academia as we ensure 'healthcare worker safety', for thousands serving at the public hospital settings.

'Collaboration' is the core value that connects AmeriCares with Sphere India (SI). Sphere has delivered some phenomenal initiatives in past few years based on the central theme of 'winning through collaboration'. Sphere is seen as a driving force that 'makes a difference by bringing together right people with right purpose at right place and at right time'. Sphere has the wide span of impact right from stakeholder data base, co-ordination, and needs assessment, alignment of efforts, government-NGO alliance, and capacity building to advocacy and beyond. AmeriCares and Sphere have coordinated efforts in three major disasters in the recent past namely the Himalayan Tsunami in Uttarakhand, Cyclone Phailin and Kashmir Floods. As a central collaborative body Sphere has helped us to optimize our responses and efforts.

As Sphere India looks to consolidate its efforts and impact in the coming years, it needs to review its 'positioning' within its members, social sector, corporates and the government corridors. Two quick assessments engaging all Sphere members and stakeholders are needed to achieve this. First, 'expectation assessment', asking member's expectations from Sphere and second 'contribution assessment' where members spell out what and how they will contribute to Sphere India. This will provide a foundation on which one can build the future outlook and strategy to rise as the 'sole face of collaborative network of social sector in India'.

I express my sincere gratitude for giving me an opportunity to contribute the key note message and wish everyone in the Sphere India family all the very best in our endeavours.



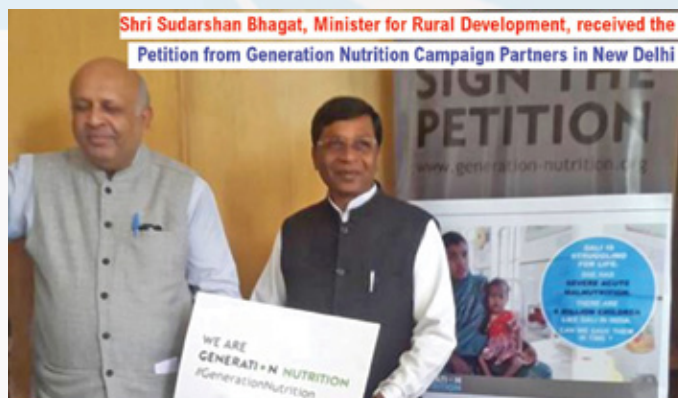
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### **“Generation Nutrition” Campaign launched to highlight Severe Acute Malnutrition, an Everyday Emergency in India:**

Gyarsi, a 14-month old child from Moyda village died in September 2014. His weight was just 3.9 kgs for a height of 58 cm. His MUAC was at 100 mm. Gyarsi was a severely acutely malnourished (SAM) child. Gyarsi died of diarrhea just 4 months after being detected SAM. In the months of September - October, several children like Gyarsi die due to malnutrition related causes. A SAM child has 9 times higher risk of death compared to a normal child.



### **THE STATISTICS ARE DAMNING:**

India contributes the maximum number of wasted children in the world. The Rapid Survey of Children 2014 shared by UNICEF and GoI pegs Wasting at 15%, Stunting at 39% and underweight at 30%.

- 8 million Indian children were suffering from severe acute malnutrition in 2005.
- There are less than 10,000 beds in Nutritional Rehabilitation Centers for children suffering from SAM.

The statistics are alarming, and far above the emergency thresholds admitted by WHO. What is sad, is that these deaths are completely preventable.

### **WORRISOME FACTS:**

There are Seasonal peaks of acute malnutrition, as it develops over the short term and can be caused due to insufficient food intake and/or illness. The Post-monsoon season records high number of deaths. Malnutrition Treatment Centers get overcrowded and cannot respond to all the needs of SAM treatment. Several children are discharged without being cured. The anganwadi workers at community level are not equipped to handle management of acute malnutrition and therefore, there is no appropriate response for SAM in the community.

### **APPEAL FOR ACTION:**

Generation Nutrition, launched in India by ACF India (Action Against Hunger), Fight Hunger Foundation, Water Aid, World Vision, Save the Children, MSF with support from SPHERE and Coalition for Nutrition Security in January 2015 is a global campaign working towards the goal of creating a world free of child deaths from acute malnutrition within a generation. Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Honorable Minister of Rural development received an “Appeal for Action” from the campaign leaders to recognize severe acute malnutrition as a “medical emergency and take action on an emergency basis.



The effect of natural and man-made disasters is most marked on poor communities who lack resilience. Even in these communities, people with disabilities are particularly affected, they are overlooked following disaster and have greater difficulty in gaining access to food, water, shelter, latrines, etc. besides their need of specific services.

CBM follows the twin Track approach to achieve disability inclusive emergency response. This involves specific services for people with disability, and also to ensure access to mainstream relief with reasonable accommodation through our technical expertise. CBM encourages participation by communities and partners to ensure the most vulnerable people are included in disaster preparedness and emergency response programmes.

CBM also gives special attention to children in emergency situations, due to their specific vulnerability. CBM is also involved in crises which have a low level of public or media attention, particularly when existing partners are affected. CBM has signed the Code of Conduct of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. CBM's emergency response follows SPHERE standards wherever possible.

Additionally, CBM welcomes the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), which was officially adopted on Wednesday 18th March 2015 at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan.

The many references to disability inclusion in this document are a substantial improvement on the preceding framework. They will provide a comprehensive platform from which DRR work in the coming years will be able to increase resilience to natural events, benefiting not only persons with disabilities but society as a whole.

The Sendai conference itself was the first international meeting of its kind to provide a wide range of accessibility features. As a result, more than 200 persons with disabilities (including CBM staff) actively participated, as delegates, speakers, panelists, and contributors.

In India, CBM South Asia Regional Office took an active part in the recent natural disasters in Odisha (Cyclone Phailin and Hudhud) by distributing immediate relief to affected families of 22 villages of Chhatarpur block of Ganjam district and 1471 cyclone affected families of Gajapati district. In addition, provision was made for medical care to affected families in the relief camp itself.

Emergency response and disaster risk reduction occupy an important part in CBM programming in India. During the period 2015-2019, CBM will train partners in inclusive disaster risk reduction, formulate village contingency plans and mainstream the issue of disability in disaster response to ensure that the organizational responses are inclusive to people with disabilities.

*Fig: A photograph of a broken house in Gajapati district of Odisha during Cyclone Hudhud. CBM and its local partner Serango Christian hospital supported affected families by distributing immediate relief to 1471 affected families and followed this up by medical care camps*





**AmeriCares India - J & K flood relief and rehabilitation efforts (Sep 14- Mar 2015)**



AmeriCares India Foundation has provided immediate medical relief and aid to the survivors of J & K floods partnering with six local organizations to ensure outreach to the maximum population. Our relief is delivered by means of **15,230** consultations at 33 health camps, donation of **~3 tons** of quality medicines, distribution of **1 lac** packs of sanitary napkins, **20 lac** water purification tablets and 6162 quality blankets among other activities. This was reached to the survivors in districts of Srinagar, Bandipora, Budgam & Pulwama and Anantnag. AmeriCares has also donated high quality branded medical equipments like **nebulizers (9)**, **infusion pumps (20)** and **baby warmers (25)**, **Multi-channel monitors (7)** to G B Pant Children's Hospital Srinagar.

The following relief materials were distributed at each district as below:

**Medical Camps** to offer quality primary care with free medicines

**Water Tablets** were distributed through partner network and at the health camps to assure clean drinking water to affected families.

**Sanitary Napkins** were distributed through partner network and at the health camps to assure personal hygiene to women in distress.

**Blankets** are distributed to suit local weather conditions



Districts:	Srinagar	Bandipora	Badgaum	Pulwama	Anantnag
<b>Area covered in each districts:</b>	Zaidibal, Nishath , Kangandhara, Pandrathan, Brein , Nigeen , Aloocheibagh, PHC Hazaratbal , Shalimar , Harwan , Qumerwari, Indra Nagar, Jawahar Nagar and Alamgari Bazar	Kulhama, Lanke-shipura, Attabuth, Pannar.	Magam, Mirgund, Kangandhara, Tengan , Chichlora	Ratnipora, Begpora, Goripora , Hajipora, Hardpora, Sailand Poochal.	
<b>No. of Medical Camps:</b>	14 with 7883 beneficiaries	4 with nearly 787 beneficiaries	8 with nearly 3289 beneficiaries	6 with nearly 3271 beneficiaries	
<b>Water Tablets:</b>	628000 water purification tablets to nearly 20933 families.	10000 water purification tablets to nearly 1000 families.	60000 water purification tablets to nearly 2000 families.	90000 water purification tablets to nearly 3000 families.	
<b>Sanitary Napkins:</b>	3000 packets		1000 Packets	1000 Packets	
<b>Distribution of Blankets:</b>			100 high quality blankets	140 high quality blankets	662 high quality blankets



## Inter-Agency Group Madhya Pradesh

In the month of February, 2015 Jan Sahas Social Development Society, Dewas organized a 15 days Yatra/March in 20 districts of Madhya Pradesh. This Yatra was in two modes, one started from the Bhikangaon Block of Khargone district while another Yatra started from the Pawai Block of Panna District. Total 79 villages were covered and total beneficiaries and participants of this Yatra was 2966 individuals.

Bhajan Mandali was in whole Yatra. Music a most powerful medium among the rural community especially Tribals and Dalits. In every village local Kabir Bhajans and songs on malnutrition and illiteracy were sung.

Community meetings were organized in every village which were visited various issues were discussed like how to identify a SAM and MAM child, facilities in NRC, organic farming and importance and steps of Hand Washing. Different IEC Materials were distributed to spread more awareness.



Fig: Yatra Opening Ceremony at Bhikangaon (Photo:Jinit Soni)



Fig: Jan Chetna Rally in village with children to spread the message on Malnutrition. (Photo:Jinit Soni)



Fig: Village Level Meetings to discussion various issues related to malnutrition. (Photo:Jinit Soni)





## IAG Odisha Launched Odisha WASH Learning Forum

As water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) is treated as the core to health sector but there has been gaps covering in many parts of the state. Therefore the need to establish the state level WASH forum was felt by many civil society organizations in Odisha. After a having Subsequent meetings on objectives, structure and functions of the Forum, IAG Odisha organised a state level launch programme of Odisha Wash learning forum on 13th March 2015 with a aim to create an enabling environment for influencing work in WASH by establishing a knowledge sharing platform and promoting research and development.

The said event was attended by a wide array of individuals many of whom were members of IAG including UN agencies, INGO's and WASH Experts, and media personals. The meeting was inaugurated by Dr. Chakradhar Panda & chairperson of IAG Odisha& Honorary Secretary of IRCS odisha state branch, and Sri. Akshya Biswal,Regional Manager of Oxfam India, Sri. Goutam Aryabhusan of Practical Action, Ms.Bishakha Bhanja from water Aid, Mr. Amlin Pattnaik of gates foundation were present as the key panel members.



During the inaugural session an Interactive platform cum knowledge sharing platform on WASH ([www.odishawashforum.org](http://www.odishawashforum.org)) and WASH forum logo was inaugurated by Dr. Chakradhar Panda. A brief presentation was on Odisha WASH learning forum was made by Mr.Manoranjan Behera.

## Inter-Agency Group (Odisha), Organised the state level training programme on WASH during Emergencies

A state level training programme on WASH during emergencies was organized by Inter Agency Group (IAG) Odisha, in collaboration with Christian Aid, CASA and Indian Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch on 26th February 2015 at Hotel Suryansh, Bhubaneswar.

The aim of the training was to develop the knowledge base, attitude and skills in managing role of WASH within the wider emergency response context. It was attended by a wide array of individuals including the participants from various Grass-root level NGOs of 7 districts. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Chakradhar Panda Chairperson of IAG Odisha& Honorary Secretary of IRCS Odisha State Branch, and Dr.Dipankar Pattnaik, Regional Emergency Manager -South Asia of Christian Aid has inaugurated the programme as the Chief Guest,Dr. Kamal Lochan Mishra Chief General Manager of Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA), Sri Akshya Biswal, Regional Manager of Oxfam India, Miss. Sikha Nayak of Odisha State Water and Sanitation Mission and Miss. Anjana Guru of CRS were present as the Guest of Honor.



## **IAG Odisha in Collaboration with Christian Aid and CASA Organised a Lesson Learnt workshop on Odisha Floods**

In order to share the learning experience of all the organizations/stakeholders involved in the relief, and rehabilitation process of recent Odisha floods of 2014 IAG Odisha in collaboration with Christian Aid, CASA and ECHO organized a state level lesson learnt Workshop on “Odisha floods” on 2nd march 2015 at hotel excellency.

It was attended by a wide array of individuals including INGO's, UN Agencies and the participants from various Grass-root level NGOs. The meeting was presided over by Sri.Ram Kishan, Regional Emergency Manager -South Asia of Christian Aid, and Sri-Nirmal Singh-Head Of emgency,CASA, Sri.Dr. Ambika Prasad Nanda-state head Odisha and Jharkahnd-UNDP, Sri Akshya Biswal, Regional Manager of Oxfam India, were present as the Guest of Honor.

The main objective of the was to bring together internal and external stakeholders' perspectives along and to collate information and share knowledge/experiences/ about the impacts of the Odisha floods and to suggest future strategies for short and long term planning, preparedness, response, rehabilitation and reconstruction.



## **Civil society Organisation's discuss on gaps in relief policy and its Impact on Share Croppers**



The 2nd Annual Stock taking on implementation of National Disaster Management Act-2005 has been organised by Inter Agency Group (IAG) Odisha and Oxfam India in collaboration with Solar, Pallishree and Unnayan. The focus of the stock taking was non-inclusive relief policies and its impact on share croppers in Odisha. Key Govt. Officials including representative from SRC, revenue and disaster management department, IAG Members and representatives from Civil Society participated in the event. The main objective of the event was to discuss current status of implementation National Disaster Management Act 2005 in Odisha.

The distinguished panelists of the programme were Mr. Bhawani charan Pattnaik-Freedom Fighter cum Ex-M.P, Dr. Ambika Prasad Nanda State Head Odisha & Jharkhand of UNDP India, Sri Animesh Prakash, Programme officer-DRR of Oxfam India, Dr.Aurobindo behera- Former Revenue board member, Mr.Samir ranjan Dash-MLA Nimapada, Mr. Pravta Rnajan Mohapatra-Deputy SRC and Dr. Chakradhar Panda , Chairperson, IAG Odisha & Honorary Secretary, IRCS-OSB. Ms.Rashmi Mohanty presided over the function and highlighted gaps section 48 A of National Disaster Management act-2005 section 5.1 and 5.2 of the revised state disaster response (SDRF) fund guidelines.





**National Disaster Management  
Authority (NDMA), India**



**National Institute of Disaster  
Management (NIDM), India**

### **NDMA Team Inspects Jammu and Kashmir's Phutkal River After Landslide Poses Threat- 27 February, 2015**

NDMA Team surveyed the artificial lake which is 50 metres high, 50 metres wide, and 500 metres long is rapidly expanding and threatening more than 4000 people in the low lying areas of Zaskar and parts of Leh as state administration has sounded an alert in the area



*Fig: A massive reservoir of water created due to the blockade of river Phutkal caused by a landslide in the Zaskar region of J & K, India.*

For the last two months the famous Phutkal river in Zaskar region of Jammu and Kashmir has been blocked by a massive reservoir of water created by a landslide.

"A plan is now being made for controlled release of the water", said Rohit Kansal, Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir.

### **Workshop on Disaster Management Policy on Training and Accreditation of Courses for Disaster Management, under NCRMP - 3rd March, 2015:**

The consultation on National Training and Capacity Building Policy, Accreditation Policy, and Centre of Excellence was held along with Annual Training Conference. Dr. K.J. Anandha Kumar, Project Coordinator - National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP), delivered a presentation on National



Training Capacity Building Policy and Accreditation Policy on Disaster Management. The Training and Capacity Building Policy covered Strategic framework for implementation of training, Systematic approach to training, Capacity development vision, Capacity development Goals, Training Goals and Objectives, Perspective Plan etc. The presentation on Accreditation policy covered status of Disaster management Research and Education, Accreditation method and standards, Process for Quality Management etc. This has also covered comments received from National Disaster management Authority (NDMA), Government of Jharkhand, Government of Kerala and Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

There was overall consensus on the implementation of National Training and Capacity Building policy and Accreditation policy for Disaster Management. The mode of its framework and implementation will have to be worked out in more such consultation involving all the policymakers and academicians. The representatives of eighteen states including Shri Anil Sinha, Vice Chairman, BSDMA, Ms. Anju Sharma, CEO, GSDMA, Ms. Leena Johri, Relief Commissioner, Uttar Pradesh actively participated in the discussion and have given recommendations on various sections of policies and also suggested for the implementation strategy.

#### **ToT Programme on "Hospital Disaster Management Plans: Focus on Emergency Health Services (NCRMP)", 16-20 February 2015**

A five day ToT Programme on "Hospital Disaster Management Plans : Focus on Emergency Health Services" based on the training module developed as a part of NCRMP project was pilot tested at NIDM during the period 16-20 Feb., 2015. Senior level Doctors/Administrators from various prestigious medical Institutions from across India as well as National centre for Disease Control, National Disaster Response Force, and National Civil Defense College participated in the training.

A comprehensive brainstorming for preparation of hospital disaster plan with a holistic perspective was the main objective of the programme. Dr K.J. Anandha Kumar, Associate Professor and Project Coordinator, NCRMP, was Course Director and highlighted the importance of hospitals during disasters, capacity building at various levels, conduction of mock drills and ideal methodology of preparing a plan through his lectures. Other faculties also presented on structural and non structural mitigation measures for hospitals and lessons learnt from past disasters focusing on health sector.



A field visit to J.N. Apex Trauma Centre was also a part of the course on the fourth day to provide the insight of the preparedness of the nation's premiere trauma centre catering to a large number of patients on daily basis. As a part of group activity the participants also prepared and presented Hospital Disaster Management plans at various levels of healthcare. Prof. Santosh Kumar, Executive Director, NIDM and Director, SDMC interacted with the participants and participated in the valedictory session and inspired the participants to further disseminate these trainings at various levels using the Training Module across the country.



## INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

### Initiation of MoU between Sphere India and State Inter Agency Groups (IAGs):

Discussions have been going on to work on strengthening of coordination & working relation between Sphere India and state IAGs. The same was also discussed in detailed by the Program and Strategy Committee of Sphere India on 16th of February, 2015. By collating all the inputs received from various stakeholders the first draft MoU to be signed between Sphere India and respective IAGs was developed under the guidance of Inter Agency Coordination Committee and shared with all the state level IAGs for their comments and inputs. Further the MoU will be shared with Executive Committee of Sphere India for approval once received the comments from IAGs.

### SOP on Unified Response Strategy (URS):

As guided by the Program and Strategy Committee of Sphere India, SOP on URS with triggers & Responsibility along with timeline was developed. The document was shared with the Chair and Co- Chair of the Committee for their feedback and later on will be shared with the members of Committee.

### Finalization of TOR for Inter Agency Coordination Committee:

TOR for Inter Agency Coordination Committee developed during the IAC meeting on 12th Feb was finalised and shared with the members of the programme Committee for their reference.

### Parallel events/ meetings organized by State IAGs on WCDRR:

In view of ongoing WCDRR at Japan, State IAGs were requested to organise parallel events/ meetings to share their messages through short note/videos/ pictures to the world leaders going to be meet at Japan. Five IAGs including IAG Assam, IAG Madhya Pradesh, IAG Uttar Pradesh, IAG Bihar and IAG West Bengal have shown interest to organise the same.



### Inter-Agency Coordination Strategy 2020:

Based on the inputs received during the Inter Agency Coordination Programme Committee Meeting held on 12th Feb at Sphere India Secretariat and the Planning and Learning Event held from 19th Feb to 21st Feb 2015, the Inter Agency Coordination Programme Strategy for 2020 was developed. The document was shared with the Committee for their feedback.

### Inter Agency Coordination Programme Key activities for 2015-16:

Key Activities for 2015-16 were chalked out and a one pager of the compiled activities was shared with the Chair and Co- Chair for inputs and will be shared with the members of Inter Agency Coordination Committee.

## KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

### **Sharing of Model State Disaster Management Plan, Sikkim with State Disaster Management Authority:**

A follow up with all the key stakeholders in Sikkim was taken up to provide their final inputs on the draft SDMP which was shared during final workshop on 4th Feb, 2015 at Gangtok. After incorporating inputs and feedbacks the plan was submitted to Sikkim Government on 5th of March, 2015.

SDMA, Sikkim is in process of final sitting with key nodal officers to do the final editing of the Sikkim State Disaster Management Plan and get it release on April, 2015 at state level.

### **Good Practice followed on recent Conflict Management by DA and local NGOs in BTAD, Assam:**

Individual meetings were organized with district administration, local organizations, INGOs (ADRA, OXFAM India, NEDAL, The ANT, NESWARN, Discovery Club, Pragrati Society) who actively responded during conflict situation in Kokrajhar district to take the note on Good practices followed by these organization on managing conflict situation. The final draft document was shared with IAG-Assam and SI national team on Feb 18, 2015.

### **Training on Google Earth Mapping and Database Management:**

A 02 days training on Google Earth Mapping and database Management is announced on 24th -25th March, 2015 that will assist in developing capacity of humanitarian practitioners to build capability, to share their knowledge, promote good practice and raise awareness about the importance of appropriate humanitarian delivery. The training will enable its participants to understand and strategies the Google Earth mapping and Data management tools into humanitarian programme planning, implementation and accompaniment.



The **Final Multistakeholder** Consultation, was organised at , District Headquarter, **Bandipore** on **2nd March 2015** with participation of 17 line departments and few representatives from local organisations. The initial Draft of the DDMP was shared with the District Administration and NGOs for seeking their inputs. The feedback would be incorporated in the First Draft and a Final Document would be shared with the District Administration Bandipora for their future reference.

### **MoU with Finance Commissioner, Revenue, J&K:**

Sphere India and Finance Commissioner Revenue, J&K signed an MoU, for formulation of the District Disaster Management Plan of District Poonch, Jammu & Kashmir, for a safe, educated and disaster resilient community, especially disaster resilient poorest of the poor. This is expected to be 4-month project between both parties. Sphere India is presently developing District Disaster Management Plan in the District Poonch as per the model frame work prescribed by the NDMA and in accordance with the SDMP prepared by TISS for J&K.

**Sphere India has also approached local organisations to strengthen coordination efforts and integrate DDMP into their recovery programmes.**

J&K Response Bulletin: Programmatic updates were collected from member agencies including Civil Defence, IRF, Save the Children, Indian Red Cross, CEEO and District Administration Poonch and shared with the KM Team for collation.



## TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

### **State Consultation on Minimum Initial Service Package for Sexual and Reproductive Health in Disasters in Maharashtra and Bihar:**

A **State Consultation** was initiated in **Maharashtra** with the **Principal Secretary Health**, vis a vis the **MISP Capacity Building Initiatives** in Maharashtra with support from **UNFPA State Office**. A brief background was provided regarding the National, Regional and State level MISP ToTs and the piloting and rolling out of MISP in 12 districts of Odisha. Pr Sec PHD has proposed two State level ToTs for developing the capacity of State level Master trainers on MISP. This training would impart skills to DRCHOs and one officer from each of the HFWTCs and PHI. It was also suggested that Doctors who have earlier been involved in handling disasters (esp during Kumbha Mela) should also be deputed for the training.. The Senior Officers from the State, it was proposed, could also be involved and would further coordinate in the integration of MISP as part of the State disaster plan.

**Another State Consultation** was initiated in **Bihar** with the **Principal Secretary, Department of Disaster management** vis a vis the **MISP Capacity Building Initiatives** in Bihar with support from **UNFPA State Office**. A Nodal officer has been nominated for supporting the initiative. The **Vice Chairman Bihar State Disaster Management Authority** has also extended support to the initiative. They have emphasised the need to translate and contextualise the materials before starting the trainings and share with them. It was also suggested to develop IEC materials for dissemination through Panchayati Raj Department and other programs like school safety.

### **Training & Capacity Building Strategy 2020:**

Based on the inputs received during the **Training and Capacity Building Programme Committee Meeting** on 12th Feb and the **Planning and Learning Event, the TCBP Strategy 2020** was developed, keeping into consideration all the recommendations and points of discussion vis a vis Capacity Building in India. This document was shared with the Chair and Co-Chair of the Committee for their feedback and was later on shared with all the members of the programme committee.

### **TCB Key Activities 2015-16:**

Key Activities for 2015-16 were chalked out and a one pager of the compiled activities was shared with the Programme Committee.

### **Preparation for Training on Google Earth Mapping:**

Followup was done with Sphere India Member Agencies on the identification and selection of nominations for the training. Registration process was initiated and preliminary planning on the training logistics is under process. 16 participants have confirmed their participation in the training.

### **Preparation for National Sphere ToT supported by Cordaid and Unnati:**

Followup was done with Cordaid Partners on the identification and selection of nominations for the ToT. Registration process was initiated and preliminary planning on the training logistics is under process. Since Cordaid is supporting this training, the course fees is exempted for Cordaid partners. However few other Members also have expressed their interest in attending this training.

### **Sphere ToTs supported by Child Fund India:**

Preliminary planning was initiated for the **Sphere ToTs in Odisha and Bangalore** to be supported by **Child Fund India**. An Inception Report was shared with CFI along with the Training Design. Two State ToTs will be conducted in June and July for the CFI Partners.

### Consultation on Drought Situation and Management in Maharashtra:

The consultation was organized on 2nd March 2015 at TISS New Campus, Mumbai to analyse the secondary information on drought situation in Maharashtra, to plan for drought assessment in few selected districts, to develop the road map for implementation of existing policy guideline of NDMA on Drought and to strengthen the process of formation of IAG in Maharashtra. Brief report developed and shared widely across Sphere Members and key stakeholders. In similar line, open consultation is planned in Bhopal on 19th March to analyse state specific situation which will serve as a base information for developing policy advocacy paper on "Drought Situation and Management in India".



### Right in Crisis Collaborative Advocacy:

- **Assam Conflicts:** Based on the recommendations suggested in right in crisis analysis report, collaborative advocacy is going on with key stakeholders specifically with SDMA and district administration of Kokrajhar district to come up with "Conflict Management Practices in Assam"
- **J&K Floods:** Post Multistakeholder Consultation which was organized on 9th February, baseline data collection by member agencies as per agreed tool is going on. IEC materials distribution adopting agreed strategy was done to do advocacy with district administrations for government entitlement schemes.

### Stakeholders Targeted Advocacy:

Brief reports of Media and Corporate consultation which was held on 20th February are developed and disseminated widely

### Regional and Global Cooperation:

**Preparatory Consultation for WCDRR, Sendai on 4th March 2015:** Sphere India Collaborative Advocacy Committee discussed to plan a preparatory consultation to have cohesive representatives from Government and CSOs in WCDRR-Sendai and strategies out efforts towards India Position Paper. Joint collaboration and prior interface of GOI & CSOs in India before leaving for WCDRR event in Sendai was carried out through meetings and also to have post Sendai activities with NDMA/MHA. A preparatory consultation for WCDRR was organized in Delhi on 4th March having participation from Ministry of Home Affairs, UNDP, NDMA and Civil Society organizations on the agenda to strategies for India Position Paper on WCDRR, to initiate parallel events in India along with IAG and Sphere members to contribute to WCDRR through messages/videos. An event calendar has been prepared having information on side events happening in Japan by GOI and CSOs parallel events in India by State IAGs with wider dissemination of information through digital platform.







Save the Children

Save the Children, India

### Case Study-1: A Beautiful Smile - Save the Children:

Satish Kumar, 10 years old and Chamandeep Singh 7 years old are two best friends living in Devak village of District Rajouri. Surrounded by forests and hills, Devak village is 100 kilometers away from Rajouri Town. Studying in Government school, where they hardly find any playing kits and their learning is limited to books rather than any other extracurricular activities.

Satish Kumar and Chamandeep Singh were initially surprised while Save the Children team was installing CFS in their village; they did not know that this CFS is for the children of Devak village. Once they saw a playing kit inside CFS, a beautiful smile came into their faces. They were excited to see a different playing material, which they have never saw before. Satish Kumar and Chamandeep Singh are cricket lovers, they have never played with company designed bats, and usually they used to play with locally handmade bats. Now, they feel happy to have very good stroke full bats and many balls to play. Apart from their favorite game cricket, they found CFS a very activity based place where they can have fun and learning's.

Satish and Chamdeepsaid" I have never seen such different activity based playing material before; also we don't have many balls and badminton in our school. We would love to come CFS and learn all these games; this will be a wonderful place where we can make friends as well" .



*Photo: Satish Kumar with bat and Chamandeep Singh with badminton outside devak CFS*



Save the Children in its flood response program reached out to Devak village, where local auto runs just one time a day. Children of this village have only Government school there, which can't afford to give complete psycho socio care and activity based learning to children of this village. As, maximum land of village is under agriculture, children have no space to play after school. Save the children team installed CF and hired a local facilitator from community to look after the CFS. This CFS delivered complete psycho socio care and imparted activity based learning.

**Case Study-2: Hameeda Begum, a one man army for her family - Save the Children:**

**Kalani, Poonch- 6 December 2014:** September 2014 floods have increased the burden on such vulnerable families, whose life has been remained too hard to live. Before floods, they have been living a very simple life, but now destructive floods have made their life very complex to live. Hameeda Begum, 45 years old lady from Kalani village of District Poonch is a one man army for her family, her husband Aman Malik Khan is dumb, who cannot afford to work. The entire family burden is on Hameeda begum, who is struggling for her school going children.



*Photo: Hameeda begum receiving relief from Save the Children*

She has two daughters Afshana ,Sona bi and two sons Razaq Khan, Riyaz Khan. Struggling with poverty, Hameeda begum is dreaming about the better future of her children. Though, he husband is not capable to work; now she is getting financial assistance from her parents.

Kalani village is located on the bank of a stream flowing nearby her village, after continuous rainfall in September 4, 2014 this stream got overflowed and washed away whole village. The entire agriculture land was damaged due to flash floods and many houses were damaged. Hameeda begum had some agriculture land, but unfortunately floods left nothing behind. As I spoke to Hameeda begum during relief distribution program for vulnerable families of Kalani village, she said "I am helpless now, I don't have any source of income, and everything is finished. I am worried about my school going children. My husband is dumb, he can't not speak right from his birth, all I can say I have lot of burden on my shoulder"

Hameeda begum was selected by CPC members for Humanitarian relief; she received food basket, 4 blankets, 2 tarpaulins, Jug, mug, bucket, hygiene kit, Gik kit and solar lamp. She said *"these items will save my daily expenses on my family. Though, the winter is on our head, blankets will be useful also we have lot of light curtailment in our village, I was using gas for lighting arrangements, now Solar light can replace my gas cylinder. Meanwhile, she expressed gratitude and thanked Save the Children for having contribution in her struggling life"*



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Upcoming Events /Trainings in April-May 2015:

1. **National Sphere ToT** supported by Cordaid and Unnati from **5th to 10th April 2015**.
2. Training on **Cash Transfer Programme** to be supported by **DCA** from **20th to 24th April, 2015**
3. **ToT on School Safety** at NIDM from **13th -17th April, 2015**
4. Training on **Coastal Community Resilience against Disasters** at **GAA, Odisha** **22nd to 24rd April, 2015**
5. Training on **Post Disaster Reconstruction & Rehabilitation** at IMPA, J & K from **27th to 29 April, 2015**
6. **ToT course on IRS: Basic & Intermediate** at NIDM from **27th April to 1st May, 2015**
7. ToT on Urban Risk Mitigation at NIDM from **27th April to 1 May, 2015**
8. ToT course on Community Based DRR at **NIDM** from **4rd to 8th May, 2015**
9. Training on **Crowd Management for Police personnel of Nasik District** (Table Top Exercise for Sadhu Gram route & Pilgrim Route) in collaboration with **YASHADA** at Nasik, Maharashtra from **6th to 8th May, 2015**
10. Training on **Gender & Disaster Management** at NIDM from **11th to 15th May, 2015**
11. Training on **Earthquake Risk Mitigation & Management** at NIDM from **18th to 22nd May, 2015**
12. Training on **City Disaster Management Plan** at GIDM, Gujarat from **19th to 21st May, 2015**
13. Training on **Office Disaster Management Plan** at SDMA, UP from **27th to 29th May, 2015**
14. **ToT on School Safety for Teachers** at ATI Jharkhand from **26th -28th May, 2015**



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