



KEY EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Greeting from Sphere India

I would like to thank our member organizations, readers for their valuable feedbacks and Sphere India Knowledge Management team for their overall improvement of the Newsletter. This issue broadly include key note message from **Regional Director-Asia Pacific, World Animal Protection (WAP)** working for welfare of animals before, during and after disasters; news update from **National Institute Of Disaster Management (NIDM)** on long term training and capacity building strategy for DRR" under component C of National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project, ToT on Incident Response System (IRS) planning section and training on Indian Disaster Resource Network (IDRN) for UTs in India; members organizations update from **Cordaid, Voluntary Action Network India (VANI) and VASUDEVA which means Voluntary Agencies for Sustainable Development and Emergency Voluntary Action** on experience sharing from Uttarakhand disaster and impact of this calamity on local communities especially Gender, National Consultation on "Need For Regulatory Reforms" and DRR activities in east Uttar Pradesh; Inter-Agency Groups (IAGs) update from IAG-Gujarat and Assam, **Sphere India** programme update from IAC, KM, CA and TCBP, Case studies on assessment after floods in Magnar & Kalani, Poonch district, J & K by **Save The Children** and miscellaneous section with upcoming events/ training in month of March & April, 2015.

Also, Sphere India as a national coalition of humanitarian agency in India would like to welcome your valuable thought and suggestions from the readers and members organizations to make this a rich full publication with regular updates on various ongoing programs and activities in humanitarian sector from India.

Vikrant Mahajan,
CEO, Sphere India

Key Note Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I feel honored to provide the key note address and would like to thank Sphere India for this opportunity to share our work to protect animals with the humanitarian community.

World Animal Protection is active in more than 50 countries; working with local partners, animal welfare organizations, businesses and governments to help people to find practical ways to prevent animal suffering. We collaborate with national governments and we have formal relationships with international bodies including the Food and Agriculture Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme. We seek national and international policy change to improve the lives of millions of animals.



Margaret West
Regional **Director**- Asia Pacific
World Animal Protection

Protecting animals and the people who depend on them in disasters is essential to creating a sustainable future. We work with partners to ensure that people who should be responsible, or have the capacity to provide assistance, accept their role in ensuring the wellbeing of animals before, during and after disasters.

Animals suffer in the same way people do in disasters and have a right to protection and care from their effects. Animals also play a key role in reducing vulnerabilities for communities prior to disasters and in securing livelihoods post-disaster.

We work closely with government departments, humanitarian agencies and veterinary institutions to address the issues of animals in disasters. Integrating animal welfare into disaster management at national and international level is the only viable and sustainable solution to the problem. If effective this will secure the lives of tens of millions of animals and people annually.

World Animal Protection is both the funding and steering group member of the International Humanitarian Standards "Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards-LEGS" having companion status with the Sphere Humanitarian Standards. In India our efforts to protect animals from disasters started in 2008 after the Bihar Kosi floods and have continued through protecting animals in 2009 Orissa Tornado, 2012 Floods in Assam, 2013 Drought in Maharashtra, 2013 Heavy Snowfall in Leh Ladakh and 2013 Flash Floods in Uttarakhand.

In addition to our disaster work, recently we have also released a "National Code of Practices for Management of Dairy Animals in India" to help protect animals in farming. Our UNESCO recognized animal welfare education curriculum "First Concepts in Animal Welfare" is also being implemented in government schools of Delhi. We also have initiatives to protect animals in the wild and in the communities.

Together, with partners like Sphere, we are protecting animals in India and around the world. I once again thank Sphere India and extend our best wishes to all stakeholders in their disaster management initiatives for the welfare of both animals and people.



IMPACT OF UTTARAKHAND DISASTER ON GENDER- A CASE

On 20th January 2015, National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Government of India invited Cordaid to share its experiences of working in Uttarakhand disaster and impact of this calamity on local communities especially Gender. This course was facilitated by NIDM for National and State Government representatives working in different line departments responsible for disaster Management.



Cordaid shared the case study with examples from the field based on the experiences of partners mainly Appropriate Technology India, Caritas India and Christian Aid. We highlighted the main reasons of this disasters and its impact on infrastructure mainly roads, bridges, houses, shops and agriculture. We emphasized mainly on the loss which is “less” visible as “hardware” but can be felt like “software” such as psycho-social impact on elderly, fear among children, “insecurity” and lack of self esteem among women.

There is one village where all the male population was involved as “priests”, are left with maximum number of widows in a single village. Loan from World Bank, ADB and help from Government of India can build hardware component (roads/bridges/hospitals) but this broken software of widows, women, elderly, children we need to spend “Time”, skill and lot of mental support to bring them back. Here comes the role of Government, NGOs and Private sector to come together and fill this “un-noticed” yet important gap.

This case helped the participants to evolve their role and plan of action pre-during and post disaster.



VOLUNTARY ACTION NETWORK INDIA (VANI)

VANI conducted its annual two day National Consultation “**Need For Regulatory Reforms**” on 18th-19th February 2015 at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi attended and represented by at least 250 organizations from around the country.

The purpose of this annual mammoth exercise was to address issues facing the sector and provide answers by giving a critical analysis of the legal and regulative environment for voluntary organizations/NGO's/CSO's. VANI as an all India national platform has been proactive in interfacing with the Government of India on the fiscal and regulatory provisions concerning the working of voluntary organizations and also being an instrumental factor in preparing the draft of the National Policy on the Voluntary Sector in 2007. Innumerable concerns for the voluntary sector propped up during 2014 especially when the secretive IB report was leaked implicating organizations as vehicles of ‘subversion and anti-development’ and casting a shadow on the credibility of the sector. Since then concerted efforts were made by the government to either target individual organizations or at times persecute them by circumventing their operations. Moreover, foreign funding has come under fire which has become more regressive and claustrophobic for organizations relying on it. Added to this is the impending renewal of FCRA registration that has been a cause of concern for many organizations, with many of them perplexed with regards to its process. Therefore, this year's national consultation was aimed to deliver demystification on regulatory reforms and appeal to the need of instituting them urgently.



VASUDEVA NETWORK ON DRR IN EAST UP

PGVS Initiated a network of civil societies in the name of **VASUDEVA which means Voluntary Agencies for sustainable development and emergency voluntary action**, Headquartered in Lucknow, it is actively engaged with community development issues with rights based approach, across Uttar Pradesh.

Natural phenomena cannot be prevented, but their human, socio-economic and environmental impacts can and should be minimised through appropriate measures, including risk and vulnerability reduction strategies, early warning, and appropriate action plans. PGVS with VASUDEVA, implemented **on Capacity Enhancement for Community Based Flood Early Warning and DRR A Trans Border Approach** for saving lives and livelihood by promoting areas of risk Analysis and knowledge management.



Advocacy on Scaling up CBEWS and mainstreaming of CBNDRR



VASUDEVA member PGVS is implementing a program CESIN (Community Based Flood Early warning system between India and Nepal) with its partners like, Christian Aid, Cord Aid, Practical Action, Nepal Red Cross, RKJS and CSDR. DDMA's of India and Nepal from Bahraich, Gonda, Bardia and Banke districts actively engaged. It started with 15 villages in the beginning added 30 villages and then 45 villages making the total number of villages 90.



Inter Agency Group - Assam
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Right in Crises Analysis post Assam Conflicts



Further, district level orientation of field volunteers, TISS students and other members was done on 7th February at Kokrajhar to discuss the tool and adopt it as per the local context. Data collection by field volunteers was done. Report writing and finalization of report by advocacy committee is in process for further advocacy with government on conflict management.

IAG Assam with the technical support from Sphere India has organized state consultation on 6th February 2015 at Guwahati to discuss the objectives/expected outcome from right in crises analysis post conflicts. Micro plan to carry out the right in crises analysis in Kokrajhar district of Assam was developed by IAG Assam members.



Coordination Meeting with Key Stakeholders and field visit to Makeshift Camps



IAG –Assam in coordination with Sphere India has carried out a joint field visit to both Bodo and Adivasi Make-shift camps and coordination meeting with district administration and other key stakeholders to study various good practices follows on conflict management at Korkrajhar district, Assam

In the first quarter of year 2015 training of IAG task groups are planned. The specialised three task groups of IAG members will be formed and intensively trained and certified by the competent agencies on

1. First Aid,
2. Logistic Management and
3. Post Disaster Need Assessment (PDNA) and RNA.



In last year quarter of year 2014, coordination among IAG members was very useful during preparedness for NILOFAR cyclone in Arabian Sea. IAG members of Kutch and Jamnagar costal area coordinated the preparedness for response with community groups and Govt. departments.

Three days training of Gujarat IAG members on post disaster need assessment for NGO/GOs were organised in November month in collaboration with Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM). IAG members were oriented on pre and post disaster Rapid Need Assessment (RNA) framework developed by the sphere India.



In the month of December 2014, three days training was organised in collaboration with National Dalit Watch (NDW) for IAG Rajasthan members on community led monitoring of drought response activities. 27 NGO representatives participated in the training and develop inclusive framework of drought response monitoring.



National Institute Of Disaster Management, INDIA

Brainstorming session on implementation of long term training and capacity building strategy for DRR

NIDM has successfully completed a study on “long term training and capacity building strategy for DRR” under component C of National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project,. The outcome of the study such as training modules and accreditation process etc will be implemented under next phase of NCRMP. The project meeting of the same was held on 20th January 2015 at NIDM where all output was shared. Further the draft report on deliverable 3- report containing analysis and documentation of existing PDNA methodologies available and review of case studies were also submitted.

Trainers of Trainers Program on Incident Response System (IRS) planning section

NIDM organized a five days ToT program on IRS and planning section at New Delhi from 12th -16th January. Fifteen states participated at the training program. The aim and objective of training was to provide in-depth knowledge of IRS, exposure to five sub-modules on integrated planning section with exercises. The course addressed the importance of IRS in emergency response management and planning process during any type of disasters.

State level training on India Disaster Resource Network for UT and Lakshadweep organized at Karavati Island on 30th January 2015

NIDM had organized the state level training programme on IDRN for UT and Lakshadweep organized at Karavati Island on 30th January 2015. Twenty participants including NIC and district officials from six islands of UT Lakshadweep participated at the programme.

Consultative workshop in February 2015

A national level consultative workshop was organized by NIDM in collaboration with Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority and Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management at GIDM, Gujarat from 12th to 13th February 2015. The workshop was organized to discuss the seven modules developed for NCRMP.



United Nations World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) Sendai, Japan 2015

Delegates from Government of India and CSOs planned to participate in WCDRR. In this regard, 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, NDMA, UNDP, UNFPA 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 as well as parallel events in India by State IAGs with wider dissemination of information through digital platform.

INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

Monitoring of Zaskar Situation due to blockage of Phuktal River (a tributary of Zaskar River):

The 200ft high landslide dam between ShadaySumdo and Mar Shun in the Zaskar subdivision of Kargil district has created about 14 km long lake, whose size is increasing with every passing day. The district administration has taken necessary prevention and evacuation strategy.

The National Crisis Management Committee met on 20th February approved an Action Plan to manually create a channel in the blockage to drain out the accumulated water from the lake in a regulated manner. This task will involve integrated efforts from various agencies of Central and State Government including Army, Air Force, Border Roads Organisation, Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment, National Hydro Power Corporation, Central Water Commission, Survey of India and Central Institute for Mining & Fuel Research. The execution of the Action Plan envisages snow clearance of over 40 km of road from Padum to Morne, trekking for about 43 km from Morne to the site of landslide, air dropping of men and material, manually digging of channel, etc., and may take about 30 days as per the Press Information Bureau of MHA.

Inter-Agency Committee of Sphere India is monitoring the situation closely and met of 12th February, 2015 to take of stock of situation. The first situation report was released which was further shared with MHA by the office of Member of Parliament, Ladakh.

Meeting of IAC Programme Committee Members

The first meeting of the Inter Agency Coordination Committee of 2015- 2017 term was held on 12th February, 2015 at Sphere India secretariat. Ms. Eilia from CARE India was introduced as chair, Mr. Rajan from ADRA as co- chair and UNICEF, Caritas India, CASA, SEEDS, Handicap International, Christian Aid, TDH Foundation, UNDP, WVI and ACF will be the member of IAC Committee. The TOR for the committee and action plan for 2015- 2016 was discussed.

General Body Meeting to facilitate the IAG Process in Sikkim

One to one meeting with representatives from Govt, NGOs and other stakeholders were initiated to process the Inter Agency Group in Sikkim. A multi stakeholder meeting was also organized on 4th February, 2015 at Gangtok to initiate the process of IAG formally.

Inter-Agency Group is a platform to ensure effective coordination between various stakeholders at a state level for better coordinated impact and optimum use of resources.

**Regional representation of IAGs in Program and Strategy Committee of Sphere India:**

Categorization of State level IAGs as per their geographical location was done. Further IAGs were requested to nominate one IAG per region to represent in the Program and Strategy Committee of Sphere India. The regional categorizations of IAGs are Northern, North East, Eastern, Southern, Western and Central.

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Status of DDMP development in 4 districts of J&K and Model Sikkim State Disaster Management Plan

The first multi-stakeholder district consultations were held at Shopian (29th January, 2015) Poonch (3rd February, 2015) and Kulgam (6th February, 2015) districts in J&K on preparation of Districts Disaster Management Plan (DDMP). As a follow up of these district consultations, departmental wise meetings with relevant officials was conducted for briefing on DDMP developmental process, share update about ongoing activities and seek their inputs. The HVCA field visits were carried out at these districts for the purpose of mapping of vulnerable areas.



Shopian (29th January, 2015)



Poonch (3rd February, 2015)



Kulgam (6th February, 2015)

The final state consultation for finalizing the State DDMP was held on 4th February, 2015 at Gangtok, Sikkim.



Google Maps:

One Google Earth map was developed for shelter beneficiaries of Baramulla and Pulwama districts of J&K. Through this map, a comprehensive database having socio-demographic profile of beneficiaries and also information on NGOs responding on shelter was developed for a total of 25 shelter beneficiaries.



A draft concept note was developed on training on Google Earth mapping. A flyer was developed for technologies in Disaster Management (DM) reflecting GIS, Google Earth mapping, digital platform and social media.

A GIS map was developed for MISP flyer, which reflects the national, regional, state and district level ToT on MISP over the past 3 years period.

Meeting of KM Programme committee Members:

The first meeting of the KM Programme committee meeting was held on Friday, the 13th February, 2015 at Sphere India HQ office, New Delhi. It was chaired by Mr. Munish Kaushik (Cordaid) and Mr. Rama Rao Dammada (Save the Children). The committee comprised of total 7 members, though 5 of the members having representatives from UNDP, CARE India, Christian Aid attended the meeting. At this meeting, the draft ToR of committee was shared, past and current activities and achievements of KMP unit was presented. Various key action points were discussed to chalk out KMP plan for financial year 2015-16.

Multistakeholder Consultation on Common Forward Looking Learning Mission and Collaborative Advocacy:

A Multistakeholder Consultation on Common Forward Looking Learning Mission and Collaborative Advocacy was organized at Hotel Grand Ryan in Srinagar on 9thFeb. The workshop was attended by Govt. Officers, NGOs, Academicians, Environmental Lawyers, PRIs, Community. The aim of the workshop was to document the unified humanitarian response including gaps and best practices, Identify quality and accountability practices with advocacy needs and joint strategies for recovery and rehabilitation, facilitate the formation of an Inter-Agency Group (IAG) in Kashmir that can collectively take forward the effort and chalk out development of a comprehensive disaster management and recovery plan in the aftermath of floods.

IEC Material on Govt. Entitlements under SDRF norms and Food Safety(in urdu) which was shared with NGOs responding in J&K for permission to put their logos, was also released during this workshop. The printed material will be disseminated in the most affected districts of J&K.

A Steering Committee was formed with representatives from Government, NGOs, local NGOs, civil society. The role of Steering Committee will be to advise, mentor and review the process of CLL and CA.

A Lessons Learning questionnarre has been shared with various stakeholders for their inputs. An extensive Baseline Collaborative Advocacy Study will also be carried out by Agencies like Caritas, HI, Action Aid, IGSSS, Aman Trust, Save the children, NGOs Federation in five most affected districts.



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Consultations on MISP Capacity Building Programmes in J&K and Sikkim:

Sensitisation on Minimum Initial Service Package(MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health during Disasters for the Government Officers in Shopian during the DDMP Consultation.

State Consultations were initiated in **J&K** with the Finance Commissioner Revenue, MD NRHM vis a vis the **MISP interventions** in J&K. The Government Officers are positive in integrating MISP in all the districts of J&K. The department has requested for a sensitization of all CMOs, BMOs and District Magistrates in MISP. The Government has requested for a proposal/plan for MISP for capacity building and integration of MISP in District and State Health and Disaster Management Plan.

State Consultations were initiated in **Sikkim** regarding **MISP interventions** with the Director General cum Secretary, Health Care, HS & Family Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Sikkim, Secretary cum State Relief Commissioner, Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Director NHM, Health Department, Govt. of Sikkim. Nodal Officer for disaster management from Health Department along with Joint Director, Reproductive and Child Health have been appointed as nodal officers for MISP. The State will be finalizing a date for a consultative meeting followed by capacity building and integration efforts.

A **Consultation** was also initiated with the Director NRHM at the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** regarding the **MISP Capacity Building Initiatives in India**. 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. Some reports were also shared with the concerned official vis a vis MISP capacity building and integration into the district disaster management plans in Odisha. Filing of the MISP Programme has been initiated at the MoHFW. SI will be planning a follow up meeting in the coming month to take the discussions forward.



Meeting of TCBP Programme Committee Members :

The first meeting of the TCBP Programme committee meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th February, 2015 at Sphere India HQ office, New Delhi. Chiranjeet Das (Chairperson-CFI) joined through telecon for the introductory part. CordAid, CARE India, WHH, EHA attended the meeting. EFICOR, ACF, UNDP and HI could not attend the meeting. During the meeting, the draft ToR of committee was shared, previous and present activities and achievements of Training and Capacity Building Initiatives unit were presented. The broad highlights of the Action Plan for 2015 were also discussed.

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Meeting of Protection Committee Members:

Preliminary insights were gathered vis a vis previous protection initiatives and future perspectives from few Agencies(Christian Aid, HI) who attended the First Protection Sector Committee Meeting. Save the Children and TDH could not attend the Meeting. Based on the recommendations of the agencies present, the following Member Agencies have been approached to express their willingness to be a part of this committee which include Oxfam, NCDHR, IFRC, ICRC, Action Aid, Plan India, Helpage, CFI. Oxfam, NCDHR, IFRC have expressed their interest in being a part of this committee.

Preliminary planning was initiated for the National Sphere ToT to be supported by UNNATI/ CordAid. A draft Invitation was shared with CordAid for their inputs. This training is scheduled to be organised in the month of March primarily for the CordAid partners.

Drought Policy Advocacy :

The process started with the formation of “Secondary Analysis Report of Drought in Maharashtra” in consultation with SI members/local NGOs and shared with advocacy committee/SI members. As a next step, open consultation in Pune/Mumbai, Maharashtra is planned on 2nd March 2015 to discuss the action ahead, to go for drought assessment and come up with recommendations to develop drought advocacy paper for collaborative advocacy.

Right in Crises Analysis- Post Assam Conflicts:

Sphere India provided technical support to IAG Assam for right in crises analysis post Assam conflicts, report developed and shared widely for further collaborative actions

J&K Floods:

Multistakeholder Consultation was organized on 9th February to discuss the baseline tool, pilot study findings with key stakeholders for collaborative advocacy action plans for long term advocacy with government and other stakeholders on government entitlements and social protection schemes.

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Media Consultation:

The consultation was held on 20th February to discuss the potential roles of media in disaster management and media action for saving lives and reducing human suffering during disasters. Key action points emerged out from Media Consultation are as follows:

- Database of print and electronic media (with specific beats) to be developed
- Media fellowship by Humanitarian Agencies
- Lobby with decision maker
- Media network of Humanitarian Media officers as to work together for media reporting during disasters
- Partnership with BBC media action

Organized on 20th February to discuss CSR Action for Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction. Key action points emerged out from Corporate Consultation are as follows:

Corporate Consultation:

- Opportunities to bring all members of Networks (SI, ISRN, CDRN) together for cross sharing, knowledge management and case studies sharing with PHDCCI
- Knowledge Product (how to go with Corporate-NGO partnership) – One pager on do's and don'ts with PHDCCI and other corporate networks



- Standardization of standards (Standards for India) – Certification section
- DM task force for PHDCCI and SI members (some policies planning before June). Example: Joint Assessment together with Corporate
- Inclusive stakeholders partnership

Regional and Global Cooperation:

WCDRR, Sendai Conference on 16th March 2015: Initial meetings with few CSO representatives were facilitated by SEEDS where “Road to Sendai” message was developed. Advocacy committee members discussed to plan one consultation inviting both government/CSOs to develop India and SA position paper to share after consultative discussion with delegates representing India.

Collaborative Advocacy Committee Meeting: The meeting was held on 11th February 2015 to discuss on TOR for Chair/Co – Chair and operational plan for 2015 -16. The focus should be laid on: Engaging NDMA/SDMA and identify areas to advocate, SOPs for Post Disaster Collaborative advocacy engaging State IAGs/district IAGs, release of policy guidelines as Civil Society documents, right in crises analysis for rapid/conflict/slow disasters and stakeholder targeted advocacy for Media/Corporate/AI and MPLAD meeting with known MP/MLA in various states.



Sectoral Advocacy:

Food and Nutrition Committee Meeting: It was done on 30th January to discuss the TOR for Chair/Co – Chair and operational plan for 2015 -16 as per program verticals of SI. The key areas discussed to focus are: Standardized training package and capacity building of stakeholders on “Nutrition in Emergencies, orientation of partners on SMART/RAPID SMART surveys, pilots in M.P/Rajasthan for drought situation and food insecurity and atleast 2 Nutrition in-depth Assessment this year post disaster.



Thanks for Sharing my Burden. “Neelam Devi”:

Magnar, Poonch- 18 December 2014: Neelam Devi, 60 years old women from District Poonch has gone through by difficult stages in her life. She has lived in Ashram for seven years, because she was divorced by her Husband, Baldev Singh 20 years back. She has one son Hakam singh, who was just a kid when Neelam Devi was struggling alone for her life. She has spent sleepless night in Ashram for seven long years. Finally, her parents afforded and gave her a home in Magnar village. That house was constructed of Mud in hilly region of Magnar village.

It's obviously, mud constructed house can be damaged in any kind of natural disaster. Something like that happened unfortunately with Neelam Devi. The house she got from her parents after spending seven years in Ashram is no more now. The landslide left her house cracked.

Neelam Devi was still living with her son in cracked house as they had no option left behind. Her son is working as labour; He is working hard and wants to live very smooth life with her mother. But he is also worried for her old mother.

Save the Children team went for assessment after floods in Magnar village, where they found her house cracked. During the assessment visit, she was registered for Humanitarian relief and Transnational shelter program. She was first assisted in Humanitarian relief program, where she got full NFI kit, contains 4 blankets, 2 tarpulin, Jug, mug, bucket, hygiene kit and one solar lamp. One our relief program was over, on the consideration of her damaged house, Save the Children provided her material for Transnational Shelter.



Neelam Devi with her son during relief distribution.

Neelam Devi standing inside her shelter provided by SC.



She was given 8 feet ,30 sheet tin, 6 mm 8 sheet ply, bedding, furnishing and heating Bukhari. Neelam Devi and her son Hakam singh has never been assisted before like Save the Children did. Neelam Devi said “*I am thank full for every thing you gave me. I am glad, You have shared our burden. My son was worried when our house got cracked, its re- contrction was too expensive, but Transtional shelter saved us lot of money.*”

Earlier, Neelam Devi was assisted by her parents when she got divorce from her husband . Now, on this difficult time she was assisted by Save the children like her mother did earlier.

Hameeda Begum, a one man army for her family:

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.

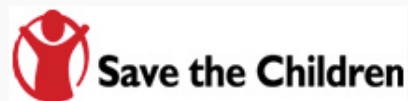


She has two daughters Afshana ,Sona bi and two sons Razaq Khan, Riyaz Khan. Struggling with poverty, Hameeda begum is dreaming about the better future of her children. Though, he husband is not capable to work; now she is getting financial assistance from her parents.

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 receiving relief from Save the Children

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”*



IMPORTANT TRAININGS/EVENTS In March-April, 2015

Sr. No.	Training/Consultation	Dates
1.	Open consultation on "Drought Situation and Management in Maharashtra"	2nd March
2.	Final Consultation on District Disaster Management Plan, Bandipora, J&K	2nd March
3.	Preparatory Consultation on WCDRR	4th March
4.	Training on Gender & Disaster Management by NIDM	16th – 20th March
5.	Open consultation for "Drought Situation and Management" in Madhya Pradesh	19th March
6.	Training on Flood Risk Mitigation and Management by NIDM	23rd – 27th March
7.	Training on Google Earth Mapping and Database Management	24th- 25th March

Invitation Announcement
Sphere India



TRAINING OF TRAINERS IN QUALITY & ACCOUNTABILITY AND NEED ASSESSMENT IN EMERGENCIES

From 5th to 10th April 2015 at Udaipur, Rajasthan



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