



KEY EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

Greeting from Sphere India

We are pleased to come out with the 11th edition of Sphere India monthly newsletter, May Issue-2015. This edition covered a key note message from CEO and National Director, World Vision India; news from member organizations on ***inclusiveness for people with disabilities, especially in regard to health care response during disasters*** from Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA), ***DRR Intervention and Uttarakhand livelihood restoration*** by EFCOR; News from Inter-Agency Group: UP and Assam on ***World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR), emergency relief support to Nepal earthquake affected people*** and training programme on ***WASH responses during emergencies***; news from National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on ***inspection of river Phuktal blockage*** and training programme on ***revision of manual drought management*** organised by National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) ; Sphere India programme updates; Case Study by Adventist Development and Relief Agency and upcoming training/events in June-July, 2015 in India.

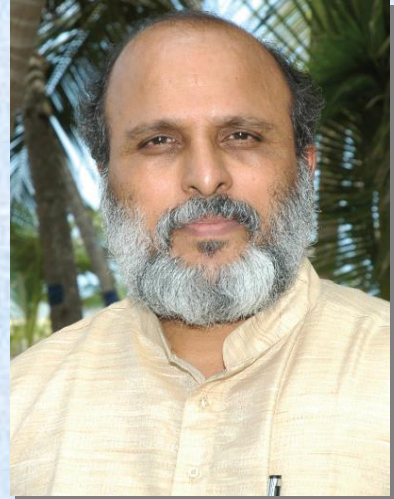
We look forward to see you all again in our next edition with recent updates on emergency response programme and initiative being taken up on monsoon preparedness season in India.

Vikrant Mahajan,
CEO, Sphere India

Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to write the key note message for this month's issue of Sphere India's newsletter, on behalf of World Vision India.

World Vision India's association with Sphere India goes back to the 2004 Tsunami Response, which was one of the biggest responses for us with operations in 11 districts and more than 260,000 people served. Ever since, Sphere India and World Vision India have worked together during the Bihar floods, Assam floods, Odisha cyclone, Uttarakhand and Kashmir floods. Sphere India has played a key role in bringing together the humanitarian community, which has translated into a professional, standardised and well-coordinated way in responding to emergencies.



World Vision India is proud to have collaborated with Sphere for the global initiative on drafting some aspects of the standards for humanitarian response. Being a grassroots, child focussed organisation, World Vision India is committed to ensure all disaster management interventions must be measured in terms of its ability to deliver highest standards of child well-being. For us commitment to child is in sync with United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the provisions of the humanitarian charter and the IFRCRC code of conduct. Our goal is to 'build hope for children and communities through effective disaster management.'

World Vision India's rich history of responding to some of the biggest disasters in India and the world has shown us how vulnerable children are. And how important it is to build and strengthen safety nets around children. We believe that every child is a gift from God, and the resilience of children has never ceased to amaze us, and it is important we strengthen that.

As a collaborative network of humanitarian organisations, we hope that in the coming years the Sphere India network will go beyond disaster response and provide for the voices of vulnerable children be heard forums and policy corridors. in various

Dr. Jayakumar Christian,
CEO and National Director – World Vision India



Emmanuel Hospital Association (INDIA)

EHA organized a series of workshops to try and meet the need of inclusiveness for people with disabilities, especially in regard to health care response during disasters. Working towards this goal, the workshop on 'Collaborative advocacy for mainstreaming disability during disasters,' organized by EHA & CBM in coordination with Sphere India was held on the 20th of March, 2015, in New Delhi. The workshop successfully showcased on the national level the plight of the people with disabilities while sharing the lessons learned by EHA in regards to inclusion and the needs of persons with disabilities in the wake of a disaster. 55 participants from 24 organizations, including NGOs, INGOs, DPOs, the Government sector and local organizations from Kashmir took part in this national level workshop. The workshop was the third phase of EHA's mainstreaming disabilities advocacy efforts and followed a district level (held in Anantnag) and state level workshop (held in Srinagar).



As a result of the workshop recommendations were identified which will be submitted as possible policy amendments to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. These recommendations will also be incorporated as part of EHA's future response to any disaster.

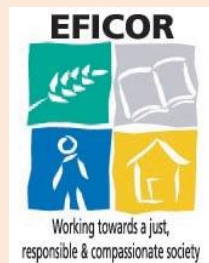


The closing workshop of EHA's disaster risk reduction program, which was part of the response to the Himalayan floods, 2013, was held on the 14th of March, 2015 in Dehradune. 50 participants from 24 organizations attended the workshop. The workshop also saw the

participation of the Inter Agency Group, Uttarakhand and many member organizations of the IAG.

The workshop showcased the lessons learned and relevant experiences observed by EHA, its partner organizations as well as other non-partner organizations and individuals.

The workshop also sought to improve the disaster response network in the state of Uttarakhand by furthering coordination among the various participating organizations.



EFICOR (Evangelical Fellowship Of India Commission On Relief)

EFICOR DRR Intervention

Madhepur DRR Project: In the month of March – April 2015 EFICOR Madhepur DRR project in



Lakhnour block (Madhubani district, Bihar), could capacitate members of the formed disaster management committees (DMCs) on advocacy skills and the RTI Act. The six out of 15



Mr. Keliven Saday President DMC - Soling Bricks

targeted villages are belonging to Mushahar community.

People of Pacchi village started applying the knowledge they obtained from training provided to them by the project. They constructed safe evacuation road to their village for use in times of emergency. The community based disaster management committee is confident of having a way out through this mitigation structure prior to the onset of monsoon. They are happy with their efforts of the preparedness on the sort that was never before them in their past.

Uttarakhand Phase II Livelihood Restoration: There were 200 flood affected families provided with alternative livelihood options and agriculture development in 5 villages namely Badasu, Dhani, Mekhanda Talla, Makhanda Malla and Rail gaon in Ukhimat block of Rudraprayag District. The major livelihood support extended to the selected families are provisions of wheat seed for cultivation; *buran* flower production; lemon grass production; petty business operations; bee keeping activities; and access to livestock to 140 farmers in selected five villages. Each beneficiary were selected considering the appropriate livelihood options based on their skills and interest gain through past experiences and capacity building training imparted by EFICOR/the project.



Hasanpur DRR project: EFICOR Hasanpur DRR Project in Samastipur District of Bihar, could construct 6 high raised tube wells and one model community toilet. This will reduce their vulnerability level during the flood situation in their village. The community will access to safe drinking water through this high raised tube well during the time of flood. This also means that the health issues among the community during the flooding period will better get addressed through these measures which the people used to suffer during monsoon season in the past.



Suitable elevated locations were identified by DMC in consultation with community. Individuals donated the land for installation of tube wells and for construction of model community toilet. Hasanpur Block development officer and primary stakeholders were present during the inauguration of high raised tube well and community toilet.



Inter-Agency Group Uttar Pradesh (IAG-UP)

Some highlighting points of UP IAG

- Uttar Pradesh IAG member NGOs have closely worked with the Chief Minister's Office and the State Administration to address the issue of farmer's suicide in the state because of crop loss as a result of heavy untimely rain. Advocacy work was done for compensation for the affected farmers. IAG member NGOs have closely coordinated with the local administration so that all affected farmers can get adequate compensation for their crop loss.
- World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR), has been held in Sendai, Japan 2015 in March 12-18. To discuss line of action in the state, a meeting has been organized at Plan office in which staffs from Plan, Save the Children, Oxfam, Action Aid, CASA, Unicef and some local NGOs have participated. It has been decided to carry out advocacy work with the State Administration to strengthen Disaster Response process in the state and take proper action on the outcome of the Sendai workshop.



- UP IAG in coordination with the FEED NGO with support from Islamic Centre of India & Parvaaz Foundation has sent relief materials to earthquake affected areas in Nepal. Relief materials included food items packets, blankets, tents, mattresses, biscuits, chlorination tablets, hygiene kits etc. The state administration has supported in the entire coordination process to reach area affected in Nepal.
- Three UP IAG members' coordination meetings have been held at Plan UP office to discuss issue of crop loss because of rain and aftermath of Nepal earthquake. Representatives from Unicef, Oxfam, Save the Children, Plan India, Action Aid, CASA, Care India, CRS, Water Aid, World Vision and PGVS attended the meetings. Meetings have also been held with the Relief Commissioner and other State & District Officials to discuss further course of action to support the affected people.



Inter Agency Group (IAG) - Assam

unified action for dignity in humanitarianism

On 20th and 21st March 2015, IAG-Assam organized two day workshop on WASH with full support from Oxfam India. The workshop was organized at NEDSSS, Kharghuli, Guwahati. There were 32 participants from 18 organizations. The participating organizations are Doctors For You (DFY), Action Aid Association, SSTEP, LWS, PAD, RVC, World Vision, CASA, IGSSS, NEADS, SATRA, Ajagar Social Circle, MMM, Voluntary Health Association of Assam, GVM, CRS-BGSS, NEICORD and The EAST.

The programme covered areas of WASH responses during emergencies, DOs and DONTs of WASH during emergencies, water and diseases, sanitation and diseases, key WASH threats, major communicable diseases in emergencies. The participants were also moderated through group works which included factors affecting risk of outbreak, key WASH interventions, faecal-oral transmission routes, barriers to break the faecal-oral chain, WASH Triangle and WASH Mechanics Tool.

On the second day of the workshop a field visit was organized to one of the slams. The focus of the field visit was hand pump sanitary survey and action plan, Household visits and PHP activity plan, WaSH coordination and monitoring with a team and action plan.

The workshop on WaSH was much appreciated by the participants. Few photographs from the workshop are given below:





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



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

RIVER PHUKTAL BLOCKAGE: The Expert team set up by NDMA carried out an aerial reeve of River Phuktal landslide site on 07 & 08 May 2015. Impounded water upstream is gradually reducing as water is flowing through the created channel which has deepened and widened. The danger of sudden breach of Dam due to over topping was ruled out as a result of channel created by Expert team. Precautionary and preventive measures taken by State and District administration resulted in no loss of life and livestock. However there has been some damage to infrastructure which is being assessed. As has been highlighted earlier, the creation of the channel has mitigated, to a large extent, the potential damage that could have been caused.

Brainstorming Meeting on Revision of Manual for Drought Management on 25th March,

2015: A brainstorming meeting was organized at NIDM under the Chairmanship of Shri. Narendra Bhooshan, IAS, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture (MoA); to discuss the strategy & action plan to be adopted for the Revision of Manual for Drought Management and development of a National Drought Disaster Management plan for the Ministry of Agriculture as per The DM Act, 2005. While commencing the meeting, the 'Manual for Drought Management' prepared by NIDM for Ministry of Agriculture in 2009, was appreciated & the need for this manual to trickle down to state levels in the nation was also discussed.



All the participants were of the opinion to update the manual with issues such as Periodic vulnerability assessment, advanced technologies & approaches for the accurate assessment & management, Climate Change adaptability, inclusion of concepts like DRR & CSR, water resource management, micro-irrigation & drought resistant crop varieties to increase the productivity of crops, simplified crop insurance system, capacity building & strengthening of institutional capacity, National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) & State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), RKY Scheme, preparation of State Drought Manual to mention a few.

There was overall consensus to update the manual and prepare a National DM plan separately. It was also decided to constitute a 'Reviewing Committee' for the Drought Manual and a Core Group, both under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, MoA with Executive Director, NIDM as the Member Secretary to carry out these tasks systematically within the specified time frame.

The meeting was attended by the representatives from Ministry of Agriculture, NRSC, CAZRI, IARI, NRAA, National Institute of Hydrology, NIDM & other organizations, participating actively in the brainstorming discussion & also gave various recommendations for the revision of the drought manual.



INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

1. Emergency Coordination:

i. Tropical storm:

A sudden tropical storm with wind speed of 65 km/ hour lashed north & northeast Bihar, parts of West Bengal and Assam, on 21st April 2015, resulting in huge loss to life, houses and standing crops. First situation report was released on 23rd April. 2015.

ii. Nepal and India Earthquake:

A massive earthquake of magnitude 7.9 on Richter scale (as per IMD) struck Nepal on 25th of April 2015. The quake also jolted the neighbouring countries of Nepal including India, Bhutan and China, widespread damage was reported from Nepal. More than 150 aftershocks of Richter scale ranging from 3 – 6 were recorded since then. Another earthquake of 7.3 magnitudes was occurred on 12th May. Five situation reports were released on time to time.

IAC Committee Meeting: A teleconference of Inter Agency Coordination committee was called on 13th April, 2015 to take a stock of situation and discuss next course of action. Key decision of 13th Meeting:

- Sphere India will collate the secondary information from member agencies, local partners, IAGs and agencies based in Nepal.
- Sphere India to map the resources available with members for immediate deployment in Nepal.
- To list the people travelling to Nepal from member agencies and to establish coordination among them.

A follow up teleconference was again called on 25th April, 2015. Key decisions of teleconference are

- Declared L1 disaster in Assam, Sikkim, West Bengal, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh as the impact of earthquake is a localized and scattered one and shall be managed at a local level.
- However in Bihar L2 was declared considering the impact of both cyclone and earthquake. Bihar Inter Agency is coordinating at Bihar and if require any support for coordination and assessment etc. Sphere India shall provide the necessary support.
- For Nepal, Sphere India shall coordinate and extend support the agencies within India.

Emergency Coordination Meeting 27th April, 2015:

A multi stakeholder emergency coordination meeting was called on 27th April, 2015 which was attended by member agencies, corporate and others. Key decisions of the meetings are:

- URS matrix for mapping of response and resources shall be circulated.
- Members to share the organizational level assessment reports and Sphere India



mpile the information.

- Inter advocacy with members on Do's and Don'ts.
- Coordination support to Nepal to contribute into the larger coordination process of OCHA.
- Liaison with government on transportation, tax exemption etc.
- To form a core group on logistics to plan a comprehensive logistics support plan.
- Coordination with OCHA.

Coordination with Government and others:

- Group of Members had a meeting with key official from NDMA and requested for support for dispatch of relief materials, customs and other duties wave off, to facilitate humanitarian agencies to carry out relief operations through resources raised in India and by way of utilizing funds attained through FCRA in India through a GO and to nominate focal point for coordination in India and Nepal. Mr. Vikrant Mahajan, CEO Sphere India will be the focal point to contact on behalf of Humanitarian coalition in India.
- The circulation of CBDT to facilitate the involvement of Indian organizations in Nepal was circulated.
- An advice from FMSF on FCRA and income tax for Indian agencies undertaking relief and response in Nepal was also circulated

Logistic Core Group Meeting: A core group of logistic experts from member agencies was formed to plan detail logistic plan and a meeting was organized on 28th April to take stock of

current situation of logistics, transportation, procurement and other support system and to prepare a logistics support plan for Nepal earthquake response. Decision was taken for mapping of logistics services for transportation and list of logistics experts from member agencies shall be developed. Humanitarian Logistic Support Plan was also developed for Nepal and India Earthquake.

Logistic Coordination support:

- Database of vendors, services and rates was prepared and shared with members as and when required.
- The contact details of consulates at Nepal borders were shared with the members along with list of document required for getting clearance at border. Further extended support to agencies on clearance as and when required.
- Information sharing on existing services and support available from NDMA and SDMA for transportation and getting clearance.

iii. Zaskar Floods:

The artificial lake formed over Phuktal River in Zaskar, Kargil District due to landslide was bursts on 7th May, 2015 at 8: 00 am as per local sources. The artificial lake was formed at a distance of 5.5 km from Shaday Sumdo towards Marshan in Kargil District of Ladakh Region and led to a creation of an artificial lake extending about 15 km upstream.

On request, the expert team from NDMA comprising of senior members of SASE, CWC, BRO, NHPC, SOI, CIMFRL visited the site and with support from administration and army, 100 meters long, 2 meter deep and 2 meter wide channel was created by 18th of March, 2015. The coordination team took a stock of situation and released the situation report on 7th of May.

2. URS revision

Background: During the preparedness phase of 2014, the formats and processes for Joint rapid needs assessment formats were revised and these were used for JRNA in six different disaster situations. It has been a challenging experience mix of achievements and learning. As continuous learning, it was proposed to revise the formats, SOPs and put in place important preparedness measures before the onset of monsoon season. Following activities are initiated and are under process:

SOP: Inter Agency Coordination SOP with clarity on triggers mechanism and roles and responsibilities was revised by the IAC Committee and further shared for inputs with IAGs.

MOU: To streamline the coordination between national (Sphere India) and state level (IAGs or other similar groups) it was suggested to get an MOU sign. The 1st draft was developed under the guidance of Program and Strategy Committee and IAC Committee. Same draft MOU was shared with IAGs for inputs.



JRNA tool revision: It was felt that the tool is too lengthy and need to make it crisp by focusing on the 1st phase of response only. The tool was shared with the sectoral committees for inputs and a core group was formed to finalise the tool and the tool will be launch on 4th of June, 2015.

Consultation by IAGs: Consultation on JRNA tool revision, SOP and triggers of IAC and MOU was organized by IAGs at a state level between 24th April to 4th May, 2015. Further the inputs were received from IAG Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Odisha.

Adaptation of JRNA tool for urban, slow onset disaster and civil strife: Need was felt to develop JRNA version for urban and slow onset disaster and for conflict situation. A core group was formed for each version and with inputs the 1st draft was developed. Further the draft will be shared for wider consultation after 4th of June.

Secondary report: Developing the secondary data analysis report before disaster including mapping of NGOs, IAG members, contingency reserves and other resources initially for 5 most vulnerable states of India is initiated. The 5 vulnerable states to work on initially are Assam, West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. For Assam, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh the first draft analysis is shared with respective IAGs for inputs and remaining shall be completed by 24th of May.

Preparedness Workshop: Two days Disaster Preparedness Workshop was organized on 15th and 16th of April at YWCA of Delhi, New Delhi and was attended by member agencies, IAGs, corporate and others. The workshop was focused on strengthening the existing process and mechanism at national and state level. Detailed discussion/ group work on JRNA revision, SOP and triggers of IAC, technology application for JRNA tool to integrate technology applications for speedy data collection and analysis and preparedness actions jointly for Sphere India and IAGs to be completed before monsoon was done.



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

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

A meeting was initiated in Bihar with the **Nodal Officer Disaster Management**, vis a vis the **MISP Capacity Building Initiatives** in Bihar with support from **UNFPA State Office**. Dates were proposed for one day refresher training, one day training of quick response team and 3 day training on MISP along with two MISP integration workshops for the State of Bihar. The activities, expectations and timelines were discussed. This was followed by sharing of a Biparty MoU with the department for clarity of roles and responsibilities. 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.

MISP Session in First Bihar Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction:

In light of the experiences, insights and inspiration from the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) in Sendai for evolving a direction for disaster risk reduction through the Sendai Framework for Action (SFA) the **Government of Bihar (GoB) organized the First Bihar Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (BCDRR) on 13-14th of May** for the **development of a DRR Roadmap for the State for 2015 - 2030**. The Department of Disaster Management hosted this conference along with BSDMA, MHA, NIDM and UNICEF in partnership with Oxfam India, Save the Children, Red R, Sphere India and other agencies. Sphere India and UNFPA shared two theme papers and session presentations in this



Conference on Effective Multistakeholder Coordination in Emergency Response and Minimum Initial Service Package for Sexual and Reproductive Health in Disasters. The Principal Secretary Health who was the chair of the Health Preparedness session acknowledged the need for MISP in the State. Many participants requested us to provide them the MISP Animation Film which was aired during this conference.

Besides UNFPA and Sphere India had put up a **MISP stall** during the conference, which was facilitated by **MISP State Trainers from Bihar**. The materials demonstrated in the stall included a Dignity Kit, a Clean delivery kit, MISP Flyers, Previous MISP Reports (State,

Regional and District Trainings), MISP Animation Film, Health Micro plans of few districts of Odisha (with MISP incorporated).

Module Development with support from MISP Core Group:

Based on the **training objectives** and the **target participants** for various MISP Trainings, **shorter versions (3 day/ 2 day) Modules** were developed after seeking expert inputs, ideas and suggestions from the **MISP Core Team** as per their **respective thematic areas** to further enrich the MISP Module. It was felt that certain sessions in the training **required a change in methodology** to prevent monotony particularly in **Data M&E** and **Institutional Mechanism for Coordination** sessions to make them **more participatory and less theoretical**. Revised presentations on MNH, HIV/STI Prevention were shared within the group for collective ideas and inputs.

The 2 day Modules will be implemented in the 4 Regional workshops in Maharashtra, while the 3 day Modules will be used during the State Trainings in Bihar and J&K.

State Training on Google Earth Mapping and Data Management-J&K:

A 2 day training was conducted by **Sphere India** at **DC Office Complex, Srinagar** from **18-19th May 2015**. The training was attended by Government and Non-Government participants including **IGSSS, Handicap International, Hope Disability Centre** and **Sphere Staff in J&K**. The training aimed to create a trained pool of persons within the govt. and non-government sector in the State as a ready resource to support humanitarian needs assessments and on-going programme accompaniment. This training enabled the participants to understand and strategies the Google Earth mapping and Data management tools into humanitarian programme planning, implementation and accompaniment.



Planning for 4 Regional workshops on MISP (Minimum Initial Service Package) for Sexual and Reproductive Health in Disasters, in the State of Maharashtra:

As a follow up to the State Training in Maharashtra, the National Health Mission has taken the ownership of rolling out MISP in all the districts of Maharashtra. In this regard planning for 4 Regional MISP workshops supported by **Public Health Institute, UNFPA and NRHM**, was initiated at Nagpur, Kolhapur, Aurangabad and Nasik. Sphere India will be providing the technical resource and equipment for this workshop while UNFPA and NHM will be supporting with venue, logistic and travel of mentors to the training locations. Each workshop will be attended by **DRCHOs, MOs, Ashas, DM and WCD** from **35 districts** across the State of Maharashtra. The key objectives of the workshop will be to **build a cadre of MISP advocates at the district for MISP implementation**. It was discussed that MISP, (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Sexual and Gender Based Violence) would be included as a **critical component of the State Disaster Plan**. A Workshop would be organised in **June- July to review the State Disaster Plan and integrate MISP** as part of the plan.

SPHERE INDIA PROGRAMME NEWS

Collaborative Advocacy:

Key Activities:

1. Release of **Expression of Solidarity for Nepal – India Earthquake** under Collaborative advocacy. EOS was shared on 28th April with all the sphere members and other key stakeholders.
2. Bilateral meeting with **MLA Chandni Chowk (Ms. Alka Lamba) of Aam Aadmi Party** was taken up on 8th May 2015 with the support of member agency to discuss on mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into development actions of Government. It was jointly agreed to have **orientation meeting on “Disaster Risk Reduction” for Chandni Chowk team and follow up steps for School Safety campaign to best utilize local area development funds**.
3. **Media Core Group Meeting:** It was held on 11th May 2015 to form a core group of interested Media & Communication officers of Humanitarian Agencies/Media Houses for active engagement with media pre/post and during emergencies to ensure correct messaging and coverage when required for the humanitarian cause. Also, to use social media as tool to create a platform to influence media, disseminate positive stories, build in stronger voice by influencing mindsets towards handling the humanitarian call but in a very sensitive fashion via discussions or other ways and further to develop a database of Media Houses for future humanitarian reporting.
4. **Meeting with PHDCCI** was done on 12th May 2015 to discuss corporate engagement in disaster preparedness and coordination with humanitarian agencies. Rural Development

Foundation of PHDCCI agreed to take this agenda forward with corporate houses of their network. Corporate event in collaboration with PDHCCI and Sphere India in the month of June was discussed for better collaboration.

5. **Collaborative Advocacy Annual Report (2013 -14)** was developed and released in Sphere Google URS for information.

Corporate Engagement Workshop for Disaster Preparedness

On 15th May, in line with disaster preparedness workshop 2015, corporate engagement was done to remain better prepared for any upcoming disaster/crisis and strengthen our collaborative efforts in humanitarian actions. The event was attended by key corporate including Reliance Foundation, PHDCCI, WAVE Foundation, BHEL etc.



Coordination and Reviewed the Areas of Policy Recommendations on “Mainstreaming Disability into Disaster”:

In reference to Workshop on “Collaborative Advocacy on Mainstreaming Disability into Disaster” held on 20th March, 2015 organized by EHA in collaboration with Sphere India, Sphere India played a lead role in coordination for submission of Workshop Report and Group Discussion notes on Areas of Policy Recommendations, with the Office of Secretary of Department of Disability Affairs under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJ&E). As per advice of **Mr. Lov Verma, Secretary of MoSJ&E**, the areas of Policy Recommendations got reviewed, revised, restructured and updated for prioritizing the Areas of Recommendations into **Top Ten Policy Recommendations** and re-submitted through online.

Knowledge Management:

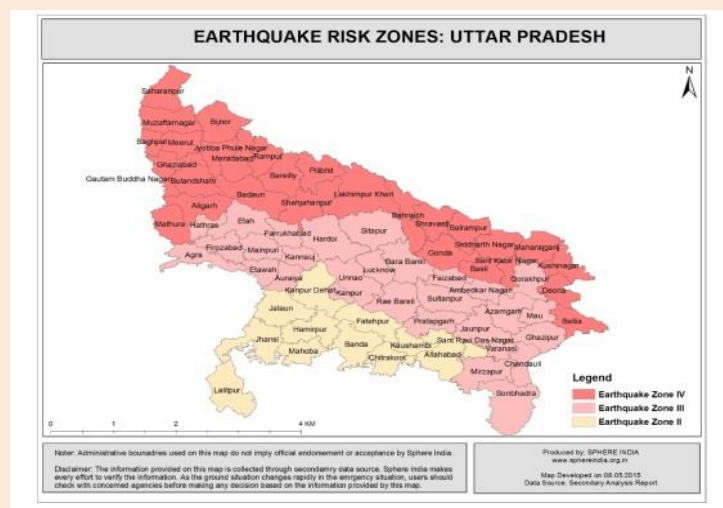
Key activities

District Disaster Management Plans (J&K):

To collect the information database an individual meetings with all the line departments have been completed in Kulgam district followed by HVCA field visits.

The first draft of all the four volumes of DDMP for Baramulla, Shopian and Poonch is completed and shared with district administration. One to one meetings have been conducted with DC/ADC to finalize the dates for Final Multistakeholder Consultation at district level.

The Final Multistakeholder DDMP Consultation will be organised at District Headquarter, Baramulla on 23rd May 2015 with participation of line departments and few representatives from local organisations. The initial Draft of the DDMP will be 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 Baramulla for their future reference.



GIS Mapping: A GIS map of “Earthquake Risk Zones in Uttar Pradesh” was developed for Secondary Report Analysis under the Inter-Agency Coordination Programme.

First Annual Health Committee Meeting @ 8th May 2015:

The first Annual Health Committee Meeting was held on **8th May 2015** at Sphere India Secretariat office, New Delhi under the chairperson of **Dr. Samuel Reuben, NPO-WHO Country Office**. It was attended by total eight member representatives including a special invitee from National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs. The key highlight of this Meeting was the presentation by the Chair on **Health Strategy Plan** comprising of four key strategies, to members of committee. The outcome of meeting was prioritizing the **top three Action Priorities for 2015-16** and formation of respective core groups to support the action priorities, as a follow up of the meeting. Review of JRNA checklists was completed after incorporation of inputs from members.



Adventist Development and Relief Agency (INDIA)

Lalngaizo is a widow who lives with her two children. Her husband was an alcoholic who was very abusive. She was accused for the cause of poverty by her alcoholic husband and abused physically and verbally. Her left leg was broken due to the physical abuse by her husband. As she has no proper source of income she could not go for treatment. Her husband joined the UG group with the hope earning easy money and escape from poverty. But then he decided to leave the group because of which he was shot in both the legs leaving him bedridden. He eventually died on 20.10.14. She was identified by ADRA team and provided with UCT amount for the immediate need.



Follow and screening of psychosocial problems was conducted and she was found to suffer with depression and anxiety disorder because of the insecurity in terms of basic needs- food, health issues, and education for her children. That's how she was selected for Occupational Therapy. She has weaving skills but was unable to purchase the raw materials. So it was decided to support her with yarn and accessories for traditional weaving and accordingly she was given an amount of Rs.10,360/- on 12th March, 2015. During the recent monitoring visit on 21st April, she happily showed the

traditional dress that she has woven. She is thankful to ADRA and the project. She said that it made a difference in her life. She feels a little relaxed that she now has a source of income. She said "I feel a lot more lighter with my worries even though I have to struggle with the problems of health and future of my children". Both her children had dropped out of school. With the support from the project, the younger son could enroll back in school after a gap of one year. The elder son of 13 years old was supporting his mother working as a daily wage labourer earning meager amount of 100 rupees per day. He now expressed interest of getting engaged in some vocational training course because he feels ashamed to go back to school after a gap of 5 years. Lalngaizo has still little insecurity because the in-laws have threatened to leave the house and this is the plight of many widows where they do not have right or access to husband's property after his dead. But she feels happy and hopeful now with the support she has received and she mentioned that it is not just the monetary support but also the thought that there were people who listened to her problems and visits her from time to time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Upcoming Events /Trainings in June 2015:

1. **ToT on Tools for Post Disaster** at NIDM, New Delhi from **1st to 5th June,2015**
2. **Regional MISP Workshop** at Aurangabad Maharashtra from **2nd-3rd June,2015**
3. **Role of Forestry Sector in Disaster Risk Management** at FRI Dehradun from **1st to 5th June, 2015**
4. **Post Disaster Reconstruction & Rehabilitation** at IMPA, J & K from **2nd to 4th June, 2015**
5. **Crowd Management for Police personnel of Nasik District (Table Top Exercise)** in collaboration with YASHADA at Nasik, Maharashtra from **8th to 10th June,2015**
6. **ToT course on Preparation and Implementation of Hospital Disaster Management Plan** at NIDM from **8th to 12th June,2015**
7. **State ToT on Q & A and Need Assessments in Emergency** at Odisha from **16th to 21st June,2015**
8. **Smart Cities: Indicators for safe Buildings** at NIDM, New Delhi from **17th to 19th June,2015**
9. **Nepal Learning Workshop** at TBD on **25th June 2015**
10. **IRS: Basic & Intermediate** in collaboration with UNDP at Kullu, Himachal Pradesh from **22nd to 26th June,2015**
11. **Legal Framework and Policies for Disaster Risk Mitigation and Management** at NIDM, New Delhi from **23rd to 25th June,2015**
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