



KEY EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

The 17th edition of Sphere India monthly newsletter contains various news update from our member organization like **ADRA, OXFAM India** on emergency response in India, Voice from Community by **IGSSS** and update from **Inter Agency Groups- Manipur** and a brief of **Sphere India program news** including the inauguration of **South Asia Together for Humanitarian Imperative (SATHI)**.

This issue also covers news update from **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** on A two day National Workshop on Urban Flood Mitigation – “Lessons learnt and Roadmap for future” and lastly it includes a list of upcoming trainings in the month of April-May, 2016.

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

Vikrant Mahajan,
CEO, Sphere India



ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency)

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE IN MANIPUR 2016

ADRA conducted joint assessment with Oxfam in Tamenglong, Senapati and Imphal West Districts visiting the affected areas and having focus group discussion and also one to one interview with the victims. Discussion has also been held with the Government departments during the assessment. The findings of the assessment led to response targeting 350 households for emergency shelter support (Tarpaulin and Groundsheet).



Interaction with Community during assessment

This response was supported by ECHO as a part of the ongoing project under HIP-2015-16. ADRA has completed the response covering 350 worst affected households in the districts Senapati, Tamenglong and Imphal West.



OXFAM INDIA

MANIPUR EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE



Photo : Demonstration of community water filter by OXFAM staff at Kabui Khullen 1 village (Tamenglong District)

With houses completely damaged or unsafe for use, and temperatures dropping up to 8 degrees at night, people were in urgent need of shelter Non-Food Items (NFIs) such as tarpaulins and blankets. OXFAM India, in partnership with Integrated Rural Management Association (IRMA), identified 300 earthquake affected households from 191 villages in Tamenglong, Senapati and Imphal (West) districts combined. Based on the findings of the rapid needs assessment, OXFAM India procured shelter (NFIs). OXFAM India started its earthquake response in Manipur on 30th January,

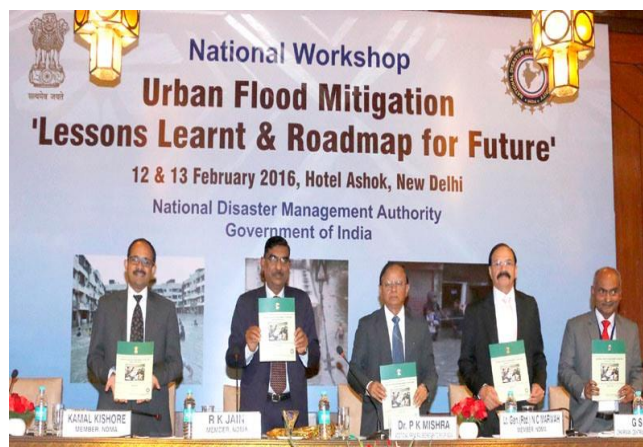
2016. 52 households were provided shelter NFI kits in Kabui Khullen 1 village of Tamenglong district. Kabui Khullen 1 village is located at the 4th January's earthquake epicenter zone. The remaining 18 villages were covered in the next few days and OXFAM India concluded the NFI distribution on 4th January, 2016. The response has been funded by ECHO.



National Disaster Management Authority, India

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON URBAN FLOOD MITIGATION - STAKEHOLDERS DISCUSS STRATEGIES TO STRENGTHEN RISK RESILIENCE

A two day National Workshop on Urban Flood Mitigation – “Lessons learnt and Roadmap for future” was organised by the National Disaster Management Authority, GOI on 12th and 13th February 2016 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri S. K. Srivastava, Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat. The overall objective of the workshop was to carve out a roadmap towards effective mitigation and management of urban floods in our country. Representatives from Nodal Ministries, State Disaster Management Authorities, Secretaries of the urban development departments of flood prone states, Technical Agencies, Municipal Commissioners, District Collectors, Academia and NGOs participated at the workshop. The NDMA Twitter Handle was launched in partnership with Twitter India during the inaugural ceremony of the workshop held on 12th February 2016. This partnership would help NDMA to leverage the platform of Twitter both for preparedness and response interventions.



During the course of two days, there were deliberations held upon key issues and concerns related to urban flooding from the perspective of urban land use planning, early warning systems and forecasting, sustainable drainage systems and mitigation of urban floods especially in the context of changing climate. Some of the key recommendations made by stakeholders laid emphasis on the need for preparation of Flood Hazard Risk Vulnerability Atlas, master plan for flood zonation based on natural hydrological features, development of real-time rainfall /cyclone monitoring & flood forecasting system including synergised SOPs, integration of hydro-meteorological data observation network and capacity building for preparedness and response especially at the community level.

Dr. P. K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Function held on 13th February 2016. The National Guidelines on School Safety Policy and Hospital Safety were released by Dr. Mishra. The guidelines on school safety have been formulated with a vision to ensure that all school children across the country remain safe from any kind of disaster risk as they access their right to education. The guidelines on Hospital Safety have been developed with the vision that all hospitals in India will be structurally and functionally safer from disasters. Dr. P.K. Mishra highlighted the need to develop disaster resilient cities to make India disaster resilient and he particularly emphasized that the cities which have been selected under the smart city program should pay attention to reduction of urban flood risk.

Source: Media

Inter-Agency Group- Manipur

ONE DAY LESSON LEARNED WORKSHOP ON MANIPUR FLOODS-2015

A One Day Lesson Learned Workshop on Manipur Floods-2015 was held at Disaster Management Institute, Imphal with the objective to Cross learning from initial relief/response of Manipur Floods and to develop future plan of action and strengthen the local networks in GO- NGO coordination and emergency response.



The opening remark to the workshop was given by. *Shri. AK Ranjit Kumar, Documentation cum Research Officer Department of Relief and Disaster Management, Government of Manipur.* He also highlighted the resource limitations of the Government and the importance of the role of the NGOs during emergencies or disasters. Duplications in terms of operation and activities and gaps that erupt while responding to disasters is also mentioned in the Draft line on Recovery after Disaster. An official report has been submitted for evaluation. The Government's policy

is to facilitate needs of the victims at the earliest. In transportation of the victims and supply of relief materials to the victims of any type of disasters, there are gaps due to lack of resources, minimum support and lack of Human Resources. He also mentioned that the ***official Report of damage and loss due to flood in the year 2015 in Manipur is INR 477 crores.***

The presentations on Perspective / Experience sharing through Power Points was done by L. Umarani, Training Officer, Emmanuel Health Association, by T. Savana Devi , District Coordinator, ADRA India . Thangsha Sebastian , Project Support Officer of Caritas India and by Sheipu Baite, Field Coordinator, IGSSS (DRR). Distribution of Food, Non Food , Cash transfers (Conditional and unconditional) and lobby & advocacy were the main



activities that was carried out by the various Organizations. The challenges that were faced during the implementation, Lessons learnt, benefits of IAG and recommendations for GO –NGO coordination for an active IAG to respond to any emergency were also shared by them.

South Asia Together for Humanitarian Imperative (SATHI)

Sphere India was represented by CEO, Vikrant Mahajan at the (SATHI) which held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 23rd -24rd of February, 2016. Seven countries were represented: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Maldives.



The delegates signed a charter to commit to working more closely together in the future towards humanitarian initiatives and Disaster Reduction within the network of SAARC countries initiated the process for greater collaboration in South Asia.

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

3 DAY MISP STATE TRAINING IN TAMIL NADU:

A 3 day MISP Training was organised with support from Directorate of Health Services and Preventive Medicine and UNFPA. A total of 26 participants attended the training including Medical Officers, few faculty Members of Universities and few participants from IAG Tamil Nadu from 5 most affected districts of Tamil Nadu. The training was inaugurated by the Deputy Director Institute of Public Health who emphasized on the need to address the issues of women and adolescent girls esp



regarding Gender issues in Disasters. Collective MISP Contingency Action Plans were developed by the participants by the end of the training.

MISP INTEGRATION WORKSHOP IN TAMIL NADU:

A planning meeting was organised at Institute of Public Health, Poonamelle, Tamil Nadu in which few participants from the MISP Training, representatives of the Health Department, Police Department attended. The Odisha experience was shared with the participants along with the proposed actions for developing a roadmap for Integration of MISP in the State and District Health and Disaster Management Plans.

GENDER SAFETY PROGRAMME AT M.A.M SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, TAMIL NADU



A session on “Gender Safety in Disasters” was organised at Trichy at the M.A.M College of Engineering and Polytechnic College. The session was attended by 400 engineering students and Faculty Members of the College. Further discussions were initiated with the institute to discuss the Capacity Building of the students and faculty of M.A.M School/College in Disaster Preparedness.

Inter-Agency Coordination Programme

EMERGENCY COORDINATION

- URS Matrix for Rehabilitation and Recovery Phase has been circulated and updated.
- Response Bulletin has been released and can be access on following link;
<https://sphereindiablog.wordpress.com/2016/02/03/response-bulletin-tamilnadu-floods-january-2016/>

MANIPUR EARTHQUAKE:

- URS Matrix is being updated.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ON JRNA AND DIGITAL APPLICATION (KoBo Collect)



Training on JRNA and Digital application has been organized and completed in 7 states which are HP, AP, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Manipur. Main focus of training was to train the persons from State IAGs and humanitarian agencies at Local and State level from each state for collection of data through KOBO Collect mobile application during joint need assessment and to bring out comprehensive report in a time effective manner.

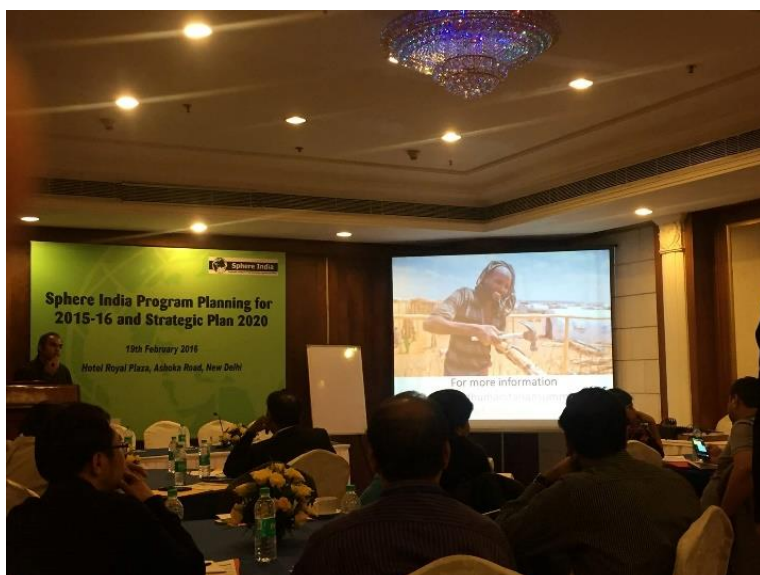
SPHERE INDIA PROGRAMME NEWS

Collaborative Advocacy

In the recent consultation on Sphere India Program Planning (2016-17) and Strategic Plan 2020 organized by Sphere India with support from Christian Aid and CASA on 19th February, 2016. A brief presentation on “**Emerging WHS priority-localization**” was given by Mr. Mihir Joshi explaining the brief background of WHS, specifying the need, the stakeholders involved and the status of previous consultations. While discussing the changing humanitarian landscape he



specified the following:



- More severe and frequent crises – **100 million people** seeking humanitarian assistance in each of the last three years. People with humanitarian needs **will double between 1990 and 2025.**
- Limited resources – funding requirements have more than doubled to over USD 10 billion per year. Losses due to disaster amount to USD 100 bn. Yet not enough investment in preparedness and prevention (only 3% spent on prevention and preparedness)
- New actors and models of assistance. Technology, access to information, mobile phones, 50% of developing countries will have access to internet – access to information.

While presenting he also shared a brief on the First ever World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey. The main objective of this summit would be:

- To set a forward-looking humanitarian agenda, to ensure the humanitarian system is fit to respond to future challenges.

- The summit will be an opportunity to take stock of achievements, share lessons and good practices.

Second presentation on **“Humanitarian Finance Modelling in Indian Context”** was given by **Mr. Ram Kishan (Christian Aid)** explaining the challenges for DRR financing, shrinking space for humanitarian response, need for new partners, new resource mobilization trends and global mechanisms where humanitarian response is addressed.



SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP FOR MAINSTREAMING DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLANS AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS 4TH MARCH, 2016 NEW DELHI

With the progress in developing standard training package on Mainstreaming Disability in Disaster Risk Reduction (Harmonized Training Package) at global level for addressing the needs of one of the most vulnerable groups in humanitarian settings, little progress has been made in standardizing and implementing disability friendly and inclusive services and facilities during humanitarian situations in India. A need is identified to develop standardized training manual along with training materials for building capacity of key stakeholders (both emergency and nutrition professionals) on “Mainstreaming Disability in Disaster Management” in India.

In continuation of the ongoing efforts and to advocate for formulation of policies to mainstream disabilities for policy makers Sphere India with support from CBM, organized a **“Half Day Sensitization Workshop for Mainstreaming Disability-inclusive Disaster Management Plans and Capacity Building Programs”** at New Delhi. The objective of the workshop was to advocate for formulation of policies to mainstream disabilities for policy makers.

CONSULTATION ON RIGHTS IN CRISES APPROACH 4TH MARCH 2016, NEW DELHI

Sphere India Collaborative Advocacy program under the leadership of IAG involves right in crises analysis of disaster response to identify key gaps/needs for collaborative advocacy with key stakeholders. The RIC process has been taken up in few of the post disasters of Odisha, J&K, Assam and Manipur floods for closing the gaps and needs of the affected community. The aim of the consultation was to share experiences and gather the good practices in Odisha, J&K, Assam, Manipur RIC and member specific advocacies along with strengthening and streamlining of Right in Crises tools in Rapid and detailed need assessment process with multi stakeholder’s participation.



Indo-Global Social Service Society - IGSSS

Voices from the Field

Background: On 4th January 2016, a strong earthquake with a magnitude of 6.8 struck Manipur, North East India at 4:35:20 with epicentre at Tamenglong district 33 km from the state capital Imphal. The quake struck while many residents were asleep, and roofs and staircases of some buildings collapsed in the city of about 2, 70,000 people. Imphal the state capital bore the brunt of the impact. With the fear of an aftershock, many residents are loitering outside the houses and a fear psychosis of the night is very much evident in the people mind.

The quake struck while many residents were asleep, and roofs and staircases of some buildings collapsed. The families whose houses were damaged or destroyed have been taking refuge at relief and have so far claimed 8 human lives (**4 in Imphal West; 2 in Imphal East and 2 in Senapati**) and 106 casualties in Manipur.

IGSSS conducted a rapid assessment and responded to 8 villages of 110 earthquake affected families from Leimakhong areas, Senapati district with **shelter kits** (Tarpaulin with rope) and **food items** (Rice, Salt, Lentil and mustard Oil)

The timely response and appropriateness of the materials were highly appreciated by the beneficiaries that resonate from post distribution field visit:

Mr. Songin Kipgen (40 yrs) with his family (four children) lives in **Molhoi village** located on a hilltop falling under Leimakhong area, Senapati district. Like any other families Mr. Kipgen was fast asleep as the earthquake jolted Manipur. Ms. Vahsi Kipgen his wife shares her emotionally intense experience of the 4th January earthquake “at the moment the ground shook and even before we could get out of the house the wall collapsed and fell on us injuring both of us. I was fortunate enough not to be injured seriously but unfortunately my husband had to face the brunt of hit as he was seriously injured and had to be hospitalized for almost 2 weeks”. When IGSSS team met Mr. Kipgen during the assessment he was just discharged from the hospital and was still on tube. Post distribution, IGSSS team visited Mr. Kipgen family to know his well-being. Though he was not fully recovered he was able to move and was feeling much better. He express his sincere gratitude for the relief kit distributed by IGSSS which was required at the moment and also hopeful that government/organization would help him in rebuilding his damaged house.



Mr. Songin with his wife at home

Mr. Lalboi Vaiphei, the village chief from Leilon appreciated the work of IGSSS. He says *"I'm thankful to IGSSS for all the support received and for standing with us in our tough times and helping the people in my village"*. Another chief also shared his displeasure towards the district administration for ignoring their villages *"we were disappointed when all the govt. officers, SDO crossed our village and went to uphill but didn't bother to stop in our village to ask us about our conditions. We were happy when IGSSS came to us and did the assessment and weeks later we were supported with basic food and non-food aids"*.



Distribution at Leimakhong



Ms. Chongminhoi

Mr. Doukholun from Hengyang village said from *the time the earthquake struck there are number of people who have come to us and asked about the damage details and never returned back. You are the first agency who has done the assessment gave us the family card and assured the support. We are happy about it and thankful to IGSSS.*

Post distribution IGSSS team visited a village in Salem and met Ms. Chongminhoi 13 yrs old. (Their parents were not available during the visit). She narrated her experiences *"when the ground shook my parents woke me up from sleep and I could feel the shake and we were inside hoping it to stop soon"*. When asked her about her feedback about the materials distributed he shyly said *"she is happy her family received the support*

and of the entire item we received I was happy that we got 25 kgs of rice". We asked her of all why are you happy with the rice for which she smiled and didn't not respond but her eyes told it all.

IGSSS sincerely acknowledged and appreciated the support and cooperation extended to IGSSS by IAG-Manipur, village chiefs and the district administration during the emergency response.

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Emergency Response in India Manipur Earthquake Emergency Response 2016



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MISCELLANEOUS

IMPORTANT TRAININGS/EVENTS in April-May, 2016:

Sr. No.	Event/Training/Workshop	Date	Place
1.	Workshop on "Earthquakes and Landslides in the Vulnerable Zones around Manipur,"	9 th – 11 th April	Manipur University, Imphal
2.	Training on Sphere Minimum Standards & SFDRR	20 th – 23 rd April	Imphal
3.	MISP Training and Integration Workshop Bihar	2 nd Week, April	Bihar
4.	State Level Multi Stakeholder Consultation in Drought	14 th April	MP
5.	State Level Multi Stakeholder Consultation in Drought	18 th April	AP
6.	State Level Multi Stakeholder Consultation in Drought	21 st April	Jharkhand
7.	State Level Multi Stakeholder Consultation in Drought	23 rd April	Chhattisgarh
8.	State Level Multi Stakeholder Consultation in Drought	25 th / 26 th April Tentative	Maharashtra
9.	National Multi Stakeholder Consultation in Drought	28 th April/ 3 rd May Tentative	Delhi

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