



### EDITORIAL MESSAGE

**Dear Readers,**

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome all to explore Sphere India's Monthly Newsletter, June, 2016 issue. This issue features a key note message from Dr. Bhanu of **PGVS**, news from Government, key activities of member organizations, updates from Sphere India Programme unit and a list of upcoming events.

The Special feature covers the update on **Joint Rapid Needs Assessment of Drought Affected States in India** and updates on **Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction**.

Another article discusses the last month updates from **Inter-Agency Group MP** and **Inter-Agency Group- Jharkhand** and progress of Sphere India program unit on Inter-Agency Coordination, Advocacy and capacity and knowledge sharing programs.

Finally, I thank my editorial team, technical team, readers and well-wishers who are promoting this newsletter.

**Vikrant Mahajan,**  
CEO, Sphere India



## Poorvanchal Gramin Vikas Sansthan (PGVS)

**Dear Friends and Colleagues**

It is an honor and pleasure for us to present the key note message sage” for Sphere India newsletter.

PoorvanchalGraminVikasSansthan (PGVS) has always extended its services in disaster while being involved in relief and rehabilitation work with support of its partners – Christian Aid, Cord Aid, and Oxfam India since 1987. Our experience and efforts in Disaster management was enhanced since the time we started collaborating with Sphere India in 2008. PGVS found a sustainable relationship with Sphere India throughout its journey in disaster response. Our collaborative efforts have helped us to reach out to millions of disaster affected people in the country especially during Uttar Pradesh and Bihar Flood, Orissa Cyclone and recently, Nepal Earthquake. The JRNA (Joint Rapid Need Assessment) tool initiated by them has helped many organizations to take quick decisions on the emergency response.



PGVS has conducted many successful program and workshops with the collaboration with Sphere and IAG Uttar Pradesh like workshop on Mainstreaming of DRR into the Development Programs of U.P. on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, Building Climate Resilience & Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in the State of Uttar Pradesh on 28<sup>th</sup> of Feb and 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2016 and a Four day **Training of Trainers (TOT) on Participatory Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis (P.V.C.A)** of Inter Agency Group (IAG) Bihar, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) was organized by CASA in Partnership with Christian Aid and PGVS. All trainings were facilitated by PGVS.

Sphere India has played a key role in bringing together the humanitarian community. Training & Capacity Building and the Inter-Agency Coordination has been a great contribution from Sphere India that binds members and helps ensure quality response to disaster events.

We hope that Sphere India continues to anchor the disaster preparedness, response and advocacy work and helps in making the most vulnerable and marginalized communities more resilient, stakeholders more responsive and inclusive and with its ever evolving standards, continues to uphold the honor and dignity of those impacted by disasters and through Sphere India, organizations are able to put the communities at the heart of all solutions during any disaster while it also provides a platform for exchanging of best practices.

Thank You

**Dr. Bhanu**

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## AMRUDH SELF HELP GROUP – STEP TOWARDS SELF RELIANCE

**Surguja, Chhattisgarh:** Barkol is a remote village; 40 kilometres from the district headquarter Surguja. Besides being geographically remote, the village lacks basic amenities and is reeling under poverty and obscurity.

In an attempt towards bettering the living condition of the villagers, SAMERTH, decided to involve the women folk of the village in Income Generation Activity (IGA) through formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs). Around 14 women came together to form a SHG named 'AMRUDH'. The handholding support by SAMERTH helped the SHGs receive their first grading in eight months. Along with a sum of Rs.15, 000 from the block. It



helped them began inter loaning process as revolving fund. The group then applied to Gram Panchayat to set up a small fishery enterprise. They took the permission of Pond usage from the Panchayat for an annual fee of Rs 1000. They further invested a sum of Rs.20, 000 from their own savings towards purchasing seeds for fish harvest.

In the meanwhile, the fishery department has also sanctioned a loan of Rs. 45000 to the SHG at 25% subsidy. This was a huge success for the group members and could be possible due to their relentless advocacy effort. Besides, it has been a huge confidence booster for these women, who at one point of time in their life could barely imagine that beyond their threshold they even existed. And here today they stand as visionary entrepreneurs interacting with the world inside and outside, shedding inhibitions and growing in confidence. Thus, it comes as no surprise, when they vocally proclaim that they are not merely an "SHG". As they say *"bhaiyyajiyeh SHG nahihaiyehhumare business kijaanhain."*

Samerth Charitable Trust (SCT) is a partner of IGSSS, implementing the SOUL programme in villages of Surguja District, Chhattisgarh.

**DROUGHT RESPONSE IN MADHYA PRADESH**

**Action Aid with the help of their local network partner ‘MP AapdaNiwaranManch’ and organizations:** The community

organisations facilitated by us at the village level have met the block CEOs and Tehsildars and the District Collectors of Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh and Sagar with their demand regarding proper assessment of the disaster, payment of fair compensation, immediate supply of drinking water, fodder and food to the affected villages. Our field teams are engaged in assisting and monitoring the process of survey and payment of compensation



in the affected villages. Migrations of people are being tracked at the village level. Monitoring the implementation of social security schemes like PDS, MDS, ICDS etc. following are few of the relief and advocacy efforts and achievements:

**Relief work:**

- To counter the food shortage, we have constructed around 60 grain banks in 3 districts.
- For immediate humanitarian relief ActionAid has started distribution dry ration kits to about 500 most vulnerable families in 44 villages of Tikamgarh, Chatterpur, Sager and Panna. It is also distributing drinking water through tankers in 23 most needed villages in these districts.

**Achievements through Advocacy efforts:**

- MPANM facilitated Gram Sabhas in 58 villages on the issue of drinking water, generating employment and construction of water harvesting structures through MGNREGA. The resolutions were then submitted to the block and district Panchayat and Collectors for immediate action.
- 156 hand pumps repaired
- 13 new hand pumps have been constructed
- 17 wells have been deepened
- Water supply through tankers in 5 villages
- The program for repairing nalas that were in bad condition was initiated in 6 villages
- Submersible pumps and plastic pipes have been used in 53 hand pumps to get enough water
- For the drinking purpose of cattle 52 tanks have been constructed
- 21 open pits have been made for the cattle
- 7 Ponds have been created around water sources for the livestock

### ASIAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

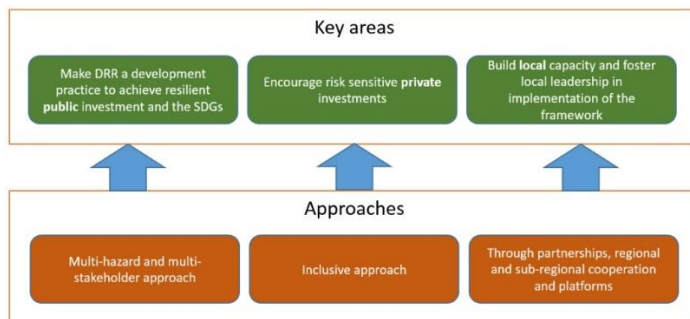
**Venue:** VigyanBhawan, New Delhi (India)

**Register online:** <http://www.amcdrrindia.net/>

This first Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction after the advent of the Sendai Framework will be hosted by the Government of India in November 2016. As a follow-up from the 6th Asian Ministerial Conference outcome (2014) and as a requirement of the Sendai Framework, the intended outcome of the conference in India will be to adopt an 'Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework'. The AMCDRR 2016 will provide a unique opportunity to shape the implementation and monitoring of the Sendai Framework in Asia.



**The objectives of the AMCDRR 2016 conference are as follows:**



Transforming the commitment of governments and stakeholders made in Sendai during the WCDRR into national and local action.

Setting the direction to accelerate regional implementation and monitoring of the Sendai Framework

**The expected outcome of the conference will be the following:**

- A political declaration – consolidating the political commitment of governments towards preventing and reducing risk as well as strengthening resilience by accelerating implementation and monitoring of the Sendai Framework in the region.
- 'Asian Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework' – a plan endorsed by the countries for the Asian region.
- Stakeholder action statements – voluntary statements of action of stakeholder groups towards a 'shared responsibility' approach in implementation of the Sendai Framework.



## INTER-AGENCY GROUPS



### Inter Agency Group- MP

In view of on-going coordination activities for Drought Emergency and related issues in Madhya Pradesh Inter-Agency Group, the core group meeting of IAG members were organized for planning on JRNA Training and Drought Coordination & Advocacy meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April. **Training of Joint Rapid Need Assessment** conducted in Bhopal, MP by IAG MP with support from Care India and Sphere India on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April. About 30 persons were trained on JRNA and Digital Application Kobo Collect for data collection.



**State Level Coordination & Advocacy Meeting Organized in MP** supported by CASA & Care India on 14<sup>th</sup> April wherein members of IAG from INGOs, NGOs and Government department



participated and came out with strategies for drought response in State.

Following to this the Joint Need Assessment started from 20<sup>th</sup> April. IAG Coordinator with partners from Action Aid visited District Sagar for providing training to data collection team and assessment planning. Report writing teams were given responsibility to write report. Coordination meeting was done with Dep. Relief Commissioner and Disaster Management Institute to get the information about drought situation in MP. Joint Need Assessment Report was released with the

efforts from various agencies in MP.

Link for accessing the Assessment Reports;

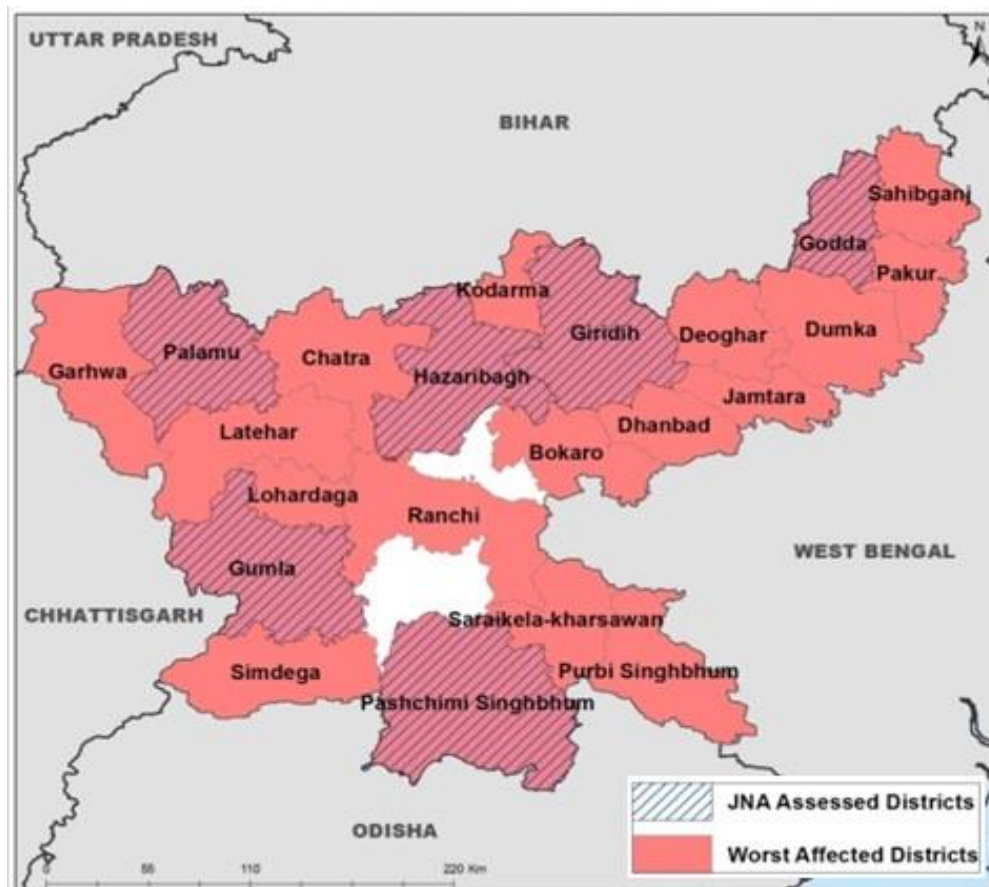
<https://sphereindiablog.wordpress.com/2016/05/17/draft-jna-report-mp-ap-jharkhand-drought/>





### Inter Agency Group- Jharkhand

A one day Consultation on Drought & Heat Wave prevailing in State Jharkhand and for further strengthening of GO-NGO Platform in Jharkhand was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 in Ranchi by IAG Jharkhand with support from Sphere India and CASA India. Twenty two participants from seventeen organization participated in the consultation, participants included member agencies, economists, academicians and people from health department. Decision was made by the partners to carry out Joint Need assessment in the Drought affected districts of Jharkhand.



Following to the one day coordination meeting a Training on Joint need assessment tool was organized by Inter Agency Group- Jharkhand in Ranchi on 26th April 2016 in which 23 participants from agencies - Plan India, Action Aid, World Vision, Terre des Hommes, IGSSS, SPWD, KSRA, Srijan Foundation, CINI, VSK,NBJK, ASHRAY, AROUSE, IDF, TRY, Badlao foundation, SGVV, and ASI Participated. The Joint Need assessment was carried by IAG- Jharkhand in 48 villages from 7 districts to assess the need of the community at village level. The districts that were covered during the need assessment were: Palamu, West Singhbhum, Hazaribagh, Giridih, Gumla, Godda and Khunti.

The JRNA exercise was conducted with the help of partner agencies like- Plan India, Action Aid, World Vision, Terre des Hommes, IGSSS, SPWD, KSRA, Srijan foundation, CINI, VSK,NBJK, ASHRAY, AROUSE, IDF, TRY, Badlao foundation, SGVV, and ASI. Joint Need Assessment on the

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current drought situation was carried out by partners of IAG- Jharkhand from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### List of Districts, Blocks and villages covered under JRNA

State	District	Block	Villages
Jharkhand	Khunti	Rania	Tamba, Belsiad, Etam, Banai
		Karra	Banaloya, Jaltanda, Cherwadag, Haruhappa
	Palamu	Patan	Dhada, Imli, Jhanghasi, Kisanpur
		Lesliganj	Bansdih, Chaura, Goradih, Sangwar
	Giridih	Patartanr	Khetadabhar, Chilga, Vishnupur, Pandnatanr
	Gumla	Raidih	Deragdih, Khirakhar, Patratoli, Sugkara
		Basia	Bartoli, Konnbir, Nawatoli, Solangbira
	Hazarbagh	Churchu	Uria, Potmo, Chichikala, Chichikurd
	Godda	Poryahat	Chakratanr, Kudwa, Salgatanr, Sundridol
		Sundarpahari	Barasindri, Haripur, Kadampur, Teliyapara
	W.Singhbhum	ManoharPur	Jojogutu, Bijatoli, Mahuldiha, Pradhanpali
		ManoharPur	Raidih, Rengalper, Sirka, Sonpokhri

### The major findings of the assessment are:-

- More than 50% of the villages assessed are having malnutrition as a health issue.
- Livestock is affected in large no. due to scarcity of drinking water and fodder available in the village.
- More than 65 % villages faced severe damage to crops due to drought resulting in severe impact on livelihoods and lack of money to carry the day to day needs in the affected communities.
- There is an increase in the migration in the villages due to drought, Out of 48 assessed villages, In 38 villages (79%), and People said they have observed an increase in the inter-state migration due to drought.



### Inter-Agency Coordination Programme

#### DROUGHT CONSULTATIONS IN FIVE STATES- MADHYA PRADESH, ANDHRA PRADESH, JHARKHAND, CHHATTISGARH & MAHARASHTRA

In view of ongoing drought situation, the major affected states were Maharashtra, MP, UP, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand & Chhattisgarh. As a knowledge sharing effort Sphere India have released regular situation reports on drought situation prevailing in different states of India.

In view of the griming situation UP Inter Agency Group held a coordination meeting and decided to carry out the Joint Need Assessment in the month of March. Following to that the process for other states has been triggered in the month of April, 2016. The Unified Response mapping by humanitarian agencies for drought has been activated. Taking into account the ground situation **01 Day Multistakeholder Coordination**



**Meetings** were organized in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh & Maharashtra followed by **Training on Joint Need Assessment on drought tools and process**. Humanitarian agencies like Care India, TDH, Action Aid, TISS, EFICOR, World Vision India, CASA India and Plan India supported the consultations in various states.

State IAGs took lead to complete the exercise and came out with reports in the above mentioned states. However, in Maharashtra, it was decided to come out with consolidated report after receiving individual reports from agencies working in Maharashtra.

### TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

#### 03 DAY REGIONAL MISP STATE TRAINING IN ASSAM

A 3 day MISP Training was organised at the State Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Assam, with support from National Health Mission and UNFPA. A total of 34 participants from 4 North East States attended the training including Medical Officers, District Programme Managers, and Asha Coordinators from the most affected districts of Assam,



Mizoram, Nagaland, and Manipur. The training emphasized on the need to address the issues of women and adolescent girls especially regarding Gender issues in Disasters. Collective MISP Contingency Action Plans were developed by the participants and submitted for effective implementation of MISP in North East.

### REGIONAL MISP INTEGRATION WORKSHOP IN ASSAM



An integration workshop was organised at State Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Guwahati to develop a roadmap for the integration of MISP in Disaster Management and Health Plans. The workshop was inaugurated by MCH Consultant, NHM Dr.Zaman, along with DG Civil Defence, Deputy Commandant NDRF, UNICEF Chief-North East, TusharRane and Health Specialist, Manisha Chawla. The participants gave presentations on Integration of MISP in State Health PIP and Disaster Management Plans, for Assam and other

North East States. The Odisha experience was shared along with the proposed actions for developing a roadmap for Integration of MISP in the State and District Health and Disaster Management Plans. A core committee will be formulated for reviewing the MISP activities in the State.

### 2 DAY REGIONAL MISP STATE TRAINING FOR RRC STATE CONSULTANTS

A 2 day Regional MISP Training was organised with an objective to incorporate the DRR components in the existing Asha Module. This training was supported by Regional Resource Centre-North East and inaugurated by RRC Director, Mr.Bamin Tada. A total of 17 participants from 7 North East States attended the training including State RRC Consultants and State Programme Managers for Community Process. The training was well appreciated. Collective recommendations were put forth on the Action Plans for the roadmap ahead.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### IMPORTANT TRAININGS/EVENTS in June-July, 2016:

Sr. No.	Event/Training/Workshop	Date	Place
1.	Consultation on Mainstreaming DRR in Financial Institutions and Mechanisms on	28 June, 2016	New Delhi
2.	MISP Training and Integration Workshop	TBC	Bihar
3.	WHO workshops at Meghalaya & Manipur	TBC	Meghalaya Manipur
4.	IPPF Regional Event for Strengthening IEWG for SRH	TBC	Sri Lanka
5.	Revision of Minimum Economic Response Standards	12-13 July, 2016	New Delhi

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