



## **KEY EDITORIAL MESSAGE**

**Dear Readers,**

In our 16<sup>th</sup> edition of Sphere India monthly newsletter we bring you various news update from our member organization like **Caritas India, EFICOR** and existing Inter Agencies Groups: **IAG-Odisha, IAG-Chhattisgarh, IAG-Jharkhand** and a brief of **Sphere India program news**.

This issue also covers news update from government sector on **India first launches of National Disaster Management Plan for Animals** and lastly it includes a list of upcoming trainings in the month of March- April, 2016.

We hope to connect you all through our next publication with new updates through our members organisation work and activities in humanitarian sectors in India.

**Vikrant Mahajan,**  
CEO, Sphere India

It is indeed an honour and pleasure to write this month's Keynote message for Sphere India's newsletter. Caritas India has always extended its service in disasters while being involved in relief and rehabilitation work through its partners. Our experience and efforts in Disaster management was enhanced since the time we started collaborating with Sphere India in 2008. Our



*Fr. Fredrick D'Souza, Executive Director, Caritas India*

collaborative efforts have helped us to reach out to millions of disaster affected people in the country especially during Uttarakhand Floods, Jammu and Kashmir Floods, Nepal Earthquake and now the very recent Tamil Nadu Floods and Manipur Earthquake. Joining hands with Sphere India has contributed enabled us to come up with proper Rapid Needs Assessment report and collaborative advocacy.

As a part of the humanitarian network, members of Sphere India like Caritas have worked towards making their interventions faster by reaching out to the most vulnerable people during disaster. The humanitarian goal of restoring human dignity during the time of disaster was really enhanced with the partnership and linkages that Sphere India provided. Sphere India's biggest strength is its facilitating power in engaging civil society with the government for DRR policy advocacy. Over the years, our experience in disasters has shown that communities themselves are the best solutions during disasters. For the past decade the whole concept of disaster response underwent a strategic change from relief and rehabilitation to community-based disaster preparedness to community managed disaster risk reduction.

We hope that 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.

**Fr. Fredrick D'Souza**  
*Executive Director, Caritas India*



## EFICOR (Evangelical Fellowship Of India Commission On Relief)

### BRIEF UPDATE OF EFICOR – EMERGENCY RESPONSE & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION INTERVENTIONS IN THE MONTH OF JAN – FEB 2016

#### EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO USMANPUR FIRE VICTIMS



Need Assessment done by the Team

A massive fire broke out in a slum cluster of New Usmapur village, East Delhi - at 11:30 pm, on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and gutted the dwellings of over 14 rag picker-families. Three children, including a six-month old boy from a single family were killed; five others were severely injured as several huts burned down during this cold night. EFICOR has done initial needs assessment along with its local partner SPTWD (Society

for Promotion of Tribal Welfare and Development) and extended emergency relief to 14 families who have lost all their belongings and family members. Each family was supported with Rs. 2000 worth relief materials consisting of Rice – 25 Kgs, Wheat flour – 10 kgs, Cooking oil – 2 litres, Spices – 300 gms, Salt – 1 kg and Utensils – 1 set. The relief materials distributed were sufficient for at least 3 weeks as per the Sphere Standards. Among the total 48 beneficiaries who received the relief materials two disabled persons and one widow were also included.



Relief Materials

#### DRR INTERVENTION AT PROJECTS IN BIHAR



Beneficiaries with Land Documents

The DRR Projects of EFICOR in Bihar facilitated various interface meetings with the state government to avail 11 Khata land for 66 landless farmers of Mahadalit (Mushahar) communities in targeted villages called Bella Tal, Piprakotti Block, Motihari district and Khairi Mushari

in Madhepur Block, Madhubani district respectively. It was a proud moment for the Mahadalit – Mushahar communities to possess the land and getting recognition in their society. The community inhabits the flood prone areas; these vulnerable families would be cultivating flood resistant crops as part of their community resilience.



### CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD SHELTER

EFICOR began the construction of flood shelter in the month of February in Khairi Mushari village, Medhepur block, which would be beneficial for 150 vulnerable families to have shelter during flood situation as there is no other community building in this village. Due to the past flood experiences and frequent disasters faced by the community, the DMC (Disaster Management Committee) gave priority to donate the land for flood shelter which would entirely reduce their migration and displacement during emergency flood situation.



Flood Shelter Construction under progress

### INCLUSION – PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY (PWD)



PWDs Gathering

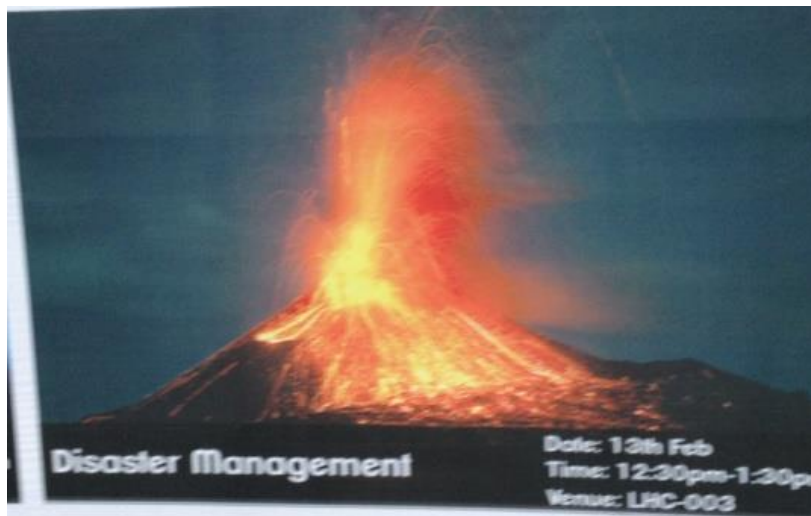
As part of DRR and capacity building of vulnerable group EFICOR Hasanpur DRR Project in Samastipur district, Bihar organized a disability camp where 84 disabled people from 15 villages of Aura and Devra panchayats were imparted the disaster coping skills. The local Panchayat along with Disaster Management Committees took initiative to file application for disability certificates and other entitlements meant for the community. During this camp 54 out of 84 PWDs with more than 50% disability were identified, facilitated to avail the disability certificates and help was rendered to process the applications for disabled pensions.



Sensitization on RTI & Disable Certificates for PWDs

## WORKSHOP ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN SANKALP- IIT ROORKEE

EFICOR conducted a workshop on Disaster Management for the IIT students on the occasion of IIT Roorkee's social convention called "SANKALP", which is a social initiative undertaken by NSS IIT Roorkee with an aim to inculcate social service amongst the youth. The workshop on Disaster Management was an effective and powerful youth



engagement programme which awakened the young minds through practical knowledge and awareness on Emergency Response and Disaster Risk Reduction. ***During this thematic parallel workshop 50 students actively participated and had a better conceptual clarity regarding disasters and mitigation measures and they committed themselves for voluntary service and contribution towards humanitarian responses in future disasters.***



Disaster Management Training





### INDIA FIRST LAUNCHES OF NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ANIMALS

The government on Thursday released a national disaster management plan for animals. Under the plan, rescue and relief of animals will now be an integral part of disaster operations.



The plan, released by the Union agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh, is a joint effort of the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), World Animal Protection and Policy Perspectives Foundation (PPF). It brought out standard operating procedures (SOPS) for protection of animals to be followed across the country during disasters including floods, landslides and earthquake. The minister said, "In India, animals are at the heart of everything, be it family, culture and livelihood. Animals are, in fact, intrinsic parts of our lives it is ironical that the animals were missing in the picture (disaster management plan) till now."

"In our economy, especially in rural areas, animals are extremely important. Hence, putting focus on animal rescue during disasters becomes crucial from economic viewpoint. Animals are the assets of the nation and it is our foremost duty to protect them."

He also added, "I am happy to share that NDRF is now being trained to rescue animals along with people during disasters. And I would like to congratulate NIDM and partnering stakeholders World Animal Protection and PPF for this landmark achievement. It's an honour to be a part of this milestone."

He assured that the Government would incorporate as many inputs and suggestion possible to bring in animals into the heart of disaster management.

**Source: Medias**



## INTER AGENCY GROUP (IAG) – CHHATTISGARH

### LIST OF PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED TILL 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 BY IAG-CHHATTISGARH

State level Multi-stakeholder consultation held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Raipur Chhattisgarh, to facilitate and strengthen the Inter-Agency Coordination platform at state level and to initiate IAG-Chhattisgarh with mutual consent of the participants representing different agencies. Over 40 agencies including NGOs, CSRs and Government representatives participated and Core Working group of 10 members Core working group of ten members including Dr. Prabir Chatterjee(SHRC), Mr. Anand Shukla(OXFAM India), Mr. Anurag Gupta(Water Aid India), Dr. Sharad Kislaya (CARE India), Mrs. Hemlata Sahu(MSKPP), Rashmi(Kusa Bhau Thakre University), Mrs. Namita Mishra(PRI & GIZ) , Mr. Manish(Samarthan) , Mrs. Sowjanya(World Vision India), Dr. Dinesh Kakkoth(CRY) and Mr. Rajat(CASA) was formed to decide the scope of work and charter for IAG-Chhattisgarh. It was decided by the Panel that this group would be responsible for finalising the charter on the basis of the inputs provided by the members. Role and strategy of IAG in Low-risk State, in terms of emergency and disaster preparedness was discussed. Civil conflicts, droughts, malnutrition, Malaria, Flash Floods were identified prevailing issues which need to be addressed.



Charter of IAG-Chhattisgarh was finalized in the executive committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at OXFAM India office, Raipur. Mr. Prabir Chatterjee, Executive Director State Health Resource was elected as Convener for IAG-CG. Also the logo for IAG-CG was finalized in same month.



On 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 JRNA Capacity Building Training Programme has been organized in Raipur with coordination support from IAG Chhattisgarh and financial and technical aid from Sphere India, CASA and Christian Aid. Leading Agencies and University students pursuing Masters in Social Sciences participated in the training. Various training methods such as Interactive presentations, Discussion groups Group work, Role Play were used for adult learning participation.

Most of the queries of the participants were met during the training and commitments were taken from the participants.



## INTER AGENCY GROUP (IAG)– JHARKHAND

### CORE GROUP MEMBERS MEETING 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

A core group members meeting was organized on 29<sup>th</sup> January. The agenda for the meeting were

1. Finalizing IAG charter.
2. Discussion on election of new IAG convener.
3. Discussion on current situation of Jharkhand.



Detailed discussion was done on the draft charter. It was decided that to finalize the charter a meeting should be called where more members should be invited. Current drought situation was also raised and discussed during the meeting. It was decided that a meeting will be called on 29<sup>th</sup> of February at any of the member's office where more partners will be invited. A new working core committee will be constituted and a new convener for Jharkhand IAG will be elected.



## INTER AGENCY GROUP (IAG) – ODISHA

### STATE LEVEL CONSULTATION ON GO-NGO COORDINATION FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



Sri. Pradipta Mohapatra, SRC cum Managing Director  
Odisha State Disaster Management Authority Addressing

IAG Odisha in joint collaboration with OSDMA organised a state level consultation on GO-NGO coordination for Disaster Risk Reduction. The consultation was held successfully on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 at hotel May Fair Lagoon, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India, to explore an approach for sustainable Coordination between Government & NGOs for Disaster Risk Reduction in the state of Odisha with the proactive participation of both the Govt. and civil

society organizations. More than 74 participants representing civil society, senior bureaucrats, Minister-Revenue & Disaster Management, Govt. of Odisha, activists and academicians actively participated as per the consultation *session plan* and helped the programme to achieve its





Bijayashree Routray Hon'ble minister – Revenue & Disaster management Govt. Of Odisha sharing his views with participants

objectives towards ensuring establishment of an effective coordination mechanism between Govt. and NGOs for disaster risk reduction in the state of Odisha. Led by the Inter Agency Group, Odisha and OSDMA, Govt. of Odisha with support of CRS, this consultation called together over 54 stakeholders of the state representing the civil society organizations, senior bureaucrats, Minister-Revenue & Disaster Management, activists and academicians working on disaster management to discuss coordination between Govt. and non-govt. for

effective disaster risk reduction. The purpose of the consultation was to create institutional processes which would obviate the necessity of individual magnanimity otherwise all good work done through collaborative efforts of GO-NGO would be obfuscated.

### Major decisions of the consultation

- IAG Odisha to prepare a database of NGOs and protocols for disaster management particularly for the 23 coastal blocks so that Govt. could leverage the outreach of the NGOs.
- Institutional Mechanism to be brought out at the state level so that NGOs could be invited and engaged to supplement the role of Govt.
- Protocols to be developed for GO-NGO coordination.
- Mapping of the NGOs based on thematic areas to be developed by IAG. By end of May 2016, IAG & OSDMA should come up with a database of NGOs.
- There will be regular sharing of best practices and reports with Government by IAG and vice versa.
- Instruction Letter to All Collectors to activate the DLCC and prepare a database of NGOs.
- Dedicated Time for Inter Agency Group official for any work on GO-NGO coordination activities.
- IAG/OSDMA to plan for Go-NGO consultations at the district levels as well.



## INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

### 1. Emergency Coordination

#### Manipur Earthquake, 2016:

#### ORIENTATION ON JOINT RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JRNA) TOOLS AND KOBOCOLLECT APPLICATION DURING MANIPUR EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE, 2016 AT IMPHAL

Facilitation and orientation on the JRNA tools and Kobocollect application for agencies planning for JRNA was conducted at Disaster Management Institute (DMI), Imphal on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2016 in coordination with Secretary, Relief & Disaster Management Department Government of Manipur which was also participate by civil defence and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Inter-Agency Group - Manipur with active technical support from Sphere India



Trained JRNA Team at Disaster Management Institute, Imphal- Manipur

The Joint Rapid Needs Assessment was carried out in 3 districts of Manipur covering 13 villages jointly with Civil defence, Sate Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and Sphere India member organisation like Caritas India, IGSSS, OXFAM India, World Vision India, CASA, ADRA, CRS, Action Aid and local NGOs like DSSS, PRDA and IRMA from different districts. DC offices of the respective districts were directly consulted for updates and identification of the worst affected villages.

#### THE JOINT RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JRNA) REPORT RELEASED

The Joint Rapid Needs Assessment (JRNA) Report on Manipur Earthquake 2016 is available through the below link:

**Sphere India in Emergency:** Link: <https://sphereindiablog.wordpress.com/2016/01/10/10-01-2016-joint-rapid-needs-assessment-report-on-manipur-earthquake-2016/>

#### SITUATION REPORT-1,2,3,4,5,6 AND 7 ON MANIPUR EARTHQUAKE 2016

Situation Report-1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7 was prepared through coordination & information gathering from Civil Org in Manipur, SEOC and DCs for wider disseminate at larger platform to give real time information at ground situation. The Sitreps are available through below link:

<https://sphereindiablog.wordpress.com/category/manipur-earthquake-2016-and-floods-2015/>

### REGULAR UPDATION OF URS MATRX ON MANIPUR EARTHQUAKE 2016

The URS Matrix on Manipur Earthquake is updated on regular basis and its further share with Sate Government of Manipur.

### Tamil-Nadu Floods:

- a. URS matrix update
- b. Coordination for Response Bulletin for TN & AP
  - Coordination for Sectorial Joint Detailed Needs Assessment in Tamil Nadu
    - Meetings with IAG TN members
    - Meeting with Sectoral experts for drafting comprehensive tool.
    - State level meeting on JDNA planning is on 5<sup>th</sup> January
    - Coordination meeting with IAG District Cuddalore & Villupuram regarding JDNA planning on 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> January
    - Organized sensitization & training programme at State Level for Joint Detailed Need Assessment on 9<sup>th</sup> January
    - Report of JDNA was released. Link for the report is given below:  
<https://sphereindiablog.wordpress.com/2016/02/18/joint-detailed-needs-assessment-report-post-tamilnadu-floods/>
  - Coordination for Response Bulletin for TN & AP



### LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT TRAINING AT NATIONAL LEVEL



Humanitarian Logistics Management Course" 2-4 February in New Delhi.

Sphere India in coordination with The Kuehne Foundation's HELP Logistics AG and World Vision have organized the training programme for "Certificate in Applied Humanitarian Logistics Management" in humanitarian context on 02-04 February 2016 in Delhi, India.

The training is aimed at teaching firm and practical Logistics and Supply Chain Management knowledge by providing detailed picture of humanitarian system in emergency relief as well as long term development

context that includes a general introduction to different types of disasters, disaster life cycle, involved actors and various types of responses.



### TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

#### INCLUSION OF MISP IN 38 DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLANS IN BIHAR

As a follow up to the DDMP workshop organised on 6-7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 supported by BSDMA, where Sphere India presented on the **Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health in Disasters**, a **Chapter on MISP**, was shared with BSDMA and knowledge partners who are developing the DDMPs in Bihar to be incorporated and integrated in **38 DDMPs of Bihar**. A joint meeting was initiated with BSDMA on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to discuss on MISP and its way forward in terms of planning and preparedness.

A “**MISP Integration workshop**” will also be organised in March, at Patna, with support from Health Department, GoB, UNFPA, BSDMA & DMD and seeking participation from all knowledge partners of BSDMA for seeking feedback and recommendations for strengthening and integrating the MISP efforts in Disaster Management Planning.

#### PLANNING FOR MISP TRAININGS IN BIHAR AND TAMIL NADU

Interface and meetings with the **State Health Departments, GoB & Govt. of TN**, identification of the most affected districts, letters for inviting nominations, procurements, Logistic planning was initiated for MISP Trainings and Integration Workshops in Bihar and Tamil Nadu. Follow up with **Mission Directors of Kerala, Karnataka, Andra Pradesh, TN and Bihar** for Inviting nominations for MISP Regional Training South and State Training in Bihar. **Director Public Health, TN**, has been identified as the **Nodal Agency** for MISP implementation in Bihar.

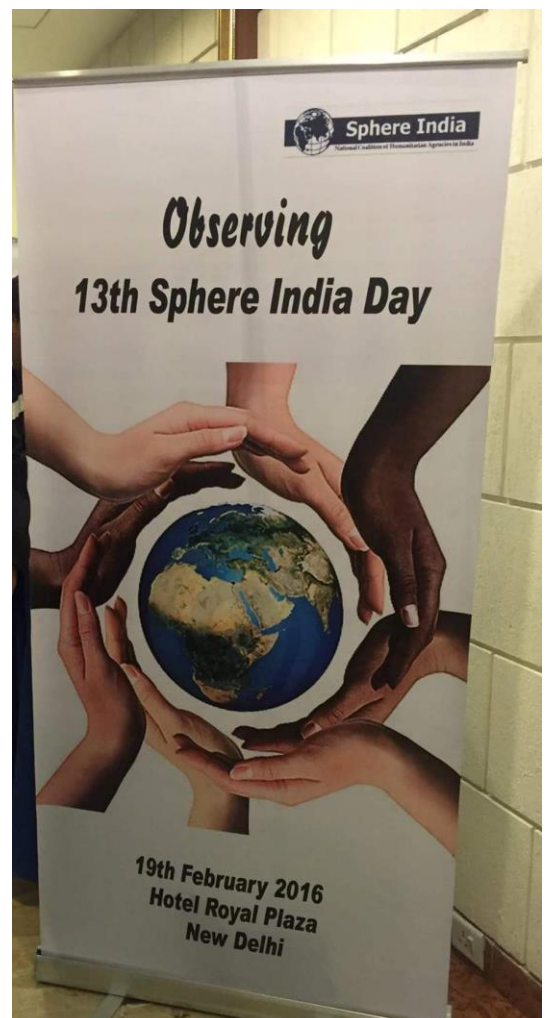
#### MEETING WITH NHSRC REGARDING INCLUSION OF MISP IN ASHA MODULES

A meeting was initiated with **Health Advisor, NHSRC**, at the **National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Munirka** to discuss the **inclusion of DRR/MISP in the existing ASHA Modules**. NHSRC has submitted the Module to NDMA for their inputs. In the meantime they will be sharing the **Draft Document** of the Asha Module to Sphere India for additional inputs.

#### ENGAGEMENT OF MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE IN A FORTHCOMING CONSULTATION ON MAINSTREAMING DISABILITY IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLANS AND HEALTH PLANS

Follow up with Ministry of Social Justice for invitation and participation of the department of empowerment of persons with disabilities in a CBM supported consultation on mainstreaming disability.

## Sphere India Program Planning for 2015-16 And Strategic Plan 2020



## MISCELLANEOUS

### IMPORTANT TRAININGS/EVENTS in March-April, 2016:

Sr. No.	Event/Training/Workshop	Date	Place
1.	National Workshop on Management of Animals in Emergencies	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March	New Delhi
2.	Consultation on Right in Crisis	4 <sup>th</sup> March	New Delhi
3.	Financial Inclusion To Sustainable Development: The Road Travelled	8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> March	
4.	Learning from Heat Wave Response	10 <sup>th</sup> March	Bhubaneswar
5.	MISP Training and Integration Workshop Tamil Nadu	7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Tamil Nadu
6.	One Day Lesson Learned Workshop on Manipur Floods- 2015	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Imphal
7.	CHS consultation and Program and Planning	18 <sup>th</sup> March	New Delhi
8.	Training on Relief Management during Emergencies	April	Imphal
9.	Four Day Training and Capacity building on Sphere Minimum Standards & SFDRR	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week, April (Tentative)	Imphal

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