

*Dear Readers,*

*With the onset of monsoon this year, floods resulting from torrential rains are wreaking havoc in several states of India. To mitigate the crisis and provide assistance to the flood-hit communities across the country, Sphere India is in full swing by closely monitoring the situation, issuing timely alerts, disseminating regular sireps, and organizing coordination meetings with multiple stakeholders to ensure appropriate and timely responses. To strengthen preparedness and unified emergency response strategy, Sphere India also activated the Sector Committees in June and had detailed Meetings with Committee Members to assess the impact of the India Flood Situation with a special emphasis on taking stock of the Assam Floods where the impact has been huge with colossal damages reported.*

*While the disaster management system in the country has become more robust over the years, nonetheless, it is always better to introspect and improvise. With this conviction, Sphere India and Policy Perspective Foundation also organized a workshop on Mainstreaming Animal Issues in Disaster Risk Reduction last month. It is also home to many endemic, endangered, and vulnerable species. We can't afford to neglect the loss of animals to disasters and it's high time to mainstream animal issues in Disaster Risk Reduction.*

*In collaboration with NDM, we also brought out the 'Multi-Stakeholders Coordination Handbook for Management of Animals in Disasters' last month. The handbook is drafted in a way to guide various stakeholders on animal management during emergencies. The details of the workshop and the handbook can be read in this issue of SAMANWAY.*

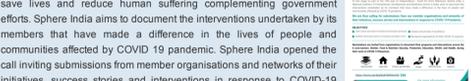
*Apart from this, the June issue features other important initiatives undertaken by us, our member organizations, the government, and the other humanitarian community. We have tried to make the newsletter as informative and useful as possible and we are looking forward to readers' feedback.*

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**National-level Workshop on Mainstreaming Animal Issues in DRR**

Sphere India joining hands with Policy Perspective Foundation organised a national-level workshop on 'Mainstreaming Animal Issues in Disaster Risk Reduction at the India International Centre, New Delhi, on June 22. Experts from central and state governments, NGOs, and academia deliberated on how animal species can be mainstreamed in DRR at the workshop organised under the aegis of the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), and Veterinary Council of India. As many as 300 participants took part in the workshop where panelists underscored the necessity to give appropriate attention to the issues relating to animals in disasters. They shed light on the fact that the Disaster Management Act, 2005, despite being a very comprehensive Act, has failed to mention both domestic and wild animals.

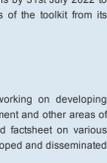


(L) Multi-Stakeholders Coordination Handbook for Management of Animals in Disasters' being released at the national-level workshop on Mainstreaming Animal Issues in DRR held in New Delhi on June 22. (R) The expert panelists of the workshop, along with the offline participants.

**Multi-Stakeholders Coordination Handbook for Management of Animals in Disasters**

The workshop on 'Mainstreaming Animal Issues in Disaster Risk Reduction' also turned platform for the national release of Multi-Stakeholders Coordination Handbook for Management of Animals in Disasters'. After consultations with a diverse range of stakeholders, the handbook was drafted by Sphere India in collaborative partnership with the National Institute of Disaster Management.

It is envisaged to be an operational guide/manual for coordination during emergencies and will include guidance and advice on how different stakeholders and agencies can work together to prioritize animal management during emergencies. This will enable collaboration among different stakeholders in disaster management and also help in institutionalizing these guidelines with agencies and govt authorities working on animal protection at the state level. This will also enable setting up minimum standards of relief for livestock and other animals in emergencies in India.



**Program Update**

**Knowledge & Capacity Sharing**

**Documentation of COVID-19 Responses of Sphere India Members**  
India's response to COVID-19 spearheaded by different actors with varying capacities, resources, pressures and competing agendas resulted in a holistic societal effort that may lead us towards a resilient and recovery. The civil society in India responded heroically to save lives and reduce human suffering complementing government efforts. Sphere India aims to document the interventions undertaken by its members that have made a difference in the lives of people and communities affected by COVID-19 pandemic. Sphere India opened the call inviting submissions from member organisations and networks of the initiatives, success stories and interventions in response to COVID-19 pandemic.



[Concept Note>>](#)

**Inputs Invited on Analysis Toolkit to Assess Disaster Management Plans**  
Sphere India has devised an 'Analysis Toolkit to Assess Disaster Management Plans through the lens of DRR and CCA' to analyze the existing or proposed mechanism/provisions of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the state, district and local level Disaster Management Plans/Policies/Programmes.

The toolkit is prepared referring to the multiple global and national sources/standards/targets, etc. with the agenda of objectively identifying the gaps, challenges and opportunities for mainstreaming DRR and CCA elements into several stages of Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Risk Management (Vulnerability & Risk Assessment, Prevention & Mitigation, Preparedness & Response, Recovery & Reconstruction). We invite inputs and suggestions by 31st July 2022 to strengthen the toolkit in line with the objectives of the toolkit from its members and network.

[View Toolkit>>](#)

**Development of Knowledge Products for Wider Dissemination**  
Knowledge sharing and communication team of Sphere India has been working on developing knowledge products, including training manual on Basics of Disaster Management and other areas of emergency preparedness and response, along with knowledge products and factsheet on various important thematic areas and global days. Communication team has also developed and disseminated Dos and Don'ts for various disasters- Heatwave, Lightning and Floods.



**Accountability to Affected/At Risk Population**

**Capacity Enhancement in Disaster Response and Risk Reduction for IAG – Kerala**

A one-day training programme titled 'Capacity Enhancement in Disaster Response and Risk Reduction for Inter Agency Group – Kerala' was organised at Sarovar Portico, Thiruvananthapuram, on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The training was imparted to representatives of selected IAG Member organisations and DDMA officials with an objective of building the capacity of GO-NGO coordination system at district level for better disaster response and risk reduction.



Capacity Enhancement in Disaster Response and Risk Reduction for IAG – Kerala organised in Thiruvananthapuram

Altogether 68 participants from fourteen IAGs/DDMAs took part in this training. Community-level early warning dissemination, minimum standard for relief, GO-NGO coordination at district level are some of the topics covered by the trainers during the interactive sessions. The trainers ensured that knowledge was not only disseminated but accurately perceived and understood by the participants.

**System Strengthening in Kerala**

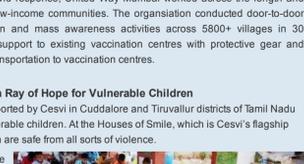
**Capacity building training at Wayanad:** Sphere India organised a one-day capacity building training at District Collectorate, Wayanad, on 21 May 2022. A total of 63 participants took part in the training intended to provide guidance on monsoon preparedness.

**Inter-Agency Coordination**

**Emergency Coordination Activities in Connection with Floods and Landslides**

Emergency coordination activities were conducted in connection with floods in the country giving special emphasis on floods and landslides in Assam. As many as 16 alerts for different hazards (heavy rainfall, thunderstorm, lightning, flood, heat wave) and monthly forecast on temperature and rainfall were circulated to grass roots NGOs for disaster preparedness. Besides, two SIReps were published with respect to Assam Flood & Landslide and Floods in India.

In addition to this, two emergency coordination meetings were conducted in Assam and a Secondary Data Analysis Report was circulated among member agencies in the state as the situation worsened.



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**Multisector Coordination for Emergencies**  
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**Collaborative Advocacy**

**Inter-Faith Humanitarian Alliance Series-2022 Comes to an End**

The 2022 series of Inter-Faith Humanitarian Alliance sessions on 'Building Preparedness and Strengthening Community Resilience through credible information sharing and humanitarian action', organised by Sphere India in collaboration with UNICEF and World Vision India, came to a conclusion. By the end of June, a total of 9- IFAHA sessions were conducted in nine different states.

The sessions were conducted in Delhi-NCR, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu. A total of 24-faith leaders and 280 participants attended the sessions. The importance of spreading messages of peace and harmony, especially in difficult times, along with the role of faith leaders in Disaster Risk Management were deliberated during these plenaries.



Inter-Faith Humanitarian Alliance sessions held in Tamil Nadu on June 17

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**Training Module on Cash & Voucher Assistance (CVA) in Emergencies**

Sphere India in collaboration with India Cash Working Group drafted a module on Cash and Voucher Programming in disasters. The initiative is for the capacity building of the different humanitarian actors on Cash and Market-based programming following international standards and guidelines. A detailed guidance note on delivery mechanisms of Cash Transfer and Cash Voucher Assistance was also prepared by Sphere India.

**News from Members**

**World Vision, Oxfam Bag WCDM-DRR Award for Disaster Management Works**

World Vision India and Oxfam India, two member organisations of Sphere India, were awarded the WCDM-DRR AWARDS 2022 at 5th World Congress on Disaster Management held in New Delhi on 22nd June 2022. The award was recognition for the efforts in the field of disaster management and humanitarian relief. World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) is an initiative that brings scientists, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners together to discuss the challenging issues of disaster management.



(L) Dr. Salmon Jacob, Head- Climate Change Adaptation & DRR, World Vision India, and (R) Mr Pankaj Anand, Director, Programme and Advocacy, Oxfam India, receiving the WCDM-DRR Award from Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region of India.

**United Way Mumbai Takes Multipronged Approach to Ensure Road Safety**

United Way Mumbai inaugurated a project for Two Wheeler Safety in collaboration with RTO Mumbai Central on 17th June 2022. A training center, set up as part of the project, is equipped with a bike simulator which corrects eyeing driving abilities, knowledge of traffic rules as well as an understanding of pedestrian safety. Along with the simulator, United Way Mumbai has stationed professional trainers at the RTO office, five days a week, to impart classroom training for applicants. In a bid to make roads and road travel safe for riders and passengers, and to create more awareness about rules and regulations, UWM is planning to impart professional training to at least 5,600 people this year.



United Way Mumbai's road safety initiative and (Extreme Right) mass awareness programme in response to COVID 19

**Covid Response:** As part of its Covid response, United Way Mumbai worked across the length and breadth of the country to support low-income communities. The organisation conducted door-to-door interactions, community mobilization and mass awareness activities across 5800+ villages in 30 districts in India. It also provided support to existing vaccination centres with protective gear and helped people in registration and transportation to vaccination centres.

**Cesvi's House of Smile Offers a Ray of Hope for Vulnerable Children**

The two Houses of Smile being supported by Cesvi in Cuddalore and Tiruvallur districts of Tamil Nadu is turning out to be a solace for vulnerable children. At the Houses of Smile, which is Cesvi's flagship residential care programme, children are safe from all sorts of violence.

The homes also offer free accessibility to development opportunities and ensure children a conducive environment for healthy growth. Cesvi also provides technical support to its local partners with CSR strategy development, planning, program development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.



Children engaged in their studies at Cesvi's House of Smile in Tamil Nadu

**Updates from Government**

**Prime Minister Launches LIFE Campaign to Promote Environmentally Friendly Lifestyles**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the LIFE campaign on World Environment Day. The Mission plans to create and nurture a global network of individuals, namely 'Pro-Planet People' (P3), who will have a shared commitment to adopt and promote environmentally friendly lifestyles. LIFE intends to encourage individuals to undertake simple acts in daily lives that can contribute to climate change when embraced across the world.

**Hardeep Singh Puri Launches Campaign in Climate Change Management Programme**

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the practice based learning program – 'Leaders in Climate Change Management' on World Environment Day to help urban professionals champion climate action in India. The program is designed jointly by the National Institute of Urban Affairs, World Resources Institute India, United Nations Environment Program, and the Indian School of Business, with the support of the Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. 'Leaders in Climate Change Management' will create a pool of 5000 climate leaders over a period of 5 years.



Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launching Leaders in Climate Change Management.

**KSDMA, KILA Join Hands to Share Climate Change Information to Local Governments**

KSDMA, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) and Kerala Institute of Local Governments (KILA) are jointly working to make climate change information available to local governments for adaptation planning and resilience building. The project aims at facilitating precipitation and temperature change information from CMIP5 CORDEX data for the near term (2021-40), medium term (2041-2060) and long term (2061-2099) credible local governments. The project is financially supported by the Rebuild Kerala Initiative.

**Updates from International Humanitarian Community**

**G7 Summit 2022 Concluded in Germany**

On 26-28 June 2022, Germany hosted the G7 meeting in Schloss Elmau after taking up the G7 chairmanship in January 2022. Germany invited India, along with Argentina, Indonesia, Senegal, and South Africa to the 2022 Summit as partner countries. Since 2019, this is the 4th consecutive time that India has been considered to attend the G7 Summit. International Institutions like United Nations, the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank, also participated in the Summit.

The G7 leaders focused on partnerships for developing countries, the global economy, sustainability, multilateralism, food security, and digital transformation. Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) was launched at the 48th G7 Summit 2022 aiming to mobilize nearly USD 600 billion from the G7 by 2027 to invest in critical infrastructure that improves lives and delivers real gains for all of our people.



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**Urban Planning for Resilience and Health: Key Messages**

published by the World Health Organization summarizes the three project reports and presents key messages on how to build forward better and apply environmental and infrastructural planning as an important pathway towards building urban resilience. Protecting environments and health by building urban resilience project aims to support local authorities and decision-makers to reflect on, and promote the health dimensions of local preparedness and resilience, and to the application of urban planning approaches to establish safe, healthy and sustainable cities. [Read More>>](#)



**Reference Manual for the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement**

ETF has been established for reporting and review under the Paris Agreement to ensure the transparency of mitigation and adaptation actions and of support. The ETF is to be implemented in a facilitative, non-intrusive, non-punitive manner that is respectful of national sovereignty and shall avoid placing undue burden on Parties, recognizing the special circumstances of the Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States. [Read More>>](#)

**New WHO Policy Brief, launched at the Stockholm+50 conference, underscores serious risks posed to mental health and well-being by climate change.**

The organization is urging countries to include mental health support in their response to the climate crisis, citing examples where a few pioneering countries have done this effectively. The findings concur with a recent report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), published in February this year. The IPCC revealed that rapidly increasing climate change poses a rising threat to mental health and psychosocial well-being. [Read More>>](#)

**The Principles for Resilient Infrastructure**

describe a set of principles, key actions, and guidelines to create national scale net resilience gain and improve the continuity of critical services such as energy, transport, water, wastewater, waste, and digital communications, which enable health, education, etc. to function effectively. The Principles for Resilient Infrastructure have been developed by UNDRR to support implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. [Read More>>](#)

**Sustainable Development Report 2022**

analyzes and outlines how the SDGs can be used as a roadmap for more sustainable societies by 2030 and beyond. In particular, this year's edition underlines the importance of international financing mechanisms for addressing lack of fiscal space in poorer countries and promoting sustainable investments into physical and human infrastructure. The report says that the key to achieving the SDGs, besides preserving peace and lowering geopolitical tensions, is having a plan to finance them. [Read More>>](#)

**Risk-informed Development Guide:**

The guide published by the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) is a pathfinder on practical approaches for civil society organizations and communities most at risk. It works through the perspective of people most at risk mitigate their risks and builds resilience. Their reality, lived experience, knowledge, organisation and action give a strong basis for truly risk-informed planning for development. [Read More>>](#)

**News from IAGs and State Networks**

**MahaPECNet Conducts Monsoon Preparedness Meeting**

MahaPECNet, the UNICEF Mumbai-facilitated network of volunteers, corporates, government bodies, conducted monsoon preparedness meeting, on 24th June 2022. Members from different organizations attended the meeting to discuss monsoon preparedness plans and SOPs. Sphere India shared the SOP for emergency process and sectoral guidelines; Grameen First Development Foundation shared its monsoon preparedness planning and actions; RedR India shared information on their capacity building training for needs assessment and The Resilient Foundation shared details of first responder training. Members also discussed organizational level monsoon preparedness activities and plans.



Participants of MahaPECNet's monsoon preparedness meeting.

**Emergency Meetings - Emergency Meetings were conducted by IAG Assam on the second wave of flood and landslide situation.**

**Uttar Pradesh IAG Meeting with Honourable Minister Jal-Shakti**

Active members of Inter Agency Group (IAG) Uttar Pradesh had a Pre Monsoon Interface meeting with Honourable Minister Jal-Shakti Sri Swatantra Dev Singhon 27th of June 2022, at Sicha Bhawan Sabhagar, Lucknow.

**Grants and Opportunities**

**Support for CLM Activities: USAID Invites Applications**

US Agency for International Development (India) is seeking concept papers for a Fixed Amount Cooperative Agreement with qualified entities to implement the "Community Led Monitoring (CLM) Program." Eligibility for this award is restricted to "Local Entities Non-Governmental Organizations."

**Organization:** USAID  
**Deadline:** 10 July 2022  
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**Support for R&D Programme: Govt Invites Applications**

To increase the share of renewables in the energy mix in the country, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India has invited applications for providing support to R&D projects in technology development and demonstration for various areas of new and renewable energy.

**Organization:** Govt of India  
**Deadline:** July 10, 2022  
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**Upcoming Events**

**Sphere India Academy**

**JULY 2022**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
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Sphere India COVID-19 Academy was launched on 10th April 2020. A collaborative initiative of WHO, UNICEF, WFP, HCU, Sphere India, and other organisations, the COVID-19 Academy is a capacity building initiative with a mission to enable humanitarian aid and frontline workers across India to fulfil various roles in emergency preparedness and response and support local government, administration, and communities. In the past two years, we conducted more than 270 academy sessions through the COVID-19 Academy, which saw around 1.5 lakh participants and 684 unique resource persons who delivered these sessions.

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**UPCOMING SESSIONS IN JULY 2022**

- 01** Flood Situation in India - Status, Needs, Response, and Pathways  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/010722>
- 05** Engaging Youth in Resilience and Climate Action to commemorate International Day of Parliamentarism  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/050722>
- 07** Mainstreaming Biodiversity: A Pre-Condition for Achieving Sustainable Development  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/070722>
- 12** Training on Basics of Disaster Management with the Youth of Kerala  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/120722>
- 15** Youth of Kerala  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/150722>
- 19** Progress Towards an Equitable World to Commemorate World Day for International Justice  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/190722>
- 29** Mid-Term Review of the Sendai Framework: Assessing Progress and Challenges  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/290722>

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**Plans Ahead (July 2022)**

**Accountability to Affected Population**

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1. Tool kit on Minimum Standards for Relief.
2. Approach & Methodology: PSEA Mechanism.
3. Webinar on Minimum Standards for Relief – Plan of Action for Minimum Standards in Practice
4. Plan of Action for Kerala system strengthening of District IAGs and NGO
5. Developing a conceptual document on CHS and AAP Technical Standards to set out the approach and methodology for developing the AAP Indicators
6. Futuristic partnership and collaboration with Sectoral Ministries on DRR and CCA.

**Inter-Agency Coordination**

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1. URS Matrix reforms
2. EPR Training in TN
3. Prepositioning database
4. IFAHA Tools updation
5. Assessment Guide to understand the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in Rapid and Detailed Need Assessment.
6. India Humanitarian Logistic Hub Dashboard
7. Intensive URS for Development & DRR Nexbus covering 200 plus organization from 26 plus states
8. Sector specific detailed Assessment on India Floods

**Knowledge and Capacity Sharing**

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1. Partnership Standard Guidance- Open call for inputs and revise Draft
2. Consultation with Academic Institutions
3. Regular Sessions on Sphere India Academy
4. Development of Training Portfolio
5. Transition Planning for Humanitarian Leadership and Resilience Building Academy
6. Final Report of Training Need Analysis
7. Documentation of COVID 19 Response of Sphere India Members
8. Capacity Building on Cash and Voucher Assistance.
9. Regular Updates on Social Media and Website

**Collaborative Advocacy**

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1. Climate Budgeting Log Frame
2. DRR and CCA Guidelines for SDGs
3. Advocacy Committee Meeting
4. Dissemination of Final Animal Protection Guidelines
5. IFAHA Sessions Final Report
6. Developing Training Modules on Child Early & Forced Marriage (CEFM), Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Leadership in GVs, and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPS)
7. Coordination Guidelines for Floods and FBOS.
8. Final Training Manual on Cash Voucher Assistance



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