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Message from CEO

Dear Readers,

The month of November witnessed a watershed moment in the history of climate discourse. The developing world has reached a consensus over the loss and damage fund which has been a demand of the developing and vulnerable countries for the past three decades. Taking historical responsibility, the developed countries have agreed upon addressing the impacts of climate change through the proposed fund. Though much more negotiations are needed to get the fund to its final shape, the breakthrough agreement is expected to ensure a supportive mechanism for the vulnerable countries.

As the window for climate action is closing rapidly, we all need to act proactively to tackle climate change. Taking cognizance of the situation, Sphere India has decided to make a regular feature on climate-related news from this issue of SAMANWAY. The section titled **Climate Corner** will cover important global, national, regional, and local news on climate change and climate action.

November issue of SAMANWAY also features details of "Reflection and Roadmap for Resilience: Reimagining Disaster Risk Reduction, the first milestone event as part of the Reimagining DRR Campaign. Alongside this, it depicts important events and initiatives undertaken by our member organizations, the government, and the global humanitarian community. It will be our endeavor to make these newsletters as informative and useful for our readership as possible and your feedback and suggestions are always appreciated.

Vikrant Mahajan  
CEO, Sphere India

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National Event on Reflection and Roadmap for Resilience: Reimagining DRR

"Reflection and Roadmap for Resilience: Reimagining Disaster Risk Reduction", the first milestone event as part of the ongoing Reimagining Disaster Risk Reduction Campaign, was held in New Delhi on November 4. Sphere India in association with the National Institute of Disaster Management and the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, and other partners organized the hybrid event with an aim to encourage individuals and varied stakeholders to take part in the process of building disaster resilient communities and shifting the focus from response to resilience. Sessions on Road to National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Sendai Framework for DRR, Mid-term Reflections, and Climate Risk Management were held as part of the event. Over 100 people attended the sessions led by experts from the government, NGOs, CSOs, UN Organizations, and academics.



Delivering the Welcome Address, Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Gupta, Head of Divisions, NIDM, GOI underscored the importance of maintaining accountability of DRR activities at all levels, changing negligent attitudes towards safety instructions, the necessity of simpler and better monitoring parameters at the local level, inter-generational equity, and looking back to the strength of traditional knowledge.

Meanwhile, Shri. Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM Member NDMA and former Director General Indian Coast Guard, said 'to move forward is the theme for NDRR 3 and this is possible only through developing a culture of preparedness, and information and lesson-learned sharing in the country.'



Watch The Event >>

Program Update

Knowledge & Capacity Sharing

Sphere India Academy

**Training: Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)**  
Sphere India with support from NIDM conducted a three-day residential training from 17th -19th November 2022 on Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) for the members of a Disaster Assessment and Response Team (DART) in Mumbai.

This was organized with the aim to discuss and understand current post-disaster assessment processes in India, comprehending the new PDNA tools and methodology, to promote the engagement of the DART team in the process of computing the Damage & Loss assessment in Gujarat, Telangana, and Maharashtra.



Updates and Takeaways from COP27

Sphere India maintained a close watch of the events and negotiations that unfolded at COP27 and made a compilation of the major decisions to share with its network. Sphere India also made an analysis of these decisions through the lens of a ready reference of major decisions of the climate summit and takeaways from the Indian perspective.



Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Framework

With the emphasis on the need for successful integration between SDGs, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change to achieve holistic resilience and enhanced efficiency, Sphere India along with NIDM and other partners initiated work on Guidelines for mainstreaming the Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Framework in SDGs. The zero drafts for these guidelines were prepared and Author working groups with experts from Sphere India Network and NIDM have been constituted. The initial consultations with working groups inviting inputs on the structure and contents of zero drafts were held in September. As the guidelines are still evolving, to strengthen the guidelines and mapping of relevant ministries/departments for each SDG was conducted and the guidelines intend to provide stakeholder-wise action points as strategies. For more information or to contribute to the guidelines, please contact [nyaa@sphereindia.org](mailto:nyaa@sphereindia.org).

Inter-Agency Coordination

Emergency Coordination

In response to disasters in various parts, SitReps were prepared and disseminated. In the month of November, two sitreps were prepared and disseminated on Kenya Drought and Fire incident in Delhi NCR.



In addition to this, daily and weekly alerts were issued after observing IMD, CWG, and INCOISE website. Coordination meetings were also organized with IAC committee. Four Weekly Forecasts was also shared in Sphere India Network.

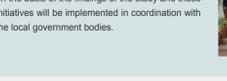
Joint Rapid Needs Assessment (JRNA): Noida Fire Incident



A massive fire broke out in a slum cluster in Kaizamb basti, Sarfabad village, sector 73 of Noida on 20th November 2022 at 4:15 PM. There are around 200 people residing in around 40 slums that got burnt completely and turned to ash along with their, Documents, Clothes, Food, and Utensils and leaving the people without any of their belongings.

In the wake of the fire in Noida, Joint Rapid Needs Assessment was conducted using Kobo tool. As part of the initiative, Emergency coordination meeting and orientation on kobo tool was provided to volunteers on November 21st date via teleconference. The meeting was held on 22nd November and the final report was prepared on November 23rd 2022. As many as 28 households responded through Kobo Collect.

UNICEF Kerala's Humanitarian Cash Transfer (HCT) and Shock Responsive Social Protection (SRSP) programmes



Sphere India representative participated in the discussion on UNICEF Kerala's Humanitarian Cash Transfer (HCT) and Shock Responsive Social Protection (SRSP) programmes. Each organization shared their experiences in Kerala. Sphere's centralized coordination of IAG during the Kerala floods is specifically mentioned in the discussion.

Collaborative Advocacy

Harnessing Faith Based Leaders to Prevent Child Early Forced Marriages and GBV

Sphere India in collaboration with JHIPEGO has initiated work on Harnessing Faith Based Leaders to Prevent Child Early Forced Marriages and Gender based violence. Towards the same, a Plenary Session is being planned in Chhattisgarh, and will be rolled out in early first week of December and subsequently will be taken to other states. Faith Leaders from different religious will come together for the webinar and will provide the message of peace and harmony, love and unity especially in difficult times.

Stakeholder Guidelines for Emergency coordination and resilience building

Sphere India along with other partners have initiated work on coordination guidelines focused on various stakeholder groups like Media, Academic Institutions, Faith Based Organizations etc. These guidelines will be a ready reference document for these stakeholders listing activities and strategies for various phases of emergency preparedness and response, as well as resilience building. Role of these critical stakeholders in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Resilience building activities at the community level will also be included in these guidelines as a ready reference. A Drafting Committee has been created for Media Guidelines along with a WhatsApp group. Processes have been initiated to take inputs of different experts for formulation of the Media guideline for the media keeping in cognizance the learnings from the previous disasters and emergencies. FBLs are also being mobilised for creating a Drafting Committee.

News from Members

CASA's Herbal Vatika Initiative Helps Forest Dwellers in Himachal Eke Out a Living

Herbal Vatika is a concept initiated by CASA to support forest dwellers of Kullu district in Himachal Pradesh to grow medicinal plants in the forest land and market them for their own generation. The initiative, which is done with the support of Himachal Pradesh Forest Department, is also helping in promoting ecotourism in the region. At Osan village in Diyar Panachayat of Kullu district, the Herbal Vatika has been set up in 1 hectare of forestland, which was claimed by the community through Forest Rights Act. The villagers are growing around 30 species of plants in the vatika. As many as 50 BPL families are directly benefiting from this initiative. In addition to this, around 100 other families dwelling in the vicinity of Herbal Vatika are benefiting through ecotourism ventures in the region.



AKAHI Conducts Workshop to Understand Risks of Slum Community of Ahmedabad

Aga Khan Agency For Habitat India (AKAHI) in association with the Inter-Agency Coordination group conducted a workshop to understand the Disaster Risks and Climate Risks of the Slum Community of Ahmedabad on November 22. At the event, AKAHI presented the results of a pilot study conducted targeting two vulnerable urban slums in Ahmedabad. The study showcased how urban risk must be understood in the context of all socio-economic, political, climate change, and environmental processes. The study found that lack of basic services combined with environmental changes including global warming is applying tremendous pressure on living conditions.

Aga Khan Agency For Habitat India (AKAHI) has planned some initiatives for the slum communities on the basis of the findings of the study and these initiatives will be implemented in coordination with the local government bodies.



Updates from Government

India Released its Long Term Low Emissions and Development Strategies at COP27

India released its Long Term Low Emissions and Development Strategies (LT-LEDS ), which lays out the steps to be taken to achieve net zero by 2070. With this, India joined the club of countries including the US, China and Japan) which have submitted the LT-LEDS to UNFCCC. Under the Paris Agreement, which hold the world to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above the preindustrial temperatures, all countries are required to submit reports showing how they will achieve that. (Details in Climate Corner)



Tamil Nadu Government Sets up Climate Change Missions in All Districts

The Tamil Nadu government has set up district climate change missions in all 38 districts. Each mission is to be headed by the concerned district collector as mission director. The concerned district officers will function as climate officers. The missions will be working for developing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote eco-friendly technologies like solar and wind energy technologies and e-vehicles. The local communities will be educated to manage climate change through development of green models. There is a plan for creating green parks in 100 villages as well.

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'LIFE for Resilience: Case Studies & Best Practices' Conference Held

The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), along with its partners (DST, UNDP & OIG), is organizing a conference 'LIFE for Resilience: Case Studies & Best Practices (in virtual mode Cisco Webex)', on 28th November 2022. This conference is a pre-event of RSS Summit 2024, which is scheduled for January 17-19, 2023, in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The focus of the conference will be on Demystifying LIFE (i.e., Lifestyle for Environment).

Updates from Global Humanitarian Community

COP27 Concluded with Agreement on Loss and Damage Fund

The 27th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP27), that took place in the Egyptian coastal city of Sharm el-Sheikh, concluded with a historic decision to establish and operationalize a loss and damage fund. From 6 to 20 November, COP27 held high-level and side events, key negotiations, press conferences, hosting more than 100 Heads of State and Governments, over 35,000 participants and numerous pavilions showcasing climate action around the world and across different sectors. (Details in Climate Corner)



**UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report 2022: Too Little, Too Slow:** Climate change is landing blow after blow upon humanity and the planet, an onslaught that will only intensify in the coming years even if the world begins to bring down greenhouse gas emissions. United Nations Environment Programme's Adaptation Gap Report 2022: Too Little, Too Slow – Climate adaptation failure puts climate at risk finds that the world must urgently increase efforts to adapt to these impacts of climate change. The report looks at progress in planning, financing and implementing adaptation actions. [Read More>>](#)

**UNDP's 10-Point Action Agenda for Advancing Gender Equality in Crisis Settings:** The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has developed a 10-Point Action Agenda for Advancing Gender Equality in Crisis Settings (10PAA), a roadmap to guide its development programming towards results that will help transform and advance gender equality in crisis contexts and achieve the Women, Peace and Security agenda. The 10PAA is central to UNDP's new Crisis Offer, as well as its new Gender Equality Strategy 2022-2025. [Read More>>](#)

**UNDP's series on Preventing Violent Extremism:** The first study of UNDP's new series on Preventing Violent Extremism examines recruitment strategies employed by armed groups in borderland communities, as well as attitudes towards violent extremist groups and their associated values. Shedding light on popular perceptions, it highlights common trends across the borderlands and provides a granular understanding of challenges. It also provides new data and analysis on the prevalence and severity of the drivers for violent extremism. [Read More>>](#)

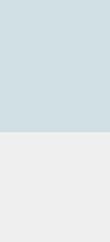
**Climate Technology Progress Report 2022:** The new Climate Technology Progress Report 2022 aims to bring more clarity on what leads to successful development and transfer of technology, and to the gaps and enablers in amplifying climate action. The report has been prepared by an international team of experienced scientists, developing the new approach and applying it on data from Africa. From 2023, the report aims to provide annual insights on climate technology progress, focusing on both industrialized and developing countries, providing both a local and global perspective. [Read More>>](#)

CLIMATE CORNER

Combating climate change and its impacts is the most important challenge of our times. To make progress in the efforts toward climate action, we need informed decisions and activities from all levels of society. Considering the importance and urgency of climate action, SAMANWAY will carry a regular feature dedicated to climate change from this issue onwards. Through this exclusive section titled 'Climate Corner' we are intending to bring together the news of important discourses and activities related to climate change happening globally, nationally, regionally, and locally for our readers.

Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation plan

The Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan makes tremendous strides in addressing a just transition into renewable energy by recognizing the important role of indigenous peoples, local communities, cities and civil society, including youth and children, in addressing and responding to climate change. The resolution also places an emphasis on "common but differentiated responsibilities" and acknowledges the significance of both the cryosphere and oceans when combating the climate crisis. [Read More>>](#)



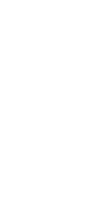
Demystifying Loss and Damage Fund

COP27 is slated to be known for the agreement to create a loss and damage fund. The establishment of a Loss and Damage Fund sees, for many, the highlight of the United Nations Climate Action Conference (COP 27) and the culmination of decades of pressure from climate-vulnerable developing countries. The fund aims to provide financial assistance to nations most vulnerable and impacted by the effects of climate change. While the historic decision was welcomed, this is but the first step, and success will depend on how quickly this fund gets off the ground. [Read More>>](#)



Updates from Thematic Days of COP27

In the words of UN Secretary-General António Guterres "We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator." Renewed solidarity between countries for climate justice was sought as the 27th Conference of Parties to UNFCCC came to an end in Egypt last month. Acknowledging that collective effort is inevitable to overcome climate crisis, Sphere India has tried to compile the updates from each Thematic Day of COP 27 along with takeaways from Indian perspective. [Read More>>](#)



Long Term Low Emissions and Development Strategies

At COP27, India released its Long Term Low Emissions and Development Strategies (LT-LEDS ), which lays out the steps to be taken to achieve net zero by 2070. With this, India is now among the 56 countries, including the US, China and Japan, which have submitted the LT-LEDS to UNFCCC. Under the Paris Agreement, which hold the world to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above the preindustrial temperatures, all countries are required to submit reports showing how they will achieve that. [Read More>>](#)



News from IAGs and State Networks

MahaPEConet General Body meeting

The first ever in-person MahaPEConet General Body meeting was conducted on the 19th of November 2022 in Mumbai. Since the inception of the MahaPEConet coalition, members have come together on multiple occasions to fight not just the pandemic but also other disasters such as floods, heavy rains, cyclones and landslides, however on a virtual mode. This was the very first time. Focused discussions across Maharashtra to meet and engage with other partners during the very first meeting. Forums on disaster risk reduction and the 6 regions of Maharashtra assisted the members in understanding the working of the coalition in a better way.



MahaPEConet is a coalition platform of civil society actors, CSRs, social enterprises, professionals & academicians in Maharashtra working on disasters & vulnerability reduction. The platform currently has 140 members from all 36 districts of Maharashtra. To know more about their work, visit MahaPEConet Website: <http://mahapeco.net>

Update from IAG Uttar Pradesh (UP): Formulation of District IAG

Inter-agency group Uttar Pradesh has been doing the work of mutual coordination between government and non-governmental organizations, now it is deemed necessary to form an inter-agency group at the district level, in which local organizations, organizations and volunteers are being included. Organizations will be identified and connected up to the level, as well as resource organizations will also be prepared on different issues and work will be done to integrate DRR in GPDP of 1 Gram Panchayat, which will be prepared as a model. Dr. Bhanu, Convener of Inter Agency Group, Uttar Pradesh said these things during an online meeting. He said that region wise and season wise all district level IAGs should prepare outbreak profiles where training will be required. IAG UP is working with Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority towards the same.

Grants and Opportunities

Mission LIFE: Global Call for Ideas



Changing individual and community behaviour alone can make a significant dent in the environmental and climate crises. The Global Call for Ideas partners is a platform for global scholars to share scalable and innovative ideas that can encourage individuals and communities to adopt climate-friendly & sustainable behaviour. [Read More >>](#)

Application Invited for CDRI Fellowship Programme

The aim of the CDRI Fellowship Programme is to promote research and innovation on disaster resilient infrastructure (DRI). It does this by supporting practitioners, academicians, and community leaders, who are working in related fields. The Fellows will have an opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with their peers from across the world.  
Organization: CDRI  
Deadline: 09 Dec 2022  
[Read More >>](#)

Application Invited for ACCLIMATE Challenge Fund

The ACCLIMATE Challenge Fund is an opportunity by Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, powered by Intellect, for CSOs to mitigate the climate crisis. ACCLIMATE will provide selected civil society organizations with technical assistance and financial support for a duration of 2 years to strengthen their capacity, internal systems, and processes  
Organization: ACCLIMATE  
Deadline: 15 December 2022  
[Read More>>](#)

Application Invited for Small Research Grants

The Spencer Foundation has invited applications for the Small Research Grants, The Small Research Grants on Education Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets up to \$50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years.  
Organization: Spencer Foundation  
Deadline: 05 Dec 2022  
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Upcoming Events

Sphere India Calendar

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		01	02	03	04	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sphere India COVID-19 Academy was launched on 10th April 2020. A collaborative initiative of WHO, UNICEF, WFP, HCU, Sphere India, and other organizations, the COVID-19 Academy is a quality 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 governments, administrations, and communities. In the past two years, we conducted more than 276 academy sessions through the COVID-19 academy, which saw around 1.5 lakh participants and 58,000 resource persons who delivered these sessions.



For more details, contact Mr. Cyjio Abraham at [cyjio@sphereindia.org](mailto:cyjio@sphereindia.org)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER 2022

- 04 Dec Prayer Meeting for the Speedy Recovery of Dr. JC Pant, Chairman of CPC Disaster Management  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/CA-61222>
- 05 Dec Hybrid Event - Decoding COP27 with CANSA  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/CA-9R1222>
- 08 Dec Webinar - Ensuring Protection against Sexual Exploitation & Abuse in Humanitarian Response  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/CA-9R1222>
- 09 Dec Hybrid Event - Regional Humanitarian Partnership Event - Bangkok  
Link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ivaasapacific>
- 13-14 Dec Webinar - Recognizing LIFE to Build a Resilient Future  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/CA-151222>
- 21 Dec Hybrid Event - Lessons Learnt Workshop - 2022  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/LW-21-220222>
- 22 Dec Training - PSEA (Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) for Ground Warriors  
Link: <http://tiny.cc/CA-291222>

Decoding COP27: Walking towards the Road to Implementation | 5th December 2022



Prior to the conclusion of negotiations, COP27 was hailed as "a make-or-break moment" and an opportunity to move from ambitious targets to policy implementation. Several key outcomes have highlighted some progress towards climate action. However, even successes that seemed difficult to imagine only a few years ago still fall short of where we need to be to guarantee a 1.5°C world.

Towards this, Sphere India in collaboration with CANSA and other partners are organizing a hybrid event on Decoding COP27: Walking towards the Road to Implementation to understand the key discussion points of COP27, ideate on the critical way forward, and ultimately devise an action plan for India/South Asia.

For more details, contact Mr. Cyjio Abraham at [cyjio@sphereindia.org](mailto:cyjio@sphereindia.org)

Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week: Side Events | 13th & 14th December 2022



**South Asia Regional Learning Exchange**  
When: Dec 13, 2022 02:30 PM India  
Register in advance for this meeting:  
<http://tinyurl.com/SARRegionalLearnings>

**Strengthening Govt, NGO & Private Partnership**  
When: Dec 14, 2022 09:00 AM India  
Register in advance for this meeting:  
<http://tinyurl.com/strengtheningspartnerships>

Lessons Learnt Workshop | 21st and 22nd December 2022



Sphere India is organizing a two days lesson learnt workshop to encourage stakeholders to share experiences, learning challenges and possible appropriate solutions, areas of improvement. This is time, we all can share and take stock of learnings from last year and decide the way forward for a new year which will enable us to improve our emergency response – including URS, address various challenges effectively and to take part in building more disaster resilient India.

For more details and participation, contact Ms. Monami Borah at [monami@sphereindia.org](mailto:monami@sphereindia.org)

Plans Ahead (December 2022)

Inter-Agency Coordination

- 1. Lessons Learnt Workshop: Learning Documentation
- 2. Emergency Coordination: Alerts, Forecasts and Sitreps
- 3. Partnerships with SDMA and support to IAGs in the region
- 4. Recruitment and induction of IAG coordinators
- 5. PSEA T trainings
- 6. Coordination with IAC Committee

Knowledge and Capacity Sharing

- 1. Regular Sessions on Sphere India Academy
- 2. COP27 Outcome Document
- 3. DRR and CCF Mainstreaming Guidelines
- 4. Documentation of COVID-19 response of all Stakeholders
- 5. MOU with Academic Institutions
- 6. Regular Updates on Social Media and Website

Collaborative Advocacy

- 1. IFHA Session in Chhattisgarh- Harnessing FBLs to Prevent Child Early Forced Marriages and GBV
- 2. Coordination Guidelines for Faith based Leaders
- 3. Coordination Guidelines for Media
- 4. FaithBased Advocacy