

be resolved with collaborative efforts which could mitigate the adverse effects of the climate crisis. In the recent times, there has been a creation of the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Working Group with India's presidency which has fostered the strengthening of upscaling progress in order to achieve 2030 agenda for sustainable development. In many ways, India's commitment to advancing efforts in disaster risk reduction have been highlighted also with the mid-term review of intergovernmental Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction 2023.

In April-June 2023, there has been a rise in the heatwave, emergencies across various states across India. On the

other hand, there have been untimely rains which have also hit various territories across India to approach strengthened multi-stakeholder approach in order to help address challenges, learnings and effectively manage future action to mainstream disaster management practices across ministries and departments, states and union territories, urban and rural local self-governments, academic institutions, NGOs, CSOs, PSUs, and Communities. The April-June issue of SAMANVAY brings forth details of the Manipur Humanitarian Crisis Coordination, Cyclone Biparjoy Emergency Coordination Efforts, Regional Multi-Stakeholder Workshops for Monsoon and Heatwave Preparedness, Urban Thinkers Campus session, CEFM training sessions, Program Update of Sphere India's work, updates from government and international humanitarian community. Alongside, it depicts important events and

initiatives undertaken by our member organizations, program updates, upcoming events and plans ahead. It will be our endeavor to make these newsletters as informative and useful for our readership as possible for which your feedback and suggestions are always appreciated. Vikrant Mahajan CEO, Sphere India

In this Issue Manipur Humanitarian Coordination · News from IAGs **Updates**  Sector-Wise Updates Programme Updates · Grants and Opportunities · News from Members Plans Ahead News from the Government **Manipur Humanitarian Crisis** 

SitReps **URS Matrix** JRNA Report **Programs Update Inter-Agency Coordination Emergency Coordination Updates** IAC held meetings with 15 States, (Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Uttarakhand, west Bengal, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Bihar, Jharkhand, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh) IAG Focal Persons to understand the current condition of IAGs and their preparedness plans since the monsoon season begins next month and the heatwave is already having an impact. 15 situational reports on various hazards (heat wave, avalanche, storm), seasonal forecasts (summer, monsoon), and weekly forecasts of temperature and rainfall have been prepared for disaster prevention and mitigation. Apart from this, 48 alerts based on Heatwaves, Thunderstorms, Rainfall, and Surface Wind were developed and disseminated among grass root NGOs, and a concept note and agenda for regional-wise Monsoon and Heatwave Preparedness Webinar was developed. In addition, there are five emergency IAC meetings organised with 2 in Manipur, 2 in Odisha and 1 during Cyclone Biparjoy. The unified response strategy has been activated thrice during Manipur, Odisha, Cyclone Biparjoy and two JRNAs were published including Manipur Violence and Rajasthan emergency needs for Cyclone Biparjoy.

Weekly Forecast released by Situation Report: Heatwave in Sitrep update and response on **Emergency Coordination for** Sphere India situation in Assam & Manipur Humanitarian Response **Emergency Coordination - IAG Liasoning and State Coordination Strengthening** IAG Chhattisgarh IAG Kerala organized a IAG UP held a meeting with IAG core groups and organized a meeting with meeting with the state stakeholders to discuss level NGO coordination discussed DRR committee to review the programs with UPSDMA heat strokes, changing

climate, prevention and current status of District and formation of district IAG Emergency Coordination prevailing conditions of IAGs and the need to level IAGs. The meeting and Liasoning formulate guidelines for the third wave of Coviddiscussed on planned activities for next FY 19 District IAGs. Minutes Inter-Agency Coordination Updates - Emergency Response & Coordination **CYCLONE PREPAREDNESS** 

Preparedness Session in the Southern Region SDMA) The regional consultation for Heatwave and Monsoon Preparedness Sphere India held in Northeast India brought government officials, disaster Multi-Stakeholder Consultation for management authorities, NGOs, researchers, and community **Heatwave & Monsoon Preparedness** representatives from states like Assam, Sikkim, Mizoram, Meghalaya, for North Eastern Region of India Nagaland , Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Tripura with an aim to enhance heatwave and monsoon preparedness through knowledge sharing, collaboration, and identification of best practices. In addition, the event aims to strengthen resilience and foster sustainable development in North-east India. The speakers part of the forum include member from SDM Meghalaya K Wannaniag, DDMO, NSDMA Shri Temsuwangshi Jamir, Assistant Manager Research and NOW! Planning, Nagaland, Mizoram DM representative Dr. Lalrokima Chenkual, Deputy Director (Training), Luit Goswami, DRC, Assam , Tirtha Prasad Saikia, Director NEADS, Dheeraj Rameul, Secretary, http://tiny.cc/05\_06\_23 PARAYAS Society, Sikkim, Purnananda Deb, Organiser, Indian Red

Multi-Stakeholder

**Heatwave & Monsoon** 

for Central Region of India

Distinguished panellists present include: Nalini Yadav (State Consultant, UNICEF, Maharashtra), Mr. Vishal Vasani (Emergency Officer, UNICEF Chhattisgarh), Mr. Omkar Oniel Khare (Risk and Resilience Specialist, UNICEF Odisha), and Mr. Ajay Singh (Consultant, UNICEF, Jharkhand). Dr. Punita Kumar (IAG Convener, Chhattisgarh), Ms. Karon Shaiva -Governing Council - MahaPECOnet Secretariat, Trustee - Rise Infinity Foundation, Ms. Divya Gupta (Associate Director - Advocacy & Government Fundraising, SEEDs, IAG Gujarat), Mr. Subir Kumar (IAG

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**Heatwave & Monsoon** 

for Northern Region of India

Consultation for

**Preparedness** 

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16th June 2023

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Convener, Jharkhand), Ms. Lekha Chako (Secretariat Co-Ordinator, MahaPECOnet, Maharashtra).

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Multi-Stakeholder Heatwave and Monsoon

Multi-Stakeholder Heatwave and Monsoon

A multi-stakeholder consultation on

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Preparedness was held for Central

discussing the challenges and statepreparedness strategies of

Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West

and Representatives from each presented their views on the existing

regions,

representatives provided insights into

Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on

Preparedness for Northern India was

hosted by SI in coordination with State

IAGs and SDMAs of states such as

Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand,

Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Bihar.

North India experiences a diverse

range of climate conditions, including

scorching heatwaves and heavy monsoon rainfall. The consultation

aimed to enhance the region's

readiness to address the challenges

posed by extreme weather conditions, ensuring community safety and

**Health Sector Committee** 

emergencies.

**Protection Sector Committee Updates:** The protection sector committee held a preparatory meeting on the broad objectives to brainstorm on 04th May 2023 from 03.00 to 04.00 PM. Some of the objectives raised during the event was on the need to foster communication among members, to better channelise knowledge and networks on the subject specific emerging needs. As a key action point, the committee decided to divide into sub-groups and come

out with activities and objectives for the subsequent

discussions, school safety modules, child protection during disasters, strengthening the public education system, and promoting gender neutrality were identified as some of the priority action points. As a

way forward, capacity mapping, establishing a knowledge repository, revising the emergency

preparedness and response (EPR) handbook some

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Increasing Resilience of School Buildings and Groups to cope with Extreme Events in Himalayas-India

April, 28, 2023

12:30 PM - 17:30 PM (IST) | 09:00 - 14:00 (CEST)

Psycho-social support trainings: Sphere India organised four state sessions in Bishnupur, Kangpokpi, Imphal East and West, Thoubal and Churachandpur. The sessions emphasised on the mental health cannot be overstated in the process of recovering from emergencies, as it plays a vital role in the social and economic well-being of individuals, societies, and countries. Close to 150 volunteers trained in the region on first aid and psychosocial care with an outreach to 10,000 affected people across the camps. The aim of the workshops have been to develop a cadre of trained volunteers on PSS in emergencies in each of the worst

Virtual Urban Thinkers Campus Webinar Session

affected districts of Manipur.

2023 to express solidarity with the affected people of Odisha. Sphere India and other humanitarian agencies on ground continue to explore ways in which the humanitarian sector and civil society groups can complement the efforts of the government and assist the affected population to ensure their right to life with

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Child Early Forced Marriage (CEFM) is a violation of human rights, as it deprives children of their right to education, health, and safety. CEFM has severe and long-lasting consequences for the health, education, and wellbeing of children, particularly girls, and it perpetuates the cycle of poverty and reinforces gender inequality. The CEFM training module is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the root causes of CEFM, its impact on individuals, families, and communities, and the strategies and tools needed to prevent CEFM. The subsequent training for the

**FBLs** 

Responding to Child Early and Forced Marriage: Sphere India in collaboration with Jhpiego organized the "Orientation of Faith-Based Leaders on Preventing and Responding to Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM)" on 22nd June 2023 at the Bahá'í House of Worship, New Delhi. There were over 40 participants from various faith groups, associations and select civil society organisations who presented their perspectives and learning on CEFM as part of the

**Preventing** 

key initiatives which would be undertaken.

The Health Sector Committee held its preparatory meeting on 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 from 11.00 am to 12.00 pm with member organisations sharing on the capacity mapping needs of the sector and collaboration with the Inter-Agency Coordination. The plan of action for the year was also drawn along with the need to liaison with the government and development of training materials during

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communities from extreme weather events in the southern region of India. Mr. Mahendra Rajaram, DRR Officer South India, UNICEF moderated the session with the participation of Dr. S. Balaji, Prof &Head - Department of Coastal Disaster Management, Pondicherry University, Smt. Sapna Naik Bandodka, Under Secretary Revenue -II, Goa, Mr. A. Jaya Prakash, District Fire Officer, Khammam,

Telangana, Dr Ajil Abdulla - IAG Kerala, Mr. Suresh Mariaselvam-

Independent Community Development Consultant & Adjunct Faculty, Tamil Nadu, Mr. Sharnappa Barsi - IAG Andhra Pradesh, Dr. MM Ali-

Technical Lead, SEOC, Andhra Pradesh, Mr. M.S. Vaidyanathan-

SDMA, Tamil Nadu and Shri. Gowhar Jeelani - Senior Consultant (Goa

Cross Society (IRCS), Meghalaya, State Branch, Shillong, Chenithung

Humtsoe, CEO, Bethesda Youth Welfare Centre, Co-ordinator IAG Nagaland, Lhingneivah Changsan, Vice Chairperson, AHRS Nagaland.

Multi-Stakeholder Heatwave and Monsoon Preparedness Session in Central Region

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resilience through collaborative efforts Multi-Stakeholder Heatwave and Monsoon Preparedness Session in Northern Region among stakeholders. The event brought together key stakeholders such as government officials, policymakers, disaster management authorities, NGOs, researchers, and community representatives. The objectives of the consultation were to facilitate knowledge exchange, foster collaboration, and take concrete actions to enhance heatwave and monsoon preparedness. The session aimed to increase understanding of state-wise preparedness measures, identify challenges faced by different states, and explore strategies and best practices to improve preparedness and **Sector Updates Shelter Sector Committee Updates:** The Health Sector Committee held its preparatory meeting on 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 from 11.00 am to 12.00 pm with member organisations sharing on the capacity mapping needs of the sector and collaboration with the Inter-Agency Coordination. The plan of action for the year was also drawn along with the need to liaison with the government and development of training materials during emergencies. **Minutes** 

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**WaSH Sector Committee Updates:** 

development of training materials during emergencies.

**Minutes** 

The need to improve food and nutrition security during emergencies was deliberated especially to strengthen emergency preparedness capacities through developing

Minutes

Sphere India Academy in collaboration with UNICEF India, Resilient Urban Planning and Development

(RUPD) GbR, Mannheim Municipality in Germany and

other stakeholders, organized a Virtual Urban Thinkers Campus on Increasing Resilience of School Buildings

and Vulnerable Groups to cope with Extreme Weather

Events in Himalayas- India, as part of the World Urban

Campaign. The Virtual UTC conducted two Urban Labs with Urban Lab 1 focusing on Raising awareness, understanding challenges, and identifying related measures to cope with extreme weather events and

Urban Lab 2 focusing on Planning for action & city to

SI conducted psychosocial support workshops in Manipur Camps

city learning.

**Knowledge and Capacity Sharing** 

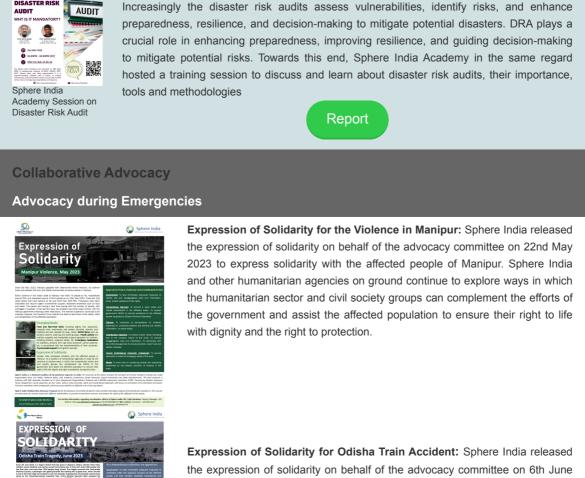
**FNS Sector Committee Updates:** 

linkages, coordination between stakeholders, response, rision of Roles and Expectations by the Committee mbers: Facilitated by Chair and effective resource mobilisation inclusive of the food and nutrition needs of livestock, for timely and adequate assistance to affected population during emergencies. As a sector also building technical capacities for emergency food and nutrition response. Minutes **Education Sector Committee Updates: DRAFT AGENDA FOR MEETING** The education sector committee meeting highlighted the essential role of children's future at a holistic level in the context of emergencies. During the

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Sphere India collaborates to host the Virtual Urban Thinkers Campus

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dignity and the right to protection.

FBLs has been planned and will be initiated soon.

**News from Members** 

**All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI)** 

Centre for Advocacy and Research (CFAR)

Orientation

orientation which was held.

India

Disaster

Group; a three-member Core Group.

(AIDMI) along with Sphere India and World Food Programme (WFP) shared the findings of the first-ever "Strengthening the Humanitarian System in India (SHSI)" report with key UN, donor, academic, INGO, local CSOs, and authorities in Delhi on April 24, 2023. The report was well received for its focus on upcoming solutions and forward looking approach to make India safer and protect its citizens. Dr. Dhar Chakrabarti was the lead and inputs came from five regional consultations, a twenty-member Technical Advisor

Centre for Advocacy and Research (CFAR)

organised Policy Consultations on the Development of Community Centered Pathways for Building Climate Resilient WaSH in Bhubaneshwar and Jaipur along

Bhubaneswar community centered pathways for climate resilient and gender, disability and social

Youth Conclave: Harnessing the Power of Youth for

A youth conclave was held on 22nd and 23rd June hosted by Plan India in collaboration with G20, Ministry of youth affairs and sports and Y20 in New Delhi with youth between the age group of 19-24 years participating various states. The focus of the activities has been on a shared vision on youth for good governance and democracy by using technology to improve skills across the board. The conclave was held as run-up to the Y20 summit in Varanasi in August

Reliance Foundation supported in continuous emergency coordination efforts at Odisha Train Accident as part of rescue and relief operations supporting with evacuation and supplying necessities to those injured at the accident site. In addition, various awareness raising measures as part of disaster management and preparedness prior to Cyclone Biparjoy landing in Gujarat on the western coast.

High-Level Meeting on the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework: The HLM provided a platform for Member States, the United Nations system partners and other stakeholders to reflect on the findings and recommendations of the Midterm Review, to examine context shifts and emerging issues since 2015, and identify course corrections and new initiatives to more effectively address the systemic nature of risk, and realise the outcomes and goals of the Sendai

Framework, the 2030 Agenda.

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The World Development Report 2023 on Migrants, Refugees and Societies: proposes an integrated framework to maximize the development impacts on cross-border movements of both destination and origin countries where migrants and refugees themselves come at the recieving end. The framework offers, from

labor economics and international law, which works on a "match and motive" matrix

that focuses on two factors: how closely migrants' skills and attributes match the

needs of destination countries and what motives underlie their movements. This approach enables policy makers to distinguish between different types of

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has released its Climate Adaptation Status and Gap report for 2022: The report is an output of ecosystem based adaptation which has been implemented by UNEP and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The UNEP's global adaptation network conducted a stakeholder dialogue process to assess the most crucial barriers to ecosystem-based adaptation and how they can be overcome. The findings within the report are based on main findings and conclusions of this

movements and to design migration policies for each. Read Report >>

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Event organised in Delhi on 24th April 2023

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**Training Reports** 

Disaster Risk Audit: Why is it Mandatory?

inclusion on WASH systems in Bhubaneswar. Some of the key findings from the report aim to mainstream Consultation held in Bhubaneshwar by CFAR WaSH inclusive infrastructure. RCVRA Study, Bhubaneswar: Presenting Key Findings on the potential impact of Climate Change on the ongoing WASH inclusion program in Informal Settlements National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR) National Dalit Watch, the DRR & Climate resilience: unveiled a study on "Tamil Nadu State Disaster Relief Norms: A Critical Appraisal from Social Inclusion Perspective" through a national campaign on dalit human rights (NCDHR) along with an official from TNSDMA, leaders from Dalit, Adivasi and other marginalised communities, grassroots organisations, CSOs, and UNICEF on 17 April 2023, in, Chennai. The study captures the aspirations of the people as they have articulated them. Similar studies have been conducted in Bihar, UP and Odisha, which are nearing completion. People's participation in the public budgeting process is the key for inclusive and responsive financing for resilient development. The ensuring of local needs and priorities being met is vital. On the same lines, a people's budget workshop in the context of DRR and Climate Resilience, was held in Chennai with community and CBOs leaders, organised by the DRR & Climate Resilience unit of NCDHR, National Dalit Watch. The exercise drew

household budgets to understand public budgeting with an entry point to educate the people on budgeting or

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Furthermore, as part of Nature Based Solution for DRR - tree plantation drive in disaster prone region covering 8 states. This initiative was undertaken on World Environment Day as part a project titled "Plant4Life" initiative. The most risk-prone area to natural disasters such as cyclones, floods, and drought, identified based on historical

Updates from International Humanitarian Community

contingency planning at the household, community, and panchayat levels.

Plan India and Sphere India host the Youth Conclave in New

Unique Psychological disaster response initiative to reduce

meteorological events were identified for the programme.

Bonn Climate Change Conference 2023: The 58th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SB 58) of the UNFCCC was held at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB) in Bonn, Germany, from 5 to 15 June 2023. The event build on the COP 27 mandates & hosted several important events which looked at global goals on adaptation,

sixth assessment report, loss damage, migration work and the importance of global

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National Training Conclave at the International Exhibition and Convention Centre Pragati Maidan: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the conclave which works to improve the governance process and policy implementation in the country through capacity building of civil service with the vision on the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) under 'Mission Karmayogi' for civil services skill development and learning. The conclave had 1500 representatives present from 1500 from various government bodies.

India's first Cool Roof Policy: The government of Telengana was able to mitigate the effects of extreme heat while also reducing the urban heat island effect & saving energy. National Resources Defense Control (NRDC) India worked alongside the Administrative College of India (ASCI), International Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIITH) and Plaksha University

as knowledge partners for the cool roof policy.

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100+ Accelerator's Circular

Applicants are now invited to

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organisation oversees the need to

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where waste is eliminated. The

Accelerator focuses on startups

that have a product in market or

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Organisation: AB InBev

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**Amount**: \$100,000

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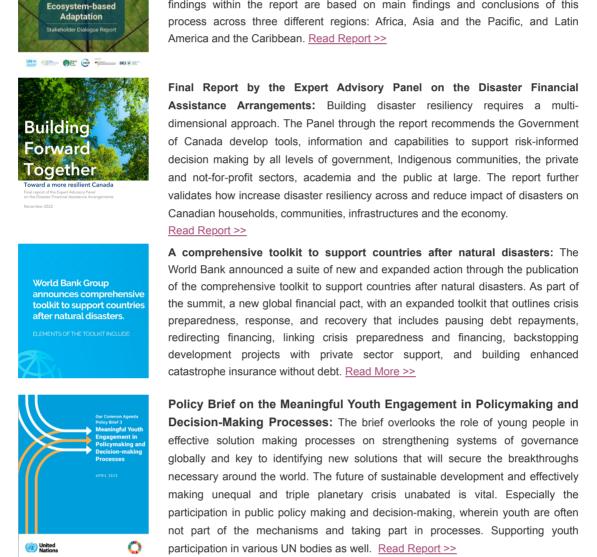
**Economy Challenge** 

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Economy

school dropout in Balasore, Odisha

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Human Impact Assessment in Ukraine: The United Nations in Ukraine just unveiled the groundbreaking Human Impact Assessment (HIA) report. This comprehensive study sheds light on the far-reaching consequences of Russia's invasion on Ukraine's society, providing vital insights into the effects on living conditions, health, education, livelihoods, food security, social inclusion, and gender equality. The HIA, a joint initiative led by UNDP and implemented at the request of the Office of the President and the Government of Ukraine, represents a

collaborative effort of 12 UN agencies working together to analyze the challenges faced by Ukrainian society. We are doing this to help inform ours and the

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released its Climate Adaptation Status and Gap report for 2022: Climate impacts are increasing

across the globe, a multi-year drought in the Horn of Africa, unprecedented flooding in South Asia, and severe summer heat and record-breaking droughts across multiple regions of the northern hemisphere, among others, point to mounting and ever-increasing climate risks. According to the recent intergovernmental panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group II Sixth Assessment Report (IPCC WGII AR6) the world will face severe climate risks before the end of this century, even under low-emission scenarios The need to adapt to climate change would therefore paramount, together with strong mitigation efforts. In order to enable ambitious investment in adaptation which cannot fully prevent climate change related impacts.

> 5th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure: The International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure 2023 brought a purposeful focus on demonstrable solutions towards a call for action to realize resilience of infrastructure. The fifth edition of the flagship conference followed a hybrid format and was organized on 4-5 April 2023 in New Delhi, India. The theme of this year's conference was 'Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure: Pathways for Risk Informed Systems, Practices and Investments'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also addressed the conference and during his speech, he outlined some priorities for discussion for disaster resilience infrastructure in the context of the theme.

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Government's relief and reconstruction efforts. Read Report >>

Updates from the Government



**Grants and Opportunities** 

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investment capital to support clean

deploying clean technologies,

energy transition, and building

**Donor**: State dept., U.S.

Deadline: 16 Jul 2023

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Mission to India

**Amount:** \$50000

capacity to adapt to climate risks

combating climate change through

Plans Ahead Sphere India Academy Sessions for July - August 2023 **UPCOMING SESSIONS FOR AUGUST 2023 UPCOMING SESSIONS FOR JULY 2023** Training: Sphere Minimum Standards
Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-01-08-23 Panel Discussion: "Her Land, Her Rights": Championing Women as Agents of Change in Combating Desertification and Droughts Aug July Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-16-06-23 Indigenous Perspectives on Disaster Resilience: Integrating Traditional Knowledge On International Day of the World's Indigenous ---National Psychosocial Support Training of 12-14 Aug People Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-09-08-23 Venue: NIDM Campus, New Delhi July World Youth Skills Day- Youth-led Disaster Risk
Reduction: Empowering the Next Generation of
Change-Maker in Collaboration with IYCN
Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-12-08-23 Youth-led Solutions: Featuring Innovative Start-ups in Disaster Management on World Youth Skills Day Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-17-07-23 17 July The Power of Images: Communicating the Impact of Disasters - World Humanitarian Day and Webinar: Drone Technology and Disaster Communication: Enhancing Coordination and Collaboration among Stakeholders 26 Photography Day Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-18-08-23 July Aug Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-26-07-23 Disaster Management Sessions in regional 30 languages (Multiple Sessions) Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-TBA Saving Animal lives (Zero death for animals) Aug Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-30-08-23 July **UPCOMING SESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 UPCOMING SESSIONS FOR OCTOBER 2023** Raising Awareness on Avoidable Deaths during Disasters for Effective Disaster Risk Reduction" Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-01-09-23 **Empowering School Teachers: Capacity Building** in Disaster Preparedness on World Teacher Day Sep Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-05-10-23 Oct Education in Emergency - Role of Teachers in Disaster Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Situation : Learnings and Challenged on World Mental Health Day Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-08-09-23 Sep Oct Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-10-10-23

4. Multi-stakeholder consultation for Education in Emergencies to prioritize the continuity of education and resilience of critical infrastructure such as School buildings. 5. Development of the School Safety Module in partnership with Amazon in the Community

1. WASH in Emergencies Research Activity of Global and Local Contexts especially in Uttar Pradesh 3. Knowledge Resources and Materials Specific to Climate Change Adaptation & Disaster Response 4. Raising awareness and creating forums for discussion on important issues and challenges being faced by the

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**Program Plans (July-August 2023) Accountability to Affected Population** Focal Point: Ms. Nupur Tyagi, Program Manager Contact: +91 92057 23367 | nupur@sphereindia.org.in 1. Toolkit on Minimum Standards for Relief. 2. Survey Questionnaire for IAGs on the AAP/CHS indicators 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 AAP Technical Standards to set out the approach and methodology for developing 6. Futuristic partnership and collaboration with Sectoral Ministries on DRR and CCA. **Inter-Agency Coordination** Focal Point: Mr. Cyljo Abraham, Deputy Program Manager Contact: +91 87503 96488 | cyljo@sphereindia.org.in accurate information. trainings as per the emerging needs. India, ensuring rapid response and assistance. disasters, and activate it when required to assess and address the situation effectively. the region, enabling early identification of potential risks and necessary response measures. practices, exchange information, and develop strategies for effective response and mitigation. and amplifying the community outreach. **Knowledge and Capacity Sharing** Focal Point: Ms. Mishel Mohan, Deputy Program Manager Contact: +91 99714 07625 | mishel@sphereindia.org.in

Forging Collaborative Solutions: Exploring Lessons on Partnership for Global Challenges International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-14-09-23 Sep India's Natural Disaster Reduction Initiatives: **Building Inclusive Emergency Plans: Integrating Sign** Progress on International Day for Natural Oct Disaster Reduction - 11 October" Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-17-10-23 Language Interpretation Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-23-09-23 Sep International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste - "Innovative Technologies for Food Loss and Waste Management in Disasters Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-29-09-23 **Training on Sphere Standards** 26 29 Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-26-10-23 Oct Sep Disaster Management Sessions languages (Multiple Sessions) Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-TBA Disaster Management Sessions in regional 1-30 languages (Multiple Sessions) Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-TBA Sep Oct

1. Emergency Coordination: Releasing of timely alerts and forecasts by regularly checking relevant government websites for 2. Manipur Peace Coordination: Maintain real-time relief camp dashboard, establish URS with local actors, strengthen Go-NGO coordination and district-level IAGs, facilitate peace dialogue between varied stakeholders and provide capacity building 3. Activation of URS (Unified Response Strategy): Activate the URS promptly in the event of any major disaster occurring in 4. JRNA (Joint Rapid Needs Assessment) Activation: Evaluate the need for JRNA deployment in case of emergencies or 5. Continuous Monitoring of Southwest Monsoon: by continuously monitoring the southwest monsoon and its impacts across ·6. Strengthening State IAGs: Enhance the capabilities of state inter-agency groups by coordinating with them, and providing necessary resources, training, and support to ensure effective emergency response at the state level. 7. National Consultation for Monsoon and Heatwave Preparedness: Organize a national consultation to enhance preparedness measures for the monsoon season and neatwaves, bringing together relevant stakeholders to share best 8. Forming a network of Faith Leaders: For mainstreaming the pivotal role of faith leaders in the humanitarian, development, and resilience actors, a network of faith leaders from diverse backgrounds shall be formed for facilitating inter-faith harmony 1. Launch of Reliance Compendium: Stronger Together: A Compendium of Stories of Courage & Resilience during Disasters. 2. Training of Trainers Workshop on Psychosocial Support during Emergencies in collaboration with Americares India, NIDM, 3. Establish the Sphere India Youth Outreach Community.

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Cyclone Mocha Preparedness IEC Materials undertaken as part of the exercise. Sitrep Inter-Agency Coordination Updates - Monsoon Preparedness Virtual Coordination:

Southern Region of India The regional preparedness workshop hosted multi-stakeholder Sphere India deliberations on the heatwave and monsoon preparedness vital in

