

Message from CEO's

Dear Readers, The month of July witnessed a colossal magnitude of disaster across North India. Severe loss and damage was incurred in the past month, particularly affecting the vulnerable sections of the society. Taking into consideration the varied impacts of climate change, there is a growing need to ensure that supportive mechanism for the affected populations are in place.

As the impacts of climate action have been unfolded exponentially, we all need to act proactively to tackle this. Taking cognizance of the situation, Sphere India has decided to make a regular feature on climate-related news in SAMANYAY. The section titled Climate Corner will provide important global, national, regional, and local news on climate change and climate action.

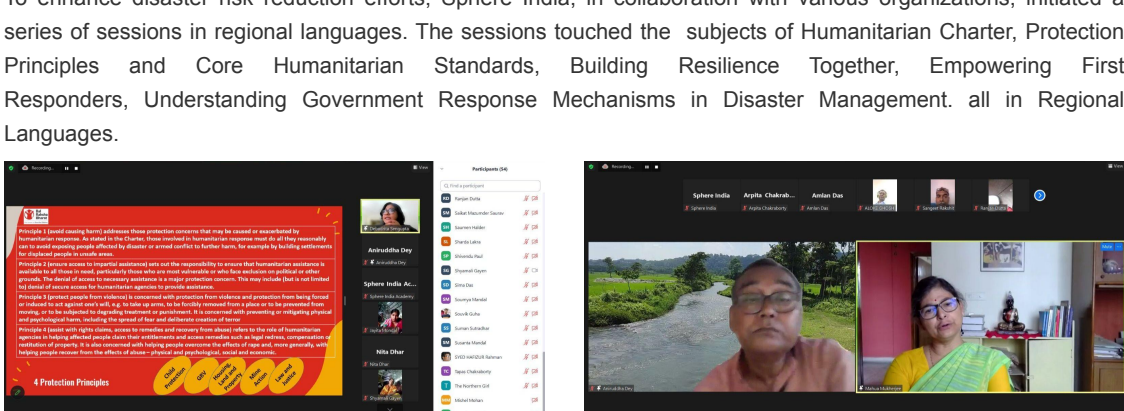
July issue of SAMANYAY also features details of Inter-Agency Coordination, Capacity Strengthening and Collaborative efforts with various stakeholders. In addition, the important publications, events and initiatives undertaken by our member organizations, the government, and the global humanitarian community. 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.

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National Training of Trainers Program on Psychosocial Support in Emergencies

National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ameriaces India Foundation, NIMHANS, and Sphere India jointly organized a 3-day National Training of Trainers Program on "Psycho-social Support Emergencies" from July 12th to 14th, 2023. The program aimed to equip trainers and participants with knowledge and skills to train local volunteers and stakeholders in providing psycho-social support during emergencies.



Day 1 covered concepts relating to linkages between disaster management and development, emphasizing on the core principles of psycho-social care. Day 2 covered sessions specific to stakeholder groups, addressing their unique psycho-social support needs. The final day explored techniques of psycho-social care, stress management, and a session on adult learning.

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Emergency Preparedness Session-Reducing Avoidable Deaths: Prevention and Response to Snakebites. India faces a substantial burden of snakebite-related deaths, with approximately 58,000 fatalities reported annually.

Trainings in Regional Languages - Building Resilience Together: Empowering First Responders in Regional Languages (Bangla). To enhance disaster risk reduction efforts, Sphere India, in collaboration with various organizations, initiated a series of sessions in regional languages.

"Her Land, Her Rights": Championing Women as Agents of Change in Combating Desertification and Droughts. In observance of the International Day Against Desertification and Drought, Sphere India Academy organized a virtual discourse on empowering women to combat desertification and droughts.

Training Manual: Psychosocial Support in Emergencies. As part of the Training of Trainers on Psychosocial Support in Emergencies, a Training Manual on Psychosocial Support in Emergencies was developed by Sphere India with the support of National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM).

Inter-Agency Coordination. Emergency Coordination: 17 Situation Reports were prepared by Sphere India, addressing different situations of floods, rainfall and landslide across India.

Multi-Stakeholder Interventions: Field Assessments and Coordination Strengthening. Multi Sectoral Assessment of Flood like Situation in Noida. In Noida and Greater Noida, villages along the Yamuna River continued to witness flooding since 12th July, and is still continuing, affecting over 7,200 people in Gautam Buddh Nagar.

Response to ongoing Humanitarian Crisis. As part of the ongoing coordination efforts for restoration of Manipur peace, Sphere India developed ninth situation report in July, providing updates on the situation and the work carried out by responding agencies.

URS MATRIX AND CAMP DASHBOARD. JOINT RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JRNA). MHPSS TRAININGS IN 6 DISTRICTS. COORDINATION MEETINGS.

Engaging Faith Based Leaders to Prevent Child Early Forced Marriages through State Consultation in Madhya Pradesh. In collaboration with USAID-MCGL in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, the session aimed to engage faith-based leaders in the prevention of CEFM with diverse faith community leaders and representatives.

Expression of Solidarity: North India Floods. Sphere India released an Expression of Solidarity for six states which witnessed heavy rainfalls and flooding resulting in severe loss and damages.

Updates from IAGs and Members. Capacity building and strengthening training by IAG Chattisgarh. IAG Chattisgarh organized a training and capacity-strengthening event on July 10, 2023, in Raipur, Chattisgarh.

Capacity building and strengthening training by IAG Chhattisgarh. On 13th July, IAG Madhya Pradesh, in collaboration with UNICEF and Sphere India, conducted a meeting at the UNICEF office with the SDMA, DMI and IAG members.

Meeting with Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority. IAG UP held a meeting with UPSDMA to discuss the current flood situation in Uttar Pradesh. The meeting also focused on the inclusion of CSOs (Civil Society Organizations) with ADDM (District Disaster Management Authority).

Capacity Strengthening for Village-Level Stakeholders by The Resilient Foundation. The resilient foundation recently conducted series of program on training Panchayati Raj Institutions on Disaster Risk Reduction, the training was attended by Gramsevak, Sarpanch, revenue officers, Agriculture officers, local health officers etc.

Updates from Government. G20 Energy Ministers Adopt Ambitious and Forward-looking Outcome Document and Chair's Summary. The recent energy transitions Ministerial Meeting (ETMM) under India's G20 Presidency concluded in Goa on July 22, 2023.

Third and Final G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) meeting concludes in Chennai. The G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG), under the Indian Presidency, concluded the third and final meeting in Chennai today with all G20 members accepting the relevant action points under the five priority areas.

Environment and Climate Ministers' Meet concludes in Chennai; G20 Ministers' Stand United in their Commitment to Create a Sustainable and Resilient Future. The 4th and last Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group and Environment and Climate Ministers meeting concluded in Chennai, with consensus adoption of an Outcome document.

Indian Government Introduces Draft for Green Credits To Foster Climate Initiatives. The Indian government's "Green Credits" Programme aims to reward a mass movement around positive environmental actions, aligning with the vision of "Mission LIFE" to achieve India's net-zero goal by 2070.

MINDFUL LIVING: Compendium of LIFE Practices Around the World. This compendium of LIFE (lifestyle for environment) showcases practices around the world - carrying dos and don'ts for sustainable living. The compendium is jointly brought out by the UNDP and the Niti Aayog.

Updates from Global Humanitarian Community. ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment 2023. The UN Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) Humanitarian Affairs Segment, 2023 will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, during ECOSOC's June 2023 in Geneva.

UNDP and OPHI's: Global Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index (MPI). This report presents a compact update on the state of multidimensional poverty (henceforth referred to as "poverty") in the world. It compiles data from 110 developing countries covering 6.1 billion people.

WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK. IMF's Near-Term Resilience, Persistent Challenges: Global growth is projected to fall from an estimated 3.5 percent in 2022 to 3.0 percent in 2023 and 2024. While the forecast for 2023 is modestly higher than predicted in the April 2023 World Economic Outlook (WEO), it remains weak by historical standards.

Global Climate Litigation Report: 2023 Status Review. This report, which updates previous International Union Environment Programme reports published in 2017, and 2020, provides an overview of the current state of climate change litigation and an update on global climate change litigation trends.

Special edition of the Global Assessment Report (GAR) 2023. This report released by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) during the 2023 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, finds hard-won economic and development gains are in danger from the growing number of disasters with global warming the prime culprit.

The United Nations World Water Development Report 2023. The year 2023 marks the first major conference of the United Nations (UN) dedicated to water since 1977. The UN 2023 Water Conference focuses on progress towards water- and sanitation-related goals, coinciding with the mid-term comprehensive review of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2022".

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, SAMANYAY has added two feature updates on issues pertaining to climate change. Through this exclusive section titled "Climate Corner", the intention remains to highlight important discourses and activities related to climate change happening globally, nationally, regionally, and locally for our readers.

Effects of Desertification. Desertification and droughts present significant challenges to our planet. However women have emerged as powerful change agents, leading the way in combating these issues. This year the theme for the day focused on "Her Land, Her Rights", highlighting the importance of investing in women's equal access to land and related resources for the future of humanity.

Importance of Mangrove Conservation. Mangroves are the first line of defence against cyclones and disasters, also protecting coastal communities. However, there has been a visible disappearance of mangroves globally and in India at a fast pace. The government of India has undertaken key strategic action programmes to reverse the process through conscious efforts.

Grants and Opportunities. Marine Institute Research for Policy Awards 2023. Applications are now open for the 2023 Sans Frontières (MDF)/Médicins Sans Frontières (MSF) South Asia Inaugural Health & Humanity Summit that aims to be a platform for critical discussion on humanitarian & public health issues, encouraging new perspectives and innovative ideas.

A Humanitarian Grand Challenge. The U.S. Agency for International Development, the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Global Programme for Africa - Canada and Grand Challenges Canada are partnering on Creating Hope in Conflict.

Upcoming Events. Sphere India Academy Calendar. AUGUST 2023. SEPTEMBER 2023. UPCOMING SESSIONS FOR AUGUST 2023.

Join us for Panel Discussion on: Strengthening Humanitarian Response in India. To commemorate World Humanitarian Day followed by Sphere India Special AGM.

NATIONAL DIALOGUE FOR RESILIENCE. Reflecting on People-led Resilience Building. Let us explore the challenges and opportunities in building resilient communities. Let us understand and strengthen the role of people-led resilience building.

Register Here >>> Sphere India National Coalition of Humanitarian Agencies in India. Sphere India Secretariat: 123, Captain Vijayaraj Thapar Marg, Atun Vihar, Sector 37, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201303.