

Sphere India Bulletin: July 2023

Message from CEO

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 varried 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 SAMANVAY. The section titled Climate Corner will cover important global, national, regional, and local news on climate change and climate action.

July issue of SAMANVAY also features details of Inter-Agency Coordination, Capacity Strengthening and Collaborative Efforts with various stakeholders. In addition, the important publications, events and inistiaves 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

In this Issue Multi-Stakeholder Coordination Climate Corner Program Updates News from IAGs News from Members Grants and Opportunities Updates from Government Upcoming Events Plans Ahead Global Updates

National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Americares 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. The program started with an inaugural session featuring esteemed panellists, including Shri. Rajendra Singh, Shri. Rajendra Ratnoo, Mr. Shripad Desai, Ms. Meenakshi Batra, Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta, Shri. Surendra Thakur, and Mr. Vikrant Mahajan. The esteemed panellist shared their insights and expertise on the subject matter. The training was attended by participants from 20+ States across India.

National Training of Trainers Program on Psychosocial Support in Emergencies



Programs Update

Knowledge & Capacity Sharing Sphere India Academy

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, though the actual numbers may be higher due to underreporting. To address this urgent issue, Sphere India Academy, in collaboration with UNICEF India, organized an Emergency Preparedness Session on "Preventing Avoidable Deaths: Tackling Snakebite with Prevention & Effective Emergency Care."



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. The sessions touched the subjects of Humanitarian Charter, Protection Principles and Core Humanitarian Standards, Building Resilience Together, Empowering First Responders, Understanding Government Response Mechanisms in Disaster Management. all 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. The session shedded light on the significance of women's equitable access to land and associated resources to promote land restoration and build drought resilience. Emphasizing women's role in sustainable land management, the session aimed to raise awareness and inspire women and girls to take leadership in worldwide initiatives focused on building resilience against drought. Dr. Soma K Parthasarathy, National facilitator team member, MAKAAM, Ms. Bhavana Desai, Program Officer, Maldhari Rural Action Group (MARAG) and Ms. Nilam Patel, Associate Women and Land Rights, Working Group for Women and Land Ownership shared their insights during the session.

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), Americares India Foundation and NIMHANS. The training manual was aimed at supplementing the knowledge of participants with theoretical concepts and methodologies to

nidm Sphere India **Training Manual Psychosocial Support** in Emergencies

provide field trainings on the various concepts of PSS and cultivate a skilled workforce capable of fostering, caring and supportive communities, thereby ensuring the comprehensive well-being of disaster survivors. This approach addressed the emotional, social, and psychological needs of disaster-affected individuals and promote their long-term rehabilitation.



Inter-Agency Coordination

Emergency Coordination 17 Situation Reports were prepared by Sphere India, addressing different situations of floods, rainfall and landslide across India. Among these, 12 were specifically focused on the rainfall and flood situations in North India. In response to the ongoing floods, landslides, and related incidents in the northern region, Sphere India facilitated several Inter-Agency Coordination meetings, centered around assessing the current situation, gathering ground updates, and devising future action plans.

Additionally, 20 alerts were shared with grassroots NGOs post verifying the IMD website. Daily and weekly alerts were issued based on observations from IMD, CWC, and INCOIS websites, and four Weekly Forecasts were also disseminated within the Sphere India Network.





Ataur Nangla village, City Forest Area, Firozpur Mohan, Farukh Nagar, and Noor Nagar Village.

Initial Assessment Report >>



In wake of the recent floods and excessive rainfall in Himachal Pradesh, a joint mission was initiated by HCL Foundation and Sphere India to collaborate with the Himachal Pradesh State Management Authority (HPSDMA), District Commissioners (DCs) and Himachal Pradesh Inter-Agency

Response to Manipur 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. Sphere India is also updating the camp dashboard regularly, ensuring that responding agencies are informed about the emerging needs directly from the camp itself.





Collaborative Advocacy

Engaging Faith Based Leaders to Prevent Child Early Forced Marriages through State **Consultation in Madhya Pradesh**





In collaboration with USAID-MCGL an orientation session was conducted on 13th July 2023 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The session aimed to engage faithbased leaders in the prevention of CEFM with diverse faith community leaders and representatives engaging in the session. The discussions focused on raising awareness on legal safeguards for children, social support programs for at-risk individuals and the important role FBLs can play in ending CEFM.

USAID Momentum's Country and Global Leadership hosted a state-level session in Chhatisgarh, Raipur, on orienting faith-based leaders on preventing child early and forced marriages. The session had 45 members present from various prominent faith communities with the deliberations revolving around awareness building on social-support and education for girls and responding to situations of CEFM within communities.

Social-Media Advocacy with Faith Based Leaders & Faith Based Representatives

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. The trainings were delivered in Marathi, with a focus on strengthening systems and understanding on disaster risk management, risk mapping and vulnerability. DDMA Palghar funded the program. These trainings will further be rolled out in other districts.



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. Sphere India along with its members released the EoS to explore ways wherein humanitarian sector and civil society groups could supplement the efforts of the government and assist the affected population to ensure their right to life and right to protection during the time of crisis and emergency across regions.



Updates from IAGs and Members

Capacity building and strengthening training by IAG Chattisgarh



IAG Chhattisgarh organized a training and capacitystrengthening event on July 10, 2023, in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, in collaboration with UNICEF India and Sphere India. Participants in the meeting explored various methodologies for assessing risks, including differentiating between slow-onset and rapid-onset disasters.

Capacity building and strengthening training by IAG Chattisgarh



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. During the meeting, discussions were held on various subjects. In addition, a PoA (Plan of Action) was drafted to revitalize the IAG (Inter-Agency Group) and chart the future course of actionable activities.

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 DDMA (District Disaster Management Authority) during mock drills in 40 flood-affected districts of the state. Additionally, plans were discussed for conducting a public awareness program to prevent incidents of drought, snakebites, lightning, drowning, along with flood-related incidents, in association with the local administration.

Capacity Strengthening for Village-Level Stakeholders by The Resilient Foundation

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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 at Goa on July 22, 2023. The G20 Energy Ministers met under India's G20 Presidency, aiming to increase collaborations on clean, sustainable, just, affordable and inclusive energy transitions to enable secure, sustainable, equitable, shared and inclusive growth.



Meeting Chair and Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, Shri R. K. Singh, addressed a press conference and mentioned how "The pace of energy transitions needs to be increased. 85% of all capacity additions in the past year have been in renewables. We also believe that any energy transition or climate change has to happen, taking into account each country's national circumstances. We emphasized the need for sharing technology low-cost financing, especially for developing countries so that no one is left behind."

Outcome Document >>

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- Global Coverage of Early Warning Systems, Disaster, and Climate Resilient Infrastructure, Financing Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Disaster Response System, and the Ecosystem-based Approach to DRR. Members noted the role of the Indian Presidency in hosting and chairing these G20 DRRWG meetings towards developing the shared approach.





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 consensual adoption of an Outcome document, the Chennai High Level Principles for a Sustainable and Resilient Blue/Ocean-based Economy. This document will be submitted to the Leaders for their consideration to be annexed to the G20 New Delhi Leader's Declaration 2023. The Ministers also adopted the Outcome Document and the Chair's Summary. The Ministerial meeting, chaired by Shri Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, was attended by 41 Ministers or their deputies from various nations, and highlighted significant achievements and key takeaways centered around the priority areas under the Environment and Climate track- Land and Biodiversity, Blue Economy, Water Resource Management and Circular Economy.

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Indian Government Introduces Draft for Green Credits: To Reward Climate Initiatives

The Indian government's "Green Credits" Programme aims to foster a mass movement around positive environmental actions, aligning with the vision of "Mission LiFE" to achieve India's net-zero goal by 2070. The program incentivizes voluntary environmental actions by individuals, businesses, and organizations through a competitive market-based approach, encouraging convergence with existing obligations from legal frameworks. The Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has released draft implementation rules for the program in 2023.

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't for sustainable living. The compendium is jointly brought out by the UNDP and the Niti Aayog, underlining the need for responsible production and consumption across the globe as an important tool to deal with the challenges of climate change. It features 75 case studies across seven themes - save water, save energy, reduce waste, reduce e-waste, reduce single-use plastics, adopt sustainable food systems, and adopt healthy lifestyles.

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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 June 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland, during ECOSOC's 2023 session. The Humanitarian Affairs Segment enables Member States, UN entities, humanitarian and development partners, the private sector, and affected communities to discuss emerging and pressing humanitarian issues.

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Humanitarian Affairs Segment 2023



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, accounting for 92 percent of the population in developing countries. It tells an important and persistent story about how prevalent poverty is in the world and provides insights into the lives of poor people. As still only a few countries have data from after the COVID-19 pandemic, the report urgently calls for updated multidimensional poverty data. Read More>>

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 both 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. The rise in central bank policy rates

to fight inflation continues to weigh on economic activity. Global headline inflation is

expected to fall from 8.7 percent in 2022 to 6.8 percent in 2023 and 5.2 percent in 2024.





Underlying (core) inflation is projected to decline more gradually, and forecasts for inflation in 2024 have been revised upward. Read More>> Global Climate Litigation Report: 2023 Status Review: This report, which updates previous United Nations 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. It provides judges, lawyers, advocates, policymakers, researchers, environmental defenders, climate activists, human rights activists (including women's rights activists), NGOs, businesses and the international community at large with an essential resource to understand the current state of global climate litigation, including



Special edition of the Global Assessment Report (GAR 2023): This report released by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) during the UN 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 contributor. The GAR 2023 presents a new analysis mapping how disasters like drought are dramatically rising with knock effects on global food security, employment and education. Droughts have already resulted in two billion people now living under water stress and an 80% increase in the risk of crop failure and hunger in sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia. Read More>>

descriptions of the key issues that courts have faced in the course of climate change cases.

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 2018–2028'.As the UN system's principal authoritative report on water, the United Nations World Water Development Report 2023 directly informs the UN conference discussions, describing how building partnerships and enhancing cooperation towards the SDG for water and sanitation (SDG 6). 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, SAMANVAY 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. Read More>>

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. Read More>>







Sphere India **Sphere India Academy Calendar AUGUST 2023 UPCOMING SESSIONS FOR AUGUST 2023** Building Safer Shelters: Effective Shelter and Settlement Management Strategies | Language - Bangla Link: <u>http://tiny.cc/SIA-03-08-23</u> Aug Indigenous Perspectives on Disaster Resilience: Integrating Traditional Knowledge- On International Day of the World's Indigenous People Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-09-08-23 9 Aug 3 4 5 2 1 10 Aug Harnessing Data and Innovation for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Language - Bangla LINK: http://tiny.cc/SIA-10-08-23 7 6 10 11 8 9 12 Resilient Families: Enhancing Family-Level Disaster Preparedness Language - Bangla LINK: <u>http://tiny.cc/SIA-17-08-23</u> 17 Aug 13 18 19 14 17 15 16 Hybrid event to commemorate World Humanitarian Day Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-18-08-23 20 21 24 25 26 22 23 18 Aug 27 28 29 30 31 World Youth Skills Day- Empowering Youth for Adaptation and 1.1 21 Aug Loss and Damage Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-12-08-23 Sphere India Academy was launched on April 10th, 2020 (as COVID-19 Academy) Sphere India Academy was launched on April 10th, 2020 (as COVID-19 Academy) as a collaborative initiative of WHO, UNICEF, WFP, HCLF, Sphere India, and other organizations. The academy serves as a capacity-building program, alming to provide training for humanitarian aid and humanitarian and frontline workers across India. Its primary objective is to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to fulfill various roles in emergency preparedness and response, as well as to support local government, administration, and communities. Over the past three years, the Academy has conducted more than 270 sessions with approximately 150 000 narticinants Healing and Recovery: Essential Psychosocial Counselling in Disasters | Language - Bangla LINK: <u>http://tiny.cc/SIA-24-08-23</u> 24 Aug Webinar: Advancing Disaster Management using Drone Technology and Al Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-30-08-23 28 Aug Child Protection in Emergencies and Creating Child-Friendly Spaces | 31 Aug conducted more than 270 sessions, with approximately 150,000 participants and 684 unique resource persons delivering these sessions. Language - Bangla LINK: <u>http://tiny.cc/SIA-31-08-23</u> For more details, contact Ms. Hannah Kezia Jose at hannah@sphereindia.org.in 0 Sphere India 0 0



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