

Recently, the creation of the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Working Group with India's presidency fosters the strengthening of upscaling progress in order to achieve 2030 agenda for sustainable development. In many ways, India's committment 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 March 2023, the third session of National Platform of Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) was organised, which brought together multiple stakeholders to discuss and tackle challenges, learnings and effectively manage future action to help mainstream disaster management practices across ministries and departments, states and union territories, urban and rural local self-governments, academic institutions, NGOs, CSOs, The Jan-March quarterly issue of SAMANVAY brings forth details of the NPDRR, Program Update of Sphere

important events and initiatives undertaken by our member organizations, program updates, upcoming events and plans ahead. It will be our endeavour 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 National Platform for DRR Global Updates Resilience Summit News from IAGs

**Program Updates**  Grants and Opportunities **Emergency Coordination** Upcoming Events

National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction held its 3rd session

Plans Ahead

Departments, States & UTs, Organizations/ Institutions, NGOs/CSOs, academic institutions, and private sector associations etc) to share learning, best practices, review & revisit their initiatives on DRR and

The third session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk

Updates from Government

Reduction was held on 10-11 March 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event was spearheaded by Ministry of Home Affairs, Disaster Management Division. The national platform provided an opportunity to various stakeholders (including Ministries &

AMIT SHAH plan their activities for future. The main theme of this edition

was "Building Local Resilience in a Changing Climate", which also aligned with PM's 10-Point Agenda, to build local capacities, especially in the context of a rapidly changing disaster risk scenario in the wake of climate change Sphere India also had an exhibit booth at the 3rd

preparedness and Response including Joint Rapid Needs Assessment. The booth featured documentation of COVID 19 Response and other interventions of various actors like CSOs, NGOs, Media, CSRs, CBOs from Sphere India network. The exhibition area was visited by the Honourable PM of India, to witness the innovative technologies and methodologies used by ministries, departments of central and state government, various private sector organisations and NGOs working in the field of disaster management and climate change. Resilience Summit 2023: 17th -19th Jan 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

Session of NPDRR Exhibition Area, through which Sphere India aims to highlight the Multi stakeholder and multi-sectoral Emergency Coordination work carried out by Sphere India and its network of Humanitarian, Development and Resilience Actors in India though various joint actions for Emergency

Sphere India also facilitated a special session on Day 2 on "SDG Realization through CCA-DRR (Special Session) Resilience", moderated by Mr. Vikrant

**Program Update Knowledge & Capacity Sharing Sphere India Academy Session on Wetland Conservation and Restoration** Sphere India, on 3rd February conducted a webinar on wetland restoration in collaboration with Wetland International. The webinar aimed to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands and their restoration, as well as to encourage active participation from local communities in wetland conservation efforts. Some of the key action points that were highlighted also had a mention of developing a comprehensive database of waterbodies which could be closely

in association with SOS Children's Villages in India.

Sphere India Academy, with support from Climate Action Resource Network - Asia Pacific (CARN-AP), has successfully conducted a series of 8 webinars from February 2023 to March 2023, and

were attended by 706 participants from various

organizations such as government, INGOs, CSOs,

academia, volunteer, and youth organizations

across India and beyond. The sessions covered a

variety of topics related to DRR, including

innovation in the context of disaster risk reduction and early warning systems in the global context,

building local resilience for DRR by promoting community-based DRR, use of science and technology, macro-policy challenges in disaster management nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation, risk financing and insurance

from donor perspectives and forging partnerships

for DRR through the Sendai Framework.

and Individuals in India.

monitored with the local decision making, especially at the district level. The need to address the over-dependence on groundwater and to promote the use of surface water especially for the Shri. K. Kalamegam, Environmental Engineer, Dept o agricultural purposes, were specifically mentioned. In addition, to Science, Technology & Environment, Gov of Puducherry moderated the session on Wetland capacity building being one of the core areas for detecting and preserving wetlands, as well as for wetland restoration Session on Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Humanitarian Response Sphere India also collaborated with Action Aid to conduct a session on ensuring protection against sexual exploitation and abuse in humanitarian response. The session focused on addressing the issue of sexual exploitation and abuse that often occurs in humanitarian crises and discussed measures to prevent such incidents from happening in the future. To commemorate International Day of Education and National Girl Child Day, Sphere India

the girl child, and discussed ways to address the challenges faced by girls in

Climate change adaptation & disaster risk reduction: Helping people

Human health: Benefiting mental and physical wellbeing and reducing the transfer of diseases caused by the destruction of habitats or the

Food security: Ensuring people have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an

Water security: Providing sustainable access to adequate, quality water to sustain livelihoods, human well-being, development, protect against disasters and preserve ecosystems.

Climate change mitigation: Nature plays an important role in the global climate system. When operating optimally, nature-based solutions can reduce the need to use untested methods to capture and store carbon.

Session on Mainstreaming DRR and Climate Change Adaptation into the

The pre-event of the 3rd session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) 2023 was organised in Guwahati by Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) in association with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and in collaboration with Central Water Commission (CWC), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Sphere India, Rural Volunteer Centre and Ram Krishna Mission at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati.

NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

the pre-event in Delhi

Shri Rajendra Singh Member, NDMA, giving the inaugural address at

and nature adapt to a warming world by preventing new and reducing existing climate hazards and strengthening resilience to future risks.

consumption and commercialization of wildlife

ictive and healthy life.

Disaster Risk Management Systems

Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration in collaboration with National Institute of Disaster Management organised a Regional Level ToT on CCA-DRR Mainstreaming into City Plans from 20th to 24th February 2023. During Day 3 of the training Sphere India organised two session on DRR/CCA entry points in SMART Cities Mission/Urban Township Planning and a Panel discussion with various experts on Guidelines on Mainstreaming DRR and CCA for Urban Resilience. NPDRR Pre Events and Support to NPDRR Secretariat NPDRR Pre-Event held in Guwahati on Flood Preparedness and Response

Regional Level ToT on CCA-DRR Mainstreaming into City Plans

activity where participants shared their learnings and recommendations for the event. Support to the National Platform for Pre-Events as a Supporting Agency Sphere India actively contributed to the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction pre-events and the national event. As an active contributor, Sphere India supported towards coordination at the pre-events at Delhi, Guwahati, Lucknow and Chandigarh. The coordination including support to develop preliminary reports for the pre-events through report writing, discussion points during the sessions, brochure and communication collateral development and emerging recommendations as part of the events. **Knowledge Products** Stronger Together: A compendium of Stories of Courage and Resilience during disasters is being developed by Reliance Foundation in collaboration with Sphere India, to presents stories of individuals at the grassroots who have been a vital part of the support system for mitigation and response efforts and are developing the capacity to drive for disaster management and resilience in their communities. This publication will one part of the ongoing series of publications and compendium that will capture the best practices at the grassroots level for mitigation, preparedness and response to emergencies in India. **Inter-Agency Coordination Emergency Coordination** While the cold wave and the Joshimath landslide led to emergency coordination

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During the harsh winter conditions as per the forecasts of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) which predicted cold wave conditions. Sphere India took up a special initiative as part of the the Inter Agency Coordination to undertake a Relief Requirement Assessment gathering data and coordinating relief material to the relevant poor people. The coordination was done with support from Plan India, Centre for Advocacy &

The third session on Child, Early & Forced Marriage in Madhya

Pradesh conducted under the USAID MOMENTUM India Yash partnership with Sphere India on Inter Faith Humanitarian Alliance mobilised faith based leaders towards preventing Child, Early & Forced Marriage in Madhya Pradesh that have devastating consequences on a girl's health and well-being by restricting their opportunities for education and employability and exposing them to adolescent pregnancy. These complications on health and well being affect both mother and the child. CEFM also exposes girls to gender based violence, risk of poor

reproductive health, HIV, and inequitable access to services.

Humanitarian Aid International (HAI) is working to strengthen the first response mechanism in its programme villages in the Barpeta and Nagaon districts of Assam by forming Village Disaster Response Forces (VDRF). The programme aims to equip village volunteers, the first responders in times of disaster, with the necessary skills and knowledge to respond effectively. The VDRF comprises several task forces, each with specialised training in early warning, search & rescue, psychosocial care, and first aid with support from the district disaster management authorities. It is crucial in delivering immediate assistance to the community during disasters and serves as a critical line of defence before external help arrives. The VDRF initiative was conducted in 15 villages in collaboration with HAI's local members

NEADS and AGUP, equipped with over 233 volunteers, and aims to

Resilience Initiative by the Disaster District Management Authority and Integrated Tribal Development Project at Dahanu Project successfully implemented the school safety program at 10 tribal government schools in Palghar. The program assessed risks at schools and initiated creation of task forces for 8th and 9th grader students. The students received hazard perception training and were tasked to create a risk map of their own village. Subsequently, they were trained on emergency response techniques such as first aid, fire safety, search and

FOR WINNING THE SECOND PRIZE IN THE FILM COMPETETION HELD AS A PART OF NPD

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operations in the country in January. Sphere India supported the preparation of situation report based on gathered information on the hazard faced due to sinking area in the state of Uttarakhand. The full gathered situation report in Sphere India was also has also established coordination and communication between donors and focal points of various organizations to help people affected by the cold wave

In addition, as part of the emergency updates and alerts between January -March 12 sitreps, 16 weekly forecasts including (3) forecasts in Hindi, an emergency coordination meeting and 4 alerts were published by Sphere India.

Response to Cold Wave January 2023

Research (CFAR) and Pro Action.

**Collaborative Advocacy** 

International (HAI) in Assam

Aid International (HAI)

village disaster response

Humanitarian

forces (VDRF) session at Assam

SUSAID MEMENTUM

in January 2023.

The two days Pre-Event session was based on the theme "Flood Preparedness and Response". The major discussions during the event centered around Flood preparedness demonstrating progressive actions from

NPDRR Pre-Event held inDelhi Urban Risk Governance and Capacity Building in DRR

state, UN agencies, Private sector, Knowledge institutions and civil society organisation.

A National Pre-Event towards the 3rd Session of National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) 2023 was organized in Delhi by the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) in collaborative partnership with Sphere India and it was supported by

Plan India. The event focused on the theme "Urban Risk Governance and Capacity Building in DRR". The Pre-event had two technical sessions that centered around urban resilience and capacity building in DRR. The discussions revolved around subtopics such as mainstreaming CCA and DRR, strengthening institutions and voluntary groups, and the role of academia in

capacity building. The event concluded with a group

Sphere India Dedicated Budget for Localizing Climate and Environmental DEDICATED BUDGET FOR Resilience is a policy brief developed through a consultative process with LOCALIZING CLIMATE AND two sessions held on 4th Jan 2023 and 28th January 2023 with subject ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE experts, climate advocates and Sphere India members. Sphere India envisions advocating with the relevant ministries including the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change the need for a more focused budgeting mechanism for climate resilience (giving equal priority to adaptation), along with the need for a streamlined operationalization of the budgetary allocation for climate action to achieve need-based ground-level results. With this vision, Sphere India has developed a Policy Brief highlighting the crucial gaps and needs in the current financing mechanism and policy recommendations for adequate and effective climate budgeting. The outcomes and policy recommendations The first draft of the policy brief has derived from the Policy Brief were sent to the Ministry of Finance, ahead of been finalised and is now accessible the Budget 2023-24 release. The second edition of the draft policy brief is available for inputs and comments with incorporations from post-

budget. We invite the inputs and updates from members. The link below will enable access to the document.

Policy Brief Second Draft >>

**News from Members** 

Village Disaster Response Forces (VDRF) training sessions organised by Humanitarian Aid

train 500+ volunteers

The Resilience Foundation successfully completes Dahanu Project for school safety program

rescue, knots, flood safety, earthquake safety, and more.

Caritas India awarded with second prize for their contribution in the field of DRR

Caritas India wins the second prize for the Community Early Warning System under the short film competition at the 3rd session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (<u>#NPDRR</u>) held on 11 March 2023.

Fr. (Dr.) Paul Moonjely, Executive Director received the award from Dr

P.K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India.

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Policy Brief: Dedicated Budget for Localizing Climate and Environmental Resilience

**Updates from Government** G20 India Presidency's First Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group Meeting The G20 India Presidency achieved a significant milestone by building consensus to start a new workstream after assuming the G20 Presidency. The 1st Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) meeting was held between March 30 to April 1, 2023, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The meeting was inaugurated by Dr. PK Mishra, PS to Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of State for Communication, Government of India Shri DevuSinh Chauhan. More than 80 delegates from G20 Working Group Meeting held at Gandhinagar G20 member countries, attended the event. 19 Pre-Events held by National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) The National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) were held between 10-11th March 2023 at New Delhi wherein the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Shri PK Mishra addressed the programme. In addition, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai, Union Home Secretary, Member and Secretary (Incharge), NDMA, Director General NDRF, senior officers form MHA, NDMA, NDRF, NIDM and other stakeholders were also present on the occasion. The event comprised of four plenary sessions, one ministerial session and eight thematic sessions with more than 1200 subject experts, practitioners, academicians and delegates who participated and deliberated upon various cross cutting issues on disaster risk reduction based on the 10-point agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction given by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Sendai Framework. A total of 19 pre-events were held at various locations across India between 17th Jan 2023 - 6th March 2023. These events were led by NIDM, LBSNAA, NDRF, UNRC, ISRO and The World Bank. The NPDRR pre-event workshop in Assam was organised by NIDM as the lead agency and Sphere India as the supporting agency in Assam on Flood Preparedness and Response from 18-19th Feb 2023. Sphere India participated at pre-events held in Chandigarh on 28 Feb 2023 and Lucknow on 20 February 2023. The pre- event held in Delhi

was led by NIDM and Sphere India as the supporting agency on Urban Risk Governance and Capacity Building in DRR: 4th March 2023 at Shriram Hall, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), New Delhi. These national pre-events aimed at arriving on strategies and recommendations aimed at localized solutions for

The NPDRR pre-event held in Mumbai on Risk Financing and Insurance for Disaster Risk Mitigation and Building Climate Risk Resilience

NIDM in collaboration with Department of Science & Technology (DST) Gol, along with the partners - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), GIZ- India and others actors organised the "Resilience and Sustainability Summit: Vision 2047 (RSSummit 2047), Science-Policy-Planning Implementation Interface for DRR in Changing Climate" on 17th -19th January 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, India. Sphere India was one of the technical collaborators for the event. The summit was aimed at bringing in wide range of Good Practices and Case Studies on DRR from around the globe and in context of India's leadership roles in DRR.

**NET ZERO TARGETS** 

The workshop had active deliberations on three major

focus areas: technology cooperation, sustainable finance

for climate resilience and justice, & challenges in the on-

the-ground adoption of solutions.

The IAG MP Coordinator formalised a meeting with other group members and collaboratively aimed at enhancing the IAG capacity for outreach and response across the state. The risks and severe impacts of heat waves across the state were discussed with 10 various INGOs and NGOs along with participation of the IMD Department Head. The

The NPDRR pre-event held in

Mussoorie on District Disaste

Management Plan & Incident Response System

resilience, necessary areas for capacities of cities to adapt and respond to disasters.

The NPDRR pre-event held in

Thiruvananthapuram on

Policy for Mitigation Measures and Rehabilitation for People

Displaced by Erosion

Civil20 Engagement Group draws on impactful Policy interventions for India's G20

Resilience & Sustainability Summit: Vision 2047

Civil 20's Net Zero Targets workshop organized and held at India Habitat Center, Delhi on February 8, 2023 had over 400 participants from 27 countries attending the hybrid

one-day event. Participants included representatives from Community Service Organizations, Think Tanks, Industry, Academia, Students, World Bank, CII, German Embassy, & other G20 Groups including Business20, Foundations20,

The event was chaired by Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, the working group on sustainable & resilient communitiesclimate, environment, and net zero targets organized a one-day workshop titled the role of technology cooperation, finance and adoptation strategies for addressing net zero emissions management wherein Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Sri. V. Muraleedharan, Dr. Maneesha Ramesh, SRC Working

Group Coordinator and Provost, Amrita Vishwa

Vidyapeetham, Sri Srinivas Krishnaswami, CEO, Vasudha

Foundation and Mr. Sanjay Vashisth, Director,

Climate Action Network South Asia addressed the

IAG Strengthening in Madhya Pradesh

The NPDRR pre-event held in

Delhi on Risk-Informed

Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction

Urban20, and Think20.

inaugural event.

discussions were conducive for furthering discussions on strengthening the network for future collaborations. IAG Strengthening in Kerala The IAG Kerala Coordinator met with SDMA in order to create a formal IAG state level group. During the session, district level coordinators were present in order to create the structure to initialise the state level coordination, with participation of NGOs and INGOs. The discussions produced opportunities for furthering collaborations between the various entities part of the network.

**Updates from Inter-Agency Groups and State Networks** 

The State of Open Humanitarian Data 2023: Assessing Data Availability Across Humanitarian Crises the report provides data availability across priority humanitarian operations, the provided data is based on the commitment of the organizations to sharing and maintaining their data publicly. There was a strong demand for data in the world on the humanitarian emergencies and crisis, from the war in Ukraine to drought in Horn in Africa. Read More>> Status Report on Target E 2023 report provides updates from various government consultations for the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework (MTR SF). The report highlights the continued efforts made by governments in developing national and local disaster risk reduction (DRR) strategies, aligning them to the Sendai Framework, and fostering integration between DRR, climate change and sustainable development. Read More>> Digital Public Goods for Disaster Risk Reduction in a Changing Climate This briefing note aims to promote and explore ways that digital public goods can support disaster risk reduction. It starts by providing a series of definitions and historical context, before delving into the prevailing trends and opportunities that promote the use of open resources to support disaster risk reduction. The target audience for this note includes governments, international organizations, and other institutions that might want to play a role in advancing digital public goods. Read More>> **News from Partners** 

which assess efforts to strengthen deserved populations have the with budgets ranging from CSOs role to foster EU-India advantage of advances offered by \$125,000 to \$500,000 for projects partnerships and additionally Al. The machine learning tools ranging from one to five years. catering to the thematic areas to (ML) ensures high social value in Organization: low and middle income contexts strengthen the efforts of CSOs Foundation with EU-India partnership. globally. Deadline: 24 May 2023 Organization: Lacuna Fund Organisation: European Read More >> Commission Grant Deadline: 02 May 2023

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April, 28, 2023 12:30 PM - 17:30 PM (IST) | 09:00 - 14:00 (CEST) extreme weather events in Himalayas India as part of the World Urban Campaign. For participation, register here
tiny.cc/SI-28-04-23 To register: https://lnkd.in/dUvNaMkq Sphere India **Sphere India Academy Calendar** UPCOMING SESSIONS FOR APRIL 2023 2 3 4 5 6 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 19 20 26



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Sphere India would be organised a National Consultation on Preventing Child, Early & Forced Marriage (CEFM) with Faith-Based Leaders on the 27th April 2023 from 9:00 am - 2.00 pm in New Delhi. It would

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National Consultation on Preventing Child, Early & Forced Marriage (CEFM) with Faith-Based

be a hybrid session, with participation based on confirmation

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**Grants and Opportunities** 

applications to disburse funds to

institutions that aim at creating,

expanding and maintaining

datasets that ensure under

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Virtual Urban Thinkers Campus: 28th April 2023 12:30- 17:30 Hrs (IST)

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Sphere India Academy Calendar: April to July **Sphere India Academy Calendar** 1 Re-imagining Waste Management in from the Brahmapuram Incident Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-01-05-23 22 May **29** May **Sphere India Academy Calendar Sphere India Academy Calendar** 

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4. Anticipating and responding to climate related crises. **UN 2023 Water Conference** United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028 resolution concluded with discussions and deliberations around the objective and aimed to arrive at improved knowledge generation and dissemination facilitating access to knowledge and the exchange of good practices; generating new information relevant to water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); pursuing advocacy, networking and promoting partnerships and action by different actors; and, strengthening communication actions at various levels for the implementation of the water-related goals. Read More>>

**Updates from Global Humanitarian Community IPCC Sixth Assessment Report** The third annual Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All (SDG3 GAP) This Synthesis Report (SYR) of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) summarises the state of knowledge of climate change, its widespread impacts and risks, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. It integrates the main findings of the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) based on contributions from working groups, special reports and policy makers. The report essentially highlights the long term risks, and challenges. In addition it highlights the interdependence of climate, ecosystems, biodiversity, and human societies; the value of diverse forms of knowledge; and the close linkages between climate change adaptation, mitigation, ecosystem health, human well-being and sustainable development, and reflects the increasing diversity of actors involved in climate action. Read More>> Key points from the Synthesis Report of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) 1. Sea levels will continue to rise for another millennia, but how fast and how much depends on future 2. Exceeding a specific remaining carbon budget results in higher global warming. Achieving and sustaining net negative global CO2 emissions could reverse the resulting temperature exceedance. 3 Integrating ambitious climate actions with macroeconomic policies under global uncertainty would provide benefits 4. Meaningful participation and inclusive planning, informed by cultural values, indigenous knowledge, local knowledge, and scientific knowledge can help address adaptation gaps and avoid maladaptation **European Humanitarian Forum in March 2023 with Regional Consultations** The second edition of the European Humanitarian Florence Ranson Forum, which took place on Monday 20 March and 21st March, put forward innovative solutions to address the global challenges of the humanitarian sector, with a key focus on the effectiveness and efficiency of aid, the increasing gap between needs and available resources,

Key points of DRR and Climate Change: Elements for sustainable Early Warning – Early

1. Tackling soaring humanitarian needs: mobilising resources, improving performance, reducing needs. 2. Dedicated disaster risk reduction financing strategies should be included in integrated national

3. Recognising the value, resources and skills of local/national actors and supporting (institutional)

European Humanitarian Forum in March 2023 with

**Regional Consultations** 

the impact of climate change, and the shrinking humanitarian space. At the Forum, EU Member States together with the European Commission announced the planned humanitarian funding of €8.4 billion for 2023, as

a concrete expression of global solidarity and of the EU's

leading role in humanitarian action.

**Action Systems 2023** 

financing frameworks.

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Applications invited for Civil

Society Organisations as Actors in

Governance and Development in

India is a grant by European

Commission on key priorities

capacities.

4. Ensuring the participation of local/national actors throughout the humanitarian response cycle. Key Highlights from the European Humanitarian Summit 2023 Water 2023 Water Conference session on water action agenda: changing the game

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) offers Business and Human Rights Course

April: UNDP under its Business and Human Rights in Asia (B+HR Asia) project aims to enable Sustainable Economic Development in the region, through the

Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework of the UN Guiding Principles (UNGPs) on Business & Human Rights (BHR). The project promotes the agenda on BHR by working with Asian governments, businesses and civil society in the implementation of the UNGPs

**Fund for Large Research** 

The Large Research Grants on

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Panel Discussion : Disaster Risk Audit: Why Should be Mandatory? Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-29-05-23

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**Grants on Education** 

**Program** 

Sphere India in collaboration with UNICEF India,

Urban Planning and Development (RUPD) GbR,

and Miyamoto International is organizing a Virtual Urban Thinkers Campus on Increasing resilience of

Manheim Municipality in Germany, Elfa International

school buildings and vulnerable groups to cope with

at the national and regional level.

IAG Strengthening in UP The UP IAG Coordinator participated in a three-day residential workshop on review of DRR activities in Uttar Pradesh, which was attended by District Disaster Specialists and ADM/FRs of all districts. DRR Integrated GPDP was presented at the workshop by IAG UP. Apart from this, a meeting was organized by the Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority on 5th January 2023, where inclusion of disaster management in curriculum was discussed with the Department of Basic Education, Department of Secondary Education, and senior officials. Some of the action points included updation of CSOs across the district in order to streamline outreach and response efforts district wise in the state. Sectoral Meeting with UP IAG Members UP IAG Strengthening Meeting

> IICA Certified BHR Professional opens in G2

National Institute for Disaster Management (NIDM) in collaboration with Department of Science & Technology (DST) Gol, along with partners - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), GIZ- India and sector specialists organised the "Resilience and Sustainability Summit: Vision 2047 (RSSummit 2047), "Science-Policy-Planning: Implementation Interface for DRR in Changing Climate" on 17th -19th January 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, India. Sphere India was one of the technical collaborators for the event. The summit brought together a range of best practices and case studies on DRR from global expertise and highlighted India's lead in DRR. Mr. Vikrant Mahajan, CEO, Sphere India was one of the panelist on the session on "Addressing Loss & Damage and Humanitarian-Social Resilience" where he asserted that, while the country is looking for ways to arrange more funds for the loss and damage, many development actors are not aware about the existing funding arrangement that are not being effectively utilised. Hence, he recommended to bring all the actors (humanitarian, development sector, loss and damage etc) together, in order to create more awareness. Shri Shashikant Chopde, Senior Researcher, ISET, USA The USA also shared insights from a the Damage and Loss Study developed by NIDM in collaboration with Sphere India, wherein the study focused on the underlying causes of the Cyclone Taukte and Yaas in India. Mahajan wherein experts from Ministries, CSOs, Academia and UN, opened the platform for discussion on mainstreaming CCA and DRR in development. One of the recommendations from the session was that some form of guidelines can be formulated to provide guidance and directions to the Ministry Officials and the Field level officials on Mainstreaming DRR and CCA in development initiatives. Sphere India also had an exhibit booth at the Resilience Summit Exhibition Area, through which Sphere India

aims to highlight the Multi stakeholder and multi-sectoral Emergency Coordination work carried out by Sphere India and its network of Humanitarian, Development and Resilience Actors in India though various joint actions for Emergency preparedness and Response including Joint Rapid Needs Assessment. The booth will also feature documentation of COVID 19 Response of various actors like CSOs, NGOs, Media, CSRs, CBOs, FBOs

organized a webinar titled "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" The webinar aimed to highlight the importance of educating and er

Webinar Series in collaboration with Climate Action Resource Network- Asia Pacific (CARN-AP)

accessing education.

## We are currently experiencing a period of global climate change, which is leading to an increase in severe natural disasters due to the rising levels of carbon emissions and higher temperatures of the land and water. Human activities have played a significant role in aggravating the impact of these climate-related disasters. As a result, there is a growing need for collaborative efforts to mitigate the adverse effects of the climate crisis. PSUs. and Communities. India's work, updates from government and international humanitarian community. Alongside, it depicts