



**2023- 2024** 

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#### WEBINAR : DISASTER MANAGEMENT WITH AN INCLUSIVE LENS: TO COMMEMORATE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS WEEK

#### Participants - 119

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- Develop Methods to communicate (IEC) with people with disabilities.
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- Regular disability sensitivity training for all disaster management personnel.
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#### **APRIL 28** VIRTUAL URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS ON SCHOOL SAFETY IN HIMALAYAS-INDIA

#### Participants - 107

#### **ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Build capacity through training and certifications
- Collaborate on policy and regulatory frameworks
- Foster innovation and technology adoption
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- Implement monitoring and evaluation mechanisms
- Collaborate on resource mobilization efforts
- Advocate for policy changes and community participation
- Establish monitoring and review mechanisms
- Document and share lessons learned and best practices

#### **APRIL 21**

#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SESSION ON HEAT WAVE SURVIVING HEAT WAVE: BEST PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES

#### Participants - 100

#### **ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Promote preventive measures such as providing shades, water, and wearing loose clothes.
- Set up a Heat Wave Action Plan at the district level.
- Mobilize community-wise volunteers or task force for heatwave prevention.
- Adopt eco-friendly architecture such as green roofs and sustainable building designs.
- Build resilience by planting trees and implementing early warning systems for extreme heat.



#### **APRIL 24** WEBINAR - FROM CLUTTER TO CONSCIOUSNESS : THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF DONATING OLD CLOTHES

#### Participants - 33

- ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

  Use Sustainable Materials
- Use Sustainable Materials
- Implement a Closed-Loop System
- Engage Consumers in Circular
- PracticesDevelop Collaborations with
- Stakeholders
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- Innovative Initiatives with UPCYLED Clothes <u>https://refash.in/</u> <u>https://www.ecodhaga.com/</u> <u>https://www.greenbygoonj.com/</u> https://sadsindia.org/



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# **MAY 16**

#### PANEL DISCUSSION: TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE WORLD THROUGH **EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT**



#### https://youtu.be/b9QtvJ8F8Pk

#### Participants - 47

#### **ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Encourage Public-Private Partnerships in waste management
- Implement Comprehensive Waste Management Strategies for Tourism
- More focus on existing Dump Site Management
- Promote circular economy in waste management
- Promote and support more research and development on waste management
- Promote awareness and education on waste management issues
- Enforce strict implementation of waste management rules.

# **MAY 31**

#### **TRAINING SESSION ON DISASTER RISK AUDIT:** WHY IS IT MANDATORY?

#### https://youtu.be/Emq4gsr9a0l

#### Participants - 37

#### **ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Establish protocols and guidelines for conducting audits.
- Define clear roles and responsibilities for implementing audits.
- Integrate audit activities into disaster risk management systems.
- Identify potential risks and hazards specific to regions, organizations, and individuals.
- Conduct training programs and raise awareness about audits.
- Build capacity for conducting impact assessments.
- Utilize impact assessment findings for effective planning.
- Strengthen collaboration and knowledge sharing among stakeholders.
- Incorporate vulnerability risk analysis into audit processes.
- Foster a culture of accountability in waste management practices

#### **MAY 19 CERTIFIED WORKSHOP ON IMPACT OF EMERGENCIES ON FRONTLINE WORKERS**

#### Participants - 28

- **KEY POINTS COVERED**
- Types of individual trauma and its impact. Responses to trauma and strategies for
- self-care. Understanding the concept of secondary

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- For Professional **Help Visit**: Hank Nunn Institute.com
- trauma and its effects on frontline workers.
- Promoting self-care and decreasing the risk of secondary trauma.
- Introduction to trauma-informed care and its principles.

### **MAY 31**

#### **REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER** CONSULTATION FOR HEATWAVE AND MONSOON **PREPAREDNESS - FOR SOUTH INDIA**



#### https://youtu.be/ZgphfuLyT8k

#### Participants - 63

State representatives for the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Goa, Lakshadweep, and Andaman Nicobar Island participated in the session.

#### SESSION OUTCOMES

 Established collaborative stakeholder network in Southern India.



capacity. Addressed gaps, shared best . practices among states

#### **ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Prioritize capacity building for stakeholders to enhance preparedness.
- Implement measures for improved natural resource management, including rainwater collection.
- Strengthen disaster risk reduction strategies, such as enhanced assessments and resilient infrastructure investment.
- Foster GO-NGO coordination and collaboration for effective response.
- Enhance communication and information dissemination to ensure timely alerts and support to affected communities.

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HAND IN HAND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES









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- Enhanced stakeholder



JUNE UPDATE

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# VIRTUAL ACADEMY SESSIONS

# JUNE 05

#### YOUNG LEADERS OF CLIMATE REVOLUTION: INSPIRING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION ON WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

Participants - 42

**Watch Here** 

**ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS** 

- Make tree planting on children's birthdays mandatory in all schools to combat deforestation.
- Encourage sustainable lifestyle choices among children.
- Facilitate collaboration and networking platforms for youth.
- Support youth-led innovation and technology for environmental solutions.

# MANIPUR CRISIS RESPONSE

# JUNE 02

MULTISTAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON MANIPUR HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, 2023 VENUE: YMCA, NEW DELHI + ONLINE

**KEY TAKE AWAYS** 

- Strengthen supply chain & coordination for efficient distribution.
- Engage communities for sustainable hosting and integration of displaced people.
- Prioritize hygiene, sanitation, and health services.
- Focus on education and child protection.
- Establish monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

# JUNE 06 - 10

#### TRAINING VOLUNTEERS FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AND FIRST AID FOR AFFECTED POPULATION IN MANIPUR

#### Participants - 181

IMPHAL EAST & WEST, THOUBAL | KANGPOKPI CHURACHANDPUR | BISHNUPUR

#### WAY FORWARD

- Trained volunteers will
  - Actively visit the relief camps and provide essential psychosocial support to the affected population
  - Identify the critical psychosocial needs of the camp inmates and promptly report them to Sphere India for necessary assistance and further coordination.

# JUNE26

#### CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE FUTURE OF DISPLACEMENT : LESSONS FROM CLIMATE MIGRANTS AND HOST COMMUNITIES

Participants - 61

Watch Here

ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop policies for climate-induced displacements, safeguarding migrants' rights.
- Enhance research on climate migration for evidence-based policies.
- Build capacity to adapt, reduce vulnerabilities, and promote sustainable livelihoods.
- Integrate climate action across sectors to address migration challenges.
- Advocate for international cooperation

# **REGIONAL CONSULTATION**

### **JUNE 05**

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION FOR HEATWAVE AND MONSOON PREPAREDNESS - FOR NORTH EAST INDIA

https://youtu.be/pgDJf2NqVuE Participants - 52

Assam | Sikkim | Mizoram | Meghalaya | Nagaland | Manipur | Tripura

### **JUNE 14**

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION FOR HEATWAVE AND MONSOON PREPAREDNESS - FOR CENTRAL INDIA



https://youtu.be/0B1cVIw9kxU Participants - 41

Maharashtra | Gujarat | Madhya Pradesh | Chhattisgarh | Odisha | West Bengal, | Jharkhand

# **JUNE 16**

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION FOR HEATWAVE AND MONSOON PREPAREDNESS - FOR NORTH INDIA

https://youtu.be/a5-VSnIRYpA Participants - 29

Jammu & Kashmir | Uttarakhand | Uttar Pradesh | Rajasthan |Bihar

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# **PANEL DISCUSSION**

### JULY 07

'HER LAND, WOMEN AS COMBATING DROUGHTS

HER RIGHTS': CHAMPIONING AGENTS OF CHANGE IN DESERTIFICATION AND



#### Participants - 59

#### ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increase awareness about women's land rights to combat exclusion and promote equal access.
- Advocate for effective policies ensuring procedural systems for women's land inheritance.
- Gather gender-disaggregated data on land ownership for informed decision-making.
- Provide capacity-building initiatives to empower women in exercising their land rights and leadership in land governance.

# **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SESSION**

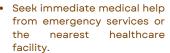
#### **JULY 21**

REDUCING AVOIDABLE DEATHS: PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO SNAKEBITES

#### https://youtu.be/CQXpq7\_fV2Y

#### Participants - 115

 Stay calm and move away from the snake.



- Keep the bitten limb immobilized to slow venom spread.
- Do not use a tourniquet, incisions, or attempt to suck out venom.
- Keep the bite below heart level if possible.
- Avoid applying ice, alcohol, or caffeine.
- Remove tight clothing or jewelry near the bite site.
- Note the snake's characteristics for treatment.
- Remember, urgent medical attention is essential for snake bites.

**REGIONAL LANGUAGE SESSIONS** 

#### **JULY 18**

Inauguration Session - Building Resilience Together : Empowering First Responders in Regional |Languages (Bangla)



Participants : 154

https://youtu.be/yx0IAIrVJaw

### **JULY 20**

IHUMANITARIAN CHARTER, PROTECTION PRINCIPLES AND CORE HUMANITARIAN STANDARD (BANGLA)

Participants: 93

https://youtu.be/pJ5K9fYNu\_k

# **JULY 27**

UNDERSTANDING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE MECHANISMS IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT (BANGLA)

Participants : 55

https://youtu.be/a77GHf09F4w

# **TRAINING OF TRAINERS**

#### **JULY 12 - 14** NATIONAL PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT TRAINING OF TRAINERS

#### Participants - 40

#### **ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Train grassroots-level counselors & support providers.
- Integrate psychosocial challenges in vulnerability mapping.
- Include psychosocial aspects in all disaster management phases.
- Support country-specific psychosocial care tools.
- Tailored programs for gender-sensitive approaches.

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- Recognize sleep's role in psychosocial well-being.
- Invest in behavioral science research for better strategies.

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### **PANEL DISCUSSION**

AUGUST 19 'INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES ON DISASTER **INTEGRATING RESILIENCE:** TRADITIONAL **KNOWLEDGE IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT** 



https://youtu.be/link



Participants - 38

**AUGUST 29** NURTURING **FUTURE VOICES:** YOUTH LEADING CLIMATE ADVOCACY



https://youtu.be/link



Participants - 66

AUGUST 28 INTEGRATING DRONE TECHNOLOGY IN **DISASTER COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES** 



https://youtu.be/link

Participants - 75

**AUGUST 18** HYBRID EVENT ON WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

Participants - 84

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# **BANGLA LANGUAGE SESSIONS**

### AUGUST 03

**Building Safer Shelters: Effective Shelter** and Settlement Management Strategies Language - Bangla



**Participants:77** 



https://youtu.be/link

AUGUST 10

HARNESSING DATA AND INNOVATION FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR) **LANGUAGE - BANGLA** 



https://youtu.be/link



**Participants: 52** 

AUGUST 17 FAMILY-LEVEL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS LANGUAGE - BANGLA



https://youtu.be/link



**Participants: 58** 

**AUGUST 24 IMPORTANCE OF PSYCHOSOCIAL COUNSELLING IN DISASTERS** 



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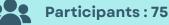


Participants : 50

AUGUST 31 UNDERSTANDING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE **MECHANISMS IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT** (BANGLA)



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# PANEL DISCUSSION

#### OCTOBER 12 DIALOGUE ON THE CAUSES AND IMPACTS OF THE RECENT SIKKIM FLOOD

https://youtu.be/SikkimFlood

# Participants - 90

#### ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Address challenges like road accessibility in northern Sikkim during rescue operations.
- Coordinate delivery of essential supplies for affected communities in Sikkim and West Bengal.
- Provide educational support for students impacted by the crisis.
- Promote the creation of flood-ready go bags through awareness campaigns.

# **OCTOBER 16**

WILDLIFE RESILIENCE IN CRISIS: SAFEGUARDING CAPTIVE AND WILD ANIMALS AMIDST DISASTERS

https://youtu.be/WildlifeinDisaster

### Participants - 88

#### ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop adaptable emergency plans for animals in crises.
- Ensure safety in captive facilities and practice evacuations.
- Prioritize habitat conservation and post-disaster restoration.
- Foster collaboration for a coordinated response.
- Launch awareness campaigns for wildlife protection.

# REGIONAL LANGUAGE SESSIONS -BANGLA

# OCTOBER 04

CLIMATE RESILIENT FUTURE: EMBRACING CLIMATE SMART SOLUTIONS IN RESILIENCE BUILDING PROCESS



https://youtu.be/Bangla session

### Participants - 30

# **OCTOBER 23**

STARTING AT SCHOOLS: SAFEGUARDING ANIMALS FROM DISASTERS



#### https://youtu.be/DMinSchools

# Participants - 46

#### ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Integrate animal safety lessons into the curriculum for behavior, welfare, and disaster preparedness.
- Form student-led emergency response teams trained in animal rescue and first aid.
- Conduct regular mock drills for disaster scenarios involving animals.
- Designate safe zones within schools equipped with necessary supplies for animals during emergencies.
- Educate students about local wildlife and promote responsible coexistence.
- Establish partnerships with animal welfare organizations for workshops on safety, disaster response, and related topics.



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**NOVEMBER** UPDATE

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# PANEL DISCUSSION

### **NOVEMBER 09**

Awareness Session: Be Lightning-Ready: A Guide to Safety and Preparedness

<u>https://youtu.be/Lightning</u>

Participants - 53

### **NOVEMBER 20**

Panel Discussion: Indigenous Wisdom and Approaches to Disaster Preparedness: A Glimpse from Assam

https://youtu.be/IndigenousDRR

Participants: 99

#### WAY FORWARD

Sphere India Academy is conducting webinars to understand traditional DRR practices directly from indigenous communities across India, with plans to compile the insights into a comprehensive document.

# PRE COP-28 WEBINAR HYBRID EVENT

#### https://youtu.be/DRR in Agriculture

#### Participants - 39

#### **ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Develop and implement a comprehensive roadmap engaging scientists, officials, and farmers.
- Conduct impactful grassroots campaigns, workshops, and training programs to educate about climate risks and promote resilient farming practices.
- Collaborate with scientists, farmers, and universities, integrating technology for climate-resilient agriculture.

# **PRE COP-28 WEBINAR**

# **NOVEMBER 13**

Panel Discussion: Loss and Damages Fund: Challenges and Opportunities for Effective Fund Utilization - <u>Access Session Report Here</u>



#### Participants - 45

#### **ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Embed the Loss and Damage Fund in sectoral initiatives for targeted climate resilience.
- Boost efficiency by integrating the fund within established institutions, leveraging social protection systems and anticipatory approaches.
- Guiding Criteria for Loss and Damage Funding- <u>Click Here</u>

### **NOVEMBER 23**

Intersectional Perspectives on Mainstreaming Gender, Disability, Indigenous & Local Knowledge Systems in Climate Action -<u>Access Session Report Here</u>



#### Participants - 125

#### ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Address the link between heat increase and intimate partner violence, implement gender-inclusive policies, and promote successful climate adaptations.
- Advocate for cost-effective anticipatory actions, involve persons with disabilities, and promote diversity in disaster response.
- Revive regional cooperation for disaster risk reduction among South Asian countries.
- Prioritize strong SRSP, explore alternative funding, and align disaster mechanisms with social protection.
- Centralize social protection, focus on inclusivity, and institutionalize coordination.





DECEMBER UPDATE

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# HYBRID SESSION DECEMBER 20 Decoding COP28 For India: Navigating Challenges and Charting Strategies for India's Climate Course



#### **ACTION POINTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

Sphere India in collaboration with Climate Action Network South Asia organized a session on 20th Dec 2023 to reflect on COP28, discussions, and their integration into India's strategic framework for widespread impact. Some of the key aspects highlighted include the pivotal focus on aspects such as gender-responsive adaptation and India's indispensable role in local climate actions. Notably, there was a strong emphasis on inclusive energy transitions and intensified calls for climate finance and climate-induced health vulnerabilities. India has undertaken a proactive stance, advocating equity, just transitions, and financial mechanisms for policy implementation and phasing out fossil fuels.

In addition, the session dissected India's climate policies and adaptation strategies. The discussions showcased commitments to greening education, integrating climate education into national systems, and emphasizing resilience across all education levels. The focus must translate to empowering youth with actionable plans and funding for impactful climate projects, ensuring their voices lead to tangible climate action.

- Action Outcome Document based on COP28 with strategic priorities for diverse stakeholders
- Outcome document on Climate-induced Health Priorities
- Document on Climate & Localization of adaptation plan
- Creation of Task Force Group on Climate Action
- Evidence-based Action including aligning goals with Government and other relevant stakeholders





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# INTRODUCTION TO SPHERE STANDARDS: ENHANCING DISASTER RESPONSE EFFECTIVENESS

https://youtu.be/SphereStandards

# Registrations - 123

All Humanitarian Standards Partnership (HSP) handbooks are available for free – in multiple languages – as downloadable PDFs, online via the <u>Interactive</u> <u>Handbook</u>, and on your phone using the <u>HSP App</u>.



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PANEL DISCUSSION: INDIGENOUS WISDOM AND APPROACHES TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS- NAGALAND



https://youtu.be/Nagaland-Indigenous

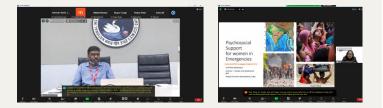
# Registrations - 83

The session discussed the various indigenous practices from Nagaland including jhoom cultivation, forest conservation, and strategic colony spacing, showcasing vital resilience against earthquakes, landslides, winds, and droughts. These practices, deeply rooted in ancestral wisdom, underscore their crucial role in navigating and mitigating the region's diverse environmental challenges. **S** PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN IN EMERGENCIES.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE WOMEN IN EMERGENCIES.



PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PWD IN EMERGENCIES.



# PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EMERGENCIES: STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES FOR EFFECTIVE AND COMPASSIONATE CARE

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# CAPACITY BUILDING



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# CAPACITY BUILDING

# Inaugural Session: Handholding training program on Localization in Empowering **Communities towards Resilience**





# Session on : Youth-led Innovation in Disaster Management

https://youtu.be/Link **P** Registrations - 100

**Key Takeaways** 

- Create digital platforms for collaboration & resourcesharing.
- Foster peer-to-peer learning opportunities.
- Advocate for youth participation in policy-making.
- Provide volunteer opportunities in disaster response.
- Encourage youth-led research and knowledge-sharing.
- Recognize youth contributions through awards and honors

# **Interview: Global Recycling Day** Featuring Waste Warriors, Himachal Pradesh https://youtu.be/Link #RecyclingHeroes •••••

# National Multi-Stakeholder Consultation for Heat Wave - 2024





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