



# Disaster Management Community



## Community Update

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#### From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

In the month of November 2015, series of meetings and workshops were held in India and Bangkok, and few members of the DM Community of Practitioners participated in these meetings. India hosted the first 4 day South Asian Annual Disaster Management Exercise" ([SAADMEx](#)) workshop (23 to 26 Nov) and one day [SAARC](#) workshop on best practices (27 Nov). On 28, November [DRDO](#) showcased technologies and products developed indigenously by the organisation which can be readily adopted or customized for disaster management. The programs were held in Delhi. The 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Disaster Management was organised jointly by Government of Andhra Pradesh and DMICS at Vizag from 19 to 23 Nov.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Practitioners' Workshop on "Risk Reduction and Resilience in Asia" was organised by Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) in partnership with IFRC, UNDP, FAO and ECHO for 3 days in Thailand (23 to 25 November).

According to the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), this year's El Nino is contributing to extreme weather patterns and will be the strongest since 1950. The severe droughts and devastating floods being experienced this year bears the hall marks of El Nino. In relation to India the India Meteorological Department reported that the June-September rainfall over India as a whole was 86% of its long period average. El Nino effect could be one the factors for shortage in Agricultural Production in the country and a cause of heavy rains and floods in many districts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry. The WMO has produced [an animation](#) to explain this year's El Niño event.

The Community Update # 138, has collated reports related to [floods](#) of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry and of [Sri Lanka](#). Sharing the Consolidated Reply on [Water Purification Technologies](#) posted in 2008, the CR compiled responses from a wide range of people on commercial and other technology for water purification that can be used at the household level during and post disasters.

The present query in the community on "[Business Continuity Plan for Sustenance of Business and Communities](#)", can be discussed in-depth in the context of huge losses that would have occurred to Industries (Large, Medium and Small); thousand of small and petty business units; livelihoods of daily wage labourers, caused due to heavy rains and floods in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. Vibrant discussion could provide solutions for the Post-Disaster rebuilding efforts.

Thank members for their contribution to the Community Update # 138 and request to share topics for query/discussion/research/ that could be taken up for identifying knowledge gaps.

With warm regards,

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Resource Team, DM Community of Practice,  
UN Solution Exchange.

## Members Postings

### Recently Held - Workshops and Conferences

From, [Mahendra Rajaram](#), UNDP, New Delhi.

**"One SAARC, One Response" & "Collective response better than individual response"**



The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said that it was a great opportunity for India to host first "South Asian Annual Disaster Management Exercise" (SAADMEx). He was speaking on the occasion of the Valedictory Session of the SAADMEx-2015 in New Delhi today. He said that this event is important in the wake of recent disasters occurring in South Asia. Shri Rajnath Singh said that India is always ready to help others in case of need. He added that, given the recent incidents of disasters in South Asia, the SAADMEx has provided a platform for sharing the best practices in case of disasters. For more news about the event, please click [here](#)

**DRDO Organises Workshop on Disaster Management: 28 November 2015.**



## Community News

### New Query

A new query titled "**Business Continuity Plan for Sustenance of Business and Communities-Experiences; Examples; Advice. Reply by 17 December 2015**", is posted for members response. Please click [here](#) to view the query.

### From Our Partners

National Institute for Disaster Management, New Delhi is conducting number of training programs, events and online courses. For more details please visit <http://nidm.gov.in/default.asp>

### Update your Profile!

Request members to share the latest contact details to enable us to be in contact. Please [click here](#) to update your contact (*Your Name, Organisation, Email Id and Mobile Number*).

### Membership

We request members to spread word within your network, about Disaster Management Community of Practitioners, UN Solution Exchange and request them to become members of the community or ask them to write to: [se-drm@solutionexchange-n.net.in](mailto:se-drm@solutionexchange-n.net.in)

### Announcements

From [Prabhjot Sodhi](#), GEF/UNDP, SGP CEE, New Delhi

An international conference titled 'Education as a Driver for Sustainable Development Goals' is being organized by Centre for Environment Education (CEE), in partnership with UNESCO, UNEP and the Government of India. The Conference will be organized from January 11-13, 2016. Further details are available at: <http://www.ceeindia.org/esdg/About%20the%20Conference.html>

### Job Opportunities

From [Mahendra.R.](#), UNDP, New Delhi.

Job Title: **Technical Advisor I, DRR Programs**

Position Type: Full Time

Country/Location: Bangladesh, Dhaka

Reports to: Bangladesh Country Manager.

**Apply by 6 December 2015.**

DRDO organised one day workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015 with the objective to showcase technologies and products developed indigenously by the organisation which can be readily adopted or customized for disaster management. The workshop was inaugurated by Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr. PK Mishra in the presence of Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Director General, DRDO Dr. S Christopher.

Dr. PK Mishra highlighted the importance of mitigation and preparedness. He also emphasized on the need for innovations and complimented the vital role of DRDO for its innovations and training efforts towards disaster management.

Dr. S Christopher, highlighted how DRDO has developed several technologies as an offshoot of defence research which find useful applications for disaster management. He also mentioned that the organisation will continue to be in the technological development and support mode to save precious human lives. For more information please click [here](#).

*From, [Ajit Kumar](#), Retired Teacher, Bangalore.*

### **SAARC Regional Workshop on Sharing Best Practices on "Disaster Risk Reduction"**



The SAARC Regional Workshop on Sharing Best Practices on "Disaster Risk Reduction" was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015. This program was held after a four-day intensive interaction through tabletop and joint simulation exercises during the South Asian Annual Disaster Management Exercise (SAADMEx) from November 23-26, 2015, all the 8 SAARC member countries got together to discuss and deliberate upon the best practices on disaster risk reduction.

This Regional Workshop was hosted by Government of India and was coordinated by the National Disaster Management Authority and National

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*From [Sunita Reddy](#), JNU, Delhi*

### **Vacancy Circular**

Centre for Excellence in Research on Disasters and Resilience Building, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Applications are invited for the following positions in a trans-disciplinary programme/project of the university:

1. **One post of Sr. Project Assistant**
2. **Four post(s) of Jr. Project Assistants**
3. **One post of Finance-cum-Office Assistant**
4. **One post of office Attendant**

Applications on plain paper to be submitted with the following information to the undersigned latest by 9th December. The shortlisted candidates will be called for Interview on 11 December. For more details please email or write to Principal Investigator, Disaster Research Program at Centre for the Study of law and Governance, JNU, New Delhi-110 067. For more details of the vacancy circular please click on the link provided [http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/drm/resource/Res\\_03121501.pdf](http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/drm/resource/Res_03121501.pdf)

### **Testimonials**

The testimonials is related to the documents and video clippings posted on Child Protection and DRR.

*From [Ram Krishna Mukerji](#), TARN, Uttarakhand*

"Thanks for the report. Very thought provoking".

*From [Ranvir Mishra](#), NDRF, Vadodara*

"Thanks for sharing the video clipping related to children participation in DRR programme. These will be very fruitful during our school safety programmes".

*From [Dileep kumar](#), City Project Coordinator, Ranchi*

The Sree Krishna Institute for Public Administration (Administrative Training Institute) conducted 3 programs in October for Government Officials on Mainstreaming DRR and CCA in Development Plans, Training of Urban Communities on Fire Fighting and First Aid to Ward Members of Ranchi Municipal Corporation and Training in Disasters and Psycho-Care for Government officials participating in ATI trainings.

*From [Sudarshan](#), Focus network, Odisha*

Institute of Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs. For more information please click [here](#).

### **Upcoming Events Conference**

From, [Mahendra. R.](#) UNDP, New Delhi

### **International Conference on Emerging Trends for National Sustainable Development and Disaster Management (NSDDM -2016 and Exhibition)**

Scholarlink Research Institute, Manchester, United Kingdom, in collaboration with The American University in the Emirates, Dubai International Academic City, Dubai, specially invites you to participate and present your research papers to the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Emerging Trends for NSDDM -2016/Exhibition. The conference will be held at Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS18 5HD, United Kingdom. July 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

For more information on the conference write to Conference Convener, Email: [conferencepaper@src.scholarlinkresearch.com](mailto:conferencepaper@src.scholarlinkresearch.com) ; [src@scholarlinkresearch.com](mailto:src@scholarlinkresearch.com); [ukconference@scholarlinkresearch.com](mailto:ukconference@scholarlinkresearch.com) and also visit website <http://src.scholarlinkresearch.com> or

### **International Conference on Disaster Management, Civil and Architectural Engineering (DMCAE-16).**

DMCAE-16 scheduled on April 28-29, 2016 at Pattaya, Thailand aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results about all aspects of Disaster Management, Civil and Architectural Engineering, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted. For details of the Conference Registration steps please see the link: <http://www.iaast.org/register.php>

### **Resources**

From [Mahendra Rajaram](#), UNDP, New Delhi

The World Bank Research Digest Volume 10 of Fall 2015 is a special issue on Climate Change to coincide with COP 21, Paris Convention. The issue covers 7 Research papers covering subjects related to:

Climate Change and Rural Livelihoods in

### **"Strengthen CRZ Notification and Coastal institutions for protection of fisheries"**



The recent changes to the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2011, has diluted the efforts for strengthening community institutions, which protects coastal community and its occupation (fishing and salt production). In this context a sharing workshop was organized by Coast Council in collaboration with Center for Policy Research, United Artists Association and Odisha Traditional Fish Workers Union. The workshop focussed on the impact of dilution of CRZ notifications on the 482 long coastline, which is vulnerable to frequent natural disasters and ill effects of Climate of Change. The workshop was organised to observe the world fisheries day on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015.

### **Floods in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry**

Reports indicate that 400,000 people have been displaced by the floods in Tamil Nadu that began in early November. Over 70,000 have been rescued and it is estimated that the floods have caused over \$1 billion of damage. The neighbouring states of Andhra Pradesh and the union territory of Puducherry have also been affected by the heavy rain and flooding. The floodlist.com shares couple of reports on floods that battered the states of Tamil Nadu, Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry (Union Territory), in the month of November 2015.

Please click on the links provided, to view more details:

- [Photos of Tamil Nadu Floods – More Districts Hit after Further Heavy Rain](#)
- [More Heavy Rain Hits Tamil Nadu as Prime Minister Approves Flood Relief](#)
- [Tamil Nadu Floods – 55cm of Rain in 7 Days According to NASA Satellite Data](#)

The Northeast Monsoon continues to be very active along the Tamil Nadu coast and fresh bout of rains

Bangladesh; Natural Disasters and Household Well-Being; Road Improvement and Deforestation; Pathways toward Zero-Carbon Electricity; The Need for Broader Information in Climate Change Assessment; Effectiveness of Protected Areas; Vulnerability to Malnutrition in the West African Sahel.

To read the WB Research Digest, please click [here](#).

From [Garima Aggarwal](#), *GoI-UNDP DRR-CCA Program, New Delhi*

A research paper – [“Flood Recovery Management in Jammu and Kashmir : A Tool for Resilience”](#) written by Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Tukaram. U. Fulzele and Garima Aggarwal, was recently published in Asian Journal of Environment and Disaster Management. The research paper can be viewed at <http://Flood Recovery.pdf>

from Nov 30<sup>th</sup> has led to floods in six districts of Tamil Nadu (Cuddalore, Chennai, Kancheepuram, Nagapattinam, Thiruvannamalai and Thiruvallur) and Union Territory of Puducherry. The Chennai City has come to halt, as Surface, Rail and Air transport are grounded due to inundation of Airport, Railway Junctions and Bridges etc. The reservoirs are overflowing and rivers are in spate.

According to Indian Metrological Department, Rains are expected till 7<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2015, living no respite for people of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry.

## News from around the world

### Regional UNV Project Planning and capacity building workshop on DRR, Bangkok.

UNV through its regional project “UNV support to enhancing the capacity of the United Nations Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for resilience in South and East Asia and Pacific” organized a 4 day regional UNV planning and capacity building workshop on DRR in Bangkok from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The project was organized to enhance the capacity on Disaster Risk Reduction through volunteerism in selected countries affected by Indian Ocean Tsunami 2004 (India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand).



### 8<sup>th</sup> Practitioner’s Workshop on Risk Reduction & Resilience in Asia, Bangkok.



“Disaster risk reduction is everyone’s business,” said Shane Wright, Executive Director of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center echoing the international community’s recent discussions. From 23 to 25 November, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, the European Commission’s Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Federation of Red Cross

and Red Crescent Societies, and the United Nations Development Programme jointly hosted representatives from more than 20 countries for the [8<sup>th</sup> Practitioners’ Workshop on Risk Reduction and Resilience in Asia](#).

Practitioners agreed that collaboration across agencies and the utilization of new technologies will be central

in ensuring risk-informed decision-making and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. A read brief news about the workshop, please click [here](#)

## Sri Lanka Floods

The Sri Lanka Disaster Management Centre (DMC) says floods have affected several parts of the country due to incessant rains that pondered Gampaha District in the Western Province and Kilinochchi district, Northern



Province from November 13 to 16, 2015. It further states that over 17,400 people have been displaced by the floods and heavy rains. Many are currently staying in temporary accommodation in temporary relief camps, schools or community buildings. Across the country as a whole, around 130,000 people have been affected. To read the report, please click on the link provided <http://floodlist.com/asia/sri-lanka-floods-2-more-dead-and-17000-displaced>

***Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!***

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