



# Disaster Management Community



## Community Update

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#### From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

The Government of India recently announced a list of 20 Smart Cities with an allocation of Rs.50802 crores to be spent over 5 year period, amounting to Rs.508 crore per year per city on an average. Some of the cities for example Bhubaneshwar and Kakinada Districts faces Cyclone and Floods and it becomes important for the smart city initiatives to in-build the components of Urban Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation to sustain the progress under Smart City Initiatives. These smart city initiatives could help in enabling the City Administration to prepare the City against hazards and enhance the preparedness of the communities; being prepared is being smart.

The outbreak of Zika virus in South America, especially in Brazil has become a major concern for WHO and many national governments across the World. The Aedes mosquito, is the principal vector for Zika virus that also transmits Dengue and Chikungunya. WHO has shared FAQs on Zika virus to create awareness among public. Please read the information provided by clicking at [http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/drm/resource/Res\\_Zika\\_Virus\\_010201601.docx](http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/drm/resource/Res_Zika_Virus_010201601.docx).

Through the community update, we make efforts to bring news from all possible sources. But, news and views from members, will make the Community Update very relevant, specially, if they come from different States and from Institutions. Request members to share news, photographs of activities conducted; research papers and activity reports.

Thank members for sharing information and look forward for more members to share news and views.

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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.

**Dhubri Emergency Management Exercise,  
January 28, 2016, Assam**

#### Community News

##### **New Query**

A new query titled "**Insurance Coverage Key to Disaster Recovery - Advice; Examples. Reply by 12 February**", Please click [here](#) to view the query and for sharing your response.

##### **From Our Partners**

National Institute for Disaster Management, New Delhi is conducting number of training programs, events and



The Deputy Commissioner of Dhubri Mr. Nazrul Islam, aggressively and proudly delivered the speech of Chief guest while boasting of the proactive steps of ASDMA. He said that this five day long exercise was targeted to

change the mind-set of the population towards proactive steps in building up disaster preparedness and resilience in the district and beyond. .

### Youth in Bihar: Discuss Smart City



Involving Youth in Disaster Management: Meeting on Youth Centred Disaster Risk Reduction, January 9, 2016, Bihar, India

District Administration of Muzaffarpur District of Bihar with All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) organised a consultation with 115 youths of Muzaffarpur city on January 9, 2016. How to make Smart City, A Safe

City? This question was on the discussion agenda. The purpose of the consultation was to make youths aware of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) in order to localize SFDRR at city level.

(Source: <http://www.aidmi.org/WhatsNew.aspx>)

### Upcoming Events

From, [Nivedita Mani](#), GEAG, Uttar Pradesh

### National Conference on 'Peri-Urban Agriculture and Ecosystems: The Multi-Faceted Contribution to Urban Resilience (Peri-Urban 2016).

GEAG is organising this Conference in collaboration with National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), Government of India and RUAF Foundation, The Netherlands, which is being supported by The Rockefeller Foundation. The National Conference will be held on 22-23 February 2016 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Please refer to the Conference folder by clicking on the link [http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/drm/resource/Res\\_29011601\\_Peri-Urban%20Conference.pdf](http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/drm/resource/Res_29011601_Peri-Urban%20Conference.pdf), which provides outlines and main themes around which the discussions will

online courses. For more details please visit <http://nidm.gov.in/default.asp>

### UN News for India and Bhutan

The UNIC January 2016 newsletter covers views of Secretary General on new era of opportunities; livelihood program of Rohingya Refugee women, Peace Keeping effort, the importance of pulses, 2<sup>nd</sup> International Environment Olympiad and many more. For more information click on the site [http://www.unic.org.in/items/Newsletter\\_Jan2016.pdf](http://www.unic.org.in/items/Newsletter_Jan2016.pdf)

### Update your Profile!

The DM Community of Practice has embarked a task to update the profile of members, in this regard we request members to share the latest contact details to enable us to interact with you. 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

### Job Opportunities

From [Lars Bernd](#), UNICEF, New Delhi.

### UNICEF – Assam and Kolkatta State Coordinator – Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Assam (ASM-DRR-022)

The purpose of the assignment is to support in the implementation of DRR strategy in close Co-ordination with the State Government and other counterparts in Assam. The objective of the consultancy is to provide strategic guidance and technical support to DRR programme of UNICEF Assam Field Office.

For details about Duties, Responsibilities, Qualification, Skills and Attributes, please click on [http://www.devnetjobsindia.org/JobDescription.aspx?Job\\_Id=58284](http://www.devnetjobsindia.org/JobDescription.aspx?Job_Id=58284) and apply by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016, with the following attachments:

- An application letter
- P11 form (which can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.unicef.in/P11form.doc>)
- A **financial proposal in PDF format** indicating deliverable based fee as per template attached.

be held. We look forward to your kind confirmation by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to **Ms. Nivedita Mani**, GEAG at [periurban2016@gmail.com](mailto:periurban2016@gmail.com)

From *Anil Gupta, NIDM, New Delhi*

### **Symposium on Disaster Management and Risk Analysis under Big Data Paradigm.**

The program is organised by SQC and OR unit of Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkatta, India. The scheduled symposium is on 20 February 2016 at Platinum Jubilee Auditorium / NAB-1 Lecture Hall, ISI, Kolkata.

#### **Please note the Important Dates:**

- Last date of sending Filled-in Registration Form: **1st Feb 2016**
- Symposium Dates: **20th Feb 2016**
- Symposium Duration: **09:00 hrs – 18:00 hrs**

For further information, please correspond with Dr. Prasun Das, Convener of SQC & OR Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, 203 B.T. Road, Kolkata – 700108, W.B., INDIA. Fax: +91-33-25776042. Phone: + 91-33-25755948. Mobile: +91-9432117540. Email: [prasun@isical.ac.in](mailto:prasun@isical.ac.in); [dasprasun10@gmail.com](mailto:dasprasun10@gmail.com); Website: <http://www.isical.ac.in/~sqcorkol/>

The brochure of the symposium can be viewed at <http://www.isical.ac.in/Symposium-DMRABD-Feb-20-2016-Second-Announcement-soft.pdf>

From *Mahendra.R, UNDP, India*

### **Workshop on the Use of Earth Observation Data in Disaster Management and Risk Reduction: Sharing the Asian Experience**

#### **Hyderabad, India, 8-11 March 2016**

The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), through its Programme on Space Applications and the UN-SPIDER platform, and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), are jointly organising the workshop in order to share experience from Asia and other parts of the World in using Earth observation for disaster management. Please click on [Information Note](#) or [http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/workshop\\_in\\_dia.html](http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/workshop_in_dia.html) for more details.

### **Resources**

From *Mahendra.R, UNICEF, New Delhi*

### **Indonesia: Disaster Management Reference Handbook 2015.**

Please click on [Financial Bid AS DRR-022.doc](#). Please mention your **name** in the file name while saving.

Your application should be sent to [guwahati.consultants@unicef.org](mailto:guwahati.consultants@unicef.org) by **COB 04 February 2016** with subject line "**State Coordinator – Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Assam (ASM-DRR-022)**"

#### **Disaster Risk Reduction Officer, NOB, Kolkatta.**

Closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

#### **Purpose of the post**

Under the supervision of and in regular consultation with the supervisor, implement country office emergency preparedness and response. Responsible for the technical contribution to the development, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the emergency interventions to advance the survival and well-being of children and mothers and affected communities in an emergency situation.

For the details about Duties, Responsibilities, Qualification, Skills and Attributes, please click on [http://www.devnetjobsindia.org/JobDescription.aspx?Job\\_Id=58284](http://www.devnetjobsindia.org/JobDescription.aspx?Job_Id=58284) or visit <http://unicef.in/Jobs/138>

Request to read the details in the above given links and apply to [nonprofitjobs@abccconsultants.net](mailto:nonprofitjobs@abccconsultants.net) by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016, with the following attachments:

- A completed and signed Personal History form (P-11) – mandatory.
- An updated CV.
- A letter of motivation. Candidates who applied earlier need not apply again.

The Personal History form (P-11) can be downloaded from <http://www.unicef.in/Careers> . Completion of all fields is required.

In order to ensure that your application is sorted correctly, please clearly mention the title and location of the post in the subject line of your e-mail/application. Only applications of short listed candidates will be acknowledged. This vacancy is open to Indian Nationals only.

#### **Videos on Disaster Risk Reduction**

##### **Multi Disaster Animation (Earthquake, Landslide, Flooding)**

Multi Disaster occurrence and Impact video. This video is being published for the purpose of Knowledge sharing only.



This country book focusing on Indonesia is intended to be a reference for individuals deploying to conduct disaster preparedness engagements or disaster response operations in Indonesia, but it is not meant to be a checklist or manual for all disaster response operations.

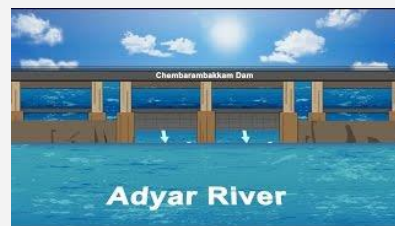
The research team conducted extensive research and analysis on existing Indonesia plans, policies, and capabilities related to disaster management and risk reduction. The team also reached out to United States Government (USG) stakeholders and open source research to compile this book.

The contents of the book can be read by clicking on the link provided below  
<http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/disaster-mgmt-ref-hdbk-2015-indonesia.pdf>



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpPHsbT\\_x\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpPHsbT_x_M)

### Chennai Floods Explained: Why Is Chennai under Water



The catastrophic flooding in Chennai is the result of the heaviest rain in several decades, which forced

authorities to release a massive 30,000 cusecs from the Chembarambakkam reservoir into the Adyar river over two days, causing it to flood its banks and submerge neighbourhoods on both sides. It did not help that the Adyar's stream is not very deep or wide, and its banks have been heavily encroached upon over the years.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4dNIfx6HV8>

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

If you have items to feature in this News Update, please send it to Solution Exchange for the Disaster Management Community in India at [se-drm@solutionexchange-un.net.in](mailto:se-drm@solutionexchange-un.net.in). In case your email doesn't support viewing this news update, please visit [UNDP India website](http://www.undp.org/india) to read.

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