



Disaster Management Community



Community Update

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From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

The recommendations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to have a single number for various emergency services is approved by the Inter Ministerial panel on Telecom Commission with the number 112, similar to 911 all-in-one emergency service in the USA. People will soon have to dial just a single-number '112' for help during emergency situations such as availing services of police, ambulance and the fire department. The recommendation is awaiting for the final nod from Telecom Ministry for Operational. For more news read at: <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/112-to-become-indias-new-emergency-number/> .

The Kolkatta Tragedy on 31st March 2016 resulted in 24 deaths and over 100 being treated in various hospitals in Kolkatta, but actual data of fatalities and casualties will be confirmed only when the operations of NDRF and Army end. Who will take responsibility for human induced disasters?

The Disaster Management Community of Practice, will soon be launching Audio-Conference medium to enhance participation of members. The first Audio-Conference will be launched on 15 April 2015 and details of the phone numbers and modalities will be shared soon with members. One of the key feature of the audio-conference will be the presence of query poser seeking inputs from members, with subject expert facilitating the dialogue. The subject of first audio-conference will be to receive comments on the National Livestock Disaster Management Plan. Request members to participate in the new initiative of DM Community of Practice.

The World Humanitarian Summit is scheduled on 23 and 24 May 2016 at Istanbul. Please visit <http://blog.worldhumanitariansummit.org/> to share your views on topics under discussion. The DM Community of Practice, will exclusively address Humanitarian issues, through queries, for info and community update during the month of May 2016. Request members to share research papers, photographs, audio and video links and knowledge areas that requires further discussion related to humanitarian issues.

Regards,

G. Padmanabhan and Mahendra R,
Resource Team, DM Community of Practice,
UN Solution Exchange.

Members Postings

Recently Held - Workshops and Conferences

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

India Launches First National Disaster Management Plan for Animals



The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries by Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Honourable Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare launched the National Livestock Disaster Management Plan. The plan prepared for the first time ensures that animals will be included in disaster preparations, potentially saving millions of animals' lives and building the resilience of the communities that depend on them.

The National Workshop on Management of Animals in Emergencies was held at NIDM, New Delhi, on 3rd and 4th of March 2016. Officials from Union and State government were also present. This workshop is first of its kind, and was jointly organized by NIDM, World Animal Protection and Policy Perspective Foundation. Click on the link below to read the full details

http://businesswireindia.com/NDMP_for_Animals

Upcoming Events

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

Asian Business Forum 2016 Risk Reduction and Resilience Building

The private sector is increasingly affected by extreme weather events and major catastrophes such as floods, storms, earthquakes and tsunamis. Disaster impacts on business will continue to rise unless investments are made to improve climate change mitigation and adaptation.

In order to capitalize on the momentum generated through these various global and regional forums, The Asian Business Forum 2016 Risk Reduction and

Community News

New Query

A discussion titled "*Integrated DRR-CCA Mainstreaming Framework - Experiences; Examples. Reply Date 12 April 2016*" is underway, please click [here](#) to view the discussion topic and for sharing response.

Consolidated Reply

Consolidated Reply "*Insurance Coverage Key to Disaster Recovery - Advice; Examples*" issued on 01 April 2016 can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

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>.

To view Government Orders/Circulars related issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, please view the site www.ndmindia.nic.in

UN News for India and Bhutan

The UNIC March 2016 newsletter covers views of Secretary General on Gender on the occasion of Women's Day (8th March) and World Health Day. The articles highlight the importance of preventing and treating of Diabetics, Rice fortification program in Odisha, Addressing adolescent fertility in Madhya Pradesh and importance of migrant's health for sustainability and equality. Ream more at http://www.unic.org.in/items/Newsletter_March2016.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

Please welcome the new members Parvathy S, Anupama N, Aswathi P, Anjaly Parameswaran, Nisha M R, Archa Murali M, Akhila T J, Dhanya S R, Bigi S, Mary Midhula Maxy, Pradeep G S, Rajeev T R, Sruthi Ravindran for joining the Community of Practioners.

Testimonials from Member.

Resilience Building will take place from 20–21 April 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The objective of the forum is to reflect on and recognize various efforts and initiatives on resilience building in the private sector, and learn from the challenges and good practices in the region.

Please visit the following sites to know more about the Asian Business Forum 2015, by visiting Event website: <http://www.adpc.net/ABF2016> or <http://www.adpc.net/igo/>

To read concept note visit [Concept note and agenda \[ext. link\]](#)

For Registration visit [Registration form \[ext. link\]](#)

Resources

From [Vinay Kumar Sehgal](#) *Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Delhi.*

A research paper entitled "**Geospatial approach for assessment of biophysical vulnerability to agricultural drought and its intra-seasonal variations**" authored by Vinay Kumar Sehgal and Rajkumar Dhakar of Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi is published in journal of Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Vol 188(3): 197, MARCH 2016. (<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10661-016-5187-5>)

The novelty of the study are:

(1) It presents a methodology to map vulnerability at local scale (about 10x10 km) so that it can be practically used by stakeholders for judicious prioritization of resources for mitigation measures.

(2) it demonstrates that within the crop season, there are large variations in agricultural vulnerability of same area hence it is important to capture these within season variations for effective implementation of crop contingency plans,

(3) It validated the vulnerability rating with other independent datasets of crop productivity, drought recurrence frequency in the past, crop area damaged in 2009 drought year and even with socio-economic indicator of HDI (UNDP Human Development Index). Replication of this methodology in other areas is expected to lead to better preparedness and mitigation-oriented management of droughts.

Dear Resource Team, DM Community of Practice, UN Solution Exchange, India. Thanks so much for the info (**A simple solution to the old problems of floods- Listen to Audio**). I am working with a village in the low lying area of Gonda district, Uttar Pradesh, which remains inundated for nearly five months every year after the annual flood waters enter during the monsoon season. It is of deep interest to the local conditions and will have to be considered right away with the youth group I'm working with.

Sincere thanks once again. Best from [Aditi Roy](#)

Announcements:

Job Opportunities

From [Jiji Bhattacharji](#), UNDP, New Delhi.

Chief Technical Advisor/ Arab Knowledge Project.

UNDP RBAS Regional office is seeking the employment for the position of Chief Technical Advisor/ Arab Knowledge Project. The contract type is International Fixed Term at a level P-4. The duty stations is UAE-Dubai. **The closing date to receive the application is 14 April 2016.** The full terms of Reference and details can be downloaded from http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=65296.

World Humanitarian Summit – Istanbul 23-24 May 2016.

The United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called for a global response to address the suffering of millions of women, men and children affected by humanitarian crisis. The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit is our opportunity to confront these global challenges head-on and generate greater global leadership and political will to end conflict, alleviate suffering and reduce risk.



Training

About Bhuvan Training – Indian Geo-Platform of ISRO: Training is offered on Bhuvan Visualization, Services and Collaborative Applications. In order to increase the awareness on Bhuvan, attract Academicians to participate in crowdsourcing & development and initiate Government agencies to collaborate with Bhuvan a two-day Training explaining the functionalities and utilities of Bhuvan is planned by Team Bhuvan.

The training is aimed for student participants from fields like Computer Science, Geo-informatics, Civil Engineering, Remote Sensing, Geology and Geography Departments and participants from various Government organizations and varied professions. The course comprises of an overview of all the functionalities on Bhuvan like Visualisation, Data Download, Services Provided, Map Services, Crowd Sourcing, Applications, API etc.

Register for Training: Course Registration is Free. **Training is scheduled on May 04 - 05, 2016** and for complete details [Click here](#). Registrations are invited from professionals working in Government, PSU/Autonomous organization, Private, NGO and Faculty/Students from Academia. Candidates have to make their own arrangement of travel. For entry in to NRSC the official ID card issued by respective Organization/Institute is mandatory. User can submit the Request for the Bhuvan Training, your request will be processed and further details about the timings and course will be intimated through mail. Sponsored candidates need to send their '[Certificate of Sponsorship](#)' in the prescribed format.

Apply before April 13, 2016. For more details visit the site <http://bhuvan-noeda.nrsc.gov.in/projects/bhuvantraining/>

For INFO –Recap

1. Successful Response Starts with a Map: Improving Geospatial Support for Disaster Management.

Please find an interesting and useful report from National Academies Press, and I am sure it will be helpful for many of you working in disaster management and plan on using Geospatial/GIS technologies. The PDF file can be downloaded from - <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/11793.html>.

2. Adapting to Climate Change in China: Animation

This 7:38 minute video, premiered at COP21 and now available online, describes how China has been working to understand and respond to climatic risk. Over recent decades climate risks have been changing rapidly for different groups of people and sectors – posing a significant challenge for China's policy makers.

This animation is based on the book, Climate Risk and Resilience, edited by Rebecca Nadin, Sarah Opitz-Stapleton and Xu Yinlong and published by Routledge this year. Using research from a wide range of Chinese sources and the Adapting to Climate Change in China project, a research-to-policy project, the book provides a fascinating glimpse into how China has been working to understand and respond to climatic risk. Click on the link https://youtu.be/EadEHqQ_XMk to view the animation. Source(s): [INTASAVE-CARIBSAVE Group](#). Date Published: 2016.

3. Adaptation at Scale in Semi-Arid Regions (ASSAR)

ASSAR is a research project being undertaken in the semi-arid regions of Africa and Asia, examining the dynamics and drivers of vulnerability, while exploring ways to enhance the resilience of people, local organisations and governments. ASSAR aims to promote climate adaptation policies and practices that are effective, widespread and sustainable.

Click on the link <https://youtu.be/0sEqm7tg6D8> to view the 4 minute video. Source(s): [University of Cape Town \(UCT\)](#) . Date Published: 2016.

4. A simple solution to the old problem of floods

Please find a 4.42 minute audio interview with Hydrogeologist Paul Pavelic of the International Water Management Institute, speaking on the management of floods and in reducing water shortage during dry seasons, as both floods and drought affects vulnerable community equally. The information was shared by SciDevNet and can be heard by clicking on the audio track at <https://soundcloud.com/scidev-net/a-simple-solution-to-the-old-problem-of-floods>. If you are unable to listen to this audio, please update your browser or [go here to download \[6.4MB\]](#).

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. In case your email doesn't support viewing this news update, please visit [UNDP India website](#) to read.

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