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From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

Greetings from the Resource team as we present DM Community's 105th Update!!

Torrential rains wreak havoc in North India with Uttarakhand worst affected with floods. Read More

Ministry of Home Affairs releases Manual on administration of State Disaster Response Fund and National Disaster Response Fund, providing guidance on administrating SDRF and preparation of memorandum for seeking NDRF. Read More

A Japanese led scientific study reports that Climate Change is likely to worsen floods on rivers such as the Ganges, the Nile and the Amazon in this century while a few, including the now-inundated Danube, may become less prone. Read More

The IC4HD 2013 Human Development Fellowships has announced fellowship to support research focussing on a well-defined aspect of human development under the theme *of social security in the South*. Read More

Interested members may check out the vacancy section, and resources section.

We hope you find this update useful and we welcome contributions from you for the next issue of the Community Update which would be posted on 30th June 2013. We look forward to your continued encouragement and support.

Regards

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NEW

From Abha Mishra, UNDP

Manual on Administration of State Disaster Response Fund and National Disaster Response Fund

The manual provides guidance for administrating the SDRF and preparation of memorandum for seeking NDRF

To access the document click here

In the News

18 June 2013, Indian Express
Uttarakhand worst hit as rain, floods ravage north India
Cloudbursts, floods and landslides brought on by incessant rain over the past 48 hours have left a trail of destruction across north India, killing at least 60 people, injuring scores and leaving thousands stranded. Uttarakhand has borne the brunt. At ... Read More

18 June 2013, The New Indian Express
AP pilgrims stranded near Uttarkashi after landslides
Hundreds of pilgrims from Andhra Pradesh were stranded in the forests of Uttarkashi, following landslides due to heavy rain between Uttarkashi and Gangotri, since Saturday night. With the onset of monsoon in Northern India, sub-Himalayan ranges were **...** Read More

18 June 2013, Zee News, Jaipur
Disaster management mock drills conducted in Jaipur
To assess alertness and preparedness of various disaster management agencies during an emergency situation, mock drills were conducted here on Saturday. Drill was conducted jointly by disaster management department, police and district **...** Read More

18 June 2013, The New Indian Express
Positive impact for disaster risk reduction programme: Ravi
With the successful implementation of the disaster risk reduction programme, the public has gained the courage to act according to the situation, said Union Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs Vayalar Ravi. The people have started realising the depth **...** Read More

17 June 2013, Business Standard
Flood prone areas being evacuated in Delhi

The Delhi government Monday began evacuating people from low-lying areas along the banks of the Yamuna river after 8.06 lac cusecs of water was released from Hathnikund barrage in Haryana. At a meeting chaired by Delhi Chief Secretary D.M. Spolia to ... Read More

15 June 2013, IBNLive
State govt releases Rs 39 crore for disaster management
District Magistrates across the state of Uttarakhand have been directed to be on the alert and put in place mechanism needed for disaster ... Read More

13 June 2013, Hindu Business Line
Disaster management drill at Tata Power's Mundra UMPP
India's largest integrated power company Tata Power's 100 per cent subsidiary Coastal Gujarat Power Ltd (CGPL) conducted an onsite disaster management drill recently at the 4,000 MW Mundra Ultra Mega Power Plant (UMPP) in order to review its disaster ... Read More

10 June 2013, Sydney Morning Herald
Nile, Ganges to flood more as planet warms: study
Climate change is likely to worsen floods on rivers such as the Ganges, the Nile and the Amazon this century while a few, including the now-inundated Danube, may become less prone, a Japanese-led scientific study said on Sunday. The findings will go ... Read More

6 June 2013, UN News Centre
Disaster risk reduction central to post-2015 development process – UN official
The head of the United Nations office for disaster risk reduction today welcomed the link between poverty reduction and disaster risk reduction emphasized in a key report outlining a new framework to build on the anti-poverty targets ... Read More

6 June 2013, UNISDR
Disaster risk reduction central to post-2015 development process
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5 June 2013, Times of India, Nashik
Disaster Mapping: Nashik, Niphad, Malegaon talukas marked vulnerable
The district administration has marked Nashik, Niphad and Malegaon as the most vulnerable areas in Nashik district for both natural and man-made disasters. The administration mapped in detail the disaster possibilities in all the 15 talukas of ... Read More

4 June 2013, eWeek
Disaster Recovery a Growing Challenge for Government IT
Worryingly, 2.5 is the average number of times IT pros say their agencies tested disaster recovery solutions in the last 12 months, while 5.3 is the average number of times those same IT pros would recommend their agency test its disaster recovery ... Read More

4 June 2013, UNFPA
India Prioritizes Sexual and Reproductive Health in Disaster
The Asia-Pacific region is the most disaster-prone region in the world. This includes India, which has its fair share of recurring disasters throughout ... Read More

Upcoming Events

Training Courses

From Sheena Arora, RedR India, Pune

Emergency Needs Assessment
Date: 20-24 June 2013
Institution: RedR, India
Location: Kathmandu, Nepal
For more information click here

Managing People and Projects in Emergencies
Date: 26-30 June 2013
Institution: RedR, India
Location: New Delhi
For more information click here

From Devika Loomba

5 day Short Course on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation
Date: 1-5 July 2013
Institution: Institute of Development Studies (IDS)
Location: Sussex, UK
For more information click here

Consultations/ Conferences/ Workshops

From N. M. Prusty, CDDMASS, New Delhi

ICHL2013: 1st International Conference on Humanitarian Logistics
Date: 22-23 September, 2013
Institution: Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Raipur
Location: Raipur, Chhattisgarh
For more information click here

From G. Prasad Babu, UNDP

International Conference on Building Resilience: Individual, institutional and societal coping strategies to address the challenges associated with disaster risk"
Date: 17th – 19th September 2013
Institution: Centre for Disaster Resilience, School of the Built Environment, University of Salford, UK and RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia
Location: Herritance Ahungalla, Sri Lanka
For more information click here

Vacancy

International

Humanitarian Affairs Officer, P3
Organization: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)
Location: New York
Closing Date: 27 July 2013
For Details, Click here

Humanitarian Affairs Officer, P3
Organization: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)
Location: Geneva
Closing Date: 21 July 2013
For Details, Click here

Programme Officer, P4
Organization: UNISDR
Location: Incheon City, South Korea
Closing Date: 21 June 2013
For Details, Click here

Head of Humanitarian Response
Organization: DanChurchAid (DCA)
Location: Kathmandu
Closing Date: 24 June 2013
For Details, Click here

From G. Prasad Babu, UNDP

Executive Director of the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) Programme
Organization: Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) programme of ICSU, ISSC & UNISDR
Location: Beijing
Closing Date: 19 July 2013
For Details, Click here

National

From Piyoosh Rautela, DMMC, Dehradun

Engineer Civil / Earthquake Engineering (temporary position) (1 post)
Organization: Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre
Location: Dehradun
Closing Date: 27 July 2013
For Details, Click here

Geologist Geology / Applied Geology (temporary positions) (2 posts)
Organization: Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre
Location: Dehradun
Closing Date: 27 July 2013
For Details, Click here

Resources

Private sector strengths applied: good practices in disaster risk reduction from Japan

Publisher: Kokusai Kogyo Co, Ltd; United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - Hyogo Liaison Office (UNISDR Hyogo)

Date of publication: 2013

This document presents a selection of fourteen case studies focusing on good practices and lessons learned by the private sector in relation to the Great East Japan Earthquake of 11 March 2011. It highlights the role the private sector can play in disaster risk reduction (DRR), with a focus on the strong contributions made by private businesses across sectors, utilizing their core business strength(s). The fourteen examples from diverse industries in Japan illustrate how the private sector can contribute to disaster resilience, recovery, and reconstruction through the application of their core business strength(s), beyond the forms of contribution typically made under the name of corporate social responsibility. (Download: PDF 4.48 MB)

Protecting development from disasters: UNDP's support to the Hyogo Framework for Action

Publisher: UNDP-BCPR

Year of publication: 2013

This publication highlights the results that UNDP has achieved since 2005, in supporting disaster risk reduction (DRR) and recovery in countries prone to disasters. As a first comprehensive report outlining UNDP's contribution to the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action, the report illustrates the reforms that countries and communities are undertaking, with UNDP support, to become more disaster resilient. The document highlights some successes, such as: (i) early warning system support to the Philippines; (ii) the design of mobile phone apps which allow users to receive updates on hazards and disasters as they happen in Uzbekistan and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; (iii) encouraging resettled communities not to return to flood-prone areas, contributing to a reduction in flood related mortality in 2010 in Mozambique; and (iv) the development of a national seismic risk reduction plan, a national fund for the prevention, mitigation and response to disasters, and the incorporation of risk reduction as both a crosscutting issue and as one of the main pillars of the National Development Strategy 2010-2030 in the Dominican Republic. (Download: PDF 1.59 MB)

What communities want: putting community resilience priorities on the agenda for 2015

Publisher: Grassroots Organizations Operating Together in Sisterhood (GROOTS); Huairou Commission; Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP)

Year of Publication: 2013

This document aims to capture the voices of community leaders to bring the resilience priorities of poor, disaster-prone communities into debates that will shape the new policy frameworks on disaster risk reduction to be launched in 2015. The document is divided into six chapters which include community perspectives on disaster risk reduction and guidelines for building a resilient community. ([Download](): PDF 2.90 MB)
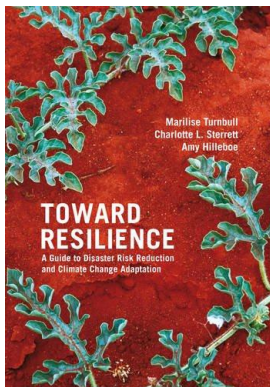
From G. Prasad Babu, UNDP

Toward Resilience: A Guide to Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation
Authors: Marilise Turnbull, Charlotte Sterrett, Amy Hilleboe
Publisher: Practical Action Publishing
Year of publication: 2013

Toward Resilience: A Guide to Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation is an introductory resource for development and humanitarian practitioners working with populations at risk of disasters and other impacts of climate change. It is aimed at program management, advisory and technical staff of development and humanitarian organizations, and seeks to strengthen staff understanding of the basic approaches and principals that can be applied to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation initiatives. It also provides practical guidance on how to integrate disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into the program cycle and adapt activities to a range of contexts and development and humanitarian sectors.This guide includes examples from practitioners' experiences that illustrate good practice and learning, and suggests tools and resources that practitioners find useful. This book is a core resource developed as part of the Emergency Capacity Building (ECB) project. The ECB Project is a collaborative effort comprised of six agencies: CARE International, Catholic Relief Services, Mercy Corps, Oxfam, Save the Children and World Vision International.

Fellowship Opportunity

The IC4HD Human Development (HD) Fellowships aim to encourage mid-career professionals (academics, civil servants, and civil society practitioners) to analyze critical development issues from the human development perspective, thereby contributing to development theory, and identification of applications and policies that put people at the centre of development debates.

THE 2013 HD FELLOWSHIPS DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE THEME, *"SOCIAL SECURITY IN THE SOUTH"*

The IC4HD 2013 HD Fellowships support **three month programmes,** beginning **August 12**, which do not involve empirical work with data collection and fieldwork during the fellowship period. **The research supported under the 2013 fellowship programme must focus on a well-defined aspect of human development under the theme *of social security in the South*.** Fellows must have relevant work experience of about 5-8 years, and be nationals of countries from the Asia-Pacific region (please refer to Annex I in the flyer available below). Preference will be given to applicants from least developed countries in the region. Up to seven fellowships will be awarded in 2013.
The selected fellows will receive US$3,000 per month. The Fellowship covers the living expenses for the Fellow as well as a return airfare to the country of residence. **Free, furnished residential accommodation will be provided at IIAS.** The fellowship also envisages the provision of a budget of up to US$1,000 for attendance of a conference/a short course in India, if relevant to the fellowship theme.

ELIGIBILITY
Applications are invited from all candidates who fulfill the following eligibility criteria:
· Citizen of a country in the Asia-Pacific region (see flyer)
· Less than 45 years in age
· 5-8 years of relevant working experience
· Not a UN staff member or a Indian Institute of Advanced Study staff/fellow

This is a residential fellowship offered at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, India, for the duration of 3 months.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Applicants whose native language is not English are expected to have the ability to write and converse fluently in English. All candidates must complete a formal application in English, including:
· Application form (available online)
· Summary statement of the objectives of the proposal
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IC4HD HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIPS

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The objectives of the IC4HD HD Fellowships are to:

- Support innovative analytical work on a particular theme, selected annually, from the human development perspective.
- Identify actionable goals that could be prioritized in development initiatives in the South based on the existing evidence and analysis.
- Promote South-South learning and sharing of expertise and experiences.
- Promote a network of experts who can identify innovative options for policy measures in the global South.

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES (IIAS), SHIMLA

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The other selection criteria, which will be considered to shortlist applications, include:

- Educational qualifications; post-graduate degree desirable
- Exceptional creativity in choice of topic
- Value addition or new direction to the human development concept, methodology, analysis, application and policy relevance
- Track record of past accomplishments
- Time needed for completing the work

Theme for 2013:
SOCIAL SECURITY IN THE SOUTH

The HD approach, with an inherent emphasis on human rights and entitlements, has a strong focus on equity and social justice. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security" (Article 22). In Article 25 this is further elaborated.

Social security can be viewed "essentially as an objective pursued through public means rather than as a narrowly defined set of particular strategies" (Dreze and Sen 1989). Two different aspects of social security are protection (which is concerned with preventing a decline in living standards as might occur for example during an economic recession) and promotion (which is concerned with the enhancement of general living standards and to the expansion of basic capabilities of the population).

While nearly all countries offer some form of social security, access remains largely limited. Only a small fraction of the global population is able to access existing schemes. As such, the fellowships will contribute to address, inter alia, the following questions:

- How can embedding social security concerns into development policy effectively respond to poverty and exclusion?
- How have strategies, plans and programmes taken into account social security concerns and core issues in countries of the global South? How successful have these initiatives been?
- What are the lessons learnt and good practices from a human development perspective?

Based on the existing evidence and analysis, and comparisons among countries and regions, the fellowships will contribute to identify actionable goals that could be prioritized in development initiatives in countries in the South.

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ANNEX I

Nationals of the countries listed below are eligible to apply in their individual capacity:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cook Islands, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kiribati, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Viet Nam

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Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

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