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Disaster Management Community



Community Update

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From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

The Disaster Management Community of Practice organised National Consultation on Enhancing knowledge and Innovation for effective disaster risk reduction in India on 6 December, 2014 at New Delhi and webcasted the event to reach out to members across the country, who couldn't come to Delhi. The National Consultation addressed two main issues - Identifying Knowledge Partnerships and Strategic Collaborations; Expanding Community Outreach across multiple languages using new Technologies. Around 60 members were present in the consultation at Delhi and equal number of members participated through webcast. As a part of the consultation, a query was posted in the afternoon with reply time of 2 hours, which received about 31 responses. The consultation paved way for enhancing active participation of the members.

This was followed by a live-query discussion on 26 December 2014 to observe the 10th Anniversary of Indian Ocean Tsunami in collaboration with Saferworld Communications. The day long discussion attracted nearly 90 responders from various sectors, professions and countries. Each of the responses was an expression of solidarity with the affected communities. These also contained messages/suggestions to the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction -2015. The messages received during the live-discussion urged world leaders to commit for a Safer World with investments for reducing risks rather than response.

The year 2014 has seen pro-active involvement of large number of members, encouraging the resource team to undertake innovative mediums to reach out to the members. The Government has also announced re-constitution of the National Disaster Management Authority. We hope the slimmer structure of this apex body will focus on immediate requirements with a long term vision. As we step into the new year 2015, we look forward to members to enable DM CoP to reach out to the last person in the last mile for building an environment for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation.

The key topic for the Community Update No: 127 is on 10th anniversary of Indian Ocean Tsunami. Wish you all happy new year -2015.

With warm regards,

G. Padmanabhan and Mahendra R,
Resource Team, Disaster Management Community.

Members Postings

Workshops and Conferences

Recently Held

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



G. Padmanabhan, Resource Person of the DM Community of Practice summing up the day long National Consultation on Enhancing Knowledge and Innovation for Disaster Risk Reduction in India, held on 6 December 2014 at Delhi



(L-R) Nupur, Anshu, Megna, Abha, Arun, Sarabjit, Reshmi and Vijayalakshmi engrossed in ensuring responses are received and posted to the community through blog, skype and email of DM CoP during the day long live-discussion query on 26 Dec 2014 to observe the 10th Anniversary of Indian Ocean Tsunami.

Community News

Open Queries

Consolidate Reply

[Preparedness and Rescue Plans for Disasters in Mountainous Regions. Experiences; Examples. From Prasad Babu. G, UNDP, New Delhi](#) (350.22 kb)

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>

UNISDR along with various governments, international groups and networks are building consensus towards new global disaster framework. To follow the movement, please visit <http://www.roadtosendai.net/>

UN News

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

The UNIC newsletter covers news from across India covering disability, AIDS, Human Rights, Climate Change and Social Media. For more details read at http://www.unic.org.in/items/Newsletter_Sep2014.pdf

Update your Profile!

Members who wish to update their profile are requested to send us an [email](#) with relevant information. Please refer your colleagues and friends to join the community.

Welcome to new Members

We welcome our new

Upcoming ICBDM-2015



Noorul Islam University, Kumaracoil, Kanyakumari District, TamilNadu, India, one of the prominent and emerging Universities in India, takes immense pleasure in announcing an "[International Conference on Emerging Trends in Engineering, Business and Disaster Management](#)" [ICBDM 2015] to be held on 27 & 28th February 2015, celebrated as National Science Day, at Noorul Islam University. For more details of the conference, please visit <http://niuicbdm.com/>

Disaster Management 2015



4th International Conference on Disaster Management and Human Health: Reducing Risk, Improving Outcomes 20 - 22 May, 2015 at Istanbul, Turkey. The conference will cover Disaster Management, Emergencies, Mitigation, Resilience, Health and Risk Assessment. For more information please visit

http://www.wessex.ac.uk/images/stories/pdf_cfps/2015/disastermanagement2015cfp.pdf

Job Opportunities

From [Gautam Nath](#), SAMS, India

Vacancy : Director
Organization : The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease.
Location : New Delhi
Closing Date : Before 8 January 2015 (process underway)
Web link : The detailed job description, qualification and experience for the position can be viewed at <http://sams.co.in/JD-PD-UNION.html>.

Key topic for the Community Update Issue No: 127

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



members for joining the DM Community of Practice and look forward for your active participation and contribution for knowledge enhancement.

Testimonials

From, [Pinaki Dasgupta](#), CPC Consultants, Delhi.

Dear All,

Must extend a big Thank you to the UNSE team for making it happen. It was a real eye opener and got to learn so many things.

Hope we all have opportunities for contributing, sharing and implementing the knowledge acquired from the workshop. (After the national Consultation held on 6th December 2014).

From [Er. Ajit Seshadri](#), The Vigyan Vijay Foundation, New Delhi

Dear Co ordinator,

We thank Solution Exchange for the excellent compilation of noting- consultation, reporting, responses of the previous occurrence and also the principles and practices deployed then in Sept. 2010.

The partaking effort of TERI team and Indian Oil R&D Centre are also worth commendations.

We offer our well wishes for a concerted effort in combating the ill effects of this oil-spill. (For sharing the CR related to Oil Spill in the wake of Oil Spill in Bangladesh)

Observation of the 10th Anniversary of Indian Ocean Tsunami in the village Odaikuppam.

Voices of the people

- "I would like to take this opportunity to pay a tribute to the tsunami victims of both Thai and foreign nationals who have lost their lives. The great loss at that time is a reminder for everyone to be well prepared for natural disaster and learn how to protect themselves, lessen the damage and losses [in the future], as well as enhance efficient warning system and disaster mitigation efforts." Prayuth Chanocha, Prime Minister Thailand.
- Rallies and prayers were held. Fishermen did not go for fishing in Nagapattinam district," V.Kumaravelu, an activist, told IANS from Nagapattinam.
- The five-minute video, produced by the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union with support from ESCAP, examines the ESCAP Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster and Climate Preparedness and the steps taken to build an effective regional disaster preparedness mechanism. Broadcasters are invited to show the piece either in whole or in part. The full video is available for download here: <http://goo.gl/mAVcZn>
- "Nine years after the tragedy, coastal families are slowly returning to the mainstream. Their social status has also improved, post-tsunami, due to mechanisation of fishing craft. In future, the focus should be on education, health and hygiene," says Rev. Fr. Gildos, Director, Coastal Peace and Development, Kanyakumari.



Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

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