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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 is adapting innovative ways to disseminate knowledge to various stakeholders. Saferworld Communication and Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT), Nagpur, organised a two day interactive workshop on 9-10 January 2015 for students to unravel the 'smartness' of four Indian cities in the context of sustainability, safety and sensitivity. A query was raised by the students who participated in the workshop and 10 practitioners from the DM CoP shared their experience with the students. The idea of this collaboration was to transform knowledge from practising experts to the young generation who are being moulded into future engineers.

The UN Secretary-General Mr. Ban-ki-Moon visited India to attend the Vibrant Gujarat Summit-2015 and his remarks can be viewed at [http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/drm/resource/SG\\_message.docx](http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/drm/resource/SG_message.docx). During the course of the visit, UN Secretary-General delivered the 13th Sapru House UN Lecture on "India and the United Nations in a Changing Word", hosted by the Indian Council for World Affairs (ICWA) on 12 January 2015. Mr. Ban Ki-moon touched upon a wide spectrum of India-UN relationship including terrorism, nuclear responsibility, women's rights and sustainable development. The lecture can be viewed at <http://www.in.undp.org/content/india/thirteenth-sapru-house-lecture-by-un-secretary-general>

We are in the process of updating members' data base, as many of the members would have changed their contact details (email ids, telephone numbers, location and organisations). We request members to share the latest contact details to enable us to update our database. Please [click here](#) to update your contact (**Your Name, Organisation, Email Id and Mobile Number**). We also request members to share with your friends, staff, colleagues etc. details of the DM community of Practice and guide them to join the DM Community of Practice. To share the Membership Form please [click here](#).

The DM Community derives strength from its members' active participation and that includes identification of knowledge areas for query, comments and discussions. We request the members to identify knowledge gaps that require inputs, experiences, examples and referrals from the members; documents (research papers, plans etc.) that require comments. Thanking members for their continued support and co-operation in making the DM CoP active.

The key topic for the Community Update No: 128 is the role of youths in Disaster Management.

With warm regards,

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

UN Solution Exchange.

## Members Postings

### Workshops and Conferences

#### Recently Held

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



Participants from various humanitarian organisation engrossed in the workshop on Lifeline Program organised by BBC Media Action on 12 and 13 of January 2015 at Delhi.

#### 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://niuicbmd.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](http://www.wessex.ac.uk/images/stories/pdf_cfps/2015/disastermanagement2015cfp.pdf)

#### Resources

From [Navneet Yadav](#) TARU Leading Edge Pvt. Ltd. Himachal Pradesh

As an endeavour to create awareness and build capacities over some of the most significant issues of our times, I wish to share with you a

## Community News

#### Open Queries

**Future role of Humanitarian Aid in India-Experiences; Referrals, Reply by 4 Feb 2015.**

Send your responses to [se-drm@solutionexchange-un.net.in](mailto:se-drm@solutionexchange-un.net.in)

#### Consolidated Reply

**Preparedness and Rescue Plans for Disasters in Mountainous Regions. Experiences; Examples. (Size 350.22 KB).**

**Disaster Management in Schools and School Systems-Examples; Referrals. (Size: 332 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, Disaster Risk Reduction and Social Media. For more details read at

[http://www.unic.org.in/items/Newsletter\\_Dec2014.pdf](http://www.unic.org.in/items/Newsletter_Dec2014.pdf)

#### Update your Profile!

Members who wish to update their profile are requested to send us an [email](#) with relevant information.

catalogue of various **Free Online Courses** offered by some of the world's renowned universities and institutions working on *Disaster Management, Emergency Preparedness, Climate Change, Sustainable Development, Ebola, Geographic Information System (GIS), Public Health* and other relevant developmental issues. The catalogue containing information about the online courses can be accessed [Here](#).

### **Job Opportunities**

From [K C Pandey, India](#).

There are several posts advertised for the World Bank aided Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Program in Uttarakhand. Please find attached [document](#) for more details.

### **Key topic - Youths in Disaster Risk Reduction**

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



Volunteerism is a primary source of community strength and support that exists in all societies throughout the world and is expressed through mutual aid and participation in the hour of need. UN General Assembly (A/RES/57/106) recognized that "volunteerism is an important component of any strategy aimed at...poverty reduction, sustainable development, health, disaster prevention and management and social integration and, in particular, overcoming social exclusion and discrimination".

In the above context UN Volunteers (UNV) developed a Practice Note (PN) on the Contribution of Volunteerism to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). The PN presents relevant background information and basic concepts related to DRR. It also highlights good practices and lessons learned drawn from analysis of case studies of volunteering contributions of UNV and non-UNV programmes and projects in this field. Click on [Practice Note for UNV in DRR](#) to view the document.

In India the legal framework has led to the formation of creating National Cadet Corps (NCC) in 1988, National Service Scheme (NSS) in 1969 and Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) in 1972 to channelize the volunteerism character and energy of youths to undertake service to

Please refer your colleagues and friends to join the community.

### **Welcome to new Members**

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

We request you to spread word within your network and to Disaster Management professionals and practitioners about Solution Exchange Disaster Management Community and ask them to write to write to:

[se-drm@solutionexchange-n.net.in](mailto:se-drm@solutionexchange-n.net.in)

### **Testimonials**

From [Neelamprasad Yadav, India](#)

Thanks for keeping us updated and sharing the remarks of UN Secretary General during his visit to Vibrant Gujarat Summit -2015

From [Biplab K Paul, Naireeta Services Private Limited, Gujarat](#).

It was fortunate moment for all of us that UN SG could make time within his busy schedule to visit and address VG 2015 summit. The speech was outstanding and being in audience you can feel his "walk the talk" principle what we also saw in COP20 summit in Lima.

It was also an honour to find his mentioning of climate action by Gujarat. Our poor women members took pride that honourable UN SG might have remembered their grassroots work in winning [UNFCCC's Momentum for Change in Women](#) for Result section as the unique work across the globe towards climate change mitigation and sustainability. They were double happy as they have made it and they are from remote villages of Gujarat. They explained that they were faceless till the date but now they can take pride on their

the country and for self-discipline. Apart from the legally created volunteer groups, there are number of Civil Society groups such as Rotary, Lions International, YMCA/YWCA, Red Cross etc. where youths are involved in providing volunteer service during Emergencies, Disasters and in Development aspects, for example during 1999 Odisha Super cyclone, 2001 Bhuj earthquake, and 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

own work. Credit goes to UNCG. We are grateful to him and the whole UN.

The role and tasks of NCC cadets can be viewed at [http://nccindia.nic.in/sites/default/files/pdf/Disaster %20Management.pdf](http://nccindia.nic.in/sites/default/files/pdf/Disaster%20Management.pdf).

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

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