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Disaster Management Community



Community Update

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From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

The farming community, scientists and governments (Union and States) were worried due to the delay in South West monsoon. But when the rains came, it brought misery to the states of Gujarat and Assam; Mumbai City and Konkan Coast, due to floods and overflowing of rivers and its tributaries. The floods displaced thousands of people in hundreds of villages in Assam and Gujarat; Mumbai City came to stand still for two days (18-19 June 2015). The situation is not new to Mumbai or Assam, year after year the grim situation repeats. But, is there learnings from these situations that we could assess and take necessary short and long term measures to overcome the situations. Most often our learnings are not converted into concrete actions for unknown reasons.

During the month two queries related to "Preparing DRR Roadmap 2015-30 for Disaster Management Department, Bihar" and "School Safety Program in Bihar against Disasters" for Bihar State Disaster Management Authority received good response from the members and we thank all members for proactively sharing their views.

In this issue we have made efforts to provide information related to Global Risk Map launched by Insurance Australia Group and about the new program "Digital India" launched by Government of India. News regarding floods in Gujarat, Assam and Mumbai.

We request members to share research documents and articles published in Journals; programs/seminars/conferences conducted in your States and Institutions and any information that are relevant for knowledge enhancement. The vibrant DM CoP seeks continuous in-flow of information and knowledge from members in the areas of Disaster Management, Disaster Risk Reduction, Community Resilience and Climate Change to enhance the quality and effectiveness of interventions at the community level and in governance.

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Members Postings

Workshops and Conferences

Recently Held

From, [Mahendra.R, UNDP, India.](#)

ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting 3-5 June, 2015 (Bangkok, Thailand)

International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) held IAP meeting from 3-5 June, 2015 in Bangkok, which was attended by around 90 people from 17 Asian countries and 33 international institutions. The main focus of this IAP was to discuss the way forward from the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (SFDRR) in the Asian Region.

At first, the Secretariat of UNISDR explained the background of this meeting; the 1st Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) after SFDRR will be hosted by the Government of India in November 2016, and its intended outcome of this AMCDRR in India will be to an 'Asian Regional Implementation Plan of the SFDRR'. Then, the Government of India showed the process of preparation toward the next AMCDRR.

In this meeting, considering the importance of involving the wide-range stakeholders, a session especially devoted to the public private partnership was held and the various participants such as ADPC and Japan Bosai Platform.

Upcoming

From [Mahendra. R, UNDP, India](#)



[Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry \(FICCI\)](#) and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) are jointly organising a conference on "Earthquake Disaster Mitigation in India (EDMI-2015)" at FICCI, New Delhi on July 10, 2015. This conference will create awareness among industries, academia and public

at large for improving earthquake preparedness, risk reduction, mitigation and emergency response capabilities in the sector by working in close collaboration with Ministries, Departments of Government of India, State Governments, Corporate Sector, UN/International Agencies and other stakeholder groups.

Community News

New Query

["Best Practices and Innovations in Food, Nutrition, Water and Renewable Energy for Climate and Disaster Resilience. Examples; Referrals.](#) Reply by 15 July 2015 to se-drm@solutionexchange-un.net.in

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>

UN News for India and Bhutan

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

The UNIC April 2015 newsletter covers news and opinions related to World Health Day. The newsletter shares information related to how safe is our food; training to street vendors on safe food; consultation on safe food. For more information click on the http://www.unic.org.in/items/Newsletter_Apr2015.pdf

Update your Profile!

We wish to update our database and in this effort we request members to share the latest contact details to enable us to be contact. Please [click here](#) to update your contact (**Your Name, Organisation, Email Id and Mobile Number**).

Welcome to new Members

We thank and welcome the new members (Bibhu Tripathy and Sinu Chacko 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

For registration and enrolment, please click on the link <http://www.ermi2011.com/registration.htm>

Parliamentary Meeting on Build Back Better in the context of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

Organizer: International Recovery Platform (IRP)

Date : 28 Jul 2015

Location : Bangladesh (Dhaka)

Venue : Parliament of Bangladesh

In support of the implementation of the Sendai Framework, parliamentarians at the Third UN WCDRR committed to strengthen legislative framework to support a development paradigm that is risk-sensitive and resilient as well as maintaining an institutional continuum through effective pre-disaster recovery planning, preparedness, response and recovery. The main objective of the meeting is to increase awareness and knowledge on "build back better" as one of the key elements of the recently adopted Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

For more details of the event and to register to the event, please contact: Ana Cristina Thorlund, at info@recoveryplatform.org. The concept note for the event can be read at

http://www.unisdr.org/files/44320_parliamentarymeetingbuildbackbetter.pdf

Resources

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



This position paper describes the five private sector visions for a resilient future that the Disaster Risk Reduction Private Sector Partnership (DRR-PSP) as long-term goals to drive risk-sensitive and resilient business practices globally and across sectors and that will support the work of governments and other stakeholders in implementing the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

To read the full document, please click on the link provided. http://www.unisdr.org/files/42926_090315wcdrrpspublicati onfinalonli.pdf

Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction 2015

Views

From Mahendra.R, [UNDP, India](#)

OPINION: What next for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction? Perspectives from South Asia.

According to Amy Kirbyshire, SFDRR has been compared favourably to the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) on many fronts, including for the enhanced role for science, and recognition of social processes and weak institutional arrangements as drivers of risk. Though, SFDRR clearly isn't perfect, but we do have a new and improved global framework for tackling disaster risk. It is now up to national governments to put these words into action.

Finally, the SFDRR itself places [too little emphasis](#) on domestic (compared to international) resources and improving national capacity to mobilise those resources. A strong feeling is that the countries in South Asia need to focus on helping themselves, rather than looking first to the international community for finance. A resilient national disaster management system needs to be self-reliant. By Amy Kirbyshire, CDKN, Global. To read the article please click at <http://cdkn.org/2015/04/SFDRR-south-asia/>

IAG launches the Global Risk Map

Insurance Australia Group (IAG) launched a new natural [disaster](#) management instrument at the Global Insurance Forum in New York, [the Global Risk Map](#), on 19 June 2015. This interactive map shows the social and economic impact of cyclones, floods, earthquakes and related disasters during the past 115 years. To view the Global Risk Map please click at <http://globalriskmap.nicta.com.au/> and to know more about Space Technology for Disaster Management visit <http://www.un-spider.org/news-and-events/news/iag-launches-global-risk-map>

Government of India launches Digital India

Digital India-A programme to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. It is an initiative of

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Global Assessment Report
on Disaster Risk Reduction

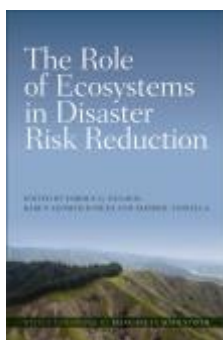
2015

In GAR15, new evidence on contemporary patterns and trends in disaster risk is presented to assess to what extent the Expected Outcome of the HFA has been achieved or not. GAR15 also examines whether the way in which disaster risk governance has evolved is appropriate to address increasingly accelerated generation and accumulation of disaster risks. The

conclusion will show how disaster risk management can contribute to the transformation of the underlying drivers of risk, and why a reform of disaster risk governance is necessary. The detailed report can be read by clicking to the link provided.

http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/gar/2015/en/gar-pdf/GAR2015_EN.pdf

The Role of Ecosystems in Disaster Risk Reduction



The aim of this book is to provide an overview of knowledge and practice in the multidisciplinary field of ecosystem management and DRR to encourage and further develop dialogues between scientists, practitioners, policymakers and development planners. For more details about the book, please click to the link

<http://unu.edu/the-role-of-ecosystems-in-disaster-risk-reduction>

Government of India to integrate the government departments and the people of



India.

It aims at ensuring the government services are made available to citizens electronically by reducing paperwork. The initiative also includes plan to connect rural areas with high-speed internet networks. Digital India has three core components. These include- The creation of digital infrastructure, Delivering services digitally and digital literacy.

One of the vision of digital India is "digital empowerment of citizens". In this vision, two of the objectives are very close to the very concept of Solution Exchange and i.e. "to ensure accessibility of digital resources/services" and "Collaborative digital platforms for participative governance" (Community of Practitioners). [Click to Read More](#)

News from across the Country- Floods in Gujarat, Assam and Mumbai

Gujarat



Western parts of [India](#) have been battered by torrential monsoon rainfall over the last 48 hours. The state of [Gujarat](#) has felt the brunt of the downpour and the subsequent flooding. Over 200 mm of rain fell in Surat in the last day. The latest reports say that as many as 50 people may have been killed in the flooding in Gujarat, with over 10,000 displaced.

Many of the deaths were caused by collapsing houses. The coastal district of Amreli is said to be one of the worst hit areas. Reports say that over 30 people have died as a result of the heavy rain and floods there. Other districts affected include Rajkot, Gir-Somnath,

Bhavnagar, Junagadh and Devbhoomi-Dwarka. For more details please click on the link <http://floodlist.com/asia/floods-gujarat-india-monsoon-rain> (source: floodlists.com. Photo: Indian Air force)

Assam

[2 Weeks of Flooding – 72 Villages Still Under Water in Assam, India](#)



According to Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), there are currently over 300,000 people in 700 villages across 15 districts in the state are affected by the floods that began with the onset of monsoon rainfall earlier this month. The heavy rain in Assam state and other catchment increased levels of the Brahmaputra River and its tributaries.

Though the flood situation has improved, 72 villages remain flooded in the districts of Barpeta, Dhemaji, Tinsukia, Morigaon and Lakhimpur. CWC report that the Brahmaputra is above

warning level at Badatighat, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Goalpara, Jorhat and Sonitpur(in Assam, but the current trend is steady rather than rising. (Source: floodlists.com).

Mumbai

[Heavy Rain and High Tide Combine to Flood Mumbai – 300 mm of Rain in 24 Hours](#)

Heavy monsoon rain in Mumbai, India, had brought wide areas of the city to a standstill. Roads have been blocked, rail services interrupted and flights delayed. Some power generating plants have been shut down by Mumbai electricity board after flooding was considered to pose a danger. Many schools have also been closed for the day. (19 June 2015. Photo courtesy of Khozema Agarwala)



Many areas have seen over 150 mm of rain fall in the last 24 hours (18th and 19th June 2015). According to WMO, as much as 310 mm of rain was recorded in the last 24 hours in Santa Cruz, Mumbai. India Meteorological Department (IMD) report that some Mumbai suburbs received 283.4 mm of rain while south Mumbai recorded 208.8 mm rain between in 24 hours between Thursday and Friday.(source: floodlists.com).

Large stretches of India's West Coast (Mumbai to Cochin) received heavy rain between 18th and 19th of June 2015. The rainfall figures were; Ratnagiri – 147 mm; Cochin – 96 mm; Mangalore – 52.8 mm and Goa – 108 mm.

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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