



# Disaster Management Community



## Community Update

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### From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

There has been series of Cloudburst incidents in Jammu and Kashmir State in the month of July 2015 beginning 12<sup>th</sup> -Pahalgam, 17<sup>th</sup> -Sonmarg and 24<sup>th</sup> – Baltal, leading to fatalities, casualties and persons missing. This has also led to scores of tents and vehicles being washed away by the gushing waters. Sonamarg-Kargil National Highway was closed for traffic after the flash floods washed away a portion of the road. The Amarnath Yatra was also temporarily suspended. The Indian Army, CRPF, J & K Police and Civil Administration were assisting Search, Rescue and Relief Operations. (source: <http://www.ndtv.com/topic/cloudburst-in-kashmir>).



Cloudburst occurred in Uttarakhand's upper reaches of Tehri district early on 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning and brought devastation to village Jaspur. The widespread devastation swept away farm animals and acres of farming land is flooded (source: <http://www.ndtv.com/topic/uttarakhand-cloudburst>).

The increasing occurrence of Cloudburst in Jammu and Kashmir; Uttarakhand has also caused landslides. These disaster events indicates the need to understand the Climate Change processes and initiate appropriate Disaster Risk Reduction measures in the Himalayan Region.

The Cyclone Komen has brought High velocity storms that have flattened hundreds of houses, rendered over 800 people homeless and injured at least 12 people in Howrah, Burdwan and Nadia districts of West Bengal State. According to a senior Met Department official Heavy to very heavy rains is expected along the Gangetic areas on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 and this will hamper the relief work. The storm flattened about 400 kuchcha houses, uprooted 3,000 trees and 200 electric posts in Kalyani sub-division of Nadia district (source: <http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/kolkata/cyclone>).

The Community Update # 134, highlights schools safety program conducted in Gujarat State; [IFRC TISS On-line Certificate Course](#) on Disaster Management; a study paper on Early Warning, [Innovative Technology](#) and [Amreli Flood Report-2015](#).

Thank members for providing information to the Community Update # 134. Seek support from members to identify knowledge gaps in the areas of Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Humanitarian issues from their States and project areas for discussion in the community.

With warm regards,

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Resource Team,  
Disaster Management Community of Practice,  
UN Solution Exchange.

## Members Postings

### Workshops and Conferences

#### Recently Held

From, [Ranvir Mishra](#), NDRF, Vadodara, Gujarat.

#### School Safety Week, Gujarat

School Safety Week was organised in Bhuj, Jamnagar and Dev Bhumi Dwarka, from 13 to 17 July 2015 by Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority. The School Safety week program was aimed at increasing awareness regarding practices for management of disasters.



During the program demonstration and lectures on first aid, search and rescue, discussed about key agenda point on school safety in WCDRR (World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction). The program aimed to cover 800 school teachers and 400 schools. The team from 6<sup>th</sup> NDRF Battalion utilized their full skill through lectures and exhibition of

equipment's and other gadgets to create awareness among students by quoting recent examples of quantum school damages in Nepal. Please visit link to know more about the school safety week at [http://gsdma.org/documents/Brief\\_on\\_School\\_Safety\\_Week.pdf](http://gsdma.org/documents/Brief_on_School_Safety_Week.pdf)

From [Sudarshan Rodriguez](#), TISS Delhi/Director's Office

#### Nepal Recovery: Lessons Learning and Way Forward".

On 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015, TISS and Bharatiya Jain Sangthatana organised a day long consultation on "Nepal Recovery: Lessons Learning and Way Forward". The experiences shared by stakeholders indicated the difficulties of reaching out to affected population due to inaccessible terrain, poor weather conditions, procedural issues in transporting relief materials and many other. The consultation also cautioned Indian NGOs working in Nepal or wanting to work in Nepal in the rehabilitation and recovery phase to understand the Geo-Political issues of Nepal, how to involve the local NGOs and most importantly co-ordination with Indian Government and UN agencies for effective intervention. The organisers will be sharing the report of the consultation in couple of days and will be circulated to the members

### Upcoming Workshops

From [Praful Rao](#), Save the Hills, Darjeeling, West Bengal.

The Darjeeling Chapter of Integrated Mountain Initiative ([InMI](#)) is organizing a [one day DRR seminar](#) at Kalimpong on 17Aug2015 on 'How safe are our Mountain Habitats'. For details of the program please click on the link <http://savethehills.blogspot.in/2015/07/upcoming-events-drr-seminar-on-how-safe.html> . This is a pre-summit workshop been organized as a curtain raiser to the [Sustainable Mountain](#)

## Community News

### Consolidated Replies.

Please click on the below links to read

**Discussion: School Safety Program in Bihar against Disasters-Advice; Referrals.** Anand Bijeta, BSDMA, Patna.

**Query: Preparing DRR Roadmap 2015-30 for Disaster Management Department, Bihar - Experiences; Referrals.** Kaustubh Devale, RedR, Pune.

### 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

The UNIC July 2015 newsletter covers news related to Yoga Day, Sustainable Future and Renewable Energy. It covers issues on Volunteers being vital for development, MDG assessment report and importance of protecting bees, butterflies and other insects for better agriculture and horticulture yield For many more information click on the site [http://www.unic.org.in/Newsletter\\_July2015.pdf](http://www.unic.org.in/Newsletter_July2015.pdf)

### Update your Profile!

Request members to share the latest contact details to enable us to be in contact. Please [click here](#) to update your contact (**Your Name, Organisation, Email Id and Mobile Number**).

### Membership

We request members to spread word within your network, Disaster Management professionals and practitioners about Disaster Management Community of Practitioners, UN Solution Exchange and request them to become members of the community or write to: [se-drm@solutionexchange-n.net.in](mailto:se-drm@solutionexchange-n.net.in)

### Job Opportunities

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

### UNOPS Jobs

UNOPS is looking for self-motivated professionals to fill the following vacancies in New Delhi, India.

**1: Technical Officer – Equality and Non-Discrimination**

**2: Technical Officer – Knowledge and Learning**

[Development Summit](#), 2015 in Itanagar. Titled 'How Safe are our Mountain Habitats?'

### **Trainings**

From [Haimanti Kumar](#), *RedR India, Pune.*

#### **RedR training Announcement**

We request you to participate and/or consider nominating participants from your organization for the below mentioned courses. Also request your kind support to share this information with people and organizations who you think would be interested and can benefit from attending these training courses. Please feel free to contact us for any clarifications. For more details on our trainings and training calendar, you can visit us at <http://www.redr.org.in/> or call Haimanti Kumar at 91 9860824999, 9028907200

#	Name	Start date	End date	Days	Venue
1	<a href="#">Engineering in Emergencies</a>	17-08-15	23-08-15	7	Pune
2	<a href="#">Essentials of Humanitarian Practice</a>	07-09-15	11-09-15	5	Pune
3	<a href="#">Emergency Needs Assessment</a>	22-09-15	25-09-15	4	Guwahati

### **Resources**

From [Prasad Babu](#), *Geo-Solutions, India.*

The SERVIR Global Product Catalogue, a searchable collection of user-tailored products and tools utilizing Earth Observations and NASA Products to inform resilient development. For details please visit <http://catalogue.servirglobal.net/>

From [Animesh Prakash](#), *Oxfam India, Bhubaneswar*

#### **Feasibility Study of application of life towers in flood prone settlements of Odisha**

The study proposes an innovative technology called "life towers" and examines its potential to provide practical solution to enhance the early warning capacities to detect local settlement inundations leading to reduced loss of lives. The overall goal of the study is to determine if the technology is appropriate for further testing by assessing its relevance and suitability to the needs of the end beneficiaries and humanitarian practitioners in India. The detailed study document can be read at OCHA's website at the following link [https://docs.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/Prakash\\_Lifetower.pdf](https://docs.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/Prakash_Lifetower.pdf)

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

#### **Amreli Flood Report- 2015**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Amreli district experienced rainfall of 2580 mm which was around 4 times of average annual rainfall recorded in the last 10 years. The flash floods, affected 110 villages of Amreli district of which 73 villages were severely affected. The flash flood resulted in loss of thousands of cattle and wild animals. The flood water affected roads, electricity, and water supply in a big way. Thousands of Electric poles got uprooted in 585 villages and almost all the telecommunication towers in four talukas of Amreli, Bagasara, Savarkundala and Kukavav-Vadia were adversely affected

Please visit [www.unops.org](http://www.unops.org) for the detailed vacancy announcement – [VA/2015/B5007/8070](#) AND [VA/2015/B5007\\_8072](#) respectively. Only online applications will be received. The deadline for applications is **7 August 2015.**

From [Narender Paul](#), *CORD, New Delhi.*

CORD is a National Organization working on comprehensive integrated rural development for the past three decades. CORD Training Centre, Sidhbari, Himachal Pradesh is looking for graduates/post graduates with interest and passion in rural development with job responsibilities in one of the areas below at CORD Training Centre Sidhbari, Himachal Pradesh:

- Livelihood (Farm and Allied Sector & Non-Farm Sector)
- Panchayati Raj Institution
- Women Empowerment
- Social Justice and Informal Legal Cell
- Youth and Children's Program
- Community Based Rehabilitation for the Disabled
- Community Based Health, Nutrition & Sanitation

Last date for receiving the applications with resume is 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Please write to [cordsidhabri@gmail.com](mailto:cordsidhabri@gmail.com) or visit [www.cord.org.in](http://www.cord.org.in) For more information about the jobs announced.

### **Announcements**

From [Reshmi Theckethil](#), *UNDP, India.*

#### **HANDS Project 2015-16**

The Japan Foundation, New Delhi is looking for young disaster management professional and Semi-professional who want to actively user their creative and innovative ideas to address the Disaster Preparedness, Risk Reduction and Mitigation Challenges in India. The HANDS Project 2015-16 involves 4 research tours through Southeast Asia and Japan, including site visits, lectures and workshop. Those of you interested in the research tour and develop action plans are requested visit <http://www.jfindia.org.in> for information and last to apply is 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

From [Deepak Chincholi](#), *TISS, Mumbai*

#### **IFRC-TISS Online Course**

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences is conducting IFRC-TISS Online Certificate course in Disaster Management.

- Name of the course- **IFRC TISS On-line Certificate Course on Disaster Management.**
- Duration of the course - **One Year.**
- Course starts on- **21st September 2015.**
- Applications closing date - **23rd August 2015.**

This Report aims to provide information regarding the damage and the measures taken for speedy and sensitive management of rescue and relief of flash flood which was carried out in Amreli district. It gives the brief of incident that occurred, immediate response of the local and district administration along with the support of responding agencies like NDRF, Indian Air Force, Coast Guards, SRPF and Fire and Emergency Services (UD & UHD) and other responding agencies. The Relief work carried out in subsequent days is also documented in this report.

This report will be useful for future interventions in disaster management as it has set new standards in relief management and disaster response in a very short period of time. For detailed view of the report, please click on the link provided below

[http://gsdma.org/documents/Amreli Flood Report GSDMA 7.7.pdf](http://gsdma.org/documents/Amreli_Flood_Report_GSDMA_7.7.pdf)



The details of the course and application time lines are given in the below link: For registration and application - <http://apply-ifrc.tiss.edu/register/>.

For more details and brochure -

<http://ifrc.tiss.edu/home/>

From [Ajit Tyagi, New Delhi.](#)

### **GnY Climate**

A fortnightly online magazine on Water, Weather and Hazards is shared by member for wider circulation. Two editions for the month of July is shared. The 1st to 15th July edition talks about Mumbai and Gujarat floods, City Analysis, Monsoon Updates and status of Uttrakhand after years. The 16th-31st July edition is more on Landslide and Kharif crop and Rainfall. It also provides information on upcoming events. To view both the edition, please click on the links provided

[http://GnYClimate\\_1-14\\_July\\_2015.pdf](http://GnYClimate_1-14_July_2015.pdf)

[http://GnYClimate\\_15-31\\_20July.pdf](http://GnYClimate_15-31_20July.pdf)

## **News from around the world**

### **DRM- Hotel Industry**

On 29 July 2015, United Nations-backed plan to develop and pilot disaster risk management standards for the hotel industry in Asia and the Pacific, home to 80 per cent of the world's disaster events, was announced by UNISDR. A joint study carried out by UNISDR, the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and the Global Initiative on Disaster Risk Management (GIDRM) has found significant interest in setting standards among hoteliers, tour operators, tourism bodies, government agencies and insurance companies in the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand and the Maldives. The universal standards for disaster risk management across the hotel industry is expected to be developed by end of this year. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story>.



### **Nepal**

Heavy rainfall affected western Nepal over the last couple of days. 116 mm (4.56 inches) of rain was measured in Pokhara city in a 24 hour period, between July 29 and July 30. Landslides has buried around half of the homes in the Lumle village by a strong and fast moving stream of mud and rocks. , killing 30 people. According to Krishna Bahadur Raut, Chief District Officer of Kaski District, About 30 are dead and 42 still missing.

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

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