



# Disaster Management Community



## Community Update

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### From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

The UN Sustainable Development Summit- 2015, for "[Transforming our World: the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development](#)", was held from 25-27 September 2015 at UN Headquarters in New York. Heads of State and Government and other high-level representatives, business leaders and civil society activists delivered statements in plenary during the three-day Summit. Delegates also took part in six interactive dialogues on the topics of - ending poverty and hunger; tackling inequalities, empowering women and girls and leaving no one behind; fostering sustainable economic growth, transformation and promoting sustainable consumption and production; delivering on a revitalized Global Partnership; building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions to achieve sustainable development; and protecting our planet and combating climate change. Many other events and bilateral meetings took place alongside the Summit. In total, over 9,000 participants, including 136 Heads of State and Government, ministers, business leaders, and civil society attended the UN Sustainable Development Summit. (source: IISD reporting services).



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Over the last four years, the UNISDR Step-Up Campaign focused on Children (2011), Women and Girls (2012), Persons Living with Disabilities (2013) and Older Persons (2014). The goal of this year's international day for DRR (13<sup>th</sup> October 2015) is "**Knowledge for Life**" with focus on the *traditional, indigenous and local knowledge which complement modern science and add to an individual's and societies' resilience*. We understand that many of the practitioners will be involved in organising the IDDR day on 13<sup>th</sup> and hence request to share actions taken at the ground level with DM CoP for dissemination.

The Community Update # 136 shares information related to numerous job vacancies in Disaster Risk Reduction program to work in Himachal Pradesh; news from across the world and reference materials.

Thank members for their contribution to the Community Update # 136 and request for inputs/responses to the ongoing query [Role of Statutory Bodies in the Formation of Disaster Response Force in States and Districts- Example; Advice: Reply by 9 October 2015](#).

With warm regards,

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Resource Team, DM Community of Practice,  
UN Solution Exchange.

## Members Postings

### Recently Held - Workshops and Conferences

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

#### **Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change**

A Training of Trainers (ToT) on 'Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation' is being organized at Puri by Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) Govt. of Odisha in association with All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) under Govt. of India-UNDP project "Institutional and Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change" for the Government officials and practitioners from different parts of the state. The three-day training emphasis on moving from disaster response and management to risk reduction and adaptation to climate change. (Source: UNDP Read of the day, 30.09.2015).



#### **National Disaster Management Authority Formation Day**

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) observed its 11th Formation Day on 28th September 2015 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event was inaugurated by Shri. Kiran Rijju, Minister of State for Home Affairs. He stressed on capacity development of stakeholders as a very critical component towards effective risk reduction especially at the institutional level. In the inaugural session, the first edition of NDMA's Quarterly Newsletter SAMVAD was also released.

The day long program held four technical sessions related to four major



calamities, namely, Cyclone, Earthquake, Floods and Landslides. The broad framework of the NDMA's proposed pilot projects on Earthquake, Cyclone, Floods and Landslides were discussed and deliberated in each of the technical sessions.

The Addl. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr. P. K Mishra was the Chief Guest for Valedictory session. He congratulated NDMA team for successfully addressing the relief, response and rehabilitation efforts in Kashmir and Nepal. He further mentioned that it would be important to manage the multifaceted nature of risk in times to come and therefore it is important to invest in capacity building at technical, managerial and operative areas in preparedness and response in the country.

## Community News

### 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 September 2015 newsletter covers news related to Sustainable Development Agenda and call to Respond to Protect the victims of internal strife. For more information click on the site [http://www.unic.org.in/items/Newsletter\\_September2015.pdf](http://www.unic.org.in/items/Newsletter_September2015.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 [Rishi Sehgal](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Job vacancies for Individual Contracts announced by UNDP for works in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

1. Individual Consultant (12 Posts) - **Assistant Information Technology Co-ordinator** at Districts level. For details, please visit the site at [http://jobs.undp.org/cj\\_view\\_job.cfm?cur\\_job\\_id=58835](http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=58835)
2. Individual Consultant (12 Posts) - **Training and Capacity Building Coordinator** at Districts level. For details about the job profile, please visit the site at [http://jobs.undp.org/cj\\_view\\_job.cfm?cur\\_job\\_id=58831](http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=58831)
3. Individual Consultant (1 Post) - **Disaster Management Specialist**. For

## Upcoming Events

### Conference

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

#### **"Disaster Risk Reduction: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Growth". 28-30 October 2015, New Delhi, India**

The 6th Annual Conference of the International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management (IDRiM 2015), entitled "Disaster Risk Reduction: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Growth" is scheduled during October 28-30, 2015 at the Scope Convention Centre, Scope Complex, in New Delhi. The conference is being hosted by TIFAC in partnership with International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management (IDRiM). Please visit our website [www.idrim2015.org](http://www.idrim2015.org) for registration details.

From [Lucky Tamang](#), eNGO Challenge South Asia Secretariat, New Delhi.

**"eNGO Challenge South Asia Conclave 2015"** is organised at **India Habitat Centre** and is scheduled on **October 09, 2015** in New Delhi, to celebrate its 4th year of recognizing best ICT practices by NGOs for community development from South Asia. For Free Registration call eNGO Team at: 9643391021 / 09717000843 / [9650862669](tel:9650862669) / 09044904904 / [011-26532786](tel:011-26532786) or write to House No. # 44, 3rd Floor, Kalu Sarai, Near IIT Delhi, New Delhi – 110 016, or email at [engochallenge@gmail.com](mailto:engochallenge@gmail.com) website: [engochallenge.org](http://engochallenge.org)

### Resources

From [Mihir R Bhatt](#), All India Disaster Management Institute, Ahmedabad.

Please find the recent issue of *Southasiadisasters.net* on 'Rebuilding Nepal by Implementing SFDRR'. The contents of the issue can be read by clicking on the link [http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/drm/resource/Snet\\_Rebuilding\\_Nepal.pdf](http://solutionexchange-un.net.in/ftp/drm/resource/Snet_Rebuilding_Nepal.pdf). You can also download the issue from the website <http://www.aidmi.org/publications.aspx> or at [www.southasiadisasters.net](http://www.southasiadisasters.net).

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

"A review of informal volunteerism in emergencies and disasters: Definition, Opportunities and Challenges". By Joshua Whittaker, Blythe McLennan and John Handmer. Published by International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction. Volume 13, September 2015, Pages 358–368

This paper considers the role of informal volunteers in emergency and disaster management and classifies two broad types of informal volunteerism – emergent and extending. Click on the link provided for the full text: [A review of informal volunteerism in emergencies and disasters: Definition, Opportunities and Challenges.](#)

#### **Developing Disaster Free Cities.**

According to Government of India, at least 38 cities lie in high-risk seismic zones and almost 60% of the landmass of the subcontinent is immensely vulnerable to earthquakes and other natural disasters. The fact that a large section of the population are poor and live in houses that are hastily built and are vulnerable to disasters and raises the risk of human fatalities. The full article in New Indian Express, dated 26 September 2015 can be viewed at <http://indianexpress.com/developing-disaster-proof-cities>

details about the job profile, please visit the site at [http://jobs.undp.org/cj\\_view\\_job.cfm?cur\\_job\\_id=58828](http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=58828)

4. Individual Consultant (1 Post) - **Capacity Building and Documentation Co-ordinator.** For details about the job profile, please visit the site at [http://jobs.undp.org/cj\\_view\\_job.cfm?cur\\_job\\_id=58825](http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=58825)

5. Individual Consultant (1 Post) - **Information technology specialist.** For details about the job profile, please visit the site at [http://jobs.undp.org/cj\\_view\\_job.cfm?cur\\_job\\_id=58628](http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=58628)

6. Individual Consultant (1 Post) - **Accounts and Finance Specialist.** For details about the job profile, please visit the site at [http://jobs.undp.org/cj\\_view\\_job.cfm?cur\\_job\\_id=58540](http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=58540)

Please note that the last day to reply/apply for all the above positions is **4<sup>th</sup> October 2015**. Please click on the link <http://www.undp.org/content/india/en/home/operations/careers.html> for more details.

### Announcements

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

A fortnightly online magazine on Water, Weather and Hazards is shared by member for wider circulation. The September 15-30 edition covers issues related international co-operation and related to the Earth's Ozone layer, including causes contributing to the ozone hole, mitigation measures, and good and bad ozone. It also includes a study based on observations made by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in Antarctica. Click on the link for details <http://www.geographyandyou.com/Sept-15-30>

### Japan floods: City of Joso hit by 'unprecedented' rain



Unprecedented rain in Japan unleashed heavy floods on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 that tore houses from their foundations, uprooted trees and forced more than 100,000 people from their homes.

The city of Joso, north of the capital, Tokyo, was hit by a wall of water after the Kinugawa River burst its banks. The rains came a day after a tropical storm brought winds of up to 125km/h (78mph) to central Aichi prefecture.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-34205879>

### Stampede at Hajj pilgrimage



At least 717 people taking part in the Hajj pilgrimage have been killed in a stampede and another 863 people were injured in the incident at Mina, near the Islamic holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015. It is the second disaster to strike Mecca in two weeks, after a crane collapsed at the Grand Mosque, killing 109 people.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-34346449>

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

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