



Disaster Management Community



Community Update

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From the Resource Team

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Resource Team!

We wish to inform you about the latest enforcement by the Ministry of Home Affairs. To facilitate effective monitoring of the situation in the wake of heavy rains/floods etc particularly during South-West Monsoon, MHA has asked the State/UT Governments to submit daily situation report on regular basis to the Control Room.

During the Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners/Secretaries, Department of Disaster Management held on 22nd April 2009, all the States/UTs were specifically requested to submit daily situation report starting from 1st June and ending 15th October, 2009 so as to facilitate this Ministry to keep a close watch on the rainfall and flood situation throughout the country. To view the format please click: <http://ndmindia.nic.in/flood2009.pdf>

Hope you find this update useful and for any of your queries or feedback do write to us. 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
Thanks.

Warm Regards

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Members Postings

Workshops and Conferences

Recently Held

From *Nupur Arora*, Research Associate

The International Conference on Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction; 20-22 Apr 2009 in Beijing

Open Queries

[\[se-drm\]\[se-ictd\]](#) Query: **Creating awareness on Disasters using ICTs for media - Examples; Experience.**
Reply by 19 June 2009 at se-drm_se-ictd@solutionexchange-un.net.in

[\[se-drm\]\[se-ed\]](#) Query: **Conducting successful Mockdrills in Schools- Experiences.** Reply

The Conference was organised by the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat (UN/ISDR) and All-China Women's Federation (ACWF). The Conference aimed to review the progress made and challenges faced in mainstreaming gender perspectives into disaster risk reduction; to share knowledge, experiences and good practices in gender and disaster risk reduction; to discuss the major issues related to linking disaster risk reduction with poverty reduction, climate change adaptation, community development and policy making from gender perspectives; and to recommend actions needed to mainstream gender into disaster risk reduction process by the end Hyogo Framework for Action in 2015. To read more click: <http://www.unisdr.org/english/events/v.php?id=8024>

From *Gitanjali Sah, UNESCO, New Delhi*

ITU Symposium on ICTs and Climate Change, 8 – 10 July 2009, Quito, Ecuador

Climate change has emerged as a worldwide concern and thus requires global cooperation. ITU has joined in the efforts of the United Nations to "Deliver as One" in addressing climate change and is taking the lead in work on the relationship between ICTs and climate change. This symposium will focus on issues of concern to developing countries and the Americas. The symposium brings together key specialists in the field, from top decision-makers to engineers, designers, government officials, regulators and others. The topics to be discussed will include ICT policy frameworks, the reduction of the carbon footprint of the ICT sector and of other sectors, climate monitoring, adaptation, ICTs and emergencies, deforestation, and the financial aspects of ICTs and climate change in the region.

Further Details: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/worksem/climatechange/200907/index.html>

Going on

From *Nupur Arora, Research Associate*

Second session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, 16-19 June, Geneva

The second session of the Global Platform is scheduled to take place in Geneva, Switzerland Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday, 16, 17, 18 and 19 June 2009. The goal of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, as the main body of the ISDR system, is to sustain world-wide momentum to build the resilience of nations and communities to disasters. The Global Platform brings together a broad range of partners to: Assess progress made in implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action; Enhance

by 25 June 2009 at se-drm_se-ed@solutionexchange-un.net.in

[se-drm][se-gen] Query: Compiling Gender Sensitive Emergency Stock Piles- Advice: Example. Reply by 25 June 2009 at se-drm_se-gen@solutionexchange-un.net.in

Solution Exchange Events!

From our Partners!

Call to prepare guidelines on reporting disasters

News article from The Hindu: The media should emphasise community perspective and gender sensitivity while reporting disasters, according to media experts and aid workers. A two-day workshop on 'Media intervention in management of disasters' stressed on the importance of the media's role in disaster management. The workshop, organised by the Kerala Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) in association with the Revenue Department and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), concluded with the release of a guideline that demands high responsibility and perspective of news reporters, while reporting disasters. To read more visit: <http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/08/stories/2009060853330300.htm>>

Campaign on earthquake preparedness

An awareness campaign on earthquake preparedness has been organized for apartment societies in Guwahati under the Urban Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction Project (UEVRP). Non-structural mitigation measures, fire safety and basic first aid training will be imparted to apartment dwellers in this awareness campaign. Article from *The Sentinel* To read : <http://www.sentinelassam.com/ghycity.php?sec=4&subsec=0&id=13408&dtP=2009-06-13&ppr=1#13408>

awareness of disaster risk reduction; Share experience and learn from good practice and Identify remaining gaps as well as actions to accelerate national and local implementation. For more information click [here](#)

Coming Up

Jobs

From Nupur Arora, Research Associate

Vacancy: **[Content Developer](#)**

Organisation: SEEDS

Location: New Delhi

Last Date: 30 June 2009

Vacancy: **[Graphic Designer/Visualizer](#)**

Organisation: SEEDS

Location: New Delhi

Last Date: 30 June 2009

Vacancy: **[Short-term Consultants for Monitoring support in the districts](#)**

Organisation: UNICEF

Location: Patna

Last Date: June 25, 2009

Vacancy: **[Information Education Communication \(IEC\)/Training Officers](#)**

Organisation: Adventist Development and Relief

Agency (ADRA) India

Location: Begusarai - Bihar

Last Date: June 20, 2009

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Your Queries!

You may send in your queries on issues relevant to Disaster Management to [G Padmanabhan](#) or [Nupur Arora](#)

Members who have changed their organisations or wish to change other information in their profile can update their profile online at <http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in> or send us an email with relevant information.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

Recommended Trainings

From Falak Nawaz, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

First Regional Training Course on Incident Command System for Disaster Management, 10- 16 August 2009, Phuket, Thailand

ADPC announces its new training designed to enable practitioners to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). This course focuses on the management of single resources. The course will offer an in-depth knowledge on Incident Command System, describe the ICS organization appropriate to the complexity of the incident or event and use ICS to manage an incident or event efficiently. More information is available on the ADPC website: <http://www.adpc.net/v2007>. Interested candidates may send an email to tedadpc@adpc.net and fakhruddin@adpc.net

From Bhavana Gadre, Development Alternatives, New Delhi

Green Buildings: Designing a Sustainable Future; 30 June - 2 Jul 2009, New Delhi

The Institute of Social Science is organizing this training under its Capacity Building series. It aims to provide an overview of design and construction facets of green

buildings; to establish decision-making criteria for the design and construction of green buildings and to provide exposure to various alternative building materials and technologies which can be used to construct green buildings. For registration form click <http://devalt.org/nomination/>

Recommended Readings

From **Nupur Arora**, Research Associate

Indigenous knowledge: disaster risk reduction

Policy note prepared by EU, Kyoto University, SEEDS and UNISDR aims to provide a directional path for mainstreaming indigenous knowledge in disaster risk reduction by national authorities and ministries of disaster management, ministries of education, institutions of higher education in disaster management, and international and national NGOs in Asian countries. It addresses thematic areas such as: climate change and food security, rural development, urban risk reduction, gender and inclusion, mountain ecosystems, coastal zones, river basin management, water resource management, and housing. To read click: http://www.preventionweb.net/files/8853_IKPolicyNote.pdf

Safer health facilities from disaster risk reduction initiatives

This issue of the ADPC newsletter brings insights, reflections on approaches to "Safe hospitals" and advocates establishing an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) System by integrating the existing principles and practices to build a stronger EMS and to enhance the capacity to reduce risks. To read click: http://www.preventionweb.net/files/9141_Newsletter10MarfinalV21.pdf

After the cyclone: lessons from a disaster

This note by Oxfam International calls on the Government of Bangladesh and the international community to scale up recovery and rehabilitation efforts to meet the cyclone survivors' urgent need for housing and livelihoods, further to cyclone Sidr. Based on dozens of interviews and focus group discussions, the note is intended to stimulate a broader debate around outstanding needs and appropriate responses for communities' longer-term recovery and rehabilitation. It hopes to provide a constructive NGO perspective and recommendations for improving humanitarian responses to a major disaster like Cyclone Sidr. To read click: http://www.preventionweb.net/files/9069_bnsidr1.pdf

Tsunami 36 months after

This report by Plan International describes how Plan's Child Centred Community Development (CCCD) approach worked following the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami and how children have been successfully examine how CCCD strategies can be further strengthened following 'natural' disasters. To read: http://www.preventionweb.net/files/9076_tsunami361.pdf

Indigenous knowledge for disaster risk reduction: good practices and lessons learned from experiences in the Asia-Pacific region

This publication by EU, Kyoto University and UNISDR aims to build awareness for indigenous knowledge as an effective tool for reducing risk from natural hazard-related disasters. By improving the understanding of indigenous knowledge and providing concrete examples of how it can be successfully used, this publication hopes to inspire all practitioners and policy makers to consider the knowledge held by local communities and act to integrate this wealth of knowledge into future disaster-related work. It presents a collection of 18 indigenous practices which were developed over time in the communities in the Asia-Pacific region from China, India, Indonesia,

Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Viet Nam. Types of disasters include earthquake, cyclone (typhoon), drought, and slides, river bank erosion, tsunami and zud. To read click: http://www.preventionweb.net/files/3646_IndigenousKnowledgeDRR.pdf

Interesting Articles

From [UNDP India Newsroom](#), New Delhi

West not playing its part to tackle climate change: India

Industrialized countries are nowhere near meeting their legal obligations to combat climate change and are trying to muddy the waters by saying the global problem cannot be tackled unless developing countries do more, says Shyam Saran, India's chief negotiator at the climate treaty talks. Article from The Times of India. To read full article click: <http://tinyurl.com/luvtpk>.

Call to prepare guidelines on reporting disasters

Stressing the need for empowering the community for disaster management, UNDP project officer Ajith Chacko said that post-disaster discourse of horror and grief, expression of empathy, accounts of heroes and final discourse of anger continued to be the pattern of disaster reporting in the media. He also called for a guideline to be prepared by the media community for reporting different categories of disasters. Article from The Hindu. To read article click: <http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/08/stories/2009060853330300.htm>

High tide weakens embankments in Sunderbans

Hundreds of villages in the Sunderbans were flooded again during bhora kothal (full moon high tide) that struck on Saturday and Sunday. Several areas went 6 feet under water, triggering an exodus. Article from The Times of India. To read article click: <http://tinyurl.com/lz2yzw>

Calamity in Punjab? Don't donate to CM

Several crores received as donations for the Punjab Chief Minister's Relief Fund — set up to help victims of calamities like floods, fire and serious accidents in 1954 — were misused or embezzled over the last 25 years. All this came to light recently after a Ludhiana-based NGO, Resurgence India, obtained records pertaining to the fund under the Right To Information (RTI) Act. This is the same NGO that exposed misappropriation of Red Cross funds by deputy commissioners in Punjab. Article from The Hindustan times. To read click <http://tinyurl.com/nr25qv>.

No brickbats, CM wins hearts of Aila-affected

The women threw flower petals and people applauded when he spoke. That is how the Aila-affected people greeted chief minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee when he visited Sunderbans area of North 24 Parganas on Saturday. Article from The Asian Age. To read click <http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/news/india/no-brickbats.-cm-wins-hearts-of-aila-affected.aspx>

Sea change

Cyclone Aila is not the end. As the sea level rises, Calcutta has to brave a greater exodus of climate refugees from the Sunderbans. Article from The Telegraph. To read click http://www.telegraphindia.com/1090614/jsp/calcutta/story_11105736.jsp

Sonepat sets example in helping Kosi flood-hit

The role played by the district administration of Sonepat (Haryana) in providing succour to the flood ravaged people of Kosi belt in Bihar would certainly make the Haryana government proud. At the same time, it has set a novel example of inter-state cooperation to tide over a national calamity. Article from The Tribune. To read click <http://www.tribuneindia.com/2009/20090615/main5.htm>

No money, no climate change inspection: India

India will not let the international community check on what it's doing to combat climate change unless industrialised countries provide adequate financing and transfer green technologies, say government delegates. Article from *The Hindu*. To read article click: <http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/001200906111021.htm>

Network Activity

Completed Queries (3rd June 2009 to 19th June 2009)

Using indigenous knowledge for disaster risk management activities- Experience; Example.

Posted on 8 April 2009. Crossposted with DM Community Indonesia and DRM Asia Community.

Available at: <http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/drm/cr/cr-se-drm-08040901.pdf> (Size: 311 KB)

Shares experiences and studies of carrying out disaster risk management through use of indigenous knowledge for disaster management

ICTs for Community-Based Early Warning Alerting Post for Landslide Hazards - Advice; Experiences.

Posted on 8 April 2009.

Crossposted with ICT for Development Community

Available at: <http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/drm/cr/cr-se-drm-ictd-05050901.pdf> (Size: 272 KB)

Shares modes of ICTs for community based alerting posts, and information on various ICT tools available for generating Early Warning Alerts

Integrating Disaster Management into development planning - Referral.

Posted on 27 April 2009.

Available at: <http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/drm/cr/cr-se-drm-27040901.pdf> (Size: 311 KB)

Shares documents and Case studies on good practices and lessons learned in the field of DRR integration into development planning available within and outside the country

Training module for youth on DisasterManagement-Advice; Referrals.

Posted on 12 May 2009. Consolidated reply under preparation

Shares Specific issues on involving youth in disaster management, topics to be included in the module and References of Development Practitioner working on such issues.

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