

Dear Readers As we enter September 2023, we take rejoice in looking back at this month's milestones and some major

noteworthy affairs, including Special AGM, held in New Delhi with over 50 stakeholders joining us, which proved

the aspect of humanitarian strengthening systems as a critical aspect of sectoral interventions, with the buzz subject matter being neutrality in outreach. There have been several publications at the forefront which serve as an advisory for mitigation procedures to increase response to people with various vulnerabilities. The upcoming G20 sub-sectoral events have culminated into creating momentum for DRR working group's priorities coming forward for collaborative efforts. In addition the 6th World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) to be held this year in Dehradun, Uttrakhand

would highlight the subject of strengthening climate action and DRR. The convergence of juxtaposing climate

change adaptation with disaster response recovery is the need of the hour. Also, the Psycho-Social Support in Emergencies Training Report was also released in August. Sharing some of the highlights from this month, we are happy to share on our continued efforts to monitor critical global discourses, documented through multiple Knowledge Resources disseminated on Social Media.In this July 2023 issue of Samanvay, we have aimed to encompass the various events, including the Global and National Compository, in collaboration with our members and partners. This issue also features our regular updates including Program Updates through all verticals, updates from Members and IAGs as well as global and national updates and Grant Opportunities.

Herewith, I take this opportunity to thank all the members, partners, staff, and volunteers for their support and commitment. We will strive to improve our efforts to build synergies among diverse actors and will appreciate any feedback to improve our programs and this monthly bulletin. Vikrant Mahajan CEO, Sphere India

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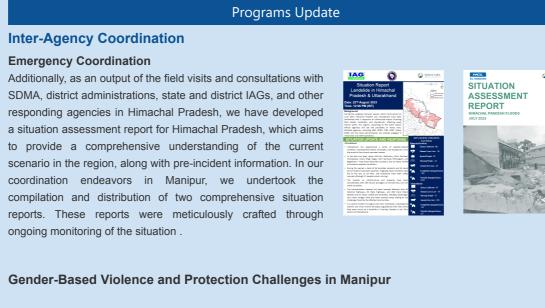
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## Governance Update

- Sphere India organised a special General Body Meeting to amend the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of Sphere India to make processes more committed and inclusive within
- Panel Discussion on Strengthening Humanitarian Responses in India On 18th August 2023, to commemorate World Humanitarian Day organised a Panel Discussion on Strengthening

Humanitarian Response in India. The panel included experts from Health, Protection, WaSH, Food and Nutrition, Shelter and Education Sector, with the session elaborating on the need for strengthening sectoral capacities and deliberating on the future course of action. Key recommendations from "Strengthening Humanitarian System in India" Report https://lnkd.in/dMwiUys7 and how it has been utilised so far, along with future plans were also shared

(L) Panelists part of the session and (R) Sphere India members who attended the session



The World Humanitarian Day's Panel Discussion brought forth several sector-wise interventions and emerging points with the following highlights. As part of Healthcare Resilience: Improving healthcare resilience through

areas. Food and Nutrition security in Emergencies: Streamlining minimum standards and guidelines and coordinating between NDRF and NDMA effectively for emergency response for the sector. Resilient shelter Solutions: Promoting permanent and sustainable forms of shelter settlements instead of transitional shelters is the need of the hour. Education in Emergencies: Identifying strategies to ensure continued

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#### training, capacity building, and policy guidelines. Especially providing community-based first aid training for the effective provision of medical resources. Protection and Safety Enhancement: Protection being a cross-cutting area, requires comprehensive strategies and solutions especially for psycho-social support being one of the core

Sector-Wise Covergence of Emerging Humanitarian Needs in India

learning, safe spaces, and psychosocial support for children during crises. Resilient WaSH: The role of technologies, and community engagement in the WASH sector is vital for overall public health and resilience. Sphere India The systemic drivers which shape food equality ensure altering dietary patterns within vulnerable communities and breaking harmful feedback loops in food and nutrition outcomes. Embracing international best practices

-Vivek Coelho

World Food Prog

convened on August 3rd. Subsequently, an interagency visit to Manipur was carried out, aiming to comprehensively evaluate the situation, document key findings, and outline a strategic roadmap for addressing the distressing instances of safeguarding.

**Collaborative Advocacy** 



discussion points, actions and recommendations, impact and success of the trainings conducted. Such collaborative efforts equipping individuals with the necessary knowledge and skills, Through training and capacity building, the program aims to create a network of compassionate individuals who can

contribute to the normalization and reconstruction of communities.

conducted in Bangla, focused on Effective Shelter and Settlement Management Strategies, emphasizing the critical importance of safety in disaster-affected areas. Further on "Data and Innovation" in "Harnessing Data and Innovation for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)," which explored innovative approaches to enhancing disaster risk reduction efforts through data-driven strategies. Subsequently, on "Family-level preparedness which

August 2023. The call was organised by ICVA and Can-International to build momentum on Loss and Damage Finance through collaboration between humanitarian and climate sector actors. Collaboration between the humanitarian and climate sectors. Both sectors recognize the increasing impacts of climate change and acknowledge the limitations of the humanitarian system alone in coping with these impacts. Distinguishing loss and damage funding from the humanitarian funding, with a collaboration on bringing together climate and humanitarian

**Updates from Members** 

Inclusion brings innovation and one of the unchartered

territories which remain are

WaSH in resilience building

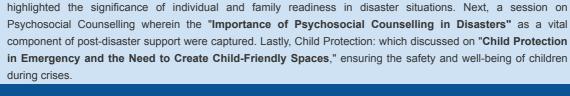
health in Disaster Risk Reduction. Clear water, sanitation, & hygiene prevent

post-disasters/accidents.

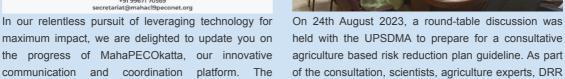
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**Localising Capacity Strengthening** In order to localise impact and outreach across the states and union territories, in order to have timely capturing of real-time vulnerabilities of communities at risk is vital. In order to work further on the efforts, Sphere India Academy undertook sesions in Bangla Language in the month of August on "Building Safer Shelters." This session,



**Emergency Management and Development** 'Role of Health Professionals and Civil Society in reducing Air Pollution and building Climate Srishti for Resilience facilitated a one day session on Resilience' on 3rd August, 2023. The discussion was approaches & frameworks for Climate Action & DRR organised by Climate Action Network South Asia with Aga Khan Agency for Habitat India team at (CANSA) in collaboration with Amrita Vishwa



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**COP27 Outcome Document for India** 



According to the implementation of the Sendai

Framework Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 -Report of the Secretary-General (A/78/267) of the

United Nations General Assembly, highlights the increasing levels of risks, systems and borders with consequences for both present and generations. The midterm review of the Sendai

Framework served to highlight shifts in momentum towards commitments to whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches. Here, the report states that at the midpoint of the implementation of the SFDRR, the understanding and management of disaster risk has progressed. Positive results are evident at the regional, national and local levels.

and climate change specialists would be working

together along with UPSDMA, PGVS, IAG-UP, Sphere

India and SEEDS India. A core working committee

group was formalised and established to take forward

strengthening activities of capacity building and multi-

hazard planning related to agriculture departments for risk reduction and climate change adaptation. The

upcoming workshop would be held in November.

identification of new approaches to financing that prioritize risk reduction and resilience. Current economic choices **2nd Meeting** PRIORITIES

The 6th World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) will be

organized jointly by Government of Uttarakhand, Disaster Management Initiatives and Convergence Society (DMICS), Hyderabad, Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority

(USDMA) and Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology

(UCOST), Dehradun. Besides several academic and research institutions would join as knowledge partners. Building on the

experiences gained would involve various stakeholders from across.

The G20 roadmap and action plan 2023-25 for DRR Working Group offers avenues to make our world resilient to adverse impacts of

disasters. The presidency document lays out preventive strategies for multi-hazard response and capacity reinforcement with the support of various stakeholders. In addition, embracing climate-resilient

infrastructure financing along with embracing nature-based solutions

This publication by the Coalition of Disaster Infrastructure in

collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is a general advisory that contains recommended steps for

preparing wind and solar projects for cyclones and high-wind extreme

events. It aims to highlight and suggest key vulnerabilities of such

projects and provide mitigation procedures that can be checked as means of protecting valuable assets. The overall goal of the below

The publication addresses the stereotypes prevalent in courtrooms

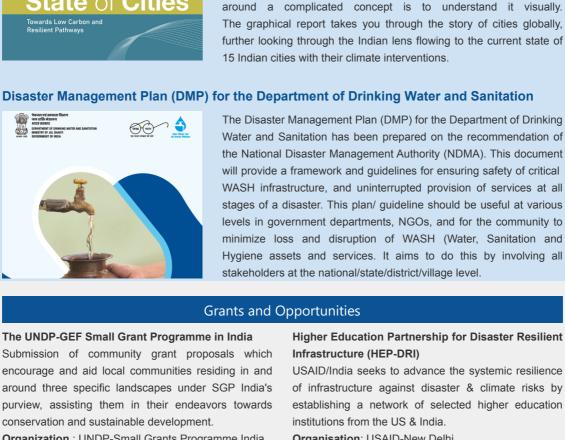
and society, the Handbook paves way for an equitable legal system. It raises awareness about these issues provides guidance and recommendations for using inclusive language. The handbook fosters a legal environment that values diversity, fairness, and social

justice. The impact has the potential to shape the future of legal education and practice, promoting inclusive and progressive legal

The rapid economic growth has been correlated with high degrees of

urbanisation. The benefits of agglomeration brings people together into dense habitations, with a staggering growth, with Indian cities, its climate challenges, risks and solutions in the global context. One that talks to everyone and makes one ponder. The best way of coming

advisory is to increase the survivability of renewable projects.



Deadline:15-Sep-23 More Info>> **Upcoming Events** Sphere India Sphere India Academy Calendar **UPCOMING SESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023** Roles and Functions of Different Task Forces in DRR | Language - Bangla LINK: https://zoom.us/j/96947045967 Education in Emergencies - Teachers as Catalysts for Resilient Education Systems
Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-EiE Biodiversity Conservation & Ecosystem Services in Sustainable DRR Hybrid Workshop: Urban Flooding: Challenges and Way Forward LINK: <u>http://tiny.cc/SIA-14-09-23</u> Webinar: Resilience of Animals in the Face of Climate Change-Induced Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Promotion in Disaster Contexts | - Bangla

Empowering Health Sector: Addressing Snakebite through Prevention

Empowering Communities through Livelihood Development in DRR |

LINK: https://zoom.us/i/97273318633 Discussion on Enhancing Loss and Damage Fund Utilization and Inclusion (Empower Action at COP 28: A 5-Part Advocacy Series)

The Power of Images In Communicating the Impact of Disasters Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-25-09-23

LINK: https://zoom.us/j/96544010903

22 and Effective Emergency Care
Sep Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-SnakeBite

Organization: WCDM

Plans Ahead **Inter-Agency Coordination** Focal Point: Cyljo Abraham, Deputy Manager - Inter Agency Coordination

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Further, in response to the pressing concerns of Gender-Based Violence and protection challenges stemming from the ongoing ethnic conflict in Manipur, a pivotal Protection Sector Committee Meeting was

### 18TH AUGUST 2023 **Knowledge and Capacity sharing Indigeonus Perspectives on Disaster Resilience** On August 19th Sphere India Academy hosted a session on "Indigenous Perspectives on Disaster Resilience: Integrating Traditional Knowledge in Disaster Management." The session highlighted the invaluable role of traditional wisdom in bolstering disaster resilience. **Integrating Drone Technology in Disaster Communication Strategies** On August 28th Sphere India Academy organised a virtual session on "Drone Technology on Integrating Drone Technology in Disaster Communication Strategies" explored the transformative potential of drones in enhancing disaster response and communication. **Psycho-Social Support in Emergencies Training Report** Sphere India in collaboration with National Institute of Disaster Management americares nidm 🚳 Sphere India (NIDM) and Americares from 12th - 14th July 2023. It has now come out with a **National Training of Trainers** training report which expands on key learnings on addressing the psychosocial **Psychosocial Support** in Emergencies impact of a disaster is an integral part of the relief and rehabilitation process for survivors. In addition, psychosocial care necessary for conducting capacity-**Training Report** building exercise which is vital for expediting the normalisation process of individual and groups to the traumatic experiences associated with disasters. The report also encapsulates session wise activity updates, along with learnings,

# Sphere India Participates in Climate Strengthening with Humanitarian Stakeholders Climate-Humanitarian Networks Discussion on a Joint Call for Loss and Damage Financing (Online) on 22nd

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stakeholders interact,

in the lives of vulnerable communities.

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implementation of this platform is well underway, and it

promises to revolutionize how members and

communication, effective collaboration, and efficient

information sharing. We are committed to harnessing

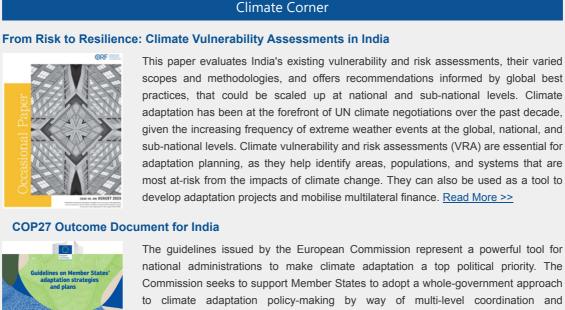
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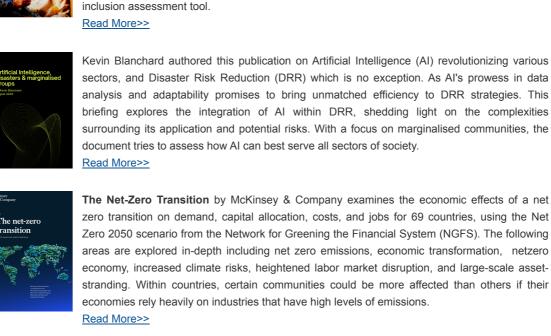
sectors

Mumbai on 23rd August 2023. Vidyapeetham. News from IAGs/ State Networks **Collaboration with UPSDMA MahaPECO Network** Welcome to MahaPECOkatta. By signing up you are agreeing to become a MahaPECO



The publication supports the Paris Agreement framework development and aids climate practitioners, especially in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Climate change's severe impacts necessitate global adaptation efforts, especially for vulnerable regions like SIDS. Monitoring adaptation progress is vital for funding and resilience. Monitoring adaptation progress is vital for funding and resilience. Limited resources hinder SIDS progress tracking. The annotated bibliography offers 45 policy and academic resources on measuring and

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Asia and the Pacific Regional Office is committed to making sure that all efforts to address gender-based violence (GBV) are inclusive of and accessible to women and girls with disabilities, ensuring that transformative goals are met and that no one is left behind. To meet this critical need, UNFPA APRO developed tools for UNFPA Country Offices and partners to strengthen GBV and Disability inclusion programming, which include a tip-sheet on disability inclusion in GBV Programming and a GBV and disability



Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030

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**Disaster Risk Reduction Under The G-20 Framework** 

**G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group Presidency Document** 

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General Advisory to Power Sector Utilities with a Special Focus on Renewables

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Organization: Harit Bharat Fund

Deadline: 20-Sep-23

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advancing adaptation and resilience progress.



**Updates from Government** 

The G20 DRR Working Group aims to integrate risk reduction measures into public and private sector investment decisions and policy making to reduce existing risk, prevent the creation of new risk and, ultimately, build resilient economies, societies, and natural systems. The G20 DRR Working Group is committed to changing this through the development of policy guidance, exchange of technical knowledge, promotion of capacity building, and

G-20 Presidency 2023 - Disaster Response Recovery Working Group Knowledge Base



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Sphere India Academy launched on 10th April 2020 is a collaborative

initiative of WHO, UNICEF, WFP, HCLF, Sphere India, and other organizations

local governments, administrations, and communities. A range of technical

sessions covering diverse topics is being delivered regularly using the online platform. In the past two years, the academy was able to reach around 1.

lakh participants through 320 academy sessions, with over 743 resource persons, 279 knowledge partners, and over 90 government engagements.

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