concerted efforts are needed to implement adaptive strategies, including improved infrastructure, early warning systems, and community preparedness initiatives, to mitigate the impacts of future cold waves and other climaterelated hazards. This necessitates a proactive approach towards climate adaptation and disaster management to safeguard lives and livelihoods in the face of evolving environmental challenges. The January 2024 updates mark the commemoration of the Indian Meteorological Department's 150 years of exemplary public service in weather forecasting. This edition of Samanvay features updates from our members on Cyclone Michaung relief efforts, along with Sphere India's program updates and highlights from the

this goal. I take this opportunity to express gratitude to all our members, partners, staff, and volunteers for their unwavering support and dedication. We are committed to enhancing synergies among diverse stakeholders and welcome any feedback to improve our programs and monthly bulletin. Our aim is to ensure that our monthly bulletins serve as valuable sources of information. Your feedback and suggestions are invaluable as we strive to enhance the quality and relevance of our communications.

Warm Regards, Vikrant Mahajan CEO, Sphere India

Psychosocial Support Series: Social Inclusion During Emergencies

Ms. Jyothi Ravichandran, Programme Specialist at UNICEF, collaborated with Americares to delve into the realm of psychosocial support customized for children in emergency situations. Participants gained valuable insights into trauma-informed approaches, resilience-building techniques, and the importance of creating safe and supportive environments for children affected by emergencies. **ToT Session for Women in Emergencies** The session emphasized the importance of gender-sensitive approaches, community engagement, and empowerment initiatives in addressing the



services Partnering with Americares, Ms. Farhana Naznin, MHPSS Technical Specialist at Handicap International - Humanity & Inclusion Bangladesh, conducted a compelling session addressing Psychosocial Support for Persons with Disabilities in emergency settings. The dialogue centered on

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Ms. Farhana Naznin, MHPSS Technical Specialist at Handicap

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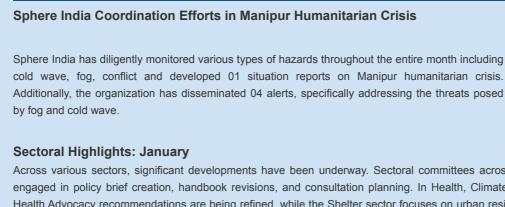
demographic. The session emphasized the importance of prioritizing the well-being and rights of persons with disabilities, highlighting practical approaches to promote resilience and holistic recovery in crisis situations.



Panel Discussion: Indigenous Wisdom & Approaches to Disaster Preparedness: Nagaland In collaboration with IAG Nagaland, a thought-provoking panel discussion convened by Rev. Amos Humtsoe, Mr. Samuel Therieh, and Mr. Jenpu Rhakho Rongmei illuminated indigenous perspectives on disaster preparedness. The session not only underscored the invaluable indigenous knowledge but also emphasized the role of community-driven initiatives in fostering resilience. Participants gained profound insights into traditional

> populations. An understanding of core principles guiding humanitarian action and the importance of adherence to established standards for delivering timely and effective

Inter-Agency Coordination



COP28 witnessed the conclusion and presentation on global progress on climate action against the Paris Agreement Goals. The stocktake was aimed at identifying gaps to accelerate equitable and gender-just climate action. The COP28 aimed to display high

ambition and accelerate action on mitigation and adaptation and the means to deliver on action through climate finance. This publication is an aim to unilaterally present climate centric outcomes and implications of the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) including snippets on India's stances and achievements. COP28, a pivotal global

environmental summit focused on climate change, featured critical discussions and agreements impacting India's environmental policies, economy, and societal frameworks. The report is open for inputs and suggestions.

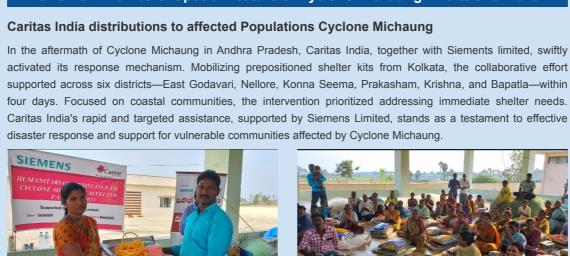
Inter Agency Group, Andhra Pradesh

News from Members: Special Feature of Cyclone Michaung Efforts this Month Caritas India distributions to affected Populations Cyclone Michaung In the aftermath of Cyclone Michaung in Andhra Pradesh, Caritas India, together with Siements limited, swiftly

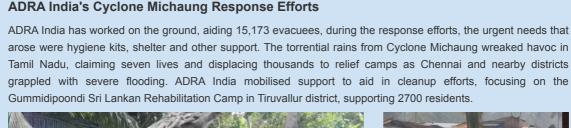
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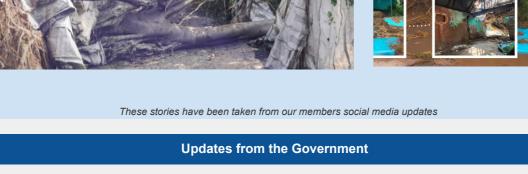
The Inter Agency Group in Andhra Pradesh convened its monthly review meeting to discuss ongoing activities and share pertinent updates. Representatives from various organizations collaborated to assess progress, identify challenges, and strategize for collective action. The meeting also served as a platform for networking and

Minutes of the Meeting >>



HCL Foundation, Sphere India and Other CSOs: Inter-Agency Coordination As part of Cyclone Michaung response efforts in Chennai, coordination efforts with NGOs, UNICEF, and government bodies were prioritized. Sphere India along with HCL Foundation and other supporting organisations led the Joint Rapid Needs Assessments, engaging with government officials for support, and strengthening interagency coordination. Challenges included delays in responses from government representatives and the need for improved communication within the Inter-Agency Group. Future plans include expanding coordination networks









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Transforming Energy Demand: In this paper, the Transforming Energy Demand initiative outlines actions for businesses and countries to enhance energy management, efficiency

Synergistic action should be a required component of national commitments, reporting and financing for climate and development goals. We must act on the climate emergency and sustainable development together now, or we risk not solving them at all Read More>>

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domestic politics will be a source of global economic volatility

| 68% | labour market conditions will loosen in advanced economies



heritage around the world. Grant Amount: 10 Million - 107.5 Million Euros Organization: EU - India and MoES Deadline: 31 Oct 2024 Read More >> **Upcoming Events and Plans Ahead** Sphere India **UPCOMING SESSIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2024** WED THU FRI **Psychosocial Support for Persons with Disabilities**



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holistic well-being of women affected by emergencies. Ms. Sushmita Mukherjee, PCI Global India conducted the session. Participants gained valuable insights into the nuanced challenges women face in crisis situations, including gender-based violence and access to essential **ToT Session for Persons with Disabilities in Emergencies**

LESSONS FROM NAGALAND'S
INDIGENOUS DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS practices, community solidarity, and the importance of cultural heritage in mitigating disaster risks.

Sectoral Highlights: January Across various sectors, significant developments have been underway. Sectoral committees across are actively engaged in policy brief creation, handbook revisions, and consultation planning. In Health, Climate Change and Health Advocacy recommendations are being refined, while the Shelter sector focuses on urban resilience against flooding. The Protection sector advances with policy brief drafts and handbook revisions, while the Food and Nutrition Security sector addresses disaster-affected populations. WaSH sector initiatives include handbook revisions and policy brief drafting, emphasizing inclusive action and resilient systems in India. These endeavors signify robust efforts towards sectoral improvement and preparedness. **Collaborative Advocacy** Decoding COP 28 For India: Navigating Challenges & Charting Strategies for India's **Climate Course (Draft Version)**

Caritas India's rapid and targeted assistance, supported by Siemens Limited, stands as a testament to effective disaster response and support for vulnerable communities affected by Cyclone Michaung.

strengthening partnerships to better address the evolving needs of communities in the region.

India Meteorological Department celebrates 150th Year of its establishment and service to

The Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar graced the

occasion as Chief Guest in the inaugural ceremony celebration of

150th years of its establishment.



Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change submits proposals for Wetland City Accreditation under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands for cities of Indore, Bhopal and

The Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change submitted proposals for Wetland City Accreditation (WCA) under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands for Indore, Bhopal, and Udaipur. These cities, with notable wetlands like Sirpur Lake, Bhoj Wetland, and Fateh Sagar Wetland, are vital for flood regulation and cultural



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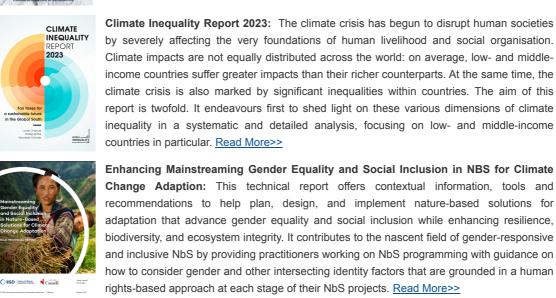
entrepreneurs, and news outlets. Davos

2024 opened with a call for global cooperation. Professor Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, explained the

diverse and profound challenges the

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managers, wholesale internet infrastructure providers, and other private sector partners to accelerate new investments that benefit digital finance and internet service providers in emerging markets. Grant Amount: 500000 \$ **Organization: USAID** Deadline: 15 April 2024 Read More>> **Sphere India Academy Calendar FEBRUARY 2024** MON Feb 1 2 3 5 8 9 10 Feb 12 13 15 11 14 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 16 Feb 25 29 Sphere India Academy was launched on April 10th, 2020 (as COVID-19 Academy) as a collaborative initiative of WHO, UNICEF, WFP, HCLF, Sphere Feb India, and other organizations. The academy serves as a capacity-building program, aiming to provide training for humanitarian aid and humanitarian and frontline workers across India. Its primary objective is to 26 equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to fulfill various roles Feb in emergency preparedness and response, as well as to support local government, administration, and communities. Over the past three years, the Academy has conducted more than 270 sessions, with approximately 27-29 150,000 participants and 684 unique resource persons delivering these

in Emergencies. Link: http://tiny.cc/PSS-PWD Debrief on the 3rd International Symposium on Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development.

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Dear Readers As we step into 2024, North India grapples with a severe cold wave this month, underscoring the complex interplay between weather patterns and climate change. Such extreme weather events highlight the urgency of bolstering disaster risk reduction measures and enhancing resilience in vulnerable regions. In response, government and international humanitarian community. Additionally, it includes significant events and initiatives by our member organizations, upcoming events, and future plans. We endeavor to ensure that our newsletters are informative and beneficial to our readership, and we appreciate your feedback and suggestions to achieve

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Knowledge & Capacity Sharing

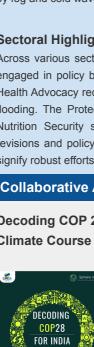
Sphere India in collaboration with Americares and Handicap International - Humanity and Inclusion has been undertaking a progression from the National ToT, a continuous platform for knowledge exchange, skill enhancement, and collaboration among experts, resource persons, and participants through a series of webinars. As part of the awareness building there have been several regional Trainings on Psychosocial Support (PSS) in Emergencies undertaken in the January and scheduled for February for local CSOs and volunteers across various regions of India. These sessions will be facilitated by trained ToT participants and local stakeholders, fostering a cadre of professionals capable of offering psychosocial support to communities post-disaster. The webinars will prepare ToT participants to effectively lead the ensuing trainings.

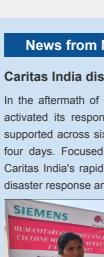
ToT Session for Children in Emergencies

ToT for Strategies and Techniques during Emergencies













initiatives for inclusive weather forecasting. IMD's

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the National Framework of Climate Services, aiming for

a climate-smart India.

Udaipur



Global economic prospects

Chief economists' expectations for the year ahead

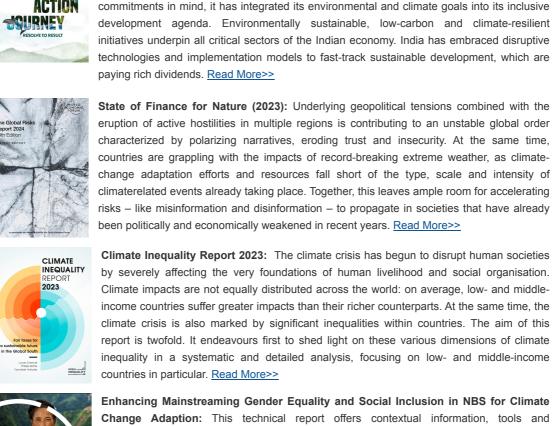
93% pace of Interest rate rises will slow

85% lending conditions for businesses will tighter

90% geopolitics will be a source of global economic volatility

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budget within five to six years to limit warming. Despite the Paris Agreement, emissions rise. Decarbonization is crucial, but removing excess CO2 from the atmosphere is equally urgent. Current natural solutions are insufficient. New engineered carbon dioxide removal (CDR) technologies like biochar and direct air capture are crucial. The First Movers Coalition (FMC) aims to drive demand and commercialization of these technologies, urging corporate leaders to act now. Read More>> **Grants and Opportunities UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women** Digital Invest is a U.S. government-funded program overseen by a team of technical experts at USAID who provide highly customized support to the private sector. Its purpose is to select and support investment fund

> Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-07-02-24 **Exploring GIS and Remote Sensing: Fundamentals** and Disaster Applications. Link: http://tiny.cc/SIA-GIS Day 2- Sphere India Annual Lessons Learnt Workshop Link: http://tiny.cc/SI-LLW_20-21Feb24 Panel Discussion: Indigenous Wisdom Approaches to Disaster Preparedness- Bihar LINK: http://tiny.cc/SIA-IndigenousDRR Regional Training Psychosocial Support in **Emergencies (Maharashtra)** For more details, contact Ms. Hannah Kezia Jose at hannah@sphereindia.org.in Sphere India



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