

KEY EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

Greeting from Sphere India

Welcome to the June-July 2015 issue of Sphere India Newsletter. This issue features response/relief, updates from Sphere India programme unit and a list of upcoming events.

One of the articles showcases **Brainstorming on** National capacity building strategy for healthcare. The second article is on Nepal Earthquake: Unfolding Uncertainties for Secondary Hazards.

Two updates are from our member organizations on **Disaster Resilient School Safety Program launch** and another one is an experience sharing programme on **conducting a national outreach initiative on Foreign Contribution Regulation Act**. Another feature article discusses the last month updates from Sphere India programme unit: IAC, KM, CA and TCB.

And lastly it includes two case studies on Nepal Earthquake Disaster Relief by **PGVS-Cordaid** and miscellaneous section with upcoming events/training in month of July, 2015.

A key note message, news from government, key activities of member organizations, case studies from Nepal earthquake.

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KEY NOTE MESSAGE

Emmanuel Hospital Association (INDIA)

Dear Colleagues in Humanitarian Response,

Emmanuel Hospital Association's (EHA) association with Sphere India began when the massive tsunami struck Andaman and Nicobar Islands in 2004 through its journey in disaster response began with the 1991 Uttarkashi earthquake. The word '*coordination*' is extremely crucial for an effective disaster response and Sphere India has been '*synonymous*' with it for EHA.



Like many other member organizations, EHA since then found a sustainable relationship with Sphere India throughout its journey in disaster response. Sphere India moved much beyond coordination and networking enabling its members to take conscious efforts to maintain quality and minimum standards. Training & Capacity Building and the Inter-Agency Coordination has been a great contribution from Sphere India that binds members and helps ensure quality response to disaster events.

Every disaster event leaves a common and serious note on 'improving coordination mechanism' for effective relief program in the future. Sphere India's initiative toward formation of Inter-Agency Groups in State as well as District level is commendable for mitigating the potential gaps in coordination. We have observed the Sphere India team's capacity being very well utilized in such coordination initiatives in Jammu and Kashmir during the 2014 massive floods as well as in Nepal. As a member institution EHA has been largely benefiting from the SITREP and Joint Rapid Needs Assessment by Sphere India in collaboration with its members.

I wish that Sphere India would ensure take its 'All Inclusive' initiative to another level by pro-actively involving People with Disabilities and Disabled Peoples' Organizations in all facets of disaster response in line with the recent deliberations in the World Congress on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai.

I do hope that Sphere India would take a step further in the Pan-Asian disaster coordination initiative, closely working with the Government of India and the SAARC countries, for enabling seamless humanitarian response across the border, drawing lessons learned from the recent Nepal earthquake.

I thank Sphere India for inviting EHA for the key note address.

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VOICE OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR
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VOLUNTARY ACTION NETWORK INDIA (VANI)

ALL INDIA LEVEL FCRA RENEWAL CLINICS CONDUCTED BY VANI IN COLLABORATION WITH FMSF, CPA, CREDIBILITY ALLIANCE AND CAP

Voluntary Action Network India (VANI) conducted a national outreach initiative on Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010, through a series of FCRA Renewal Clinics in collaboration with its partners. The clinics were held across India with the objective of deconstructing and simplifying the FCRA law for grassroots organisations and ensuring awareness and clarity about the FCRA renewal process.

The clinics were organized in various cities including New Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pune, Raipur, Ahmedabad, Patna, Kolkata, Ranchi, Imphal, Bhubaneshwar, Bhopal, Hyderabad and Udaipur. VANI and its partners decided to organize these workshops to address the existing doubts of voluntary organisations regarding



FCRA and to explain the upcoming renewal process which created apprehension among organizations. Furthermore, while the MHA is conducting FCRA renewals, VANI and FMSF are in the process of reviewing the law itself and documenting organizational experiences in working within the ambit of the new law. The clinics have been helpful in identifying issues for this feedback process. The participation in the clinics was enthusiastic amounting to a total of 1000 representatives from different organizations attending the clinics in

different cities with many keen to understand the underlying provisions of the renewal process.



Centre for Resilience and Development

DISASTER RESILIENT SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM IN MUMBAI (INDIA)

CORD (Centre for Resilience and Development), Cordaid’s official entity in India recently launched the 'Disaster Resilient School Safety Program' across two schools in urban slum communities of Mumbai, Maharashtra in collaboration with Rotary International, Mumbai. This program is in alignment with the National Safe Schools Campaign 2012, a joint effort of Government, Schools and NGOs. This is the second Safe School Campaign led by us after Gujarat Safe School program that was concluded this year.

Context: The Program has been launched in collaboration with **Rotary International Mumbai**, in two key communities that houses one of the largest slums of Maharashtra. The schools here are largely **non-aided** and offer **free education** to children who hail from some of the most **economically challenged** sections of the society. Since children and elderly are most **vulnerable** groups affected in disasters there is a compelling reason to drive this safety program for disaster resilience in schools in urban & rural communities.



Rtn. Mr Ajay Gupta Governor Rotary Mumbai, District 3140 addressing the students of the schools in Ghatkopar at the launch of 'Safe Schools' program

Aim: Ensure **disaster resilient safe schools** in economically challenged area(s) of Mumbai (gradually extend the program to other parts of Maharashtra & states of India).

Resources: National level dedicated experts from our partner **Unnati** will be engaged to plan & execute the intervention. **Rotary International** and Governor of Mumbai Municipal Corporation shall provide the required support to mobilize **external stakeholder** & assist financially.



Mr Krit Parmar, Resource person, Unnati demonstrating rescue techniques during disaster situation to students at SNTD School, Ghatkopar

Scale of Impact

3400 100

Student’s teachers & school administrative staff.

Joymax School, Ramabai Nagar offers coeducation

1800 students in slums of Ramabai Colony

SNTD, Cama Road, Ghatkopar has over **1600** girls (only)

Duration of the program: 6 months i.e. June to November 2015



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT, INDIA

BRAINSTORMING WORKSHOP ON NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING STRATEGY FOR HEALTHCARE SECTOR, 12TH JUNE 2015



A half day brainstorming workshop on National capacity building strategy for healthcare sector was held at NIDM on 12th June, 2015, in which experts from various organizations such as NDMA, Indian Medical Association, World Health Organization, SAARC Disaster Management Center, ICRC, IFRC, NABH, CAHO, Emmanuel Hospital Association, (SEMI) Society for Emergency Medicine India -Institution for Disasters, Emergency

and Accidents Sphere India, Doctors for You, St John Ambulance brigade, OCS-MCS, Trained Nurses Association of India, Healthcare Sector Skill Council, Sushtra Trauma Center, Apollo Hospital, Max Healthcare and all representatives from various states participated. The dignitaries among the participants included Shri Kamal Kishore, Member, NDMA, Dr.K.K. Agarwal, Honorary Secretary, IMA and Dr. Reuben Samuel, of WHO. The Workshop was organized under the guidance of Prof. Santosh kumar, ED, NIDM & Director, SDMC and Dr. K.J. Anandha kumar, Associate Professor, by Dr. Saurabh Dalal, and Ms. Lakshita Balani, Jr. Consultants.

The objective of the workshop was to hold consultations with all the stakeholders for planning & organizing long term strategies in healthcare sector. Various relevant aspects were addressed for developing a roadmap to include DRR in health sector such as identifying & standardizing specific trainings, creating awareness among the healthcare mechanism about importance of hospital disaster preparedness, universally adapting the training module & format for institutions, helping decision makers understand the factors affecting the functionality of hospitals to mention a few. Many of the participated organizations were interested in the very purpose of the brainstorming workshop & expressed dedicated desire to work with NIDM in the direction of preparation of national capacity building strategy for healthcare sector.

NIDM: BRAINSTORMING WORKSHOP ON "NEPAL EARTHQUAKE: UNFOLDING UNCERTAINTIES FOR SECONDARY HAZARDS", 28 MAY 2015

NIDM has organized one day Brainstorming Workshop on "Nepal Earthquake: Unfolding Uncertainties for Secondary Hazards" on 28 May, 2015 at its premises in New Delhi. Dignitaries like Shri Chandi Prasad Bhatt, Padam Bhushan, Padam Shri and Magsaysay Awardee; Shri R. K. Jain, IAS, Member Secretary, NDMA; Shri Kamal Kishore, Member, NDMA; Shri O. P. Singh, IPS, DG NDRF; Prof Anil Kulkarni, Distinguished Scientist, IISc, Bangalore; and Prof. Santosh Kumar,

ED, NIDM participated along with many other eminent experts from various organizations such as IDS, CWC, SDMC, GSI, NRSC, AIR/Prasar Bharti, NIDM, IMD etc.

The participants shared their observations from the field, information, experiences and ideas through presentations and active participation in the discussions.



The workshop focused on secondary hazards such as landslides, avalanches, river blockades, landslide dammed lakes, glacial lake outburst floods, flash floods and forest fires that are likely to happen in post-earthquake situations due to terrain changes and adverse weather conditions during forthcoming monsoon season. Draft major recommendations for immediate, short and long-term actions evolved after the workshop have been circulated by the institute

among the participants. The final recommendations will be submitted to the Government.

INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION:

HEAT WAVE

Heat wave to severe heat wave conditions has prevailed at places over Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Odisha, West Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand & Vidarbha and at isolated places over East Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Rajasthan and Punjab causing deaths around 2000 across the country. Two Sitreps had been released in coordination with State IAGs and respective State authorities.

ASSAM FLOODS

With the onset of monsoon the flood situation in Assam has created havoc in several districts. Lakhimpur district has been affected badly. The districts affected are BARPETA, SONITPUR, DHAMAJI, LAKHIMPUR, KOKRAJHAR, TINSUKIA, DARRANG, DIBRUGARH, NOGAON, GOALPARA, DHUBRI and KAMRUP (Metro) as informed by Assam IAG and report by ASDMA. The information received from them is being shared among members. IAC teleconference was conducted to take an account of flood situation in Assam and next plan of action.

LOGISTIC CORE GROUP MEETING

In view of monsoon, preparedness meeting of core group was called on 4th of June to take an account of preparedness action taken so far and to discuss on preparedness action for logistic support during emergencies. The next plans of action have been prepared and following activities are in pipeline:

1. To develop logistics plan, TOR and SOP for core group on logistics.
2. Database of "Mapping of Resources" sector wise and shortlisting of potential vendors.
3. Meeting with head of airlines, manufacturer and other key stakeholders.
4. Coordination with the Government on tax exception during peace time to reduce the hassle during disaster.
5. To process the consultation/ discussion on developing guideline on logistics.

UNIFIED RESPONSE SYSTEM REVISION

1. **SOP, Flow chart of SoP, Trigger Mechanism and MOU:** These documents were shared with IAC core members after compiling inputs received from State and National Consultations.
2. **JRNA tool revision:** The JRNA tool was revised in consultation with member agencies.
3. **Adaptation of JRNA tool for urban, slow onset disaster and civil strife:** 1st draft of JRNA tool on slow onset disaster and civil strife has been shared with core committee.
4. **Secondary report:** Secondary data analysis report has been developed in consultation with 5 State IAGs which are UP, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam and Orissa and shared with IAC core committee for final inputs.

COLLABORATIVE ADVOCACY:

RIGHTS IN CRISIS TOOL REVISION (both for minimum standards and access to govt. social protection schemes): Taking the learning's from last year process of Right in Crisis, the tool has been revised in consultation with advocacy committee and sectoral committee members.



ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ORGANIZED BY PHDCCI – “State CSR Policy” in Dehradun, Uttarakhand: We made a presentation on “**CSR and Disaster Management**” highlighting CSR role in humanitarian actions and disaster management. Emphasis was laid on how corporate can make provision under CSR funds in mainstreaming DRR into development works. **An appeal was also made to year mark 10% of CSR funds into Disaster Management activities.** The outcome was that there is a need to break

mindsets of companies to utilize CSR funds for DM. This can be achieved through awareness, capacity building and sensitization of corporate on Disaster Risk Reduction/Disaster Management.

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING:

MEETING WITH MD NRHM REGARDING THE MISP ROLL OUT IN J&K

A follow up meeting was taken up with MD NRHM J&K to discuss the **way forward for MISP roll out in J&K**. It was discussed that **3 Regional Trainings** (3 days each) will be organized in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, followed by **3 Integration workshops** (2 days each) in the respective regions to integrate MISP in **State Disaster Management Plan**. The MISP Trainings in J&K will be reinforcement **for the participants** who have attended trainings on disaster management and MNH post floods. The composition and number of participants for the MISP State Trainings was finalized for Jammu and Kashmir Trainings. Each Regional Training would have **34 participants** including 5 State Trainers, 10 CMOs, 10 Asha Coordinators and 10 District Programme Managers. The trainings are proposed for the **month of July**.

BCDRR ROADMAP TEMPLATE

Sexual and Reproductive Health in Disasters including Maternal and new born mortality and morbidity, prevention of Sexual Violence, HIV/STI prevention, Integrating SRH services/supplies and logistics with UNFPA for **BCDRR Roadmap template**. The **Targets, Milestones and Key Actions** were worked out based on the **Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030**. The theme will be covered under Resilient Basic Service section.

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS ON MISP (MINIMUM INITIAL SERVICE PACKAGE) FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN DISASTERS, IN THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

Regional workshops were conducted in the State of Maharashtra supported by National Health Mission and NRHM Maharashtra. A total of **70 participants** attended the workshops in four cluster divisions (namely **Nagpur, Kolhapur, Aurangabad and Nasik**) covering more than **30 districts of Maharashtra**. The objectives of the workshop included helping the participants in **designing a core group of competent resource persons in MISP** who will advocate for MISP at the district level, develop **Disaster Contingency Action Plans** for 20-30 districts, specify the MISP related activities which can be implemented and incorporated in the District Disaster management programs of the district, develop a **coordination forum** in the district who can implement MISP related activities.



Sphere India provided the **technical resource and equipment** for this workshop while UNFPA and NHM supported with **venue, logistic and travel of mentors** to the training locations. Each workshop was attended by **DRCHOs, MOs, Ashas, and DDMs** from **30 districts** across the State of Maharashtra. An integration workshop is been planned in July in Maharashtra with support Health, Maharashtra to **review the State Disaster Plan** and **integrate MISP** as part of the plan.

MEETING WITH SDMA, J&K

A meeting was held at the Office of the **SDMA, J&K** to **review the progress on DDMP work in Poonch** and finalization of dates for Final Consultation, planning for **Lesson Learning workshop** for engaging all districts where DDMP work is been initiated, **Planning for the disaster preparedness trainings** in J&K as was requested by SDMA earlier. Support for rolling out MISP in J&K was also discussed.



REPORT LAUNCH ON RETROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE OF BUILDING BACK A FLOOD RESILIENT KASHMIR

Sphere India attended a book launch of the report release on **Retrospective and Prospective of building back a flood resilient Kashmir** at the Kashmir University. It was supported by **Department of Earth Science, University of Kashmir and Centre Dialogue and Reconciliation**. The organizers have come out with **short term and long term technical recommendations** which will be shared with the State Government for their perusal. Representation was from Academia, State ATI and Civil Society

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT:

FINAL MULTISTAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION IN BARAMULLA, J&K

The **Final Multistakeholder DDMP Consultation** was organized at District Headquarter, **Baramulla** on **23rd May 2015** with participation of **25 line departments** and few representatives from local organizations. **45 participants attended** this Consultation. The initial Draft of the DDMP was shared with the District Administration and NGOs for seeking their inputs. All relevant Line Departments were also provided the **checklist for SOPs** for further additions and modifications.



The District Development Commissioner appreciated the efforts of Sphere India and all line departments in paving way for preparing a comprehensive document. All concerned departments were requested to give their inputs **by first week of June, 2015**. The final inputs will be incorporated in the First Draft and the final draft will be shared with the District Administration in the coming days. **MISP chapter (MISP District Health Plan)** has been integrated in the Volume 4 of the DDMPs which have been formulated in J&K. Various components of the MISP(MNH,GBV,HIV,SRH Supplies) have been included in the SOP checklists for various line departments. SOPs have been developed for Sexual and Gender based Violence.



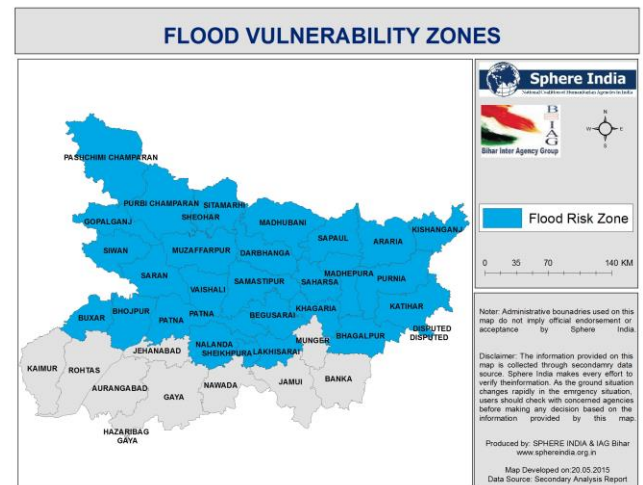
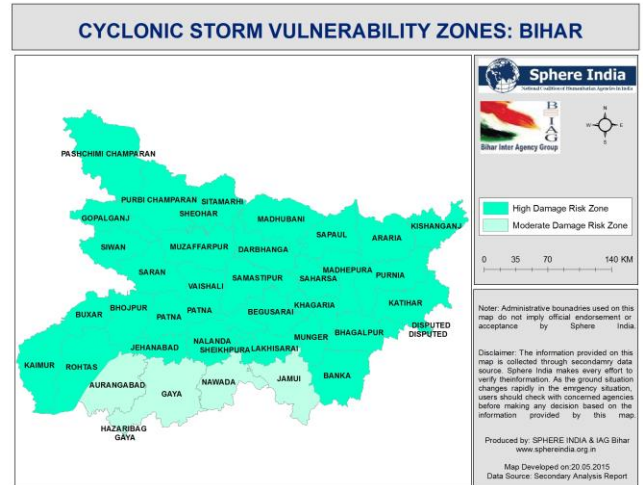
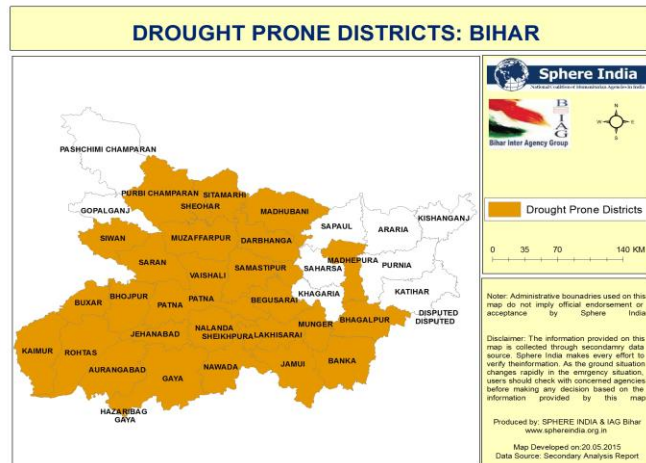
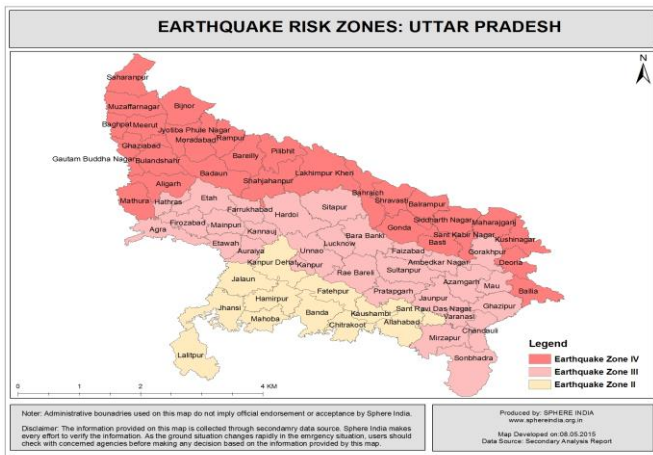
KULGAM DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN (J&K)

The final consultation on draft District Disaster Management Plan was organized at DC Conference Hall, Kulgam on 29th May, 2015 chaired by Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman District Disaster Management Authority, Kulgam with active participation of district advisory committee, line departments and local non-government organizations for getting inputs and

feedback to finalized the plan. All concerned departments are directed to share their inputs on/before 15th June, 2015 by DC.

GIS MAPPING

GIS maps of Drought prone districts, Cyclonic storm and Flood vulnerability zones, were developed for Bihar Secondary Report Analysis under the Inter-Agency Coordination Programme.

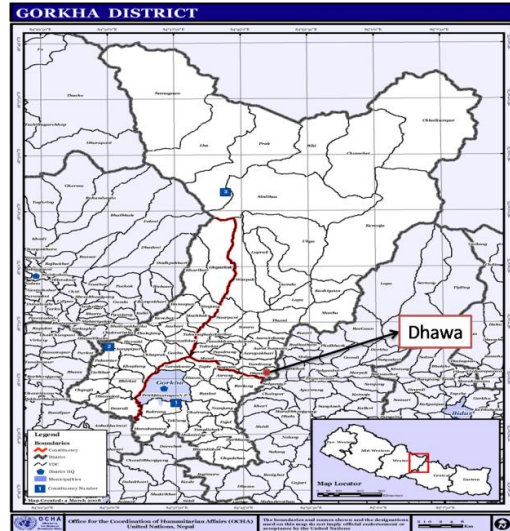


CASE STUDY-1: PGVS-CORDAID IN PARTNERSHIP FOR NEPAL 2015 EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RELIEF

Aid provided to Gokaran Dhital, mother of two children who independently runs the household

Geographical description of the region: DHAWA; It is located 40 km north-east of District Headquarter Gorkha. VDC DHAWA covers 16.05 Sq. Km. PGVS-CA distributed relief items to ward no 5 of Dhawa VDC. (See map enclosed on right for details)

Gokaran Dhital Wife of Hari Prasad Dhital lives in Ward no 4 of VDC Dhawa, District Gorkha. She has two children; being separated from her husband she supports them independently. Sita Devi bears overall responsibility of the family. Her house has been collapsed due to earthquake and her family source of livelihood is labour jobs in local nearby area(s) for sustenance.



On talking with her and understanding her fears and anxiety post the disaster she shared her experiences. She said that the main challenge in the present earthquake situation is inaccessibility resulting in lack of all basic survival items i.e. fuel for cooking food, food and temporary shelter material etc. in the area.

She has stated that she is extremely fortunate & glad for the efforts undertaken by Cordaid and PGVS and appreciated distribution approach, which could not be applied by any agency in such time. In spite of the misery and troubled times, she was said that “at least few people are kind on earth who are there to help poor & helpless people genuinely”. She wished for more support in future with her gracious words towards the support given.

Gokaran Dhital Wife of Hari Prasad Dhital
Ward no – 4
VDC – DHAWA
District – Gorkha (Nepal)

CASE STUDY-2

Geographical description of the region: DHAWA; It is located 40 km north-east of District Headquarter Gorkha. VDC DHAWA covers 16.05 Sq. Km. PGVS-CA distributed relief items to ward no 5 of Dhawa VDC Ram Chandra Timishna s/o Karud Prajapati lives in ward no 5 of VDC Dhawa, District Gorkha, Nepal. He is native of this village and lives alone in family. He has three children and they do job but they provide support hardly.



He is landless & his livelihood is based on labour. His house collapsed due to the devastating earthquake on 25 April and lost everything with it. He cited that shelter is the most critical & common problem after food.

After earthquake, he took shelter in open areas without proper shelter items. He said that toilets also got destroyed with their houses due to which people are going to open space for defecation in need. Due to open defecation, possibility of disease outbreak was in the community for some time as well. Crisis of open space increased day by day as a result of this practice.

He said, “We saw so much support to address this critical problem which could potentially result in an outbreak of a disease. It was a real need of the hour and right time for support”

He appreciated Cordaid & PGVS efforts and support for a lot of materials – both food & non-food. He specially thanked for aqua tab distribution in large amount to each family. This helped in getting safe drinking water and keeping him away from water borne diseases. He was very thankful to this team. He shared his views by saying, *“our children are safe from water borne disease and our problem finished for at least 15 days.”*

Ram Chandra Timishna s/o Karud Prajapati
Ward no – 5
VDC – Dhawa
District – Gorkha (Nepal)

Upcoming Events /Trainings in July 2015:

Sr. No.	Event/Training/Workshop	Date	Place
1.	ToT on Mainstreaming CCA – DRR into Local Governance for SAARC Nations)	6-10 July	NIDM, New Delhi
2.	Need for Children in disasters	13-17 July	NIDM, New Delhi
3.	MISP Training	14-16 July	Jammu
4.	Industrial (Chemical) Disasters Management	20-24 Jul	MDCSHE, Odisha
5.	ToT on School Risk Reduction	20-24 July	NIDM, New Delhi
6.	MISP Training	22-24 July	Kashmir
7.	WHS Consultation in collaboration with UN-OCHA focusing on SA Networks/Media	23 July	
8.	ToT on Basic Disaster Management	27-31 July	CGAA, Chhattisgarh
9.	National Training CBM Partners in CBDRR	28-31 July	
10.	MISP Integration Workshop	5–6 August	Maharashtra



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