

NATIONAL ORIENTATION MEETING ON DROWNING PREVENTION

Brief report on WHO team visit at KSDM, KSEOC on 25th Sept 2023

In connection with the two days' programme on National Orientation Meeting on Drowning Prevention organized by WHO India, 'Drowning prevention and emergency response in Kerala' was one of the major sessions in that programme. Mr. Sathyakumar C J, Hazard Analyst invited them to handle this session.

Despite the session being originally scheduled at the venue, the WHO team made a deliberate choice to visit the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) to gain deeper insights into its functions and understand the initiatives being implemented to mitigate drowning deaths. Comprising 50 individuals, the team visited the Kerala State Emergency Operations Center (KSEOC) where they were greeted by Dr. Sekhar L Kuriakose, Member Secretary of KSDMA. Dr. Kuriakose extended a warm welcome to the team and delivered a comprehensive speech, providing an overview of all activities carried out by KSDMA in disaster mitigation and response.

Hazard Analyst Sri. Sathyakumar C J explained the WHO team about the functions of the Fusion Center and conducted a detailed presentation for the team about the initiatives taken by KSDMA to minimize drowning deaths in Kerala.

By the end of the presentation, conducted short film show titled 'Nerrivu', which produced by KSDMA as part of drowning prevention campaign. The short film got a good feedback from the participants as well.

The programme winded up by 5 PM.





National Orientation Meeting on Drowning Prevention

Venue: Hilton, Thiruvananthapuram

Dates: 25th & 26th September 2023

Day 1 (25/09/2023)		
Time	Topics	Speaker/ Facilitator
9.00 – 9:30 AM	Registration	
9:30 - 10:30 AM	Inaugural session	
10.30 -12.00 PM	Technical Session 1: Presentations followed by discussion for 20 minutes	
10:40 – 10:55 AM	Global Perspective and Experiences on Drowning Prevention	David Meddings , Scientist, Violence and Injury Prevention, WHO HQ
10:55 – 11:10 AM	Regional Status report and action in Drowning Prevention	Tashi Tobgay , Regional Adviser, Injury and Disability Prevention,
11:10 – 11:25 AM	National Strategy on Drowning prevention: :	Dr Manas Pratim Roy , ADG, Dte DGHS, MoHFW
11:25 – 11:40 AM	Global status report on Drowning Introduction:	Dr B Mohammed Asheel , NPO, Injury and Disability Prevention, WHO India
11.40-12.00 PM	Discussion	
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Tea break	
12.15-1.40 PM	Technical Session 2: Presentations followed by discussion for 15 minutes	
12:25 – 12:40 PM	Perspective on Global Child Drowning	Dr Jagnoor, Head , WHOCC on Injury Prevention, George Institute Australia
12.40 – 12.55 PM	Drowning Prevention and Emergency Response in Kerala	Sathya Kumar CJ, Hazard Analyst , KSDMA, Government of Kerala
12.55-1.10 PM	Best Practices and Experience by the States on drowning prevention: Goa	Dr Kedar Raikar , CMO, NCDC
1.10-1.25 PM	Best Practices and Experience by the States on drowning prevention: Tamil Nadu	Dr P Saravanakumar , Associate professor Community Medicine, Kilpauk Medical College
1.25-1.40 PM	Discussion	
1.40- 2.10 PM	Lunch Break	
2.10 – 6.00 PM	Hands on Session: Measures to follow in rescuing of drowning victim Visit to the Apex Trauma and Emergency Learning Center (ATELC) and State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA)	

Day 2 (26/09/2023)

Time	Topics	Speaker
09:30 – 10:40 AM	Technical session 3: Drowning prevention with multistakeholder involvement followed by discussion 15 minutes	
9:40 – 9:55 AM	Response of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in drowning due to Natural calamities and need for state action plans	Shri Rakesh Ranjan , Second-In-Command (Operations), HQ NDRF New Delhi
9.55-10.10 AM	Advocacy / Community perspectives on drowning prevention	Mr Sujoy Roy , National Advocacy Officer, Child in Need Institute
10.10-10.25 AM	Intersectoral activities for drowning prevention at the states	Stakeholders from various Ministry
10.25 -10.40 AM	Discussion	
10:40 – 11:00 AM	Tea break	
11.00- 11.30 AM	Technical session 4	
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Identifying priority actions at the state level for drowning prevention	Group activity
1.00 – 2.00 PM	Lunch break	
2:00 – 3.00 PM	Presentations of group activity and setting way forward ((Including roles in global status report) Conclusion by : Dr Krishnan Kumar, CMO(SAG) Govt of India	Group activity
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Visit to Magic Planet- Poster competition on drowning prevention	