Report

'InDisData' Software Training Programme

23rd and 24th July 2015

Jointly organised by Ministry of Home Affairs and Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, Government of Kerala

Held at 'Chandragiri-Conference Hall', Institute of Land and Disaster Management, Trivandrum

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As per the discussion held on 23-05-2015 by the Relief Commissioners/Secretary (DM) of States/ UTs regarding the 'IndisData' Software prepared by the Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with UNISDR, a two day training session was tentatively decided to be held at Pune, Trivandrum, Chennai, Guwahati, Kolkata and Delhi, with the consultation of State Level Officers.

As per the G.O. (Rt) No. 3600/2015/DMD dated 9th July 2015, sanction was accorded by the Government of Kerala to host the programme at Institute of Land and Disaster Management on 23rd and 24th of July 2015. The disaster loss information has to be entered in the software by block/district level officers of the State administration. In case of difficulty, the district level officers of NIC and CSO will help in entering the information in the software.

Schedule of the programme

Day 1

Hostess		Ms. Anupama N.
Prayer	10:15 AM	Mrs. Preetha R.S.
Brief Introduction	10:20 – 10:30 AM	Dr. Sekhar L. Kuriakose, Member, KSDMA & Head. SEOC
Welcome Address	10:30 – 10:45 AM	Prof. Dr. Keshav Mohan, Director, ILDM
Brief Address	10:45 – 11:00 AM	Mr. James Mathew, Director, Central Statistics Office
Presidential Address	11: 30 – 11:15 AM	Dr. Vishwas Mehta IAS, Principal Secretary, Revenue Disaster Management and State Relief Commissioner
Tea/Coffee Break	11:15 – 11: 30 AM	
Introduction to InDisData Software	11:30 – 01:00 PM	Mr. Julio Serje, Course Faculty, UNISDR
Lunch	01:00 – 02:00 PM	
Hands-on sesssion on the Software	02:00 – 03:30 PM	Mr. Julio Serje, Course Faculty, UNISDR
Tea/Coffee Break	03:30 – 03:45	
Hands-on sesssion on the Software	03:45 – 05:00	Mr. Julio Serje, Course Faculty, UNISDR

Day 2

Workshop Opening- Brief Recap of Day 1	09: 30 – 11:00 AM	Mr. Julio Serje, Course Faculty, UNISDR
Tea/Coffee Break	11:00 – 11: 15 AM	
Exercises on Data Operations & Preliminary Analysis	11:15 – 01:00 PM	Mr. Julio Serje, Course Faculty, UNISDR
Lunch	01:00 – 02:00 PM	
Brief presentation on thematic mapping & reporting	02:00 – 03:15 PM	Mr. Julio Serje, Course Faculty, UNISDR
Tea/Coffee Break	03:15 – 03:30	
Exercises on thematic mapping & reporting	03:30 – 04:30	Mr. Julio Serje, Course Faculty, UNISDR
Closing Session, Round Table	04:30 – 04:45	
Vote of Thanks	04:45 – 05:00	Dr. Sekhar L. Kuriakose, Member, KSDMA & Head. SEOC

23rd July 2015 – Day 1

The programme was attended by 33 participants consisting of the Relief Commissioners/Secretary (DM) and participants from ATIs, SDMA, CSO & NIC of each States/UTs from the southern region, (i.e., Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa, Lakshadweep Islands, and Maharashtra) and a representative/course faculty from The United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, UNISDR.

Ms. Anupama N., Project Fellow, SEOC hosted the programme. The programme started-off with an invocation song by Smt. Preetha R.S. at 10:15 AM, followed by a brief introductory speech given by Dr. Sekhar L. Kuriakose, Member, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) & Head (Scientist), State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC). Prof. Dr. Keshav Mohan, Director, Institute of Land and Disaster Management (ILDM) welcomed the guests to the training programme. Also, Mr. James Mathew, Director, Central Statistics Office, New Delhi gave a brief introduction about the programme. At 11:30 AM, Dr. Vishwas Mehta IAS, The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue & Disaster Management and State Relief Commissioner to the programme gave the presidential Address. After a 15 minutes tea/coffee break, the participants re-assembled in the conference hall for the introduction session about the InDisData Software by Mr. Julio Serje, who is the course faculty from UNISDR. In this session he explained about how the compilation of block/district level disaster loss information and preparation of disaster loss database at national and state levels. The software will help in the compilation of block/district level disaster loss information and prepare a disaster loss database at national and state levels. The disaster loss database can be helpful in better planning for disaster prone areas.

The morning session ended with this presentation followed by a one hour lunch break till 2 PM. After lunch, the afternoon sessions began with the hands-on exercises on the software, and introduction into the methodology of InDisData Software by Mr Julio Serje, the course faculty from UNISDR. In this session he explained that the InDisData proposes a homogeneous data collection of disasters at all scales. Information is collected for disasters of a wide range of hazards and also this information is time-stamped. During this hands-on session the officers from all state departments were introduced to the software installation and datacard operations. By 3:30 PM the session was briefly dispersed for a tea/coffee break. The afternoon session mainly involved the participation of officers in datacard operations and an analysis module of 'DesConsultar'. With this the training programme concluded for the day.

24th July 2015 – Day 2

The second day of the programme started-off with a brief recap session about the Day-1 at 9:30 to 11:00 AM and after a brief tea/coffee break the group reassembled for the hands-on training session facilitated at the digital lab facility of State Emergency Operations Centre. During this session, Mr. Julio Serje gave an overview of the 'DesConsultar' Analysis module. He explained about working with and interpreting Country/States profiles (preliminary analysis methodology). Also a brief presentation was given by him on Analysis methodologies, preliminary analysis methodology and intensive/extensive risk analysis. The session got dispersed for lunch break at 1:00 PM for an hour.

The afternoon session commenced with the exercises on Datacard operations and preliminary analysis methodologies. A brief presentation on the map window and charting results were also given. Another important session was regarding the exercises on thematic mapping and reporting. At 3:15 PM there was a tea/coffee break after-which the closing session started with a round-table conference. During this session the participants gave the feedbacks and recommendations of the programme. The programme concluded at 4:45 PM with a vote of thanks presented by Dr. Sekhar L. Kuriakose.

Glossary

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