



Report of District Level Civil Society Consultation meeting- District Disaster Management Plan Revision



Sphere India–Kerala State
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Background

The Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) in partnership with Sphere India and its members is implementing "Post Flood Coordination for System Strengthening in revision of DDMPs in seven priority districts of Kerala'. The specific objective of the project is to strengthen Disaster Governance and System through participatory inclusive resilience planning processes at state, district and panchayat level. The project is of participatory in nature and ensures participation of different stakeholders in all phases of project execution to strengthen their institutional capacity .Stakeholders capacity will be enhanced by way of revising district disaster management plan, so that they manage disaster by themselves with hand holding support from the Government of Kerala.

Introduction

The project team had conducted District level civil society consultation in the fourteen districts. The meeting was attended by District Collector/ Deputy Collector (Disaster management), Additional district magistrate and representatives of various civil society organisations like Non Government Organisation, Community Based organisations, Representatives of media, youth clubs, voluntary societies, trade unions etc. The purpose of the meeting was to brief the objectives and expected results of revision of District Disaster Management Plan; that includes Review of existing DDMP by civil society, training needs of civil society organisations t in the light of 2018 and 2019 floods. The consultation meetings were organised keeping in view the significance of role of civil society and other community based organisations in the process of developing District Disaster Management plan.

Table No 01; Following are the detail of civil society consultation meeting held in the fourteen districts.

Sl. No	Name of District	Civil society consultation meeting date	No of Civil society organisations attended
1	Trivandrum	07 November 2019	75
2	Kollam	16 November 2019	38
3	Alapuzha	15 October 2019	19
4	Pathanamthitta	14 November 2019	16
5	Kottayam	02 November 2019	32
6	Idukki	15 October 2019	29
7	Ernakulam	23 November 2019	24
8	Thrissur	22 October 2019	35
9	Palakkad	18 October 2019	17
10	Malappuram	29 October 2019	53
11	Kozhikode	07 November 2019	56
12	Wayanad	22 October 2019	34
13	Kannur	13 November 2019	35
14	Kasargod	02 November 2019	35

Thiruvananthapuram

Proceeding

District level Civil society consultation meeting was organised at conference hall, collecterate on 7th November 2019. 75 participants representing various civil society organisations participated. The meeting was presided over by Anu. S. Nair Chief Executive Officer, District Disaster Management Authority Deputy Collector (Disaster Management). He addressed the gathering by stating the importance of a comprehensive DM plan and peculiarities of Thiruvananthapuram with respect to the various natural and



Figure 1 Session by Mr. Vijeesh. P, Sphere India

human made hazards and how to tackle them with consistent planning and organised efforts. Mr. Vijeesh, Sphere India elaborated on participatory plan preparation and the role of civil society. Ms. Vyshnavi, Sphere India coordinator, gave detail description of the process, timeline and template for DDMP revision.

Key Discussions

- 1. There shall be a resource data bank and a relief camp coordinator.
- 2. Inclusion of palliative care patients and vulnerable patients' needs in DM plan is essential
- 3. Volunteer importance- special cadets like NSS and NCC- Financial support for their special training is needed.
- 4. Alternate shelter systems other than schools.
- 5. Utilizing social media support for mobilizing human resources in emergency settings
- 6. Training needs in community level, disability friendly special camps in disaster situation disaster situation.

The meeting concluded with forming a WhatsApp group and email thread for collecting civil society data base for the DM plan revision.

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Kollam

Proceedings

District level Civil society consultation meeting was organised at conference hall, collectrate on 16 November 2019. 38 participants representing various civil society organisations participated. The meeting was presided over by Additional District Magistrate Shri P R Gopalakrishnan. The Chief Executive Officer of DDMA started off the meeting by reflecting on the 2018 and 2019



Figure 2 Session by Dr. Sreeja .M.U, Hazard Analyst

Kerala Floods and the immense importance of Disaster Management Plans. In addition to it, he also briefly mentioned the recent programmes conducted by DDMA and KSDMA on resolving contemporary problems. The keynote address was delivered by Special Branch ACP Shri

Nazeer MA, who also welcomed the participants. Later on Dr Sreeja M U, Hazard Analyst briefly explained the basics of Disaster Management. Succeeding Dr Sreeja M U, Mr. Praveen S elaborated on DDMP Plan process and role of civil society organisations, a review of existing DDMP Capacity and resource mapping of civil society organisations in Disaster Risk Reduction and the need for training civil society organisations in the field of Disaster Management. The meeting ended with a discussion incorporating the members of different civil society organisations who participated in the same.

Key Discussion

- 1. The plan should look at safeguarding the Person with Disabilities in terms of Disaster Response and other stages of Disaster Management to build their resilience capacity.
- 2. The financial provision at the time of emergencies should be made clear are communicated properly in the plan as it helps response teams, ambulance drivers etc. avoid losing their own pocket money on fuel like elements.
- 3. All the Civil Society Organisations shall read the existing plan and review it using the prescribed format provided by DDMA- Kollam. The suggestions and recommendation will be taken into account while drafting the new plan.
- 4. A Google form and DDMP 2015 shall be sent to all the participants for review of the Plan.
- 5. The recommendation sand suggestion of participants will be taken into account while revising the plan.

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Pathanamthitta

Proceedings

District level civil society consultation meeting was organised at collecterate conference hall on 14 November 2019. 16 participants representing various civil society organisations attended the meeting. Ms. Beena Rani, Deputy Collector (Disaster Management) chaired the section and delivered the key note address and explained the relevance of Inter Agency Group (IAG) in the light of previous disasters. The session followed by a detailed presentation on DM act 2005, and role of DDMP in disaster management, existing DDMP revision, proposed template, process,

roles and timeline and it was facilitated by Ms. Gopika G.L, Hazard Analyst and Dr. Sajithkumar K.J, Sphere India. Fr Varghese Chamakalayil, Convener, IAG, and Mr. Anithomas, District Project Coordinator-**UNDP** delivered the felicitation notes. It was decided to provide a template for data



Figure 3 Civil society consultation in Pathanamthitta District

collection from each NGOs/ Civil society organization using a prescribed format.

Key Discussion

- 1) All the Civil Society Organisations shall read the existing plan and review it using the prescribed format provided by DDMA- Pathanamthitta.
- 2) The suggestions and recommendation will be taken into account while drafting the new plan.
- 3) Decided to prepare standard operating procedure for IAG.

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Alapuzha

Proceedings

District level civil society consultation meeting was organised at collecterate conference hall on 15 October 2019. 19 representatives representing various civil society organisation. The meeting



Figure 4 Participants during the session

was presided over by Dr. Adeela Abdulla .District Collector. Alappuzha. Mrs. Swasrnamma PS Deputy Collector, DM explained the importants of DDMP in disaster managemnt planning and seeks the support of all nodal departments to accomblish the up gradation and revision of DDMP. Mr. Premji ,Senior Superintedent gave detail description about the the role of civil society in disaster management planning.Then Mrs.Chinthu Chandran Hazard Analyst gave detail presentation of the process, timeline and template for DDMP revision. Process. Fr. Savier Kudiyassery, IAG convenor, Alapuzha explained the process of developing IAG annual action plan. After the presentation about the programme, the floor was opened for a discussion.

Key Discussion

- 1) Plan for the Hooch tragedy should be included in the DM plan
- 2) IDRN model data updation required for civil society organisations and other voluntary institutions working in disaster management.
- 3) Civil society organisations can forward their DDMP review to toddmpalappuzha@gmail.com

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Kottayam

Proceedings

District level civil society consultation meeting was organised at collecterate conference hall on 02 November 2019. 32 representatives from various civil society organisations attended the meeting. Mr. Vineeth T.K Additional District Magistrate preside over the session and spoke about the importance of Disaster Management Plan and the participatory approach towards developing it. Ponmani K Sasidharan, Sphere India coordinator Dr. Andrew B Spencer, Hazzard Analyst



Figure 5 Participants with DDMA officials

Dr.Ashok, programme officer and Mr. B. Ashok, HS facilitated different sessions. Ponmani explained the role civil of society organisations in developing the district plan After the about presentation the programme, the floor was opened for a discussion.

Key discussion

1) Civil society organisations can forward their DDMP review to DDMA official mail.

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Idukki

Proceedings

District level civil society consultation meeting was organised at collecterate conference hall on 15 October 2019. The session was inaugurated by Mr. Antony Scaria, Deputy Collector, Disaster Management. He emphasised the role and relevance of civil society organisation in emergency.



Figure 6 Mr. Antony Scaria addressing participants at the meeting

Addressing the inaugural session, Mr. scaria said that disaster phase and preventive steps should be taken to mitigate the effects of disasters. He added that Idukki is prone to natural disasters which call for greater responsibilities and role to be played by civil society institutions. He also emphasised the proactive and leadership role that nongovernmental organisations should play in disaster management, he said.

The inaugural session was followed by a Technical Session, during which a presentation on existing DDMP was given by Mr. Sijo Thomas, district coordinator, Sphere India. The session was followed by an interactive session moderated by Mr. Ajin RS, Hazard Analyst.

Key Discussion

- 1) The meeting suggested to include the contact details, details of resources of civil society organisations in the DDMP. 2. It also suggested to prepare the list of Civil Society Organisations who are willing to join the activities of District administrations during emergencies
- 2) Ensure civilian participation in the disaster management activities of District Administration.
- 3) Civil society organisations can forward their DDMP review to DDMA official mail. Detail report and supporting document can access via following link <u>Click Here</u>

Ernakulam



Figure 7 Mrs. Charusree addressing participants at the meeting

District level civil society consultation meeting was organised at spark hall, district collecterate on 23 November 2019. 24 representatives from various civil society organisations attended the meeting. The Meeting began with the introduction Speech by Mrs. Sandhya Devi, Deputy Collector, revised template of DDMP process, Mrs. Anjaly Parameswaran Hazard Analyst, KSDMA explains the questionnaire for civil society level

data collection. The inaugural session

was followed by a technical Session, during which a presentation on existing DDMP was given by Ms. Charusree, district coordinator, Sphere India. The session was followed by an interactive session.

Key Discussion

- 1) The civil society organisations are asked to submit a report on the human resource capacities, organisational set up within the respective organisation and training needs with respect to disaster management.
- 2) The existing District Disaster management plan is to be reviewed by the civil society organisation and inputs submitted to this office within 14 days.

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Thrissur

Proceedings

District level civil society consultation meeting was organised at district panchayath mini conference hall on 22 October 2019. 35 representatives from various civil society organisations



Figure 8 Dr. Reji. M.C addressing participants at the meeting

attended the meeting. The welcome note was given by Dr. Rajil M.C Deputy Collector, Disaster Mnagement, He had given specific note on Importance of Having a disaster management plan for District, Mr. Shanavas. S District Collector taken the Key note address and he said, how the District

was affected by flood in 2018 and flood in 2019 and what are the precautionary measures has taken by District authority, On presidential address Ms. Mary Thomas, District Panchayat President mentioned how best and better a plan could be when it prepare through participatory measures. Ms. Athulya, Hazard Analyst explained the institutional mechanism of DM sector, and introduced the components of District like District Disaster Management Authority, District Advisory Committee, District Emergency Operation Centre. Then Ms. Noushaba Nas, District project officer explained the specific objectives of the civil society consultation meet and how the process is going on, and the difference between existing DDMP and proposed DDMP, and asked for suggestions and recommendation for DDMP

Key Discussion

• It is decided to give Google form to review the existing District Disaster Management Plan, and it also asks the capacity and resources of organizations which will be helpful for emergency response functions. The capacity can be human resource or equipment or any technological assistance.

- The form also include training needs of public in the light of flood 2018 and 2019
- The participants will get a questionnaire through mail to fill the Emergency response action plan and DRR mitigation plan.
- They can also incorporate data base related to DM ,ideas and technologies.

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Palakkad

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District level nodal civil society consultation meeting was organised at district collecterate conference hall on 18 October 2019. 17 representatives from various civil society organisations attended the meeting. Mr.T Krishnakumar, Junior Superintend, Disaster Management chaired the



session. The inaugural session was followed by a Technical Session by Mrs. Asha Kiran, Hazard Analyst, during which she presented the contents and structure of existing DDMP. The session consists of desktop review of DDMP, and the process of DDMP revision. The session was followed by a general discussion session moderated by Soumya John District coordinator, Sphere India.

Key Discussion

Figure 9 Ms. Soumya John addressing the participants at the meeting

Palakkad is one of the districts that exposed to pesticide hazard, which is commonly used in mango plantations in Attappadi, Muthalmada, Pithalassery regions and not yet recognized by the authorities and the state. It should be noticed and considered as a manmade disaster and took actions accordingly

- Capacity building in DRR for Panchayathiraj institution
- Improper and unscientific method of work plans under MGNREGA scheme cause many environmental issues in this area. Pallavoor to Nenmmara region was flooded severely in last flood. The main cause was considering as the cutting of vegetation in river banks under this scheme.
- All rivers and reservoirs in the district are silted and it is one of the main causes of overflowing of rivers after raining for few hours. Proper desilting of rivers and reservoirs are to be done as soon as possible so that the water bearing capacity of the same will be increased.

Malapuram

The first level consultation meeting of Civil Society organisations of Malappuram district for

revision held on 29 October 2019 at conference hall. District Collectorate. Malappuram. The meeting was prolific with a participation of about 73 participants who representing 53 society various civil organisations. All the participants cherished the efforts of District administration and **DDMA** and Sphere



Figure 10 District collecter addressing participants at the meeting

India for organising a meeting which brought all the organisations under one canopy for effective DRR in the District. District Collector Sri. Jafar Malik IAS presided over and Mr. Hamid Hussain V, Sphere India explained the DDMP Revision process to the participants. The presentation covered the topics of Introduction to Disasters and their management, DDMP introduction, its processes the timeline and the revision of existing DDMP of the district and also covered roles and responsibility of the civil society organisations in revision of the DDMP. Deputy Collector Sri. P.N Purushothaman (DM) chaired the Discussion after the DDMP revision explanation session. The presentation session pay the way for the discussion session which was chaired by Sri. P.N Purushothaman.

Key Discussion

- 1) Emphasised on the importance of having a proactive, comprehensive and an inclusive Disaster Management plan for the district. He also discussed the importance of technology and grass root awareness programmes in the process of Disaster Risk Reduction in the District.
- 2) Lessons learned and the gaps identified during the 2018 and 2019 floods The importance of the coordination of All the Civil society organisations for the proper DRR in the district.
- 3) Decided to form a WhatsApp group involving civil societies for the proper coordination and better DRR

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Kozhikode

Proceedings

The first civil society consultation meeting of Kozhikode district was held on 7 November 2019.



Figure 11 Mrs. Neenu addressing the participants at the meeting

The main objective of the meeting was to spread awareness among all the civil society stakeholders about the importance of disaster planning, management its structure, process to be followed. timeline, stakeholder's roles and responsibilities etc. In which a detailed description existing DDMP of Kozhikode district and proposed plan took place. The changes that have to be made from existing

have to be made from existing

DDMP is highlighted and described in detail about the proposed plan, its volumes and contents.

A total of 150 people were participated in the meeting including 56 NGOs and 31 individuals. The session started with the introduction note by Mrs. Shamin Sebastian, Deputy Collector DM. She gave an introduction with regard to the need and necessity for preparing the District Disaster Management Plan. Mrs. Ninu P, Sphere India described about the new plan process by detailing its four volumes and contents through power point presentation. A detailed discussion and clarification with regard to plan updation took place. The people from various sectors shared their concerns which matters to the district's disaster responses and the vulnerable conditions. The new mail id for inter agency collaboration activities was shared with the participants and a watsapp group was created. Mrs. Aswathy, Hazard Analyst and Mrs. Ramshina K V. Community mobilise, NCRMP were also presented in the meeting.

Key decisions taken

- To create a group including all the members participated.
- Widening the message for such a group by mass communication.
- Creation of IAG.
- Build various disaster management teams.
- Identify maximum and possible resources in and outside the district.

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Wayanad

Proceedings

District level civil society consultation meeting was organised at district collecterate conference



Figure 12 Mr. Amith Ramanan addressing the participants

hall on 22 October 2019. representatives from civil society organisation attended the meeting. The Chairman of the opening ceremony Mr. Antony Thankachan welcomed the participants explained the scope and need of the DDMP revision. He referred to the role of civil society organisation Mr. Amith Ramanan, District Project coordinator, Sphere India gave a explanation on DDMP detailed timeline and revised process. template. Mr. Marshal Kumar, HCL foundation explained the role of civil society in DDMP revision, he

emphasised the need of SOP for civil society organisations during emergencies. After the presentations, the floor was opened for a discussion.

Key Discussion

- 1. The minutes of the meeting will be shared with all participants for suggestions
- 2. The suggestions on DDMP revision to share on the official whatsapp group of IAG or sent via through e mail.
- 3. The draft plan will present in the next IAG meeting
- 4. The public portal for seeking inputs for updating the plan will be shared through DC's facebook page.

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Kannur

Proceedings

District level civil society consultation meeting was organised at collecterate conference hall on



Figure 13 Ms Abija Jagadeesh during her session

2019. 13 November 35 representatives of nodal civil society organisations participated in the meeting. Mr. C. Radhakrishnan. Junior. Superintendent done the introduction speech and the Key note Address was done by Ms. Mercy EP, ADM. Discussion with the civil society organisation was done with the presence of. C. Vishaalakshi, d m Deputy collector. The presentation on DDMP desk top review, template process, timeline and the role of civil society organisation in the plan process has done by Ms. Abhija Jagadeesh NP of Sphere India. The representatives of Civil Society organisations had shared their suggestions regarding updating of DDMP 2019 through a participatory approach and the major points and topic to be included in the plan in relation with Disaster risk reduction, mitigation, capacity building, rescue, relief and rehabilitation activities. The major suggestion from the participants is to make a disaster management committee at Panchayat level and provide training for youth. They have opined that the DM activities in the District should be properly coordinated avoiding duplication and negative political interventions.

Key Discussion

- Discussion related to training at village level should be shared with the Zilla Panchayat authority by the DDMA.
- Focus on youth as well as students to spread awareness on disaster management.
- Creation of "Resource inventory of NGO'S".
- Strengthening of IAG by adding more active registered NGO's in the group
- Including Youth clubs in Panchayat level DM initiatives.

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Kasargod

Proceedings

District level civil society consultation meeting was organised at collecterate conference hall on 02 November 2019. 35 representatives of nodal civil society organisations participated District



Figure 14 Cicil society consultation

level nodal officer consultation meeting was organised at mini conference hall. collecterate. The meeting started with HosurShirastadar with the introductory address. Dr. D Sajith Kumar, District Chairperson of

DDMA gave the key note address on the consultation meeting with the proposed agenda on the process of DDMP. Mr. Ajeesh, ADM briefed the gathering on the roles of civil society and its importance in the upcoming plan of the disaster. The presentation on DDMP desk top review, template process, timeline and the role of civil society organisation in the plan process has done by Mr. Vishnu Vijayan, Sphere India. The representatives of Civil Society organisations had shared their suggestions regarding the updation of DDMP 2019 in a participatory approach and the major points and topic to be included in the plan in relation with Disaster risk reduction, mitigation, capacity building, rescue, relief and rehabilitation activities. The major suggestion from the participants was to fill the communication and process gap between the government authorities and civil society in a bottom to top approach by a participatory method.

Key decisions taken

- The disaster governance structure should be strengthened.
- The youth should be on focus by providing trainings and awareness on disaster management.
- A bottom to top approach should be taken in governance structure to spread awareness and trainings for the civilians.
- NGO mapping should be done according to resource inventory.
- Trainings modules to be provided at village and block level
- The communication gap to be filled between the administration and civilians.
- Formation of IAG by inclusion of more active registered.

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