

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR & CHAIRPERSON,  
DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, THRISSUR  
(Present: S. Shanavas I A S)**

**K1-6210/2019**

**Dated: 18/05/2020**

Sub:InterAgency Coordination-Organizations involved&designating Executive members- reg  
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The Inter Agency Coordination led by Sphere India created a common platform for the Humanitarian Agencies to come together and plan their actions avoiding duplication, overlapping and also to have a better collaboration with the District Administration supplementing the state Government relief effort. IAG coordination was facilitated in 10 most affected districts of Kerala (2018-Flood) to strengthen the coordination mechanism to ensure efficiency in humanitarian response. Later it was spread to 14 districts. It was observed that there is a need for sensitising local NGOs and CBOs who took part in the relief efforts on Humanitarian Minimum Standards, CHS, RIC, and GBC and on how to use JRNA tools including digital data collection, for better Coordination to avoid duplication and build common understanding among the agencies.

The Joint Detailed Needs Assessment (JDNA) conducted by Sphere India in the month of September has covered the most important sectors such as Gender, Health, Nutrition, Shelter, WASH, Communications, Education, Heritage, Protection, and Livelihood. With five Inter agency Coordinators deployed in the 10 most affected districts, Sphere has provided a unified platform for the humanitarian agencies for collaboration with the District administration of these districts. Sphere India conducted 31 district and 3 state level IAG meetings within a period of three months (access link: <https://sphereindiablog.wordpress.com/>).

**Need for IAG:** Reduce vulnerability and disaster risk of people of Thrissur through coordination, advocacy and knowledge management, ensuring effective and efficient response to emergencies while ensuring minimum humanitarian standards.

**Specific Objectives of IAG:**

- To institutionalize inter agency coordination led by district and state Government with ownership and participation of local civil society organizations, Academia, CSR initiatives, media and other stakeholders.
- Mapping of sectoral NGO and other stakeholder capacities
- To coordinate emergency response initiatives, activation and deactivation of unified response, sharing information and assessments at the time of an emergency, to ensure effective and efficient delivery of emergency relief

- To provide a forum for knowledge management and exchange of information among members and other stakeholders to improve standards and efficiency in disaster response and risk reduction.
- To promote Sphere and other national standards in collaboration with other state and non-state actors through advocacy and collaboration.
- To identify information/data gaps and undertake risk and vulnerability assessments, for more efficient and effective disaster preparedness and management;

#### **The purposes of the IAG:**

- To provide a forum for coordination among members and with INGOs for effective disaster management in the Thrissur district.
- To promote the Sphere values and other international humanitarian standards among all the civil society organizations working for disaster management
- To develop and disseminate technical information relative to effective planning and implementation of disaster management program in the district
- To build up capacities of subscribing members (and their implementing partners) to undertake joint quantitative and qualitative damage assessment during emergency that could enable member organizations to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies and avoid duplication of efforts.
- To set up a two-tier IAG mechanism consisting of IAGs & INGOs at the state level and the implementing NGOs as the District Coordination Committee Members.

#### **Formation of IAG in Thrissur**

Inter-Agency Group – Thrissur district is a consortium of 29 non-governmental organizations ensuring minimum humanitarian standards in disaster risk reduction and management with unified action and improved coordination in the district. It was formally established in to work in close coordination with government and civil society bodies in the district .

The concept of IAG Thrissur has conceived in the year 2018, October, in the meeting which held at KIDS Kottapuram, Kodungallur. The meeting had brought together different stakeholders including INGOs, NGOs, UN Agencies and CBOs to discuss about the effective inter-agency coordination process in Thrissur. It also planned the future course of action for the effective implementation of long-term rehabilitation activities in the district in collaboration with the District Administration. Several meetings were held in the following months.

With the aim of providing a better humanitarian support to the community of Thrissur district during disasters, the following 29 NGOs were brought together to the IAG platform for the Thrissur district by the IAG formation meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. An executive committee of ten elected members were also formed on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 for the coordination of IAG activities for a tenure of three years for the effective execution of the IAG platform.

**List of members of IAG**

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2	Caritas India	Wash, Livelihood, Shelter	Mr. Abheesh Antony (Program Officer)	9539910737	<a href="mailto:abeesh@caritasindia.org">abeesh@caritasindia.org</a>
3	KIDS Kottapuram	shelter, sanitation, Rain water harvesting	Fr. Paul (Director)	9446995834	<a href="mailto:kidskottapuram@gmail.com">kidskottapuram@gmail.com</a>
4	ESAF	Relief, Livelihood, Wash, Shelter, Health	Mrs. Beena George (Director-CS)	8592993355	<a href="mailto:beenageorge@esaf.in">beenageorge@esaf.in</a>
5	Socio Economic Unit Foundation	WASH, Solid Waste management, Skill Development, Capacity development	Mr. Saji Sebastian (Executive Director)	9744655894	<a href="mailto:sajiseuf@gmail.com">sajiseuf@gmail.com</a>
6	Yuvagramam	Tribal Empowerment, livelihood, Hygiene	Mr. Dennis K Antony (Chairman)	9495690260	<a href="mailto:denniska@gmail.com">denniska@gmail.com</a>
7	Centre for Science and Technology for Rural Development	Shelter, Women empowerment, Rural Development	Mr. Devapriyan KG (Project Director)	9447155170	<a href="mailto:kgdevapriyan@gmail.com">kgdevapriyan@gmail.com</a>
8	ATMA	Relief, Medical,	Mr. Suresh C	9447082005	<a href="mailto:atmafoundation@gmail.com,c">atmafoundation@gmail.com,c</a>

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11	Tropical Health Foundation	Aid and home Appliances	Mr. Johnson Varghese (Director)	8281430859	<a href="mailto:johnson@thfi.in">johnson@thfi.in</a>
12	Human Welfare Council	Skill development, livelihood, Vocational Training	Mr. Prahladan P R (General Secretary)	9745622799	<a href="mailto:hwcindia@gmail.com">hwcindia@gmail.com</a>
13	Brain Society	Service providing center, legal counsel, SHG promotions	Mr. Thomas A V (Director)	9746592707	<a href="mailto:brainsocietyindia@gmail.com">brainsocietyindia@gmail.com</a>
14	Alpha Charitable Trust	Relief camps management, Medical care	Mr.Suresh Sreedharan (Chief program Officer)	9497713919	<a href="mailto:cpo@alphapalliativecare.org">cpo@alphapalliativecare.org</a>
15	Solace	Relief camps, Ambulance services,	Mrs. Sheeba Ameer (Founder and Secretary)	9895021802	<a href="mailto:sheebaameer@gmail.com">sheebaameer@gmail.com</a>
16	STRIDE charitable Society	Disaster Relief sector	Mr. Sivadasan (Treasurer)	9447408853	<a href="mailto:stridethrissur@gmail.com">stridethrissur@gmail.com</a>

17	Slum Service Centre, Kuriachira	Palliative care	Fr. Sinto Thorayan	9744285022	<a href="mailto:tressc.kuriachira@gmail.com">tressc.kuriachira@gmail.com</a>
18	ACTS Thrissur	Emergency Services during accidents	Mr. Laiju Sebastian (District Secretary)	9349985290	<a href="mailto:actsthriissur@gmail.com">actsthriissur@gmail.com</a>
19	National Integration Empowerment and Development society, Irijalakkuda	Community Health, Education, and Mental Health	Mr. Bobby Jose (Planning Secretary)	9847070790	<a href="mailto:bobby.jose@gmail.com">bobby.jose@gmail.com</a>
20	Social Action Swanthanam	Shelter, Women Empowerment, Education	Mr. Nelson (Coordinator)	8304990367	<a href="mailto:santhwanamtcr@gmail.com">santhwanamtcr@gmail.com</a>
21	FIRRE	Disability	Mrs. Sindhu Vijayakumar (Executive Director)	7356229901	<a href="mailto:firreorg@gmail.com">firreorg@gmail.com</a>
22	HAM Radio	Communication	Mr. Sarath	9633863676	<a href="mailto:vu2scv@gmail.com">vu2scv@gmail.com</a>
23	River Research Centre	River Management, Sustainability	Mr. Ravi S P (Director)	9447518773	<a href="mailto:spravi.18@gmail.com">spravi.18@gmail.com</a>
24	Peoples Foundation	Education, Shelter	Mr. Sadarudheen K A (District Coordinator)	91422117575	<a href="mailto:sadarudheenka@gmail.com">sadarudheenka@gmail.com</a>
25	HIS	Animal Rescue and Livestock safety	Mrs. Sally Varma (State officer)	8075774128	<a href="mailto:svarma@hsi.org">svarma@hsi.org</a>
26	Coal Birders	Migratory and	Mr. Manoj Karingamadat	9495513874	<a href="mailto:kolebirders@gmail.com">kolebirders@gmail.com</a>

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27	Hello Radio	Community radio	Mr. Sooraj	9895609493	halleoradio2016@gmail.com
28	Friends Arts and Sports Club, Chettuva	Community Development	Nimeesh AC (President )	7034121262	facchettuwa@gmail.com
29	SYS Swanthanam	Community development	Jafar Chelakkara (General Secretary )	9526688786	systhrissurdistrict@gmail.com

### Executive Committee of IAG

After discussions with all IAG member organizations, the following members are nominated as Executive Committee members with a tenure of three years. Fr.Davis Chiramel is nominated unanimously as the convenor of IAG –Thrissur for tenure of one year.

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1	Fr. Davis Chiramel (Elected Convener)	ACTS, Thrissur Old District Hospital Compound Thrissur,680001
2	Mr. Christudas	ESAF Small Finance Bank, ESAF Bhawan, Mannuthy PO, Thrissur, Kerala-680651
3	Fr. Paul	KIDS, Kottapuram KIDS' Campus, Kottapuram, Kodungallur, Thrissur Dist., Kerala, India - 680 667
4	Mrs. Sheeba Ameer	Solace Foundation, Ambadikkulam Road, Olarikkara, Pullazhi PO, Thrissur-680012
5	Mr. Noordheen	Alpha Charitable Trust, Alpha Palliative Care, Pottayil lane,

		MG road, Thrisuur-4
6	Mr. Dennis K Antony	Yuvagramam, Registered office, Railway station Road, Koratty, Chalakkudy
7	Mr. Johnson Varghese	Tropical Health Foundation, Near Govt High school, Guruvayur Road, Kunnankulam, Thrissur-680503
8	Dr. Soman K	Energy Conservation Society, Pynadath Building, Palace Road, Chalakkudy, Thrissur 680307
9	Mr. Unni K S	Socio Economic Unit Foundation, Pandikavu, Post Peringavu, Thrissur -680008
10	Mr. Arun	FIRRE, 1093/Plot Number-418, New Gardens, Ayyanthole, Thrissur

The nomination/ election of Executive committee shall be for a period of three years with at least two new members joining the Executive Committee every year on rotation. The Executive Committee shall nominate a convener for a tenure of one year. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee convener to ensure effective functioning of the IAG Thrissur District, through planning, coordination, and communication and manage the resources (human, financial and physical). The members of the Executive Committee, IAG Coordinator and Officials of the District Administrations shall act as the Administrators of IAG official group of Thrissur district. A minimum 1/3rd of the Executive Committee's strength will be considered permissible for taking any decision in the Executive Body.

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