



Event Name	Expert Talk on " <b>Disaster Management in Hospitals</b> "
Event date	26/11/2024 (2.00 PM to 4.00 PM)
Event venue	Kerala State Institute of Health and Family Welfare (KSIHFW), Trivandrum
Details of the event	<p>The session began with an introduction to disaster management, focusing on the types of disasters (natural and man-made) and their impact on healthcare systems, while emphasizing the importance of preparedness in hospitals. The need for familiarizing all staff with the Hospital Disaster Management Plan (HDMP) was highlighted to ensure a coordinated response during emergencies. Detailed discussions were held on the components of an HDMP, including risk assessment, resource inventory, communication protocols, and their integration with district and state-level disaster management strategies. Participants were encouraged to initiate Hospital Incident Response Systems (HIRS) to streamline decision-making and operations during disasters. Emphasis was placed on defining clear job roles for each staff member prior to disasters to ensure clarity of responsibilities during crises.</p> <p>The session also covered critical topics such as setting up temporary hospitals during large-scale emergencies, having robust contingency plans for uninterrupted healthcare delivery, simplified evacuation plans, triage protocols, effective resource management, and leveraging telemedicine during disaster scenarios.</p> <p>Additionally, the session highlighted efforts undertaken by the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) to improve hospital safety, including training programs, mock drills, and the development of risk assessment tools to identify vulnerabilities in healthcare facilities. Participants were informed about the hospital safety guidelines issued by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), which emphasize structural and non-structural safety measures, capacity building, risk communication, and the integration of disaster management plans into routine hospital operations.</p> <p>At the end of the session, participants strongly recommended developing practical disaster management guidelines tailored specifically for peripheral hospitals like Family Health Centers (FHCs), Primary Health Centers (PHCs), and Community Health</p>

	<p>Centers (CHCs). The session concluded with case studies and best practices, highlighting lessons learned from past disasters in Kerala and showcasing examples of resilient healthcare facilities.</p> <p><b>Outcome of the Session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Medical Officers actively participated in the discussion, sharing their challenges and experiences in disaster management.</li> <li>● The need for specific, standardized disaster management guidelines tailored for peripheral hospitals (FHCs, PHCs, CHCs) was emphasized.</li> </ul> <p><b>Conclusion:</b></p> <p>The session successfully highlighted the critical role of peripheral hospitals in disaster response and emphasized the need for preparedness at all levels. The participants were encouraged to advocate for and implement practical disaster management strategies within their facilities</p>
Number of females	12
Number of males	17
Number of transgenders	0
Number of children	0
Resource person/organizer from the side of SDMA/DDMA	Dr Jazeela A, Hazard Analyst Public Health , KSDMA

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