



KERALA STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY - EVENT REPORT (10/08/2026)

SESSION ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN HOSPITALS

FIELD	DETAILS
Event Name	Session: Disaster Management in Hospitals
Event Date	10/08/2026
Duration of the Event	1.5 hours
Event Venue	Conference Hall, CHC Pazhambalakkode
Conducted / Organised by	CHC Pazhambalakkode
Details of the Event	A session on “Disaster Management in Hospitals” was conducted with the objective of strengthening the understanding of disaster risks, disaster preparedness and the role of health institutions in disaster management. The session began with an overview of disasters, their causes, impacts and different classifications. The participants were introduced to the disaster risk framework, including hazard, vulnerability, risk and capacity, and the factors contributing to the increasing occurrence and impacts of disasters. The presentation also highlighted India's and Kerala's exposure to multiple hazards including floods, landslides, cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis, droughts, fires, epidemics and human-induced and technological disasters. The session subsequently focused on the relationship between disasters and health institutions. Examples of disasters affecting hospitals and health services were discussed to emphasise the need for health facilities to remain functional during emergencies. The importance of structural safety, fire safety, electrical safety, emergency preparedness and continuity of essential health services was highlighted. The presentation specifically addressed fire audits, fire exits, floor plans, appropriate fire extinguishers, electrical safety, mock drills and regular preparedness activities. The session also covered the Hospital Disaster Management Committee, its composition and the responsibilities of different



	members including the Medical Officer, nursing personnel, health inspectors, pharmacist, clerical staff, drivers, nursing assistants and sanitation workers. The importance of clearly defined roles, emergency contact lists, disaster management plans, emergency kits, ambulance preparedness and regular mock drills was emphasised. Participants were introduced to essential disaster response functions including triage, first aid, Basic Life Support, CPR, stabilisation, patient shifting and referral protocols. The session discussed preparedness within health institutions as well as field-level response through emergency response teams. The START (Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment) approach and the need for rapid impact assessment and timely communication with the District Medical Officer were also addressed. The post-disaster health response component focused on relief-camp health services, disease surveillance, sanitation, safe drinking water and food, vector surveillance, waste management, immunisation, maternal and child health services, psychosocial support and rehabilitation. Specific responsibilities of health personnel at relief camps were discussed, including maintenance of line lists and identification of vulnerable groups such as children, pregnant and lactating women, persons with disabilities, bedridden patients, palliative-care beneficiaries, persons undergoing dialysis, persons with mental health needs and older persons. The session concluded by reinforcing the concept of a safe and resilient health institution—one that is protected from disasters, capable of continuing essential services during emergencies, and supported by trained personnel, institutional disaster management plans and effective coordination mechanisms. This is consistent with KSDMA's broader hospital safety approach, which emphasises hospital disaster management planning, safety committees, mock drills and continuity of healthcare services.
Total Number of Participants	40
Number of Females	31



Number of Males	9
Number of Others (Non-binary / Transgender)	0
Number of Children (below 18 years)	0
Role Played by the Officer(s)	Ms. Asha V K Menon (LSG DM Plan Coordinator) - As resource person
Output from the Event	• Enhanced Understanding of Disaster Risks: Participants gained a broader understanding of disasters, hazards, vulnerabilities, risks and capacities, with particular emphasis on the disaster profile of Kerala. • Improved Understanding of Health Institution Preparedness: The session highlighted the importance of ensuring that health institutions remain safe and functional before, during and after disasters. • Strengthened Institutional Preparedness: Participants were sensitised to the need for Hospital Disaster Management Plans, Disaster Management Committees, emergency contact systems, emergency kits, mock drills and regular preparedness assessments. • Improved Emergency Response Capacity: The session strengthened awareness regarding triage, first aid, BLS, CPR, stabilisation, evacuation, patient shifting and referral mechanisms. • Enhanced Fire and Electrical Safety Awareness: Participants were sensitised to fire audits, fire exits, floor plans, appropriate fire extinguishers, electrical safety measures and regular safety drills.



	● Focus on Vulnerable Groups: The session highlighted the need for special attention to children, pregnant and lactating women, persons with disabilities, bedridden patients, older persons, palliative-care beneficiaries, persons undergoing dialysis and other vulnerable groups. ● Promotion of Inter-Agency Coordination: The importance of coordination among health institutions, local self-government institutions, Fire and Rescue Services, Police, KSEB, Disaster Management Authorities and other stakeholders was emphasised. ● Promotion of Resilient Health Institutions: Participants were encouraged to adopt a preparedness-oriented approach so that healthcare services can continue even during disaster situations. KSDMA's hospital safety initiatives similarly emphasise preparedness, safety planning and continuity of healthcare services.
Sendai Framework Priority Addressed	SF1, SF2, SF3, SF4
PM's 10-Point Agenda – Point Number(s)	PM1, PM2, PM3, PM4, PM5, PM7, PM8, PM9
SDG Goal(s) Aligned	SDG3, SDG4, SDG6, SDG9, SDG10, SDG11, SDG13, SDG16, SDG17
Photo/Video/Media Links	

