

Disaster Risk Reduction

Introduction

Disaster has many dimensions. If the natural disasters are said to be the result of growing climate changes, the man (human)made disasters such as communal conflict and violence arising out of structural and socio-economic disparity. The consequences of both disasters are such that we cannot address the one in exclusion to the other. Therefore, any attempt to build the capacity of those involved in disaster risk reduction must be seen in this perspective.

The current disaster scenario in India and other countries calls for preparedness at all levels and by various actors. Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar (XIMB), in collaboration with Concern Worldwide, a voluntary International organisation currently implementing both emergency and development programmes in 30 countries, had conducted a special 7 day training programme on Building Leadership for Disaster Risk Reduction from 27 January to 2nd February, 2009. This programme was attended by 26 senior and middle level managers working in various government and non-governmental organisations in India, Nepal and Bangladesh. The resource persons were drawn from NDMA, Government of India, , German Red Cross All India Disaster Management Institute, Ahmedabad, OSDMA, SPHERE India, Concern Worldwide, XIMB, Handicapped International and Catholic Charities, Kolkata. Therefore, this is a well designed and well tested programme. Based on this experience, the programme is designed.

Objectives

At the end of the programmes, the participants will be able to:

- Building relevant perspectives on disaster risk reduction,
- Use different tools to assess Vulnerability, Risks and Capacity
- Design Preparedness Plans for Mitigating Disaster
- Understanding and Appreciate of Humanitarian Laws
- Gain understanding on working with/for Differently -Able people during disaster

Expected participants

Those are involved and interested in DRR and working with Government, Civil society, Educational, Corporate and Donor organizations. One batch will consist of 25 participants working in India and other countries.

Field learning: Two days will be devoted for field-based learning and sharing

Suggested Topics

- o Natural disasters in India and other Countries: An Over view
- o Climate Change and Conflict : Managing natural and human made disasters
- o Community Based Preparedness: Tools and Techniques
- o Disaster Response: Assessment and Recovery
- o Inter sectoral Coordination (Water and Sanitation, Housing and Healthcare etc)
- o Responding to Disasters: Humanitarianism in Disaster, Dealing with Differently -Able Groups in disaster and Sphere Standards
- o Preparation of Disaster Risk Reduction Plan and Inter Agency Coordination

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Duration

7 days : 4-10 July, 2009

Venue

Bhubaneswar