



NAGALAND STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Newsletter

Towards a safer and resilient Nagaland



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FOREWORD

In a year's time three tremors have occurred with Phek as the epicentre. This is a clarion sign for us to examine the state of our preparedness as Nagaland is situated in the fifth seismic zone which is considered as the most vulnerable and hazardous zone.

Response to disaster or disaster management requires multi-sectoral approach as disaster affects everyone in the community. There is only so much that a Government department can do, and each one of us as individuals has a duty towards disaster risk reduction. The cardinal duty above all is to 'Save Lives' and this can only be done by mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in all walks of life.

In an effort to empower the people of Phek against disaster, the Nagaland State Disaster Response Authority (NSDMA) in coordination with the District Administration and HG&CD conducted an intensive Community First Responder training from the 7th to 9th August 2012. A two day Community First Responder Programme was also conducted at Mon from 6th -7th November, 2012. Trainings have also been held with the Kohima Village Youth Organisation, Peace Channel (Dimapur), Naga Bazaar Youth (Kohima) and numerous schools, colleges and organisations. Such trainings are imparted with an aim to help communities respond effectively to disaster before external help arrives.

As the Chairman of State Executive Committee (SEC) of Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, through this newsletter, I appeal to all the Government departments and the community to work towards building a 'Safer and Resilient Nagaland'



Sd/-
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APRIL



Community first responder training for KVYO held from 16th to 21st April 2012 at Panchayat Hall Barabasti, Kohima.

JUNE



Consultative meeting on 22nd June 2012 held at ATI for development of disaster training modules

NAGA BAZAAR YOUTH TRAINING

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) in collaboration with the HG&CD carried out a 'Community First Responder training' with the Naga Bazar Youth Organisation. This programme was held on the 28th & 29th June 2012, at the Naga Bazar Panchayat Hall, Kohima. The highlights of the two day programme included training on basic first aid, emergency methods of search & rescue, Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation etc. After introduction and brief demonstration by the HG&CD, practical classes were conducted where all volunteers participated enthusiastically. At the end of the two day training, the State Project Officer, NSDMA, gave away certificates to the participants and also gave the vote of thanks.



The NSDMA, Home Department, has been carrying out such community empowering programmes in and around the capital with the aim to enable communities to respond effectively to disaster. The NSDMA emphasises on the fact that disaster management efforts should focus on communities who are the first responders to any disaster before external help/assistance arrives. It is an endeavour of the NSDMA to empower the communities in disaster response.

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JULY



Orientation Program on Disaster Management and Planning was conducted for all the nodal officers of line departments on 17th July 2012 at Hotel Vivor, Kohima.



The fourth batch of the SDRF began training from 31st July 2012 at CTI Toluvi, Purana Bazar, Dimapur

REPORT ON PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ON EARTHQUAKE IN PHEK DISTRICT

Brief Introduction:

An earthquake of 5.6 Magnitude on the Richter Scale hit Nagaland on 15th July 2012 at 1:25 A.M with its epicenter at 25.437°N, 94.496°E which falls under Phek district. This was the second earthquake in the month of July, the first one being on the 1st of July 2012.

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), acting on the event, visited the affected villages on the very same day. The



Meeting in progress with the Chizami Village Council

officials of NSDMA were accompanied by a team of jawans from the Nagaland State Disaster Response Force (SDRF).

Areas Visited:

1. Chizami Village
2. Losami Village
3. Phek Town

Observation:

1. A house at Losami Village was tilted by the earthquake on 15th July, 2012.
2. In Phek town, the beam structure of an RCC building was found cracked by the impact of earthquake on the 1st July 2012.
3. No casualty in both cases.



NSDMA Officials & the SDRF along with the Chizami Village Council pose for the lens after the meeting

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Report on preliminary assessment... (contd)**Recommendation:**

The residents of the aforesaid buildings at Losami Village and Phek town were advised to relocate to a safer building as another quake of similar or greater intensity may be dangerous. The team also impressed upon the district administration for necessary action in this regard.

AUGUST



Community First Responder Training for the youth of Phek district was held from the 7th-9th August 2012.



DC Phek addressing the youth of Phek district during the Community First Responder Training.



A Co-ordination meeting with the department of Urban Development in regard to Nagaland's Building Bye Laws was held on the 21st September 2012

CLOSING FUNCTION FOR THE STATE DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE (SDRF) TRAINING

The Closing function for the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) was held on the 29th Sept. 2012 at CTI, Toluvi, Purana Bazaar, Dimapur. The



Hon'ble Minister for Education Shri. Nweiwang Konyak graced the function as the Chief Guest. Er. W. Kithan Parliamentary Secretary for HG&CD, F&ES & Prisons, Shri O. Alem, IPS,DGP and DG HG&CD Shri B. Kezo IPS also graced the function with their presence. Highlights of the day included a mock search & rescue display by the newly trained SDRF.

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OCTOBER

ONE DAY DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION MEETING

NSDMA held a one day Departmental coordination meeting on 'Health Emergency Preparedness' with the Department of Health and Family Welfare in the Secretariat Conference Hall on the 10th October 2012. CMOs, Medical Officers and Nodal Officer for NSDMA attended the meeting. Agendas discussed during the meeting included Hospital safety & Health Mainstreaming, Mainstreaming DRR into Health Services and Status of Health Emergency and Mass Casualty Preparedness.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE(SEC) MEETING HELD

The Fourth SEC Meeting of the NSDMA was held on the 30th October in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary. The meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary.



The fourth SEC meeting in progress.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT AWARENESS TRAINING HELD WITH TOURISM DEPARTMENT.

The NSDMA was approached by the Tourism Department to conduct a one day awareness campaign on disaster management. The training was conducted on the 31st October at Kisama, Heritage village with the Training and Capacity Building Officer Khrolou Koza Lohe and State Media Officer Keren R. Rose as resource persons. During the programme powerpoint presentations were made on topics like Disaster Preparedness

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Staff of Tourism department attending the training

and Crisis Communication. Personnel from the Civil Defense and Home Guards also demonstrated emergency search and rescue techniques, fire safety tips etc.

NOVEMBER

A Community First Responder Training was conducted in Mon district. Four officers from the NSDMA were deputed on duty for the same. The training was held for two days (6th and 7th November) at the Town Council Hall.



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A brief report of the Mock Drill

held on 27th July 2012 at Phek Town

organized by the Phek District Disaster Management Authority

An outdoor mock drill was organized by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on the 27th July, 2012 at the Clock Tower area in Phek town. This awareness programme was conducted to impart knowledge on basic safety measures in the event of an earthquake. The programme was organized in the wake of two earthquakes (1st July and 15th July) which hit the state with epicentre in Phek.

The district nodal officer for disaster management, Razouvolie Dozo, SDO (C) chaired the programme which saw a good response from the public. People enthusiastically participated in the programme. The Deputy Commissioner & Chairman DDMA and the Superintendent of Police, Phek, addressed the gathering. They impressed upon the people, the necessity of being well informed of the basic safety measures and also urged them to be vigilant at all times as natural disasters are unpredictable.

The Civil Defence & Home Guards led by their Coy Commander Shri Khrubazo demonstrated basic search & rescue methods used to rescue people trapped in buildings after an earthquake. Dr. Mulusato, Medical Officer, Phek District Hospital, demonstrated first aid techniques for various types of injuries. The public were also informed on the value of first aid which, if given at the right time, will not only prevent serious damage but save lives too.

In addition to the demonstrations, pamphlets with important safety tips were also distributed to the public.

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TRAINING REPORTS

SL. NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	TRAINING PROFILE
1	Shri. J. Alam (IAS)	Home Commissioner	Climate Change and Drought Risk Management 24 th - 28 th Sept. NIDM, New Delhi
2	Shri. T.Ao, (IAS)	Secretary, NSDMA	8 th International Training Course on GIS for Disaster Risk Management 7 th - 18 th May 2012, Bangkok (ADPC) 9 th Hospital Emergency Prepared-ness & Response Course organised by Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) 12 th 16 th Nov. Bangkok, Thailand.
 'TORQAID Disaster Risk Management Workshop' 20th- 22nd Nov. Melbourne, Australia.  'SAARC training on Forest Fire Disaster Management' 5th-9th Nov 2012, Thimpu, Bhutan.			
3	Shri. Johnny Ruangmei	State Project Officer	Training on Resilient Recovery Planning (RRP) : 16 th - 18 th Oct 2012, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha. TORQAID Disaster Risk Management Workshop 20 th - 22 nd Nov. Melbourne, Australia.
4	Mrs. Khrolo-u KozaLohe	Training & Capacity Building Officer	National School Safety Programme 28 th May- 1 st June, NIDM, New Delhi.
5	ShriL. Jonjibemo Odyuo	Co ordinator Response & Relief	Developing of Executive Secretaries , Personal Asst. and office staff for better performance . Mussorie, Uttarakhand. 4 th 8 th June 2012 SAARC training on Forest Fire Disaster Management Thimpu , Bhutan. 5 th -9 th Nov 2012
6	Shri. Temsuwangshi Jamir	District Project Officer	2 nd phase of sensitization cum training on File Tracking System (FTS), 4 th June 2012. Civil Secretariat, Kohima Needs of Children in Disasters 17 th 21 st September 2012, NIDM, New Delhi

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7	Shri. Thejangulie Zao	District Project Officer	e- Governance 15 th - 19 th October 2012. Hotel Legacy, Kohima.
8	Shri. Rendemo Shitio	District Project Officer	Needs of Children in Disasters 17 th - 21 st September 2012, NIDM, New Delhi. Climate Change and Drought Risk Management 24 th - 28 th September, NIDM, New Delhi.
9	Shri. P. Inaka Awomi	Coordinator Response	Developing Competencies of executive secretaries, personal assistants & office staff for better performance 4 th - 8 th June, Mussorie.
10	Shri. Jojansangba	Graduate teacher, GHS Dilong	National School Safety Programme 28 th May- 1 st June, NIDM, New Delhi.
11	Shri. Lhouvizokho	Graduate teacher, GHS Changtongya	
12	Shri. Imtiwapang	Graduate teacher, GHS Sanayangba	
13	Ms. Limasangla	Graduate teacher, GHSS Longchem	
14	Shri. S.K Pal	Graduate teacher, GHSS Tsemenyu	
15	Shri. Mhasikholie	Graduate teacher, T.M GHS	
16	Shri. Metezo	Graduate teacher, John GHS, Viswema	
17	Ms. Khrienyuhunuo	Graduate teacher, GHSS, Kohima	
18	Ms. Peleno	Graduate teacher, GHS, Seikhazo	
19	Dr. S. Manyan Phom	Sr. Specialist (NHAK)	National Workshop on SOPs for Identification of Victims during disasters 8 th June, Hyderabad
20	Dr. Joel Koza	Dy. Director (DHFV)	
21	Dr. Nyan Kikon	Dy. Chief Medical Officer, Kohima	
22	Sevi Kera	Sub Inspector F&ES, Dimapur	SAARC Training on Forest Fire Management 5 th - 9 th November, Thimpu, Bhutan
23	Dr. Chibenthung Kithan	Medical Officer, Yimapang, PHC	9 th Hospital Emergency Preparedness & Response Course organised by Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) 12 th - 16 th Nov. Bangkok, Thailand

SPECIAL FEATURE



Responding to Disaster

Disaster Management: a layman's perspective

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Many people may consider 'disaster' to mean some earth shaking stuff like a devastating earthquake, killer tsunami or a life threatening urban fire. These are major disasters no doubt but we need to perhaps broaden our definition of what a disaster is supposed to be. And actually the work of Disaster Management should be about responding to the range and type of accidents or disasters whether manmade or natural. It includes not just the big stuff but even your regular things like landslide, road mishap, deadly pandemic flood or a forest fire.

And yes we need to be prepared at all times, for you do not know at what hour disasters will strike. A state of preparedness and ability to respond quickly can considerably mitigate loss of life and property and restore normalcy at the earliest. And to prepare for this we need to have the right kind of institutional arrangement. This should include a proper chain of command & control structure; high technology assistance; up to date knowledge and skill manual; fully loaded manpower and logistic support system.

What makes disaster management different from other line of work is the need for a quick response. Time is life and every minute lost in responding to a crisis should count as losses. It means that there can be no compromise/s when it comes to disaster management. We can ill afford to have corruption, bureaucratic red tape or political interference. It will require utmost discipline, hard

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work, patience and a professional approach to handle the governance of disaster management and to ensure its success.

I would imagine a scenario where, say a road mishap occurs involving a bus carrying tourists or school children; or a major fire breaks out in a forest close to the State Capital endangering human lives. How or what does it take to manage such disasters? It will require not just a quick response but a systemic, coordinated response. The institutional arrangement mentioned above should come into play. Team work, synergy with other departments, timely decision, communication, getting air and road transport up and running and not to forget getting a combat ready team to the place of disaster.

While the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) has been taking the initiative to give training on disaster response to the different units of the IRB Nagaland Police, nevertheless there is a need to commission a full-fledged professionally trained, full time State Disaster Response Force. Not only this, but we need a separate Department or if that is not possible to incorporate some of the existing ones like



Home Guards, Civil Defence or Fire Department under the umbrella of Disaster Management. Institutional arrangement is vital as already emphasized. Just having a NSDMA office at the Secretariat and a handful of trained personnel is not going to be enough.

In the last one year or so there has been a marked improvement in the functioning of the NSDMA. A series of awareness programmes, training, drills etc have been conducted. These are the first few steps taken. However there is still a long way to go as far as institutionalizing disaster management goes and to ensure a thorough professional approach towards its functioning as a vital cog of our public service. For this to happen, the government must start to give due attention to the entire aspect of disaster management.

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Landslide

Do's and Don'ts

What are the causes of landslide?

The primary cause of landslide is denudation of vegetation on hill slopes resulting in loose / unstable soil that cannot withstand the pressure of rainfall, snow or traffic. Clearance of vegetation for construction purposes or agriculture (jhum) has an adverse impact on the stability of soil. Tremor from earthquakes or explosion could also trigger landslide, apart from erosion as a result of floods and quarrying.

Safety measures before landslide

- Investigate susceptible areas to identify factors of instability and carry out corrective measures to prevent/minimize instability
- Carry out re-forestation in barren areas as the roots of plants / trees will arrest slippage of soil. Plant trees on vulnerable areas
- Always be watchful on hill roads and try to note



features like cracks on road surface and slopes

- Do not build house near steep slopes, close to mountain edges, near drains or natural water outlets
- Construct embankment on high gradient slopes

Safety measures during landslide

- Be alert during heavy rainfall and continuous damp weather
- Stay out of the path of a landslide or debris flow
- Listen for any unusual sound that might indicate moving debris, trees cracking or rolling boulders (large stones)





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- Be alert when there is a sudden increase in volume of water in streams and a marked transformation from clear to muddy water
- Contact local rescue units

What to do if you suspect imminent landslide



- Alert local authorities
- Informing people around you about the potential threat may help save many lives
- Evacuation or getting out of the path of landslide or debris flow is the best protection
- Make yourself less vulnerable and protect your head if escaping is not possible

Safety measures after landslide

- Avoid the landslide area. There may be danger of subsequent slides
- Look out for flooding which may follow a landslide or debris flow
- Help persons who may require special assistance - infants, elderly persons and the disabled

LANDSLIDES OCCUR WITHOUT WARNING



Be prepared protect yourself

Alert today Alive tomorrow



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