





## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION-2020

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PROGRAMME REPORT- DDMA ERNAKULAM
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#### INTRODUCTION

Every year October 13 was observed as the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction by the United Nations General Assembly to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. The day celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face.

#### Theme 2020: 'Disaster risk governance'

Successful national and local strategies for disaster risk reduction require effective coordination mechanisms, an overarching national policy, multistakeholdertransdisciplinary and multisectoral collaboration and input, political support in approving legislation, and adequate financial, technical and human resources. These underlying conditions at national level can strengthen institutional capacity of subnational or local authorities to address disaster risk. Political commitment and trust are key to generating an all-of-society approach to managing risk before, during and after an emergency. Good national and local strategies for disaster risk reduction include links with sector policies in areas such as land use, building codes, public health, education, agriculture, environmental protection, energy, water resources, poverty reduction and climate change adaptation. In keeping with the Day's focus on the impact that disasters have on people's lives and wellbeing, this year's theme is about conveying the message that many disasters can be avoided or prevented if there are disaster risk reduction strategies in place to manage and reduce existing levels of risk and to avoid the creation of new risk. What that amounts to is "good disaster risk governance." The issues of disaster risk governance - identifying and acknowledging, planning and acting on disaster risk - have come into sharp focus this year, as evidence accumulates IT REALLY IS ALL ABOUT GOVERNANCE! 2 of the failure of many countries to heed the many warnings in recent years, and prepare for global threats such as a major pandemic like COVID-19.

Goal 2020: Identify advocacy opportunities to highlight how good disaster risk governance, planning and implementation leads to reduced numbers of people affected by disasters (especially in terms of death, injury, displacement and loss of livelihood).











Figure 1-5- Detailed poster of Programmes

#### **PROGRAMMES**

#### Video competition

The Video competition was conducted among the children between the ages of 6 to 10 years. Theme of the competition was COVID -19 awareness. More children had participated in the competition than expected. Entries were received from October 9 to 12 through email and Whatsapp of DDMA.



Figure 6-8- Stills of Video competition

The uniqueness of this competition was that physically disabled children had also participated in the competition. Out of 61 children, four deserved ones were selected as winners. Miriam Hannah Anthony DeSilva, Holy Infant Jesus Primary Girls School, Tiruthippuram won first place. Ahana Zainab Faisal, Chullikkal, Kochi and Ayana Sunil, Government UP School, Mudakuzha shared the second prize and a special mention was give to Fathima Nazrin C A, Chennai house, allapra P.O, kuttippadam, perumbavoor.



Figure 9- Winners of Video competition

#### Drawing competition

The drawing competition was based on the topic Kerala- 'Disaster & Resilience', conducted among the children between the ages of 11 to 14 years. Above 200 entries were received through Whatsapp and Email of DDMA from different places. Emil Jose, Mundadan, Thrikkakara won first prize. Sona Elizabeth KM, Kattukudi and Alvin Anthony Ashleen, Valiyaparampil Veetil, Cheriyapilli won the second prize.



Figure 10& 11. Entries of drawing competition

#### Quiz Competition

Quiz competition was conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 PM . Registration was started on 9/10/2020 through the link provided on the District Collector's Facebook page. 1397 people registered for the contest. Allotted time was 30 minutes. The three participants who had given the most correct answers in the shortest time were selected as winners. Anita Johnson, Kalathil Veedu Kaniyamkunnu, Aluva won first place. Karthika E Vishwanath of Ernakulam Pulavazhi House won the second prize and Pranay Jayaprakash of Kakkanad East Eternity won the third prize.



Figure 12- Winners of Quiz competition

#### Training Programme

Three day online training programmes was arranged for IAG, NYK and other volunteers of Ernakulam district.

Date	Time	Topic	Speakers
	11.00 A.M-11:45 P.M	Disaster Management Overview	Mr. Pradeep G.S Hazard & Risk Analyst, KSDMA
12/10/2020	11:45 P.M- 12:30 AM	Hazard Vulnerability and Risk Assessment	Ms. Anjali Parameswaran Hazard Analyst, Ernakulam
13/10/2020	11.00 AM-11. 45 AM	Role of Volunteers in Disaster Management	Mr. Vijeesh, State Project Coordinator, (Sphere India)
	11.45 AM- 12.30 PM	Living with COVID-19	Mr. Ronu Mathew (Hazard Analyst, KSEOC/KSDMA)
14/10/2020	11.00 AM-11. 45 AM	Climate change and extreme events	Mr. Fahad Marzook Hazard Analyst, KSEOC/KSDMA
	11.45 AM- 12.30 PM	Institutional Framework	Ms. Chindhu Chandran Hazard Analyst, Alappuzha

#### Day 1

#### Inauguration

The inauguration of 'Karuthalkaalam' was on October 12 Monday at 11 AM. District Collector Sri. Suhas S IAS inaugurated the function and the keynote address was given by District Panchayat President Smt. Dolly Kuriakose. Introductory remarks were given by Vrindha Devi N R, Deputy Collector, Disaster Management and the felicitation was given by Fr. Paul Thomas, IAG Convener, Ernakulam. Inauguration was followed by the training session.



Figure 13 Inauguration in zoom Platform

#### Session 1

Session 1 was started at 11.15 AM by Mr Pradeep G.S, Hazard & Risk Analyst, KSDMA. Topic of the session was 'Disaster Management Overview'. The session ended by 11.45 AM.

#### Session 2

The session 2 was started at 12.00 PM by Ms Anjali Parameswaran, Hazard Analyst, Ernakulam. The topic of the session was 'Hazard vulnerability and risk assessment including general instructions, emergency kit, do's and don'ts of cyclone, earthquake, flood, fire, landslide, soil piping and lightning. The session ended by 12.40 PM.

#### Day 2



Figure 14 Poster of Day 2 Webinar

#### Session 1

Day 2 started by an introduction of the importance of disaster risk reduction and the need for celebrating the International day for Disaster Risk Reduction. The introduction was followed by session 1 at 11.00 AM and the classes were taken by Mr Vijeesh, State Project Coordinator, Sphere India. The topic of the session was 'Role of Volunteers in Disaster Management' and the session ended by 11.40 AM.

#### Session 2

The session 2 was started by 11.45 AM by Mr Ronu Mathew, Hazard Analyst, KSEOC. The topic covered was 'Living with COVID-19' with sub topics hand hygiene, face mask/ cover, social distancing, restriction in containment zone, meetings and vaccine. The session ended by 12.30 PM.

#### Day 3



Figure 15 Poster of Day 3 Webinar

#### Session 1

Day 3 started with the session 1 at 11.00 AM by Mr Fahad Marzook, Hazard Analyst, KSEOC. The session covered the topic 'Climate change and extreme events' including last five years of extreme weather events such as heat waves, sun burn & sun stroke, drought, Amphan cyclone, Ockhi cyclone, Maha cyclone, COVID-19 pandemic, Kyaar cyclone, landslide, coastal erosion, Kerala floods and also global warming and greenhouse effect. The session ended by 11.40 AM.

#### Session 2

Session 2 was started by 11.45 AM by Ms Chindhu Chandran, Hazard Analyst, Alappuzha. The session topic was 'Institutional Framework in Disaster Management' and it covers the subtopics such as, disaster management in India and Kerala, Disaster Management Act, Levels of disasters, Nodal agencies and institutional framework. The session ended by 12.30 PM.

The training was followed by an evaluation form to fill up by the participants which covers 15 questions from all sessions of the 3 day webinar.



















Figure 15-23. Distribution of prize to the competition winner by concerned Taluks

#### Conclusion

The International day for Disaster Risk reduction was observed to show how people and communities across the world are reducing their exposure to disasters. It spread awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face.