

Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Disaster Management Plan

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Introduction (1/2)

- The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare broadly comprises of **Departments of Health and Family Welfare & Department of Health Research.**
- The mandate of the two departments as per Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961:
 - **Department of Health and Family Welfare:**
 - **Matters related to Union agencies and institutes** - Like Central health Programmes, Central Government hospitals, PHOs/APHOs, Drug labs, MSO, Central Government Health Scheme, NACO, etc.
 - **Legislative Matters (for Central Government) and both Legislative and Executive Matters (for all UTs)** - Incl. matters related to medical/nursing/pharmacy profession & education; Drug/medical devices standards, regulation of food/drug adulteration etc.
 - **Family welfare matters** – Including all matters relating to Reproductive and Child Health; Family Welfare Schemes and projects with external assistance; Promoting Public Private Partnership for the Family Welfare Programme etc.
 - **Miscellaneous businesses** - Including matters related to Medical, Dental, Nursing Councils etc.; Medical Examination Boards

Introduction (2/2)

- **Department of Health Research:**
 - **Promotion and co-ordination of basic, applied and clinical research** including clinical trials and operational research in areas related to medical, health, biomedical and medical profession
 - **Promotion and guidance on research governance issues**
 - **Inter-sectoral coordination and promotion of public - private - partnership** in medical, bio-medical and health research related areas
 - **Technical support for dealing with epidemics and natural calamities**
 - All matters pertaining to **Indian Council of Medical Research and subordinate organizations**

Policy and Legal provisions (1/2)

- **The Epidemic Act, 1897:** The Act provides for the State to act in a manner to facilitate control of the epidemic.
- **Disaster Management Act, 2005 (DM Act, 2005):** Section 37 (1) (a) of the DM Act, 2005 – Every Ministry or Department of the Government of India is mandated to prepare a DM Plan.
- **National Policy on Disaster Management (NPDM, 2009):** As per NPDM, 2009, the primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the States. The preparedness and response mechanisms for biological disasters are to be primarily that of the State/ UT Administration.
- **Paris agreement (2015):** India is signatory to the Paris Agreement adopted in 2015 under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has made commitments to address climate change and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. India recognizes the need to adapt to a changing climate and build resilience to potential disasters.
- **Sendai Framework (2015) :** India, as a signatory to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, has been actively worked towards disaster preparedness by ensuring requisite capacities.
- **Sustainable Development Goals (2015):** Under Climate Action, India acknowledges the interlinkages between climate change and disaster risks. It is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to climate change impacts, and integrating climate resilience into its disaster management strategies.

Policy and Legal provisions (2/2)

- **National Disaster Management Plan, 2019:** Ministry of Health and State Departments of Health – lead agencies for biological disasters. The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as well as State Health Departments also share responsibility to prepare against, response and mitigation of disasters with health impact.
 - Biological / Public Health Emergencies – Lead Agency - Role in Early warning, Facilitation of healthcare Infrastructure development, provisioning of essential health services, capacity building of health care workforce, provision of essential drugs and consumables
 - Other hazards/disasters: Supporting Agency - Facilitation of healthcare Infrastructure development, provisioning of essential health services, capacity building of health care workforce, provision of essential drugs and consumables
- **Crisis Management Plan (CMP) for Biological Disasters:** Response plan limited to natural outbreak of communicable diseases or that due to non- intentional accidental release of microbial agents such as from laboratories or during transportation of samples. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is mandated to provide the State/ UT Administration with guidance and logistic support.

Development of DM Plan of MoHFW

- **Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, pursuant to Directions Given by NDMA and Cabinet Secretariat** – Set up a Disaster Management Cell **in December, 2020** – To deal with mandated activities of disaster preparedness and response
- DM Cell, MoHFW under guidance from National Disaster Management Authority initiated the work of creating the DM Plan of MoHFW
- **Challenges:**
 - Need to **inculcate learnings from COVID-19 pandemic management**
 - Need to **bring about convergence in development taking place at global as well as national levels as a result of pandemic.**
 - **Bringing people to the table**
 - **Creation of divisional plans**
 - **Multitasking of officials**

Health Sector Disaster Preparedness & Response (HSDPR)

Objective: To strengthen capacities of the health sector to prevent, mitigate and remain prepared to respond to the adverse outcome of disasters

Capacity building initiatives

1. Training of District health officers for Managing Public Health Emergencies
2. Training Hospital Managers on “Hospital Preparedness for Emergencies
3. Training on Psycho-Social Care in disaster settings
4. Training on Medical management of Radiological Emergencies
5. Training of doctors and hospital engineers on hospital safety

Infrastructure projects

Establishment of tertiary and secondary level CBRN medical management centers

Other activities

Preparation and finalization of risk communication plan and IEC material for health aspects of disasters



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