

One day training on Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) Progress

Achieved and Way forward

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Figure 1: Participants of the one day training on SFDRR for the consultants from Aspirational Districts

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) 2015-2030 was the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda and provides Member States with concrete actions to protect development gains from the risk of disaster. The Sendai Framework works hand in hand with the other 2030 Agenda agreements, including The Paris Agreement on Climate Change, The Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, the New Urban Agenda, and ultimately the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Recognising the role of State government in implementing SFDRR and plugging and existing gaps and loopholes in the capacities, 2 schemes were launched by NDMA with the purpose of strengthening of SDMA and DDMA. The first one launched in 2019 to develop the capacities of the states to implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The second scheme is for Strengthening of DDMA on issues related to hazard prone Districts amongst 115 identified backward districts. The scheme was sanctioned in February, 2019. It is also a Central Sector Scheme fully funded by NDMA with a Budget of Rs. 28.98 Crores. Currently only 54 districts have consultants working under the scheme. They are not fully sensitized on their roles and responsibilities and how to deliver the functions as indicated in the ToR.

Aim

The aim of the training was to equip the concerned officials/consultants in implementing of Sendai Framework for DRR and monitoring the progress.

Objectives

The following are the key objectives of the training

- To enhance the knowledge of the Consultants about the Sendai Framework for DRR .
- To take stock of the progress of implementation of SFDRR and challenges in the process particularly at district level.
- To brief about the tools and approaches to support states and districts in implementing the Sendai Framework for DRR. This include State Level SDMPs, DDMPs and Departmental Plans etc.
- To develop understanding about the Scope and Process of carrying out Mid Term Review of Sendai Framework for DRR including the information and data required for MTR.
- To develop skills on maintaining data the NDMIS SFM Module and user admin at district level.

Total of 39 participants from 14 states participated in the 2 days training programme. Consultants recruited under the NDMA Scheme to Strengthen Capacities of District Disaster Management Authorities of the 37 Aspirational districts and 2 senior consultants from SDMA's viz. Andhra Pradesh and Odisha state also participated in the training. Total of 39 participants from 14 States/UTs participated.

There were 3 technical sessions other than the inaugural and closing sessions. Inaugural Session of the programme was presided by Prof Santosh Kumar, Professor of Policy Planning and Cross Cutting Issues, NIDM. Shri. Surender Thakur, Joint Director, NDMA, SmtRakhee Sadhu, DS PP, NDMA, Shri Pankaj Kumar, US PP, NDMA and Dr. Sreeja S Nair were the dignitaries on dais. Shri Shekhar Chaturvedi, Assistant Professor at NIDM welcome the participants and entire course team to the campus and the 1 day training.

Prof Santosh Kumar discussed in brief about SFDRR 2015-2030 and the role of consultants, as they are the key personnel working at district levels. Disaster Management is a challenging job and compassion with passion is needed to work this field. Districts are yet to fully understand the very purpose of SDFRR and role of consultants.

Technical Session 1: Shri Pankaj Kumar US (PP) and Dr. Vazeem Iqbal made a presentation on the NDMA scheme strengthening of District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMA's). This scheme is crucial for building resilience in hazard-prone districts. NDMA is currently implementing 2 schemes one for strengthening SDMA and other for DDMA.

Technical Session 2 – Sendai Framework Monitoring and Mid Term Review: A detailed session on the targets and indicators of SFDRR with data availability and possible challenges was delivered by Dr. Sreeja S. Nair. She spoke in length about MTR and its key objective, goal, process, approach and methodology.

Technical Session 3 was on National Disaster Management Information System. Two technical experts and developers who are involved in NDMIS Portal development made brief presentation. Demo was given on how to create a new record i.e. report a disaster, how to submit daily sit-rep and how to enter data for SFM reporting. NIC expert explained in detail about how to enter indicator wise data for each of the targets. Demo of the portal was followed by Q&A Session, where the NDMIS expert clarified the technical queries

Valedictory Session

Valedictory session of the one day training was presided by Shri Kunal Satyarthi, JS PP NDMA. Prof Santosh Kumar, HoD Policy Planning and Crosscutting issues NIDM, Shri. Surender Thakur, Mrs. Rakhi Sadhu and Mr.Pankaj Kumar were the other dignitaries on dais. Dr. Sreeja S Nair presented the summary Proceeding and way forward for the one day training. She has also mentioned that all the sessions were useful for the participants since this is the first of this kind of training for the districts.

Participants from state of Bihar, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Assam and Kerala shared their experience of working with states. Most of the consultants in Bihar are completing or nearly completing 3 years. There are other states also who started implantation since 2019. The participants requested that there contract may be extended for some more time so that they can contribute in MTR and SFM Reporting.

Shri Satyarthi appreciated the consultants for doing great work at the ground level. He has highlighted that there are few states who started early i.e. in 2019 and Covid 19 outbreak resulted in delayed in implementation. Few states and districts started in 2021 and 2022 and there are 6 states who are yet to start implementing the scheme. Now it is the time to think about what can be done in future to implement the scheme in best possible way. He has assured that the scheme will be extended and contract of consultants also will be extended for the next 6 months. JS PP also assured that now onwards the district consultant's workshop will be organized once in six months. NDMA will also consider award for the best consultant. NDMA is looking for success stories from states and districts. All the consultants are requested to share 2-4 pages brief report on the progress. He also proposed thanks to all the consultants who attended the training, states who nominated and the team NDMA and NIDM for jointly organizing this event successfully.