

Memorandum of Agreement
between
Center for Disaster Mitigation and Natural Calamities
Bihar Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (BIPARD)
and
UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund

Collaboration for Capacity Building in Disaster Management

Background:

In Bihar, Natural Disaster has great adverse impact not only on the lives of the people, livestock, standing crops and property both movable and immovable but also on infrastructure, environment and the economy at large. Major parts of the state not only suffer from the floods but are also situated in seismic zone iii, iv and v. The earthquakes in such zones are infamous for its severity.

The central role of UNICEF in unstable situations is the implementation of programme activities for children and women, with particular emphasis on advocacy; assessment and coordination; and care and protection of vulnerable children. In these efforts, UNICEF implements an integrated approach in meeting the rights and needs of children and women in crisis, based on recognition of the complex range of factors and relationships between physical and emotional security, social and cognitive development, and health and nutritional status.

The mandate of UNICEF is to collaborate closely with governments, other humanitarian actors within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to ensure the protection and special assistance to children in crises and unstable situations. The diversity of experience gained by UNICEF over the past several years in implementing this approach has highlighted the organization's commitment to providing support to children and women affected by unstable situations.

For realizing the goal of development of women and children in emergencies, it is extremely important that all government agencies, officers from the state level to district and panchayat level be sensitized to the paradigm shift from a traditional relief given to disaster preparedness, and a developmental approach incorporating hazard mitigation and vulnerability reduction concerns termed as *Disaster Risk Management*.

Many of the officers are imparted training at the Centre for Disaster Mitigation & Natural Calamities (CDMNC), BIPARD, Bihar on various issues related with disaster risk management and role of the state in it. BIPARD, being an apex institution in the state for training the Govt. employees its wing, the CDMNC must have a rich academic/ technical resource base including books, periodicals and journals that may be used by the faculty

both to enrich the institute and also to create a climate of positive change by organizing technical theme based workshops on disaster risk management.

Proposed Partnership

1. UNICEF and CDMNC, BIPARD, would work together to develop a training module for officers (at all levels), Voluntary organizations, PRIs of Bihar government at all levels: state, district, panchayat on *Disaster Risk Management*.
 - The themes/ sectors covered would be: Preparedness and Mitigation in Water & Sanitation, Health, Primary Education, HIV/AIDS for emergencies
 - Status paper and presentations would be prepared on these themes by UNICEF and CDMNC, BIPARD
 - These status papers and presentations would be used to orient the state officials, members of voluntary organizations and representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions
2. UNICEF would support CDMNC, BIPARD in organizing workshops on women and child related issues with participation from Government of India agencies, and experts; and to equip the library by providing books, journals, etc.
3. The detailed activities to be undertaken are:
 - Developing training module for IAS/IPS/PCS/BP and other officers of Bihar State on "Disaster Risk Management" and "Incident Command System".
 - Enriching the academic/ technical resource base at BIPARD by developing library for CDMNC, BIPARD
 - Enriching CDMNC, BIPARD by supporting capacity building of its members.
 - Organizing workshops on subjects of mutual interest.
4. Responsibilities of the partners are:

UNICEF Role in the partnership:

- UNICEF would facilitate CDMNC, BIPARD in developing status papers and presentations on identified sectors. These would be used to impart training.
- UNICEF would facilitate CDMNC, BIPARD in publication and dissemination of a periodical on Disaster Risk Management.
- Experts from UNICEF or designated by it too would participate in the trainings.
- UNICEF would facilitate CDMNC, BIPARD in upgrading the skill of its members through participation in international level Disaster Risk Management Workshops and Seminars etc.

- UNICEF would supply relevant books on disaster management to CDMNC, BIPARD
- UNICEF would provide technical and cash assistance in terms of workshop design, technical support, arranging venue, travel costs, experts' costs, etc.
- UNICEF would provide assistance in Coordination, Documentation and dissemination of the above activities and their outcomes.

Centre for Disaster Mitigation & Natural Calamities, BIPARD, role in the partnership:

- Share with UNICEF the detailed calendar for the training of IAS/IPS/PCS/BP officers and others on Disaster Risk Management.
- Identify a nodal officer to coordinate the work
- Make available the faculty for receiving training on disaster risk management module development and transactions.
- Include the training module in the training of officers
- Make it a regular feature in the training programmes in future.
- CDMNC, BIPARD should provide list of required books and other related materials for its library.
- Make arrangement for proper storage and use of the books, CDs (including library management etc)
- CDMNC, BIPARD to indicate topic and time frame for workshops on issues of mutual interest.
- CDMNC, BIPARD to coordinate with government departments at national, state, district level, voluntary organizations and PRIs to ensure participation in the workshops.

Time period:

The mentioned activities and support may be completed within a period of twelve months from the date of this agreement.

Signed by

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