

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SHELTER IN EMERGENCIES CHALLENGES AND POSSIBILITIES

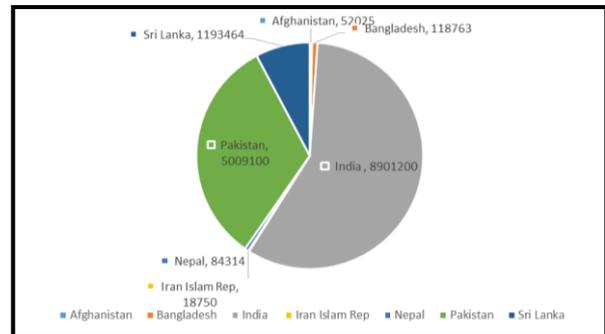
Event: National Conference on Shelter in Emergencies – Challenges and Possibilities

Venue: Hotel Royal Plaza, 19 Ashoka Road, New Delhi

Date and Time: 25 February 2016 (0930 hrs. – 1730 hrs.)

BACKGROUND

Every year, disasters leave millions of people affected in terms of loss of life, loss of property/shelter and livelihood. During humanitarian crisis, many of those affected are forced to flee their homes, and many houses are destroyed. Therefore, Shelter is one of the worst impacted sector during disasters. Marginalized communities, who suffer from income fluctuations, and have limited access to financial resources are more vulnerable in the aftermath of any disaster. The other reasons for loss of shelter during disaster is poor construction design (very often due to limited financial resources) and lack of skills on disaster resilient construction. The major challenges in Shelter in Emergencies are the design, cost and sustainability of the shelter.



Disasters in South Asia 2005-2015: Population lost shelter

Over the last decade 2005-2015 the number of people who lost their shelter due to disasters in South Asia was 15.3 million, of which 8.9 million was in India alone (source: Emdat). Total economic loss estimate in India due to impact on infrastructure was USD 44.2 million dollars.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

CARE India in collaboration with Christian Aid has recently conducted a study of post-disaster shelter projects. The 'National Conference on Shelter in Emergencies – challenges and possibilities' will disseminate the findings of the study, which reviewed 13 post disaster shelter projects to evaluate their medium to long-term effectiveness. The study also focused on recommendations to strengthen the future shelter programs in India to most effectively address the complex and interconnected needs of disaster affected women, girls, men and boys.

CARE India is organizing this conference in partnership with Christian Aid and SPHERE India. The conference will focus on review of approaches to shelter in past emergencies and knowledge sharing amongst various stakeholders, to strengthen the process of future shelter provision post disaster at national level.

Objectives

- Learning from past: Review approaches to emergency shelter in past emergencies and assess their outcomes and relevance for the future
- Learning from others: Knowledge sharing amongst various stakeholders to strengthen the processes of shelter provision post disaster and innovations in the sector
- Preparing for the future shelter interventions in emergencies:
 - Understanding of good practices in shelter in emergencies
 - Improved coordination in future responses
 - Developing a consensus around future post-disaster shelter programming

- Recommending strategies for disaster resilient shelter for deliberation at forthcoming Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) 2016 under Disaster Risk Reduction and emergencies theme.

Expected Outcomes:

- Recommendations for strategy on shelter in emergencies in India
- Common understanding of good practices in shelter in emergencies
- Collective forward action plan

Participants

- National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- National and State Government representatives
- Members of Shelter Forum, social innovators, entrepreneurs, policy makers, engineers and architects, academics, non-governmental organisations, UN organisations, IFRC, community based groups, corporates, Indian researchers and other international organisations.

ABOUT THE ORGANISER

CARE in India has been responding to disasters in India for over 65 years as one of the major actors in humanitarian response. Over the years, CARE has responded to all major disasters by providing emergency relief assistance and through recovery initiatives. Interventions within these initiatives have been in the sectors of shelter, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and livelihoods for the most vulnerable sections affected by disasters including single women headed households, disabled, landless laborers and small farm holders.

Shelter has been one of the most important focus areas of CARE India's work during the post-disaster phase. The organization works towards providing shelters (transitional and permanent) to the most marginalized communities, particularly addressing the needs of women and young girls and boys. CARE has been in the forefront of these shelter interventions since the Orissa Super Cyclone in 1999. The Gujarat Earthquake response, the Tsunami Response Program in Tamil Nadu and Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Sundarban AILA Recovery Project (SARP), the Andhra Pradesh Flood Response Program and the Odisha Flood Emergency Response are some of the key projects in which CARE took a lead in construction of shelters. These shelter construction initiatives were undertaken with financial assistance from bi-lateral agencies, corporate donors and Government agencies.

Technical Partners

Christian Aid (CA) is a development and relief agency working with 600 partners in over 50 countries around the world. CA has extensive experience of managing and monitoring DRR, DMP, emergency relief and rehabilitation programmes with partner organizations. Disaster preparedness and mitigation, and advocacy for policy changes at national and international level are central to CA's approach. Working in partnership, CA has a long term commitment to country programmes and is an active member of Action by Churches Together (ACT) International - a global alliance of Protestant and Orthodox churches and agencies working in emergencies. Operationally, work is negotiated and managed using country, regional or UK based CA staff.

Sphere India is a National Coalition of Humanitarian Agencies in India. The members include key nodal agencies from Govt. of India, UN Agencies, INGOs, NGO Networks and National NGOs. Sphere India facilitates Inter Agency Coordination, Knowledge and Capacity Development and Collaborative Advocacy through a process for Quality & Accountability of humanitarian and DRR actions in India. Sphere India outreach is pan India through more than 10,000 partners of member organizations and 17 State level Inter Agency Groups. Sphere India is also partner of the country networks in South Asia and represents on the Board of the global Sphere Project Network.