

Turning the Tide

**National Conference
on
“Good Practices in Community Based Disaster Risk
Reduction”**

**21st & 22nd January 2010
The Atrium, Sujarkund, New Delhi**

Program Detail:

Program Name	Two day "National Conference on Good Practices in Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction "
Duration	21st & 22nd January, 2010
Venue	The Atrium, Sujarkund, New Delhi

EFICOR :

Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief (EFICOR) is a national Christian relief and development agency. It was formed in 1967 as a relief wing of Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI) and in 1980 was registered as a separate society. EFICOR serves the poor and the marginalized irrespective of creed or caste in situations of poverty, injustice and disaster. It has been involved in managing drought, cyclone, flooding, epidemics and earthquakes through all phases of the disaster cycle in India since 1967. EFICOR bases its relief operation on the 'Red Cross Code of Conduct' and is one of the pioneering organizations who initiated the institutionalization of the SPHERE project in India. It also organizes project management and disaster management workshops/ seminars for smaller local partners and since 2003 EFICOR has been involved in Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP) projects.

Sphere India:

Sphere India is a National Coalition of Humanitarian Agencies in India. The members include key nodal agencies from Govt. of India, UN, INGOs, NGO Networks and National NGOs. Sphere India facilitates (1) Inter Agency Coordination, (2) Training & Capacity Building, (3) Information & Knowledge Management and (4) Common Advocacy through a collaborative process for Quality & Accountability.

Conference Background:

Disasters being common in Indian, communities have strengthened their resilience through their age old coping methods and also instituted risk reduction mechanisms and models to minimize the vulnerabilities and prevent losses. Some coping mechanisms and good practices across the country which has helped in reducing risk and strengthening reliance of different communities that face cyclones, drought, earthquakes and floods, have been captured and collated under a project conceptualized and supported by EFICOR and

implemented as a collaborative effort of Sphere India members, their partners and larger humanitarian community through Sphere India Information and Knowledge Management subcommittee.

- 180 entries on good practices in CBDRR were received from different national as well as grass root agencies working in the field of DRR.
- 33 entries were shortlisted and were validated by a team of Researchers from Sphere India.

The good practices collated includes initiatives preparedness and mitigation measures like rainfall insurance, water harvesting & soil conservation adopting traditional techniques, promotion of disaster resistant housing techniques, capacity and skill building of vulnerable communities and children, Task forces formation and many more, covering the thematic areas – Flood, Drought, Water and Sanitation, Health, Livelihood

About the conference :

The conference is the first of its kind in India, aims to enable Key Opinion Leaders involved in community based disaster risk reduction initiatives in India to come together at a National level Forum, to gather knowledge on the CBDRR practices. Organizations which facilitated and implemented these practices, will present their work, strategies, experiences and challenges during the workshop and a panel of experts will judge their work and three best practices will be awarded.

A compendium of good practices on community based disaster risk reduction that aims to provide lead to practitioners working in areas of disaster risk reduction, will be also be released. A display of various publications carried out by member organisations of Sphere India will also be a part of the workshop pedagogy.

Objectives of the two day conference :

The conference will thus aim to achieve the following objectives:

- To disseminate, aware and enhance the understanding on 'community based disaster risk reduction' models and mechanism among the DRR practitioners.
- To provide/make available CBDRR models to the government and non-government agencies for incorporation of the risk reduction practices in their programmes.
 - To felicitate the three organizations/ promoters adjudged as 'best practice'.

Expected participants:

- DRR practitioners, development sector professionals, policy makers, CSR wings of corporate entities, activists

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