

Workshop on  
**Collaborative Advocacy for Mainstreaming Disability during Disasters**  
in Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (Time: 9:30am – 01:30pm)  
Organized by EHA & CBM in collaboration with Sphere India



**Workshop title:**

Collaborative Advocacy for Mainstreaming Disability in Disasters – The plight of persons with disability in disasters.

**Workshop Venue:**

Maple. (Entry Gate #3) India Habitat Centre. Lodhi Road, Delhi.

**Workshop objective:**

Advocacy for main-streaming disability with a disaster management perspective.

**Expected Outcomes -**

- Awareness and sensitization of stakeholders.
- Highlighting the plight of persons with disability during disasters.
- Drawing a doable Action Plan (submitting recommendations to the ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI).

**Date:**

20<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Friday. Time- 09:30am to 01:30pm

**Chief Guest:**

Yet to be finalized.

We have approached Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI.

**Expected participants:**

- Sphere India members
- NDMA
- NIDM
- Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
- PWD Commission
  - Central Government
  - State Government of Jammu & Kashmir
- Invitees from Kashmir (enlisted by EHA)
- CBM partners
- NGOs/INGOs.
- DPOs from-
  - Jammu and Kashmir
  - Delhi

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**Background:**

Individuals with disabilities are disproportionately affected in disaster emergency situations due to inaccessible evacuation and relief efforts including shelters, camps, food distribution & health etc. Common experiences reveal that persons with disabilities are more likely to be left behind or abandoned during the evacuation process. Most shelters and refugee camps are not prepared keeping in mind people with disabilities. Further, health camps are not well equipped either due to a perception that PWDs (persons with disabilities) need “complex medical” care.

Disruption to physical, social, economic, and environmental networks and support systems affect persons with disabilities much more than the general population. There is also a potential for discrimination on the basis of disability when resources are scarce.

Furthermore, the needs of persons with disabilities continue to be excluded during long-term recovery efforts, thus missing another opportunity to ensure disaster emergency responses are accessible and inclusively resilient to future disasters.

Main-streaming disability into disaster emergency responses entails making disability issues and persons with disabilities visible at the local and national level and in both government and nongovernment sectors. To ensure equal rights for all an **action plan** is essential.

The World Report on Disability released in 2011 identifies 15% of the globe’s population as consisting of people with a disability; with one in five people living in poverty in developing countries having some form of disability.

Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) along with its partner CBM responded to the flood disaster in Anantnag district of Kashmir, right from 17th September 2014 with health, water & sanitation and psychosocial care; covering more than 20 villages with special focus on persons with disabilities.

EHA worked very closely with local Disabled Peoples Organizations and the Anantnag District authorities (DC and CMO including Social Welfare Departments) along with Sphere India based in Srinagar to take the learning to the national level.

The focus is to help alleviate the suffering of persons with disabilities during disaster events.

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## Program

Time	Topic	Speaker
09:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Registration & High Tea	
<b>Welcome by Shem Raomei</b>		
<b>Opening Session</b>		
09:30 AM – 09:40 AM	EHA's initiative toward main-streaming disability	Dr. Mathew Santhosh Thomas, Executive Director, EHA
09:40 AM – 09:50 AM	Disability inclusive disaster response and Minimum Standards: Sphere India perspective	Mr. Vikrant Mahajan. CEO, Sphere India
09:50 AM – 10:05 AM	Disaster and Disability	Dr. Sara Varughese, Regional Director, CBM SARO
10:05 AM – 10:15 AM	Main-streaming disability in disaster & NDMA perspective	<b>Guest of Honor:</b> Lt Gen N C Marwah, PVSM, AVSM (Retired), Member, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of India
10:15 AM – 10:40 AM	Speech by the Chief Guest &  Release of the <b>Snapshot of EHA's experiences in Disability inclusive Disaster Management</b> (Highlights by Peniel Malakar)	* <b>Chief Guest</b>
<b>Experiences from 2014 floods in J&amp;K</b>		
10:40 AM – 10: 50 AM	Plight of the disabled during a disaster	Mr. Peniel Malakar
10:50 AM – 11:10 AM	Lessons learned: an experiences drawn from the J&K Floods- pro-actively engaging people with disabilities	Dr. Camy Thomas
<b>Local perspective</b>		

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11:10 AM – 11:20 AM	The Sailab	Mr. Joshua. John Bishop Memorial Hospital. Anantnag
11:20 AM – 11:35 AM	Local perspective – challenges, gaps, etc.	South Kashmir Handicapped Persons Association (SKHPA), Anantnag
11:35 AM – 11:40 AM	Volunteer perspective	Ms. Musrat
11:40 AM – 11:45 AM	Beneficiary perspective	Ms. Parveen
11:45 AM – 12:00 Nn	Rights vs. Policy: for Persons with Disabilities during disaster.	Dr. Javed. Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline, Anantnag
12:00 Nn – 12:15 PM	J&K Floods: Sphere Coordination.	Dr. Henna Hejazi. Sphere India.
<b>Group discussion:</b> The gaps, needs & existing policy – Recommendations to be submitted to the Honourable Minister for SJ&E, Govt. of India.		
12:15 PM – 12:40 PM	Group Discussion	Chaired by PWD Commissioner, J&K.
12:40 PM – 12:55 PM	Group presentations with recommendations. Observations by the Chair of the Group Discussion.	
12:55 PM – 01:10 PM	Concluding remarks	Dr. Sunil Gokavi. Designate Executive Director of EHA
01:10 PM – 01:15 PM	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Peniel Malakar.
<b>Lunch</b>		

\* We have invited the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, GoI as the Chief Guest for the workshop.

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