

### **Three Days Online Training on Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) conducted w.e.f. 22-24 June,2020.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought forth before us a way of life and ways of doing things which may be termed 'a new normal' way. This has now to be absorbed by all the sections of the society irrespective of age and gender. The State Institute of Public Administration, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (SIPASRD &PR) conducted a collaborative On-Line training programme with the National Institute of Disaster Management- Southern Campus, Vijayawada, on 'Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) w.e.f. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020.

The objectives of the three days on-line programme conducted through Google Meet and Cisco Webinar were:

- Understand and provide an overview of sectoral impacts of disaster on children.
- Understand and provide an overview of children rights and national & international commitments to CCDRR.
- Understand the process of CCDRR and its steps including mainstreaming approaches.
- Provide an overview of CCDRR with an emphasis on Life Cycle Approaches and Risk Informed Programming.
- Strategies to involve children in DRR activities
- Build knowledge on school safety.

The programme was well attended by 84 participants comprising from Elementary and Secondary School Education Department, Revenue and Panchayat Departments of the Govt. of Tripura. The SIPARD & PR has been the first Administrative Training Institute (ATI) in the country with whom the NIDM had conducted such programme through Video-conference mode. The programme was successfully conducted and the feedback of the participants has been encouraging showing that the deliberations that took place have opened up a new way of ensuring for proper psychological health of children especially during disasters.

The training programme took off with a welcome address given by Smti. Kuntal Das, TCS-SSG, Addl Secretary and OSD, SIPARD, Professor Santosh Kumr, Project Director, CCDRR NIDM gave the opening remarks and the Keynote address was delivered by Rtd. Major General, Manoj Kumar Bindal, Executive Director, NIDM-Southern Campus, Vijayawada.

This enriching programme was closed with the valedictory address on the 24<sup>th</sup> [June 2020](#) by Shri Barun Kumar Sahu, IAS, Pr. Secretary and Director General, SIPARD.

The CCDRR Team from NIDM, Vijayawada comprised Dr. Kumar Raka, Programme Officer, CCDRR, NIDM, Mr. Ranjan Kumar, Project Associate, CCDRR, NIDM and Dr. Balu I, Project Associate, CCDRR, NIDM and Dr. Elizabeth L. Sangliana from SIPARD&PR.

The speakers in the programme deliberated on the topics as given below:

- i) Dr. Kumar Raka, CCDRR, NIDM who spoke on 'Basic Concepts of Disaster Risk Management' and 'Introduction to CCDRR inclusive of Child Rights;
- ii) Dr. Sarat Kumar Das, State Project Officer, Disaster Management, Tripura Disaster Management Authority and Ex. State Programme Officer, UNDP who spoke on 'Hazard Risk, Vulnerability Profile of India and Tripura State;
- iii) Shri Ranjan Kumar, CCDRR, NIDM spoke on 'Life Cycle Approach & Risk Informed Programming, Child Participation in DRR : Reducing Vulnerability & Enhancing Capacity', 'Child Participation in DRR: Reducing Vulnerability and Enhancing Capacity, and Home to Home Feedback. ;
- iv) Dr. Namrata Sharma, Consulting Psychologist, YWCA, New Delhi, Spoke on the topic, 'Mental Health Issues in Children'.

#### **Pre and Post training Evaluations were taken and issued e-certificates**

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