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Concept Note for Thematic session

Event title	Preparedness to "build back better"
Event code	THEM-15
Date and Time	Friday, 4th November, 13.00-14.30
Venue/ Room no.	Hall No. 4, First Floor, Vigyan Bhawan
Organizers	**Lead:** CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development (CISSD) and START Network **Collaborators:** • All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) • CARE Today • CASA • CDMASS, • Christian Aid • CRS • Habitat for Humanity India • Handicap International • IGSSS • SEEDS India • South Asia Together For Humanitarian Imperative (SATHI): SATHI represents seven countries humanitarian networks viz. Afghanistan-ACBAR, Bangladesh-Sphere Community Bangladesh, India-Sphere India, Nepal-DPNet, Pakistan-NHN, Sri Lanka-CHA and Maldives • Sphere India • TDH Foundation • World Vision India **Contact Details* (lead):** **1- Name:** Eilia Jafar

	Designation: Head, Disaster Management Unit **Email id and phone number:** ejafar@careindia.org (M) 91-9650097048 **Organization name and address:** CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development (CISSD), A-12, Bhilwara Towers,Third Floor, Tower-2, Sector-1, Noida,Uttar Pradesh 201301 2- **Name:** Dr Deepti Sastry **Designation:** Head of Evidence **Email id and phone number:** d.sastry@savethechildren.org.uk, (0044) 7917403620 **Organization name and address:** Start Network, (Hosted by Save the Children), 1 St John's Lane, London EC1m 4AR, UK
Session Objectives	▪ To promote disaster resilience and integrate disaster risk reduction into disaster management systems and with an aim to 'Build Back Better'. ▪ For *local authorities, national authorities, communities and NGOs* to recognize the importance of guidelines and standards for disaster preparedness. ▪ To demonstrate how public private-partnership can support disaster resilience for response and recovery interventions. ▪ Sharing experiences more widely than the roundtable – identifying opportunities to share key messages from the roundtable to leverage impacts of the work.
Background and context	Every year, disasters leave millions of people affected in terms of loss of life, loss of property/shelter, lack of access to water and sanitation facilitates and loss of livelihood. Stakeholders across different levels in the national, regional and international humanitarian and political systems need to collectively engage to be prepared for disaster response. By working together communities can build back better, local authorities have appropriate systems in place to respond and this means working together to plan, prepare and respond. With competing needs and, often, limited lines of communication, coordination and cooperation are difficult to accomplish. In addition, by joining up the right types of institutions it is likely that they are likely to respond faster and therefore mitigate damage and loss of life. It has been observed across Asian countries that the response and recovery interventions do not adequately consider disaster resilience or inclusion nor focus on integration of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into response plans. The focus needs to be on expanding the existing knowledge base, involve

community throughout the planning and decision-making process and adoption of new and innovative technologies and materials. Better community participation would support addressing differential needs of women, men, boys, girls, elderly and people with disabilities.

Establishing partnerships with community groups, corporates and other partners - CSOs bring in social sensibilities, corporates can bring in management skills, and government's large umbrella programmes can set an impetus to the agenda of housing for all by 2022.

The issues/ problems it intends to address

- The response and recovery interventions do not adequately consider integration of disaster resilience and neither focuses on DRR features.

- Lack of coordination between various stakeholders viz. local authorities, government, civil society organizations, communities etc. in preparedness and response phase.

- Absence of guidelines on sector programming (Shelter, WASH, Livelihoods and Gender) that can provide guidance to National, State governments and other stakeholders on designing of sustainable programmes.

Intended outcomes of the event

- Common understanding amongst various stakeholders on the ways to address challenges and barriers to integrated planning and action in disaster preparedness, response and recovery programs
- Recommendations for guidelines on sector programming that can provide guidance to various stakeholders including state governments, district administration and communities on designing of sustainable disaster response programs.
- Recommendations for a roadmap for public-private partnership for integrating disaster resilience in disaster preparedness, response and recovery plans.

Key Messages

1. Disaster preparedness and response requires integrated planning and action

2. Communities need to be involved in the design of preparedness systems

3. The capacities of various stakeholders must be assessed and addressed for the whole system to adequately and appropriately respond.

4. Planning and implementation channels for preparedness - between governments, NGOs and communities - need to be formalized.

	5. We need to identify channels for information dissemination that allow the wider humanitarian community to learn and adapt from innovative, experimental approaches to integrated action.
Session format and programme	Time: 5 mins. **Topic-** Session objectives and introduction of Panellists Moderator: Eilia Jafar, Head Disaster Management Unit, CARE India Time -8 mins. **Topic**- Overview of challenges and barriers to integration of Disaster resilience and DRR in Disaster response and recovery interventions. Presenter- Prof. Vinod Sharma, Senior Professor, Disaster Management, IIPA Time – 8 mins. a- **Topic**- the need for sector guidelines and minimum standards under specific thematic areas (Shelter, WASH, livelihoods and Gender) and the recommended steps to disseminate from national level to communities. Shelter in Emergencies Time- 8 mins. **Topic**: Examples from integrated action on preparedness and response by AIDMI in India Presenter- Mr. Mihir Bhatt, AIDMI Time- 8- mins. **Topic**: Examples on capacity development and integrated action from the Network's portfolio of work. Presenter: Dr Deepti Sastry, for the Start Network Time- 8 mins. **Topic**- Experiences and examples on public private partnership towards disaster resilience in response and recovery interventions. Recommendations for a roadmap Presenter- Balaji Singh, E.D. CARE Today (CSR wing of India Today) Time – 8 mins **Topic**- Co.ordination between various stakeholders in preparedness and response phase Presenter- Vikrant Mahajan, CEO, SPHERE India and representative, SATHI network. Time –30 mins Open discussion, questions and answers Time-7 mins

	Summarizing the findings Presenter: Eilia Jafar, Head-DMU, CISSD and Vikrant Mahajan, CEO, SPHERE India
Intended main outcome and Key messages	**The intended main outcome is a common understanding of actions required for integrated action in disaster response and recovery and the significance of sector standards for quality and accountability in our actions.** **Key messages:** ▪ Disaster preparedness and response requires integrated planning and action ▪ Communities need to be involved in the design of preparedness systems ▪ The capacities of various stakeholders must be assessed and addressed for the whole system to adequately and appropriately respond. ▪ Planning and implementation channels for preparedness - between governments, NGOs and communities - need to be formalized ▪ We need to identify channels for information dissemination that allow the wider humanitarian community to learn and adapt from innovative, experimental approaches to integrated action. For example, effective governance is critical to ensure proper implementation of shelter programmes. For shelter, it is important that the government defines and supports a clear strategy underlining the role of each stakeholder. ▪ For response and recovery programming, community participation, with a focus on vulnerable groups (especially women), is an important priority. It is particularly important to consider vulnerability for shelter construction process to give them complete ownership and accountability of their shelters. ▪ Coordination is the key to successful implementation of any shelter programme and it is necessary to deliberate on ways to effectively coordinate with stakeholders. ▪ Post-disaster response and recovery interventions should have disaster-resistant features integrated into them. The focus should be on expanding the existing knowledge base and use of time-tested methods on one hand as well as continuous modernization of the working methods and adoption of new and innovative technologies and construction materials. ▪ The role of NGOs and corporates needs to be more focused on ensuring equitable delivery to the most vulnerable and less about the delivery of infrastructure and housing at a large scale.

List of Speakers and their interventions	**Moderator: Ms. Eilia Jafar** **Head-Disaster Management Unit** **CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development** **E.mail : ejafar@careindia.org** **Eilia** is a humanitarian professional with more than fifteen years of experience in the field of disaster preparedness, response and rehabilitation. Her experience includes international missions to Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. She has led a large number of emergency response operations focusing on shelter, WASH and livelihoods. Gender in emergencies is also an area of her focus. She has contributed significantly to policy formulation, strategy development, and planning in the disaster risk reduction sector at the national level in India. Eilia is also an alumnus of International Visitor Leadership Program in Disaster Management hosted by the State Department, Government of USA. She has authored several academic papers on Disaster management, business continuity management, and gender in emergencies. Before joining CARE, Eilia has worked with International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) - South Asia Delegation; IFRC India Delegation and UNDP. **Topic-** Session objectives and introduction of Panellists **Speakers:** **Prof. V.K. Sharma** **Senior Professor – Disaster Management, IIPA** **E.mail : profvinod@gmail.com** **Prof. V.K. Sharma** is currently Senior Professor, Disaster Management/Consultant at Indian Institute of Public Administration; Vice Chairman, Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of Sikkim and Adjunct Professor of Disaster Management, Amrita University. He is member of UN ISDR Asia Science, Technology and Academia Advisory Group. Professor Sharma has served in a number of Universities in India and Middle East before joining the Indian Institute of Public Administration. He is founder Chairman of a non-profit organization, SEEDS India. He is Visiting Professor, Kyoto University, Japan and many other Universities/institutions. **Topic**- Overview of challenges and barriers to integration of Disaster resilience and DRR in Disaster response and recovery interventions -- **Mr. N.M.Prusty** **Mentor cum Director**

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N M Prusty worked in the Government as a Civil Servant (Ministry of Industry), as a banker (PNB) and with a Development Finance Institution (ICICI). Thereafter he moved to NDDB as Head of Project Finance and subsequently Program Management and Market Intervention Operation. After a stint in the private sector in Africa and India he moved to the social development sector as the Director of CARE in India. He led CARE India emergency response operations in super cyclones, droughts and floods across many states in India. Till recently he was heading the GoI-USA Bilateral initiative called India Disaster Management Support Project as the Chief of Party. Mr. Prusty is supporting several Government and Non-Government efforts to upgrade techno-managerial capability to manage disaster. He is a major contributor to the development of global standards for emergency response called "Sphere Standards". He is the founder Chairperson of the National Coalition of Humanitarian Organizations in India called "Sphere India," besides several other organisations. He was also a Member of the Board of Sphere Project, Geneva. He is a member of the consultative group for the Raman Magsaysay Award. N M Prusty studied Mechanical Engineering followed by International Business Management

Topic-   the need for sector guidelines and minimum standards under specific thematic areas (Shelter, WASH, livelihoods and Gender) and the recommended steps to disseminate from national level to communities.

Mr. Mihir Bhatt
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Mihir Bhatt leads independent All India Disaster Mitigation Independent All India Disaster Management recognized as Centre of Excellency by UNDP Office on South South Cooperation. AIDMI works across 35 cities and 49 districts in 9 states of India as well as 7 countries in Asia Pacific on reducing disaster and climate change risk since 1995.

Topic: Integrated preparedness plans: working with local authorities and communities.

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Deepti Sastry (PhD) is the Head of Evidence at the Start Network. With over seven years of experience in the conflict and peace-building, development, humanitarian and global-accountability sectors she has particular expertise in measuring change for complex and dynamic contexts. In the past she has worked with programme staff and designed systems to incentivize data-collection that facilitates adaptation in the programme design and approach. She continues to explore this area of work from within the Start Network, to draw closer and more meaningful links between evidence-gathering exercises and programmes that, in turn, meet the needs of communities affected by crisis.

Topic: Integrated preparedness plans: working with local authorities and communities.

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C. Balaji Singh, is a Disaster Risk Reduction and Project Management expert with academic background in the areas of Social Development and Business Management. He has completed MA from School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, and MBA from Andrews University, Michigan USA, studying at Spicer Memorial College, Pune. After a stint in Pharmaceutical sales & marketing, he worked with reputed international NGOs such as ActionAid, Charities Aid Foundation, and CARE. Later he worked in USAID as Disaster Management Specialist where he was involved in designing and managing bilateral projects. As Director, Disaster Management in CARE he supported emergency response operations in India and overseas and contributed extensively to strengthen organizational preparedness in CARE. Currently he is working as Disaster Management Expert – South Asia for U.S. Forest Service and as Executive Director Care Today, both on a part time basis. His domains of expertise include social development analysis, disaster risk reduction & climate change, Incident Command System, Project life cycle management, and Fund raising.

Topic- Experiences and examples on public private partnership towards disaster resilience in response and recovery interventions. Recommendations for a roadmap
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	Vikrant Mahajan is a CEO, Sphere India, a National coalition of humanitarian agencies in India since 2007. He has been leading the collaboration for humanitarian coordination, collaborative advocacy and capacity sharing in India. He is also a Board member of the Sphere Project since 2012. He is coordinating for SATHI (South Asia Together for Humanitarian Imperative), an initiative to build collaboration between country level networks in South Asia; ACBAR Afghanistan, Pakistan humanitarian network, DPNet Nepal, Sphere Bangladesh, Consortium of humanitarian Agencies Sri Lanka. He comes with an interdisciplinary background in Engineering, Public administration and Organisation Development. He has a rich experience of working with Governments, UN agencies, Corporates and Civil Society Organisations in different contexts and Inter Agency operations. He has also been a commissioned Officer in Corps of Engineers, Indian Army for 9 years, whereas aid to civil authorities he has participated in different operations and exercises in complex humanitarian situations. **Topic**- Coordination between various stakeholders in preparedness and response phase
Technical Equipment	Projector, computer, microphones