

Disaster Risk Management through Gendered Approach

Venue: Auditorium Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM), Gandhinagar

Date: 17th - 18th October, 2024

Executive Summary

Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management is organising a capacity program on ‘Disaster Risk Management through Gendered Approach’ from 17th to 18th October, 2024 at GIDM campus. The main aim of the training program is to spread awareness about disaster risk management among the participants and how disasters affect differently amongst different genders.

This program is targeted for the Anganwadi Supervisor (AWS) who are instrumental in implementing the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS). The sessions will be delivered by experts from government, non-government organisations, academia and research institutes, etc. It will be emphasised that the pedagogy techniques will be participants-centric where they will not only learn about DRR but also get confidence to tackle any disastrous situation.

The recent floods in Gujarat in August 2024 highlighted the destructive power of nature and revealed our inadequate disaster preparedness. Several government buildings suffered damage to compound walls, windows, and doors, along with electrical equipment and other surrounding structures. Foodgrain godowns experienced significant losses due to inventory washout and food spoilage caused by heavy rainfall in both urban and rural areas. This situation underscores the urgent need to incorporate disaster prevention and mitigation measures into daily administrative operations.

Background

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme is one of the world’s largest programs for early childhood care and development. The scheme is a response to the fundamental challenges of child development in terms of a) cognitive development through pre-school non-formal education and b) physical growth by liberating childhood from the cycle of malnutrition, morbidity, reduced cognitive capacity and mortality. Through the six services offered under the ICDS: i) Supplementary nutrition, ii) Pre-school non-formal education, iii) Nutrition and health education, iv) Immunization, v) Health checkups and vi) Referral services, the Government of India aims at delivering quality nutrition, education, and health-related services to children aged 0-6 years as well as pregnant and lactating mothers.

As per NITI Aayog¹ report, Gujarat faces several challenges in the ICDS scheme like poor implementation, delayed reimbursement to Anganwadi Workers (AWWs); increased burden, mismatch and work load due to less ASHA and ANM; lack of skills in handling and operating online data entry, online uploading and photography; limited training for operating bureaucratic channels of communication, knowledge of how to communicate, regarding documentation and paper work. Other issues like congested Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in urban areas, duplication and many more.

On the other hand, disasters are increasing their magnitude, frequency and intensity day by day. There is a high possibility that welfare schemes like ICDS will get affected in disaster prone areas increasing the vulnerability of children from 0-6 years as well as pregnant and lactating mothers. Regional variations like issues with storage space, areas or AWCs being prone to animal infestations can have an adverse effect on the implementation of the scheme. Hilly areas, flood prone areas have their own set of issues like accessibility, disasters and safety concerns for the beneficiaries as well as the field functionaries. Therefore, the steps taken when institutional network gets disturbed, department needs to work to deal and be prepared with disasters. As per report by Government of Odisha², the disaster management plan needs to be prepared centering the AWC and other stakeholders.

Session Objectives

This training aims to provide key points:

1. Understand the basic concepts of disaster risk management, gender based approach
2. To learn how disasters will affect the implementation of ICDS and other welfare scheme
3. To create awareness about disaster risk reduction strategies and good practices in the field.

Date & Time

- 17- 18 October, 2024, 10:00 am (Reporting)

Venue

- Auditorium, Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management

Organisers

- Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM)
- Panchayat Talim Kendra, Sadra

¹ Evaluation of ICDS Scheme of India, February 2020 [https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-03/Evaluation of ICDS Scheme of India.pdf](https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-03/Evaluation_of_ICDS_Scheme_of_India.pdf)

² Disaster Management Plan Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti Department, Department of Odisha 2019-20

Expected Participants:

- Participants (74)

Expected Outcomes

At the end of the training program, the participants would be able to,

- Have conceptual clarity on disaster risk management
- Create a space of safe and healthy environment at Anganwadi Centres
- Have knowledge, case studies and peer experiences related to DRR.
