

# Workshop on

## Village Disaster Management Plan (VDMP)

Batch 1 (Date: 02<sup>nd</sup> - 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2025)

Batch 2 (Date: 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025)

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### Executive Summary

Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM) has organised the workshop on Village Disaster Management Plan (VDMP) for newly recruited Village Secretary i.e. *Talati cum Mantri* of Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Department. It will involve training on concepts and framework on mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in VDMPs, Fire Safety, Basic Life Saving Skills, etc.

This workshop will provide a platform for the participants to motivate the newly recruited TCM to undertake development activities with due care of the natural hazards in that village and potential risks involved. GIDM had invited experts from government, NGOs and academics to deliver the session and enhance the teaching pedagogy and have a blend of theory supported by practical demonstrations. For the said program, the Panchayati Raj Training Centre, Sadara, Dist. Gandhinagar and Panchayati Raj Training Centre, Indira Bhavan, Gandhinagar had extended their support.

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### Background

As per 2011 Census, Gujarat has around 18225 villages with 4.37 crore population in rural areas. Gujarat is prone to natural hazards like cyclone, earthquake, floods, extreme events etc. In India, Gram Panchayat authorities are entrusted with the responsibility to constitute a Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC) and develop Village Disaster Management Plan (VDMP) for better coordination as mentioned in the Disaster Management Act 2005. Similarly under the Panchayati Raj Act (1992) of Government of India, committees have been designated to shoulder the responsibility of preparing disaster management plans similar to the Gram Panchayat Development Planning process. As per the Village Panchayat Secretary (Pre-Service Training and Post-Training Examination) Rules, 2018, components of disaster management governance (The Gujarat Disaster Management Act 2003) is an integral part of their training which increases the importance of DRR subject.

There is a dire need that the new generation officers of Panchayat Raj Department needs to be oriented on the governance aspect of disaster management to prepare and mitigate the losses. The formation of VDMP and VDMC is a critical instrument for leading Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR) activities at the local level. Basic features of VDMC includes:

- There must be VDMC for very large, large and medium size village. For small villages and hamlets, there may be Cluster/Federation level Disaster Management Committees for 4-5 small villages/hamlets subject to geographical locations and distance between them. VDMC must represent men and women from cross-section of the village/local area and must include 9 to 11 members.
- VDMC must work for the issues/problems on disaster management and risk reduction without any bias of caste, creed, gender etc. VDMC members must be selected by the villagers in the open village/cluster/federation level meeting.
- VDMC should act as an extended arm of PRI structure by including specialized functionaries as its members. Provision should also be made for forming teams/task forces to support VDMC for performing various functions required in different phases of DM cycle. VDMC members must also conduct village level community's capacity building programme.

In this backdrop, Disaster Management (DM) practice in India has evolved from one that was largely top-down, relief-oriented to a risk management based approach that has different sectoral roles to be played by different stakeholders. The stakeholders, including the government and non-governmental actors, must aim at realization of the appropriate institutional mechanisms in the preparatory stage of an identified calamity (risk understanding), during the calamity (risk or disaster management), and post calamity (disaster recovery) and develop VDMPs accordingly.

These days, heatwaves are one of the major extreme weather faced by Gujarat. Heatwaves are periods of unusually hot days and nights that can lead to health problems, economic losses, and environmental damage, and are becoming more frequent and intense due to climate change. Heatwaves has increased the likelihood of developing heat related diseases and heatstrokes across all the age groups in the state. Some of the districts like Bhuj, Ahmedabad, Surendranagar, Banaskantha, Rajkot, Junagadh, Porbandar and other parts of North Gujarat have been alerted

Considering the present scenario, a training program has been arranged on 'Village Disaster Management Plan' in two batches. This program is in line with the The Gujarat Sate Disaster Management Act 2003; Disaster Management (DM) Act, 2005; National Policy on Disaster Management (NPDM), 2009; Prime Minister's Ten Point Agenda on DRR, 2016; as well as National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP), 2019.

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## **Session Objectives**

This worksop aims to:

1. Increase the awareness about disaster risks and climate change impacts
2. Orient on formation of Village Disaster Management Committees
3. Share the experiences, good practices, local challenges related to VDMP
4. Acquaint with the role of PRI and especially Talati cum Mantri in DRM and implement DRR measures

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## **Date & Time**

- Batch 1 during Date: 02<sup>nd</sup> - 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 from 10:30 to 05:00
- Batch 2 during Date: 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 10:30 to 05:00

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## **Venue**

- Auditorium, Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM)

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## **Organisers**

- Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM)

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## **Format**

- In Person

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## **Expected Participants:**

- Newly recruited Talati cum Mantri (Both Batches - around 90)
- These TCM belongs to the Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Department.

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## **Expected Outcomes**

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

- Learn about basic science behind the hazards - heatwave and other extreme weather events
- Understand the development of Village Disaster Management Plan (VDMP)
- Have hands on practical sessions on life saving techniques and use of fire safety equipments during disasters.

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## Village Disaster Management Plan

Time	Topic	Speakers
<b>Day - 1</b>		
09.30 - 10.30	<b>Tea &amp; Breakfast</b>	
10.30 - 11:00	<b>Welcome Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting and Registration</li> <li>• Introduction to Workshop, etc.</li> </ul>	<b>GIDM</b>
11:00 - 13:00	<b>Session 1: Understanding Basics of DRM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concepts and Definitions of DRM; HRVCA</li> <li>• Gujarat State Disaster Management Act 2003</li> <li>• DM Act 2005, NPDM 2009; NDMP 2019</li> <li>• NDMA, SDMA, DDMA, NDRF</li> <li>• SFDRR 2015-2030; HF 2005-2015; Yokohama Strategy</li> <li>• <b>Science behind Extreme Event - Heatwave</b></li> </ul>	<b>GIDM</b>
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 - 15:00	<b>Eco-based Approach and Nature based solutions for Disaster Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ecosystem based Disaster Risk Reduction</li> <li>- Strategic Environmental Assessment and linkages to EcoDRR</li> <li>- Case Study and Discussion</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Anusha Vyas</b> RAPC, GIDM
15:00 - 16:00	<b>Community based Disaster Risk Reduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Composition, Roles and Responsibilities of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Disaster Management Committee</li> <li>• Village Disaster Management Teams</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Financial Mechanism and Schemes</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Pushpanjali Pradhan</b> RAPC, GIDM
16:00 - 16:15	<b>Tea</b>	
16:15 - 17:00	<b>Community based Disaster Risk Reduction: Group Exercise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role, Responsibilities and duties of PRI members in DRM</li> <li>• Presentation by participants</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Pushpanjali Pradhan</b> RAPC, GIDM
<b>End of Day 1</b>		

## Day - 2

Time	Topic	
09.30 - 10.30	<b>Tea &amp; Breakfast</b>	
10:30 - 11:30	<b>Risk Informed Gram Panchayat Development Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainstreaming DRR and CCA Activities in GPDP</li> <li>• Role of PRI members in planning, execution and monitoring of developmental activities</li> <li>• Case Study and Discussion e.g. WASH sector</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Abhishek Fullonton</b> UNICEF India
11:30 - 12:45	<b>Effective Fire Response, Safety &amp; Prevention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Science and Combustion</li> <li>• Practical Demonstration with fire safety equipments</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. S M Shaikh</b> GSFA
<b>13:00 -14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 - 16:30	<b>Basic Life Safety (BLS) and First Aid Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the basics of first aid and life-saving techniques</li> <li>• Demonstrating CPR and other critical life-saving interventions</li> <li>• Managing common injuries and medical emergencies (e.g., burns, fractures, bleeding)</li> <li>• Recognizing the importance of quick response in emergencies</li> <li>• Practical demonstration and participant involvement for skill-building</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Sureshkumar Gami</b> GujAid
16:30 - 16:45	<b>Tea</b>	
16:45 - 17:00	<b>Closing Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback</li> <li>• Certificate Distribution</li> </ul>	<b>GIDM</b>
<b>End of Day 2</b>		