

Training cum Workshop on

Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Disaster Risk Management

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Organised by



**State Institute of Rural
Development**



**Gujarat Institute of
Disaster Management**

Concept Note

“Real India lives in its villages.”

- Mahatma Gandhiji

A. Background:

Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) play a crucial role in disaster risk management (DRM) at the grassroots level in India. PRIs are local self-governing bodies established under the Constitution of India, and they form an essential part of decentralized governance. PRIs are at the forefront of disaster risk management, as they possess intimate knowledge of the local context and have direct access to the community. Their active involvement strengthens the effectiveness of disaster management efforts and ensures a more resilient response to disasters.

PRIs play a crucial role in disaster preparedness by creating awareness among the local communities about the potential risks, conducting drills, and preparing contingency plans. They have to also identify and map vulnerable areas and communities, and prioritize their preparedness and response efforts. PRIs work with the district administration and other stakeholders to set up early warning systems that can help alert the local communities about an impending disaster. This can be done through a variety of means such as sirens, public address systems, and mobile phone alerts. In the event of a disaster, PRIs need to coordinate search and rescue operations at the local level. They are expected to mobilize resources, including human resources, equipment, and vehicles, to help in rescue and evacuation efforts. Often, PRIs have the responsibility with relief and rehabilitation efforts after a disaster. They undertake distribute relief material, including food, water, and medicines, to the affected population. They can also coordinate efforts to rebuild damaged infrastructure and provide other forms of support to the affected communities. It is the need of the hour that PRIs to work with local communities to build their capacity to respond to disasters.

B. Aims and Objectives

1. Understanding the crucial roles the Village secretary during disasters
2. Understanding the importance of Village Disaster Management Plan and integrating with Gram Panchayat Development Plan
3. Discussing about Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) practices and mitigation approaches

C. Organisers

This training program is jointly organised by **Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM)** and **State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD)**. GIDM and SIRD has signed an MoU. The training program will be held at GIDM campus from 25th-26th May, 2023. There is no training fee.

D. Target Audience:

This training program is organised for Talati-cum-Mantri, Panchayat Raj, Rural Housing and Rural Urban Department from various districts like Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Sabarkantha, Aravalli, Kachchh, Dahod, Patan, Surendranagar, Gir-Somnath, etc. The total participants from Panchayat Padhadhikari Talim Kendra, Gandhinagar and Panchayat RajvTalim Kendra, Sadra are around 70-80.

D. Expected Outcomes

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

- Understand the basic terminologies related to disaster risk management
- Capacity building of Village Secretary (Talati) related to disaster management
- Incorporating VDMP into GPDP for the wholistic approach in making villages resilient

Way Forward

The impact of disasters on people living in vulnerable areas and losses to their property can be minimised by a proactive role played by local government officials and communities at grassroots levels. DRM needs to be an integral part of development processes for sustainable development. At the village / grass roots level, the VDMP plan should not be on just papers but must be formulated, which draws up the plan for local authorities, government functionaries including doctors/ paramedics of primary health centres located in the village, primary school teachers and elected representatives of the village. In this way the whole purpose of the training program is linking with the development programs and strengthening the local capacities.