

**A Google Classroom based Training Program**  
for District Youth Coordinators and Youth Volunteers of NYKS  
on  
**ROLE OF YOUTH & VOLUNTEERS**  
**FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT**

07-08<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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## 1. Background

Since the dawn of civilization, human society, natural environment and disasters have been closely interlinked. Natural hazards and the increasing environment degradation world-wide are serious threats to development. Disasters threaten all three dimensions of development to include economic, social and environmental. In the past twenty years, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, landslide, floods, tropical storms, droughts and other natural calamities have killed over three million people, inflicted injury, disease, homelessness and misery on one billion others, and caused infrastructural damages. As we know that around 80% of the world's population resides in developing countries and it has been estimated that up to 60% of these population are highly vulnerable to floods, severe storms and earthquakes. The losses are growing largely due to the increasing concentration of population and investments in vulnerable locations as well as inadequate measures to reduce risk.

The youth and volunteers of a nation are the backbone and the most powerful force within the nation. They are the hope of the future and can shape the destiny of a country. History shows that countries subjected to foreign rule have without exception sought the help of youth and volunteers in times of crisis. The youth and volunteers have also been instrumental in the change of governments, whenever need for such a change has been felt. They have always been in the forefront in the building of political, social and economic orders of a society. They play a positive role for the cause of a nation and national integration. Today's generation faces greater challenges in national building due to the force and pressure of internal politics and external conflicts. The youth and volunteers have a leading role in bringing together the people of different states and religions with a view to integrating them socially, culturally and geographically.

Moreover, it is very essential that the youth and volunteers, who are the demographic dividend of the nation, be oriented towards looking at the on-going pandemic situation (i.e. COVID-19) through the lens of Disaster Risk Management, and thereby broaden their spectrum of analyzing the present as well as the future developments and consequences.

In order to build this culture of looking at a crisis, such as this, in a holistic and comprehensive manner, it is absolutely essential that the youth and volunteers be explained how the prevalent understanding of disaster risk fits into the present scenario and how the systemic nature of risk would affect every sector of development.

Keeping in view of greater engagements of Youth and Volunteers for DRM, GIDM-NYKS is planning to organize a Google Classroom based Training Program for selected District Youth Coordinators and Youth-Volunteers of NYKS on theme “**Role of Youth and Volunteers for Disaster Risk Management**” may be organized from **07-08<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

## 2. Agenda of the Capacity Building Program

At the National level, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Defense, and Ministry of Home Affairs have volunteer programmes designed to engage youths in social welfare. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangthan (NYKS), National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps and Civil Defence & Home Guards' volunteers are the main vehicles for promoting youth volunteerism in community services including disaster and environment management.

The Disaster Management Act, 2005 and National Policy on Disaster Management 2009 provide the framework for institutional and legal mechanisms on disaster management in India. Whereas the Disaster Management Act, 2005 does not explicitly define the roles volunteers, it ensures that relevant responders and other stakeholders including volunteers are well trained in various aspects of DRM.

Disaster Management Policy of India formulated in 2009 emphasizes on Involvement of community, civil defense volunteers, NGOs, ex-servicemen and youth organizations in all aspects of disaster management. It lays down roadmap/directions for holistic and pro-active approach towards prevention, mitigation and preparedness. The policy also advocates for a multi-disciplinary, multi-sectoral and holistic approach towards DRR involving all stakeholders.

In view of the above developments at State level, the virtual training intends to address certain issues related to DRM by partnering with youth-volunteer based organizations in the State, so as to build a cadre of uniform services who can complement and supplement the efforts in different phases of Disaster Risk Management Cycle. After the commencement of Sendai Framework of Action (SFDRR 2015-2030), there continues to be not just a lot to be accomplished for DRM but also significantly more to demonstrate and deliver on the inter-linkages between DRM, early recovery, development, environmental protection and climate change adaptation. While there is acceleration in the implementation of DRM initiatives across the country and at the State level. In this context, there continues to be a need to build capacities innovatively, increase outreach at the appropriate levels, enhance impact of action; all of which also require qualified and experienced professionals to assist and support government and non-government actors in coordinated, structured and timely DRR and response actions. DRM being a relatively new domain of knowledge and practice offers a key challenge in find high quality human resources and capacity development opportunities.

NYKS volunteers can play a significant role in every stage of DRM Cycle, with its organizational capability, strength and quality of its cadres, involvement of NYKS in DRR activities will provide able assistance to the nation as well as an avenue to the youth and volunteers in showing its commitment to the society. It would, however, be preferable to determine their areas of activity and responsibility in any disaster situation beforehand and limit the same to an indirect support role, while the direct intervention is left to the experts in the field. NYKS volunteers can effectively assist the State/District/Taluka/Gram Panchayat level in the form of:-

- First Aid and evacuation of rescued people
- Traffic Management under supervision
- Search and Rescue (SAR)
- Helping in setting-up and administration of Relief Camps
- Collection, loading and dispatch of medical aid, material, food and other articles of relief
- Conduct of cultural and recreational activities for victims to boost their morale at later / rehabilitation stages
- Help in the preparation of the Disaster Risk Management Plan(s)
- Aware communities on various types of hazards
- Psychosocial Care and Stress Management
- Dignified Management of the Dead

Keeping this in context, the virtual classroom based training program has been designed to be in three segments:

1. The **first segment** would talk about on-going pandemic situation (i.e. COVID-19), answering the most obvious and the most frequently asked question to put the queries in one's mind at ease;
2. The **second segment** would show the participants how to view this crisis through the lens of DRM thereby tinkering their preparedness for the near future;
3. The **third segment** would talk about the possible roles of youth and volunteers during this trying times. The objective behind this segment is to inspire the youth and volunteers to contribute even when they are following the rules and regulations imposed!

*Key Words:* Youth & Volunteers, First Responders, Mass Casualties/Fatalities, Capacity Development, Climate Change, Risk Identification & Assessment, Disaster Risk Management

### 3. Objectives

By the end of the session, participants will be able to understand -

- COVID-19 (focus would be on discussing the basics of what & how of the infection)
- Why is it necessary to view the pandemic from the lens of Disaster Risk Management? Perceiving the pandemic as just a health emergency constrains our preparedness to the present times and few particular sectors, but, viewing it through the lens of disaster risk management, broadens our perspective and we visualize the emergent risks / issues too, like that of the upcoming season of heat-waves that would perhaps add on to the already building up pressure on our health infrastructure, or, the lockdown forced economy dip that might hinder the achievement of some of the SDGs
- The role youth and volunteers should take up during this trying times. Although, we are in a lockdown and have nothing much to contribute to the betterment of the situation with the exception of frontline / essential service workers, we may find different ways to ease the situation a bit.

### References: -

1. Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
2. GIDM Training Module on “Basics of DRM”, (*Gujarati and English*)
3. GIDM Training Module on “Role of Youth and Volunteers in DRM”
4. All presentations  
<https://gidm.gujarat.gov.in/>

## Program Schedule

**Pre-requisite for Google Classroom based Training** - Key sessions/Reference videos/Group activities/Presentation, Assignments and Designing the Course by Participants

### Day 1: 07-June-2021, Monday

- 14:30 – 14:45 ---Reporting to respective locations to view the program---
- 14:45 – 15:00 **Welcome, About GIDM, Portal, GIDM Audio-Visual Film, Introduction to 5-hrs self-paced course on e-CCDM (English and Gujarati version)**  
*Dr. Chintan Pathak, APPM, GIDM*
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Introduction to Basics of Disaster Risk Management**  
*Dr. Chintan Pathak, APPM, GIDM*  
*At the end of this session participants will be able to:*
- Basics of Disaster Risk Management (DRM)
  - Terminology used in DRM
  - Disaster Risk Management Cycle
  - Institutional frameworks
- 16:00 – 17:00 **DRM perspective of COVID-19**  
*Mr. Sumedh Patil, OSD, GIDM*  
*At the end of this session participants will be able to:*
- About COVID-19
  - Basic Do's and Don'ts
  - COVID 19: Response by India and Gujarat
  - DRM perspective of COVID-19
  - Risk Analysis: HVCRA to COVID-19
- 17:00 – 17:30 **Question-Answer and De-briefing of the Day**  
*Mr. Sumedh Patil, OSD, GIDM*  
*Dr. Chintan Pathak, APPM, GIDM*

### Day 2: 08-June-2021, Tuesday

- 14:30 – 14:45 ---Reporting to respective locations to view the program---
- 14:45 – 15:00 **Discussion of Previous Day and Setting-up the Context**  
*Dr. Chintan Pathak, APPM, GIDM*
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Role of Youth and Volunteers during COVID-19**  
*Wg Cmdr Puneet Chadha, former OC, NCC*  
*At the end of this session participants will be able to:*
- Case Studies / Best Practices from across the Country

- *Youth Volunteerism activities across the State*
- *Roles and Responsibilities of Youth and Volunteers for DRM*
- *Assistance to and coordination with local authorities on-behalf of community such as Police, Civil Administration offices etc*
- *Assisting in daily needs of the Community and Social Distancing/Crowd Management*
- *Community Surveillance, Field Supervision and Home Quarantine*
- *Logistics and Supply chain management*
- *Psychological care of Patient*

**16:00 – 17:00**      **Designing the Course by Participants and Presentation (Online)**

*Theme 1: Role of youth-volunteers during Pandemic situation*

*Theme 2: Role of youth-volunteers during Earthquake*

*Theme 3: Role of youth-volunteers during Flood*

*Theme 4: Training Need Assessment for Capacity Building Activities*

**17:00 – 17:30**      **Question-Answer, Feedback and Conclusion**

*Dr. Chintan Pathak, APPM, GIDM*