

## **One Day Residential Training Program on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction**

**28<sup>th</sup> January (Time: 10:00 to 17:00 Hrs.)**

### **Concept Note:**

India is home to an estimated twenty-one million persons with disabilities and in Gujarat; it is around 1.1 million. Persons with disabilities; face barriers to full and effective involvement in society, with many experiencing intersecting disadvantages arising from disabilities interacting with other parameters, including gender, age, income, place of residence, and ethnicity.

Many persons with disabilities are poor and in vulnerable employment or self-employment, without adequate social protection. The poverty rate for families that included a member with a disability was found to be substantially higher (12.8%) than it was for families without any disabled members (7.7%). Furthermore, persons with disabilities are two to six times less likely to be employed than those without disabilities.

These destitute circumstances make persons with disabilities even more susceptible during the pandemic, especially those with existing health conditions. Certain containment measures, including social distancing and self-isolation, may be difficult for persons who are suffering from cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy. Persons with intellectual disabilities may require support for meeting their daily needs. As for most people who were already financially insecure or living on the margins before the pandemic, has wiped out livelihood prospects for persons with disabilities.

Governments have the responsibility to mainstream disability inclusion in systemic response plans to safeguard the health, survival, well-being, and rights of persons with disabilities.

Most governments are facing new challenges in mounting coordination and effective responses to protect their population in general, while the disabled population requires special attention to reduce the associated risk. This program is being organized to address these risks during and post-disaster situations.

## **Objectives:**

- A. To introduce basics of Disaster Risk Management
- B. Addressing Gaps and challenges of disability associated Disaster Risk Reduction
- C. To explore focused coordinations training in handling disabled persons during and post-disaster scenario.

## **Target audience**

The webinar aims to involve participants from the following groups:

- Staff Members and associate members, including representatives from the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment especially: Social Security Officer, Chief Officer. Officers from NYK, NSS, NCC, SDRF
- Representatives of organizations of persons with disabilities

## **Format and modalities**

This program will have two parts

1. Orientation program on Disabilities
2. One-day residential program on the handling of disabled persons early warning, during and after the disaster.

## **Resource Persons:**

1. Dr. Bhusan Punani, Executive Secretary, BPA, Ahmedabad
2. Dr. Dhananjay Deshmukh, Asst. Prof. IITE, Gandhinagar
3. Shri Akhil Paul, Sense India Int. Ahmedabad
4. Shri. Baljeet Singh, Inspector, NDRF, 6<sup>th</sup> Batallion, Gandhinagar
5. Shri, A.A. Shaikh, Sy. S.P., Civil Defence, GoG