

4 Publication of Training manual for CHVs

Similarly, a training manual for Community Health Volunteers will be developed for the NGOs/CBOs as reference material and to conduct further training by the NGOs/CBOs at the grassroots level.

5 State level dissemination workshop

At the end of the project a state level dissemination workshop will be organized to share the information about the network to different agencies/groups for facilitating the process of networking, planning, implementation etc for further course of action.

6 Creation of WEBSITE on the NGO Network and other relevant information.

In the very beginning of the project, a database will be created based on the existing NGOs/CBOs in the Block along with the resources in terms of person power and infrastructure available. This database will be available to others through the website meant for the purpose. There will be free flow of information about the Network members, their capabilities/strength/infrastructure who in the later stage will be the helping hand in mitigating the sufferings of the people at the time of disaster/calamities.

Expected Results

i) Social and economic utilities,

The first and long lasting impact of this programme is on human being and then immediately on his/her livelihood. Development of basic health and education concept would be there among the participants.

ii) Strengthening of local institutions/groups,

The training programmes would strengthen the local institutions and groups such as NGOs, CBOs, PRIs, Mahila Mandals Co-operatives, Gram and Palli Sabhas and Youth Clubs. This would help in achieving the project objectives.

iii) Improving preparedness;

The community based disaster preparedness of the community would be very much strengthened by presence of the persons trained by us in the training programmes. They would be using the CBDP and other techniques for improving the community level disaster preparedness.

The activities planned to achieve the objective mentioned earlier were mentioned below.

1 Block level Sensitisation and Network Formation Workshop

A sensitization workshop of one day duration will be organised inviting all the NGOs/CBOs to have a preliminary discussion on disaster management and the formation of network. There will be a convener in the network, popularly nominated and willing to provide some space either from NGOs/CBOs who in the later stage will facilitate the work of the network on a regular basis as a nodal point.

The convener's office as Network Office will facilitate the ongoing activities of the project and at the same time will act as information center on disaster management/preparedness in the Block

The network will also be linked with Block level Coordination Committee/PHC to facilitate the process and to utilize the available infrastructure and resources including medicines at the block level. The network will also be responsible in forming the Health and sanitation committee at the Block level in collaboration with partner NGOs/CBOs. The Committee will be responsible to mobilize resources at the time of disaster and at the same time the committee will be act as the entry point of other groups/agencies in taking up various plans and programmes during disaster.

On the whole the network in close collaboration with the implementing agency will act as the **emergency squad** to meet the needs at the time of crisis/disasters.

2 Capacity Building/ Training

The capacity building on disaster preparedness/management will be organized in each block. The participants of the CBOs/NGOs will be the participant who will be provided basic information and some of the essential aid to meet the needs of the people. There would be provision of participants minimum one from each GP to cover the entire block. The participants after training will act as master trainer to further percolate the information at the grassroots level. The participants will also be empowered to recognize some of the common diseases occur in the post disaster period so that they can identify and refer the people who are in the need of help and treatment. The training programme will be of three days duration and there would be 30 participants in each training programme.

3 Follow-up Orientation

To upkeep the training process, a one day follow up orientation will be organized in each block with the objective to take stock of the situation and meet the information needs of any of the participants.

Project Area

The project area after due consultation with the support agency were decided as follows.

In realization of the concerns and importance to address the needs arisen out of post disaster period, in the 1st phase of the project, some of the selected coastal districts viz, Cuttack, Kendrapara, Jagatsingpur, Ganjam, and Puri was finalized as the project area of the project.

Similarly, in each district the most affected and likely to be affected blocks are chosen for in-depth activities as enumerated under the project. These Blocks are selected on the basis of the following criteria.

- Far off Blocks from District headquarters
- Medical health care services either inadequate or inaccessible
- Blocks situated on the very banks of the rivers or sea
- Experienced severe flood in the past

Districts with Blocks

Sl.	Name of the District	Name of the Blocks
01	PURI	1. Astaranga, 2. Brahmagiri, 3. Kakatpur, 4. Gop, 5. Nimapara and 6. Kanas
02	KENDRAPARA	7. Marshaghai, 8. Mahakalapada, 9. Garadpur and 10. Rajnagar
03	JAGATSINGHPUR	11. Erasama, 12. Kujanga and 13. Tirtol
04	GANJAM	14. Ganjam, 15. Purusottampur and 16. Aska
05	CUTTACK	17. Banki, 18. Niali, 19. Kantapada and 20. Nischintakoili

INTRODUCTION:

Orissa during last few years is considered as most vulnerable state in terms of disasters and natural calamities. Now the state has become disaster prone that experiences all sorts of calamities starting from cyclone to flood, drought, etc. The effect of super cyclone and floods has completely jeopardized the socio economic structure of the state. The effect of drought is of considerable concern. It is of inescapable necessity to make ourselves prepared at least to meet the challenges of post disaster period. Most important, the health status of the people in the post disaster period is of utmost importance. If we make ourselves well prepared, the severity of the effect could be well reduced.

It is a situation, which is sudden, and severe in nature, has effect over a very wide area and in the process it disrupts normal life support system and it needs outside help to cope with the situation.

As a federation of NGOs, OVHA by its own course, assess the needs of the people through NGOs. Similarly, during the disasters OVHA is also actively engaged in relief and rehabilitation measures. It is a process that has already been initiated to know the immediate needs of the NGOs/CBOs to address the issue of disaster preparedness.

Furthermore, The role and responsibility of NGOs, CBOs, PRIs, Mahila Mandals Co-operatives, Gram and Palli Sabhas and Youth Clubs in this process can never be ignored. Mutual and concerted effort in realizing the need and importance of unified action is of high importance.

Based on the above facts Orissa Voluntary Health Association in close collaboration with Orissa Disaster Mitigation Authority, Bhubaneswar undertook a project titled “ Civil Society Response in Emergency Health Care” in five disaster prone Districts of the state of Orissa.

The project was designed to achieve the following objectives after successful completion of the project activities.

Objective

Strengthening existing CBOs, Cooperatives, and other such interest groups, Gram and Palli Sabhas to cope with disasters through training programmes related to health aspects of community based disaster management including disaster preparedness.

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