

# THE REDR CHRONICLE

*The latest news and updates from RedR India*



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## NEW LEADERSHIP, NEW ERA

*Message from the Advisor and Interim CEO  
Prasad Sevekari*

The year 2020 was a challenging year for both humanity and the humanitarian sector. We at RedR India, through our initiatives, overcame such challenges and continued to work towards Disaster Risk Reduction. We moved our training and teaching methods to online platforms, deployed our members in various relief operations, and developed safe practices for the organisation and actors involved.

I encourage you to take the time to read through our newsletter and get familiarised with the various modalities that we have implemented to continue our assistance in the humanitarian sector. We thank all our members, partners, donors, staff, and well-wishers for their continuous support.

**With this, we launch the first official Newsletter of RedR India!**



## EXPANDING CAPACITY BUILDING HORIZONS TO ONLINE LEARNING

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unforeseen challenges into the social ecosystem. Being a facilitator for capacity building and training services, we adapted to the challenges by evolving to the online learning system. RedR India facilitated training courses for organisations like UNICEF, World Vision, Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM), and various state governments. Since April 2020, we have delivered 50 E-Learning courses on topics concerning WASH, Public Health, and DRR, which allowed us to reach out to 55,934 professionals.

Given that the current situation restricts us from conducting face to face training sessions, the organisation has decided to join hands with HCL Foundation to facilitate training courses in the form of E-learning. A participatory and action-based interactive approach will be used to increase our digital outreach and the challenge of maintaining social distance due to COVID-19 will be undertaken with a professional element, keeping in line with our mission.

## RESPONDING TO THE PANDEMIC & PREPARING FOR LONG COVID

A team of 10 experts specialising in Risk Governance and Public Health were deployed by RedR India and UNICEF India (Mumbai Field Office) to provide technical support to the state government of Maharashtra. The support was envisaged to significantly improve systems associated with immunization and risk-governance from the state to the district and from the district to the community level.



The municipal corporations identified for the COVID Surge Response were Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, and Nagpur. The deployed professionals were working closely with the officials overseeing the Coordination (General Administration) and Disease Surveillance (Municipal Health Department). Keeping in mind the realities of the field and the learnings that have come out of this phase of work, we would be extending our support to the government functionaries to strengthen the mechanisms for better preparedness. As we believe that response and preparedness are both crucial for any unforeseeable events that might occur in the future.



## RESTORING WASH INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EFFECTIVE PREPAREDNESS

Assam witnessed a wave of floods in 2020 which engulfed almost 30% of the state. The effects of the flood were catastrophic which caused damage to over a hundred schools in the districts of Golaghat and Jorhat. RedR India partnered with NEADS Assam and received support from NSE Foundation to provide technical assistance to restore the functionality of the flood-affected schools by rebuilding their infrastructure with adequate WASH facilities.

Our staff member **Rohan Kulkarni** (Project Officer) was deployed by RedR India for this intervention.

*“WASH practices are being combined with DRR interventions for helping the communities to Build Back Better.”*

Till now, the project has been successfully implemented in 20 out of 25 schools. However, the ongoing pandemic and the recurring floods have acted as critical challenges. But the continuous support from the team members as well as the local communities has led to the steady progress of the project.



## THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ASSOCIATION FOR STRONGER PARTNERSHIP

RedR India is pleased to inform about the beginning of our association with RedR Australia. Our member **Sriraman Varadarajan** has been deployed with Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) to provide technical support and conduct research activities relating to capacity development and deployments for disaster and sustainable developments sectors.

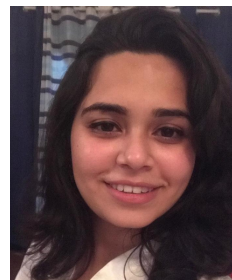
The deployment with CDRI is unique by nature as it is remotely based and will continue for a year. It is a commendable and unique effort between RedR Australia and RedR India which will help in making significant contributions to the humanitarian sector.



*“I became associated with RedR India as a member and soon merged with the pool of core trainers for humanitarian capacity building. Over the years, I have learned a lot through a diverse range of deployments such as post-disaster need assessment, training-capacity development, programme development, and monitoring and evaluation.”*

## PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE LEARNING

**Shivani Mehta** was deployed by RedR India for UNICEF Maharashtra as the state consultant for the Department of Environment and Climate Change under the project titled “Majhi Vasundhra”. The project aims at creating awareness regarding environmental education for school-going children.



*“Getting such an opportunity at the initial stage of my career is encouraging. I believe that we need to proactively work towards reducing the effects of climate change.”*

She has also been involved in projects like the Mumbai Climate Action Plan, and the formulation of climate-resilient Disaster Management Plans. The deployment has served the purpose of fulfilling Shivani’s passion for combating climate change, as the work enables her to gain substantial learning about the field while exposing her to the various facets of the administrative system.

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## facilitating humanitarianism

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### VISION

A world in which sufficient competent and committed personnel are available and responding to humanitarian needs.

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