



Annual Report 2023- 2024

By
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**Partners, Entrepreneurs and Citizens
who take Ownership collectively as Maha
PECONet to reach the unreached !**

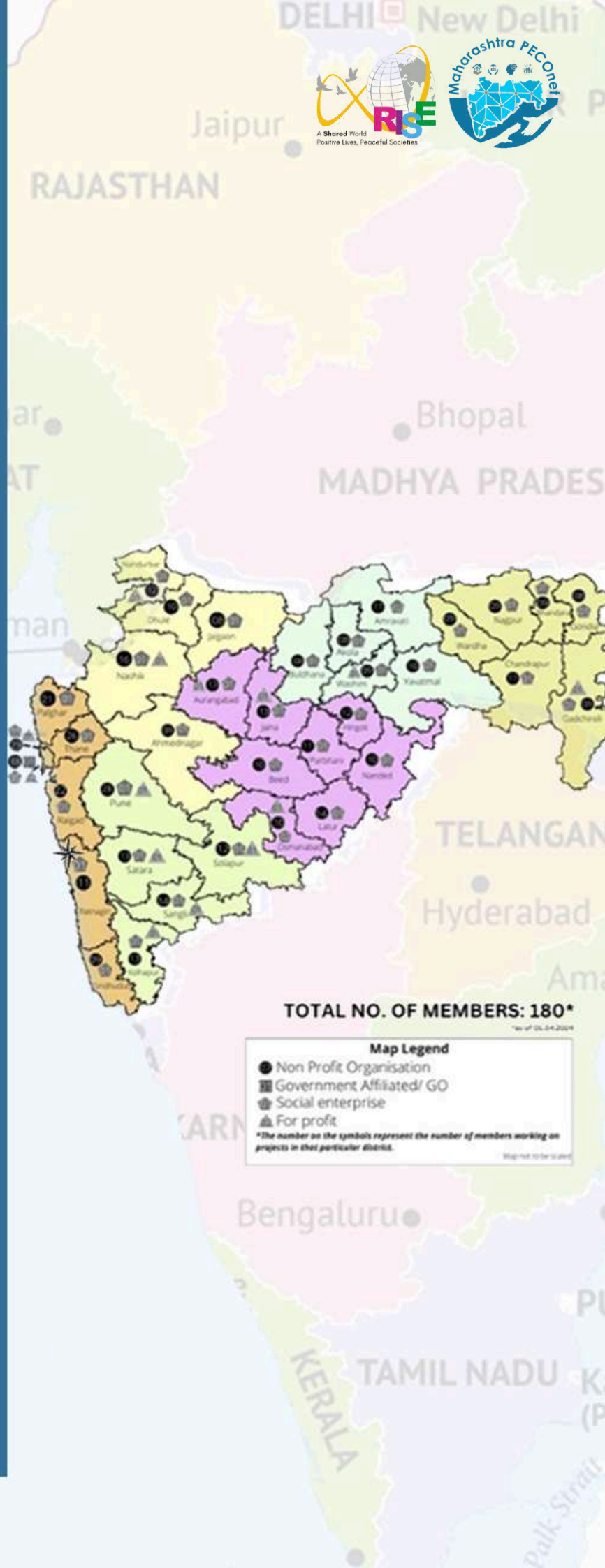
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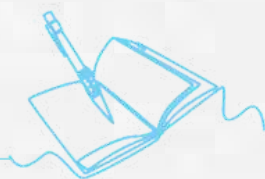


01.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Executive Summary



The MahaPECONet coalition was convened by UNICEF Maharashtra with 55 development partners, during the challenging times of the pandemic. Over 7 million people were touched by a range of interventions that reached the unreached - Jeevan Rath: Relief on Wheels, Flush the virus, Co-Marg coalition for Vaccination and Covid Appropriate Behaviour Plus (CAB+), Rehabilitation, Entrepreneurship and skill development, GO-NGO coordination with SDMA, DDMC, DDMOs and members are some of these initiatives. Over the past four years, MahaPECONet has evolved into a dynamic coalition comprising more than 240 development partners, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and experts, instrumental in providing crucial assistance to communities and the masses. RISE Infinity Foundation has been the Secretariat of the coalition since inception.

The initial focus of the MahaPECONet network was its robust COVID response, alongside peacetime planning, capacity building, and extensive training programs for its members. As the platform began to grow, a Governing Council was established and thematic areas chosen for integrating Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into development programs. Under the guidance of the Governing Council members, the Secretariat team strategically shifted its approach this year from thematic to regional, leading to a restructuring of the network to better serve the dynamic needs of the coalition. This programmatic shift has facilitated the expansion of memberships and the integration of more effective experts and CSOs into the network. It is significant to note that MahaPECONet members are in every district of Maharashtra.

In MahaPECONet 4.0, the secretariat placed a strong emphasis on fostering GO-NGO coordination among members, forging connections with District Disaster Management Authorities across Maharashtra through conducting engagement activities such as webinars, round tables, and workshops. Monthly meetings with the Governing Council and UNICEF largely paved the way forward.

The program has helped in execution by the inputs and responses received from important stakeholders such as the State and District Disaster Management Authority, Divisional Disaster Management Coordinators, District Disaster Management Officers, Municipal Corporations, Subject matter experts and MahaPECONet members.

The Project Management Unit of Palladium India were also invited to participate during the design of important activities, capacity building sessions, webinars, trainings, surveys, data collection from the members and response and relief events.

The introduction of the innovative community tech platform, MahaPECOkatta, stands out as a milestone achievement. This platform serves as a hub for sharing knowledge and resources, fostering connections between members and experts at the regional level, and creating opportunities for disaster risk reduction efforts.

Throughout the year, the MahaPECONet website was consistently updated with the latest information about the network's activities, and social media channels were actively utilized to disseminate this information. Disaster Risk Reduction training sessions and workshops, achievements, and IEC materials on various emergencies, including a quarterly newsletter, were shared to create awareness and provide numerous opportunities for members to benefit.

The DRR Regional forums conducted across the state, were a significant achievement, bringing together numerous like-minded NGOs and experts to conduct in-depth vulnerability need assessments for specific regions and generate actionable solutions. Moving forward, MahaPECONet is committed to leveraging this momentum, working towards establishing itself as the State Inter-Agency Group (IAG) for GO-NGO coordination across all levels.

The Annual Report 2023-2024 encapsulates the commitment, innovation and collaborative spirit that define MahaPECONet's journey towards enhancing disaster preparedness and community empowerment across Maharashtra for a resilient future.

02.

ANNUAL PLANNING



Annual Planning



RISE Infinity Foundation as the secretariat was mainly guided by the UNICEF Program Document for the planning, which was focused on DRR and GO-NGO co-ordination to achieve the objectives as under:

1. Strengthening Governing Council and Platform through GB meetings, GC meetings, Members Identification and onboarding, member engagement,
2. Local and district level events were planned to be attended to strengthen the relationship with other stakeholders
3. Improvement of knowledge and skills through effective planning, designing and management of training sessions, roundtables and other activities
4. Stakeholder engagement through resource management, social media, community tech platform and website.

It is often said that you are planning to fail, if you fail to plan. Hence the activities of MahaPECONet 4.0 were carefully planned to achieve its stated objectives through regular consultations with 4 key stakeholders - UNICEF Maharashtra, Governing Council, Members and Government.

Consultations: The MahaPECONet secretariat organized several planning meetings to ensure the smooth operation of its work. These meetings aimed to gather inputs, suggestions and feedback from the esteemed Governing Council members, General body members and government officials to ensure that all voices were heard and valued. The outcome was enhanced decision-making and effective coordination. The meetings fostered inclusiveness and collaboration among stakeholders.

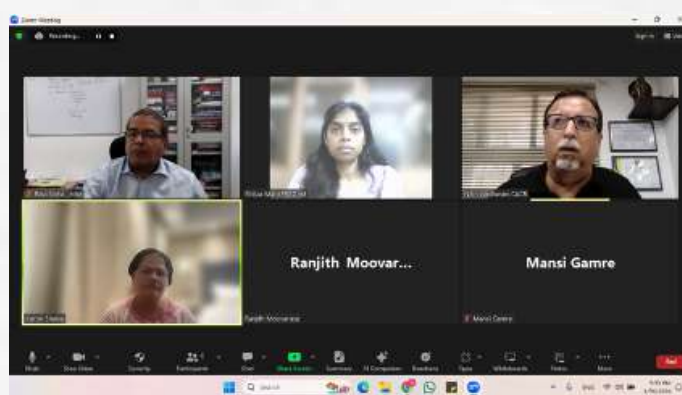
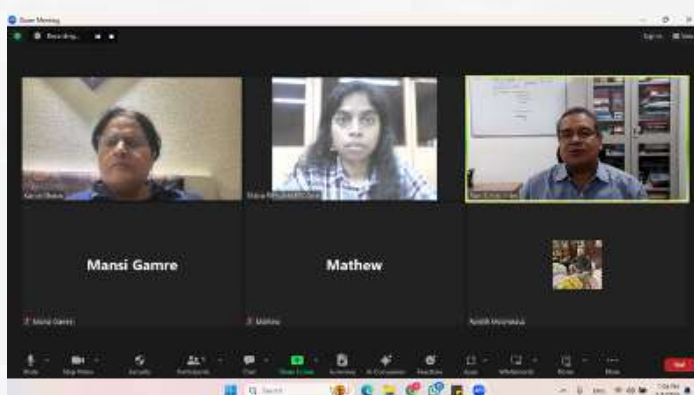
Stakeholders engaged	No. of meetings
UNICEF Maharashtra	10
Governing Council Members	9
Members	46
Government (SDMA/ PS R and R)	4

I UNICEF Maharashtra:

The planning process for 2023-2024 was initiated through meetings with the UNICEF Maharashtra team. The first virtual inception meeting took place on May 11, 2024, to review the previous year's achievements and discuss plans for the upcoming year. The secretariat team presented highlights of the past year's milestones and future plans, receiving suggestions on communication and implementation strategies. The importance of Secretariat support for campaigns was emphasized. Throughout the MahaPECONet 4.0, a total of 10 meetings were held with the UNICEF Maharashtra team for planning and execution of the project, fostering close collaboration and coordination.

II Governing Council

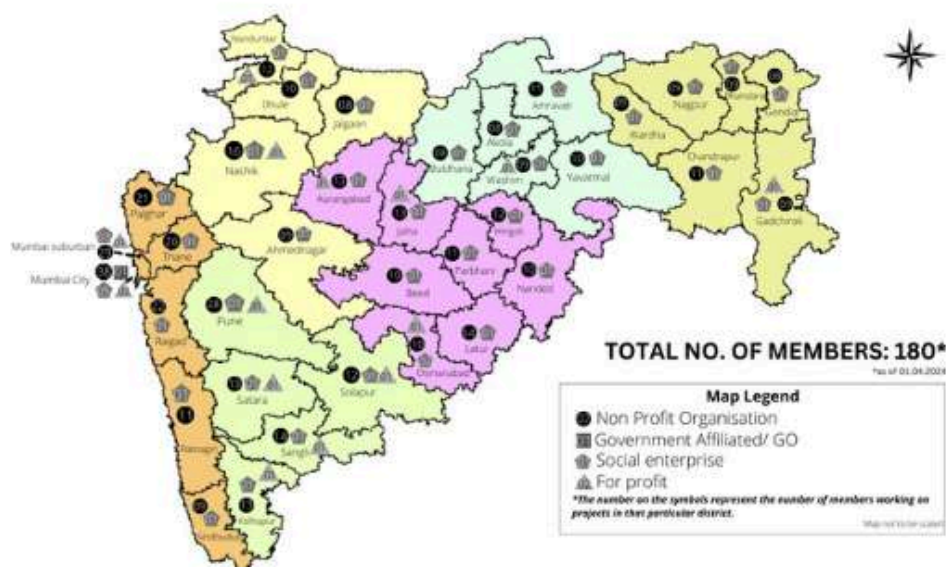
Several Governing Council meetings were held to discuss the suggested broad interventions proposed by UNICEF Maharashtra, and to plan for the fourth year activities of the MahaPECONet project. The secretariat conducted a total of 9 meetings between April 2023 to March 2024 meetings for Programmatic inputs and Updates. These meetings were productive, with lively discussions and inputs from all GC members present for each meeting. The inputs and suggestions provided by the GC members were noted and collated for further consideration with UNICEF Maharashtra.



III Coalition Members

The MahaPECONet team actively mapped existing members and identified potential partners to engage with them and explore opportunities for collaboration. A comprehensive membership database was created and meticulously maintained, enabling efficient communication and collaboration among members

This year, the Secretariat was able to identify more than 150 potential development partners and was successful in onboarding 82 new partners, including NGOs, thematic experts and donors. The onboarding process was driven mainly through the MahaPECONet community technology platform MahaPECOKatta. The membership analysis has revealed 200+ unique memberships for a total of 240+ members by 31st March 2024.



The database serves as a centralized repository of all member details, including contact information, areas of expertise, organizational affiliations and geographical locations. It fostered networking and partnership opportunities, encouraging collaborative efforts on common goals and initiatives between members. It also helps the secretariat team to coordinate with the members for response, relief activities, trainings, capacity building, opportunities, GO-NGO coordination roundtables and regional forums. Amplification measures were implemented to socialize the platform further and onboard new members.

Member meetings: In 2023-2024, the MahaPECONet secretariat held over 45 meetings with potential partners to plan and execute capacity building initiatives, trainings, and webinars. These meetings facilitated collaboration and preparedness, leading to:

- Enhanced online capacity building for members
- Cross-sectoral opportunities and networking

The secretariat's efforts ensured the successful execution of sessions and activities, fostering a culture of cooperation and knowledge sharing among members.

IV Government

The MahaPECONet Secretariat has held multiple meetings with the Director of the State Disaster Management Authority, Divisional Disaster Management Coordinators (DDMCs) and District Disaster Management Officers (DDMOs) to plan for GO-NGO co-ordination. Some of the key meetings held include:

- 1. Meeting with Principal Secretary Dept R&R:** On 3rd May 2023, a meeting was held at Mantralaya with Principal Secretary Assem Gupta to present the GO-NGO Ratnagiri pilot project undertaken by RedR India with UNICEF Maharashtra's support. The agenda included introducing the MahaPECONet team to contextualize ongoing collaborative efforts aimed at enhancing disaster response and management capabilities in Maharashtra. The discussion emphasized the project's outcomes, highlighting strategic alignments with governmental frameworks and the role of NGOs in disaster risk reduction initiatives across the region.

2. Meeting with Director DMU: The meeting with Director DMU on 28th June 2023 at Mantralaya focused on planning regional roundtables for DDMOs and DDMCs. Scheduled for September 2023 and January 2024 in Pune and Nanded/Parbhani respectively, these sessions were aimed to enhance disaster management strategies. Discussions covered PDNA, livelihood restoration, and the allocation of non-structural mitigation funds under the 15th Finance Commission. Action items included proposal submissions and committee formations involving UNICEF, MahaPECONet, TISS, and government officials, with plans to finalize details post-July 2023 pending Principal Secretary's approval.

These discussions significantly contributed to the overall goal of system strengthening and enhanced disaster management coordination across Maharashtra for the following:

1. **Incident Response System:** Enhancing preparedness and response mechanisms.
2. **Capacity Building of MahaPECONet NGO Members:** Providing training and resources to member NGOs.
3. **International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction:** Organizing events to raise awareness and promote best practices for IDDRR.
4. **Opportunities for Innovation in Disaster Risk Reduction:** MahaPECONet created avenues for NGOs to develop and implement innovative DRR strategies by fostering strong relationships with District Disaster Management Officers and contributing to the District Disaster Management Plans. A notable example is the Konkan Mitigation Program, designed specifically for the region to address risks identified by UNICEF Maharashtra.
5. **Orientation of the State and District Disaster Management Plans:** Encouraging collaboration and alignment between government and NGO efforts.
6. **WASH and MHM Days Celebration:** Promoting WASH and menstrual hygiene management awareness activities through the MahaPECONet member engagement.



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MahaPECONet over the past four years has grown steadily with over 240 members covering every district of Maharashtra, striving to reach the unreached during disasters while focusing on peacetime preparedness.

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Karon Shaiva
Managing Trustee -
RISE Infinity Foundation
Governing Council Member -
MahaPECONet

3.

PROGRAM INITIATIVES



Program Summary



PROGRAM ACTIVITY

PARTICIPANTS/SESSIONS

3.1 MahaPECOkatta: Tech Platforms to strengthen the community

Walkthrough and onboarding	9 sessions with more than 100 participants
Posts uploaded	85 – Graphics and videos on DRR, Do's and Don'ts in emergencies
IEC material created	18 – Flood, Heatwave, Cold Wave, Dengue prevention, Pollution, Novel Corona Virus
Opportunities shared	25 – Capacity building, DRR training, NIDM guidelines, awards, webinars
Total Users	137 as of March 2024

3.2 Disaster Response

Flood response	4 meetings with 43 NGOs and 21 Govt officials
Fire relief group activation	20 organizations and individuals
Volunteer engagement	20 local volunteers
Fire relief essential support	120 families and 15 SSC students
Government coordination	BMC, DDMC Konkan and DDMO Mumbai

3.3 GO-NGO coordination

Roundtables	4 Online Roundtables in collaboration with SDMA-DDMC-DDMO and 321 organizations
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PROGRAM ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS/SESSIONS
3.4 Capacity Building of the members	
Regional consultation	2 Sessions on Heatwave and Monsoon Preparedness in collaboration with Sphere India with 132 participants
Team Building	4 offline sessions with 130 participants
Thematic consultations	4 Sessions on new DRR concepts and framework with 32 NGOs
Cross-sector partnerships	2 webinars by the external partners with 75+ participants
Global Handwash Day Celebration	Activities with the schools & communities with 2666 Participants
3.5 External DRR Events and Trainings for Stakeholder Engagement	
Regional DRR Forums	In 5 Divisions of Maharashtra, attended by the 140 NGOs representing 28 Districts and 82 Blocks
6th WCDM Dehradun	World Congress on Disaster Management witnessed 2000 participants from 50+ countries
We4 Resilience	National Conference by Caritas India, UNICEF, NIDM and Sphere India
National DRR Seminar	In collaboration with the SPA Bhopal, UNICEF India and RIF
IAG Consultation	By Sphere India 13 State IAG's and 15 Participants
Decoding COP:28	Organized by Sphere India with 35 Organizations
Psycho-Social Support in Emergencies	Training by Sphere India with 32 Organizations
Demystify Disaster	Training by The Resilient Foundation with 25 Participants
Drought Management Training	Training by Srishti Consultants with 14 Organizations
Disaster Management Fare & First Aid Training	Organized by the TISS Mumbai
Introduction to finding grants	A webinar by Connects For with 60 Organizations

3.1

PROGRAM INITIATIVES



Climate Change Adaptation Community Resilience

Hidden • Group • Active 5 weeks

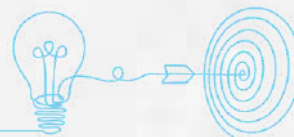
TECH PLATFORM TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY



Pune Division

Private • Group • Active 3 months

Tech Platform to strengthen the Community



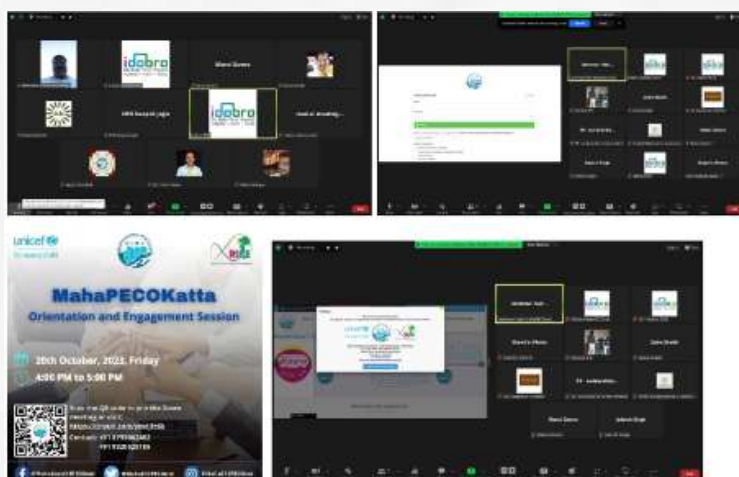
As part of MahaPECONet 3.0 initiatives, the Secretariat team had already rolled out a community technology platform to engage the coalition members. The user SoP and Admin Guide was also created by the technical team for the Katta. To expand the membership database and effectively onboard new members, a Virtual Membership Drive and Networking Event was organised, while also purging spam and irrelevant accounts.

From August 23 to March 24, the Secretariat conducted a series of one-on-one and group orientation sessions to ensure a user-friendly experience on the Community Tech Platform, MahaPECOKatta and onboard new members. These sessions focused on explaining the platform's functions and navigation. Attendees were engaged in interactive sessions, including MahaPECOKatta walkthrough and Q&A, followed by the networking and collaborative discussions.

Dedicated onboarding workshops provided a step-by-step guide to joining the platform, with live demonstrations and assistance for new members. Promotion was done through email campaigns, social media, website updates and partner organizations, ensuring wide reach and engagement. Follow-ups included thank you messages, calls and membership confirmations to foster community and active participation.

137 participants, including both existing and new members, had been successfully onboarded, reflecting a growing and active community. The platform started to prove itself as a vibrant hub for sharing insights, with 25 opportunities such as training, capacity building, thematic sessions, weekly updates, quarterly newsletters, DRR event information, IEC materials and collaterals being shared. MahaPECOKatta is now a cornerstone for stakeholders to engage, collaborate and enhance their work in disaster risk reduction.

Notably, every district in Maharashtra is represented within the MahaPECONet member base, marking a significant milestone. Stakeholders from diverse backgrounds were engaged through a series of meetings aimed at amplifying the platform's reach and impact.



DISASTER RESPONSE

3.2

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Disaster Response



During the monsoons, the MahaPECOnet Secretariat team coordination with NGOs and various stakeholders to address multiple emergencies, including floods, landslides and fire incidents in Mumbai. The team's efforts in facilitating on-ground response and relief work were instrumental in mitigating the impact of these .

Key to this success was the continuous communication and strategic meetings with District Disaster Management Coordinators and District Disaster Management Officers ensuring a cohesive and efficient approach to disaster management and response across the state.

Incident	MahaPECOnet Response	Participants
Appapda Fire Incident	To understand the government and NGO response, Need assessment through local volunteers and NGO stakeholders. Providing relief items such as Utensils, cloths, sanitary pad food, drinking water, footwear, power bank, WASH kits, Power banks, accommodation, food and learning facilities to the 10th grade students during SSC exam which required to the affected families.	20 external organizations and MP members
Konkan and Vidarbha NGO Meetings for Flood response and need assessment	To understand the ground situation in flood-affected areas, assess the needs of the affected communities and gather suggestions on how to address the ongoing challenges	23 MP NGO members
DMO-DDMC MahaPECOnet meetings for Konkan and Vidarbha Flood Response	To understand the district-wise ground situation, NGO and volunteer response and government requirements	21 people including 13 District DDMOs, 3 DDMCs, PMU representative and State Consultant UNICEF Maharashtra
Nagpur Slum Flood Relief in collaboration with DonateKart, Amazon and Sahyadri Foundation	Coordination with MahaPECOnet member and donors for distribution of 440 Ration Kits to the Flood affected people in Nagpur Slum Area	This activity was implemented on ground by the Sahyadri Foundation, Nagpur

1. Malad East Appapada Slum Fire

Appapada Relief Activity Planning, technical management and coordination with the government, donors and members

A level-three fire broke out in the Appapada slums in Kurar village in Malad East on March 13, 2023. The fire started at 4:52 p.m. and quickly spread across the slum, engulfing between 2,000 to 3,000 hutments. One person was killed in the fire, and several others were left homeless. The cause of the fire was not immediately known, but it was reported that the fire was triggered by explosions in 15-20 LPG cylinders. Firefighters faced challenges accessing the area due to narrow lanes, but they were eventually able to bring the fire under control. Temporary accommodations and food were provided to those who lost their homes at three different locations. This was the third fire in the Appa Pada area since January 2023, with each fire occurring on the 13th of the month. Following the devastating fire the MahaPECONet secretariat team promptly deployed to the ground to assess the situation and engage with key stakeholders. Recognizing the presence of multiple organizations providing relief efforts, we strategically collaborated with the Appapada Joint Relief Group, comprising 20 local volunteers, NGOs, BMC, Police, and individuals, to ensure a coordinated response. Our joint efforts focused on providing in-kind and fundraising support to the affected beneficiaries, avoiding duplication of efforts. Through our active partners and RISE Infinity Foundation MahaPECONet secretariat distributed essential items such as food, water, WASH kits, utensils, chappals and charging batteries, making a meaningful impact in the relief efforts."

A. Appapada Fire Response and Relief Work:

The MahaPECONet Secretariat actively took initiative in the coordination and relief response for the Appapada slums fire affected people. The Secretariat conducted daily meetings and visited the area, multiple times to understand the situation and needs of the victims. Meetings were also conducted with the BMC officials to understand the ground situations and other details. A fundraiser was also launched in collaboration with other organizations and individuals to further support the affected families. Generous contributions enabled the provision of essential supplies to 100 families of Amrapali Chawl, Ekta Chawl, Samta Chawl and Sneha Chawl. The distribution helped a total of 394 beneficiaries and was a significant step towards supporting the victims in their recovery and rehabilitation process.

B. The Appapada Joint Relief Group Recognition Program:

The MahaPECONet Secretariat organized an event on 26.05.2023 aimed to celebrate the efforts of the NGOs and the community volunteers in bringing hope and support to those affected by the fire tragedy. The gathering served as an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the invaluable contributions made by donors, NGOs and community volunteers, who worked tirelessly in collaboration with RISE Infinity Foundation - MahaPECONet. The collective efforts played a vital role in bringing relief and assistance to the affected individuals and communities. The event aimed to express gratitude and acknowledge their dedication and commitment to making a positive impact in times of crisis. The programme received active engagement of 18 volunteers, 26 NGOs including a couple of individual donors.



Sr. No	Relief Activity	Donation	Members	Collaborators
1	Cloth Distribution	500 Mixed clothes [Unisex]	KMCT	Rise Infinity Foundation
2	Footwear Distribution	1200 chappals for kids donated by the GreenSole pairs [Rs. 2,14,800/-]	GreenSole and Sanyukta Gupta	Need Vikas Sanstha, CPSF, Life of Hope, Parivartansheel Sanstha
3	Food, Water, sanitary pads, bathing soaps	In coordination with BMC and individual sponsors	CACR	BMC and Rise Infinity Foundation
4	Utensils Distribution	100 families [Set costs 1500/-] Total cost: 1,50,000	Rise Infinity Foundation	Rise Infinity Foundation, Parivartansheel Sanstha
5	Water Distribution	30 crates of water bottles	Rise Infinity Foundation	Local Volunteers

Coordination with the Government Department

- 1.Coordinated with the Collector office in Mumbai suburban for getting a collector's appointment, to give an official permission letter to MahaPECONet for the distribution and police protection
- 2.Coordinated with the ICDS department 2 Anganwadi workers, working at Appapada Ms. Sayli Surve and Ms. Sharmila Umap for collating a database for the chappal distribution
- 3.Coordinated with the Tahsildar Borivali, Mr. Vinod Dhotre for getting govt. survey data
- 4.Coordinated with the DDMO Mumbai Suburbans for establishing the MahaPECONet distribution center at Appapada
- 5.Coordinated with Kurar Police Station for official permission
- 6.Coordinated with local ASHA workers for the distribution



2. Konkan and Vidarbha Flood response:

Devastating Floods Hit Irshalwadi Village in Raigad District:

In July 2023, a catastrophic flood swept through the picturesque village of Irshalwadi, nestled in the Sahyadri forest range (Western Ghats) at an altitude of 3,700 feet. The village, home to 228 residents living in 48 households, was accessible only by a one-hour trek from the foothills. On the fateful night of July 19, 2023, the village was obliterated, leaving behind a massive mound of earth where the hillside once stood.

Response & Relief:

In response to this disaster, the MahaPECONet secretariat swiftly convened a virtual meeting with member organizations to assess the situation and coordinate a response. This meeting led to concrete actions, including collaboration with the government and the District Disaster Management Officer, Raigad, to provide support to the affected community.

A. NGO Meetings for Flood response and need assessment:

On 20th July 2023, MahaPECONet held a meeting to assess flood-affected areas, understand community needs, and gather suggestions for addressing ongoing challenges in the Konkan region. Participants shared ground situations, such as landslide risks in Khalapur, significant agricultural damage in Chiplun, Khed, and Rajapur and severe water and food shortages in Irshalwadi. Requests for relief materials were received from four new on-ground partner teams, including Parivartan, who requested family kits, blankets, and ration supplies. Supporting founder Mr. Avinash Patil provided a detailed list of the affected families, photographs from the field, and an item list. Additionally, the District Disaster Management Officer (DDMO) of Raigad participated in the meeting and requested shelter kits for 100 families. Suggestions for long-term solutions involved planting fruit trees, raising landslide awareness and compiling shelter home lists.

The meeting concluded with a request for detailed updates from participants to improve future planning and preparedness. The meeting was attended by 23 NGO members. Further, the Secretariat team approached DonateKart for donations for the relief materials for the needy and completed their request forms and documentation, as required by the donors.

B. DDMO-DDMC MahaPECONet meetings for Konkan and Vidarbha Flood Response:

The MahaPECONet Secretariat held virtual meetings on 28th and 29th July 2023 to assess district-wise situations, NGO and volunteer responses and government needs. The key meeting discussions included discussions of reports from District Disaster Management Officers (DDMOs) of the regions. Yavatmal's successful evacuation efforts, Nashik's need for a GO-NGO coordination group, and Sindhudurg's volunteer training and alert dissemination also formed part of the discussions. Mumbai Suburban highlighted resource mapping needs, while Nashik stressed psychological support for DDMOs. Ms. Nalini from UNICEF emphasized the recent GO-NGO formation instructions for the benefit of all the participants. The action points of the meeting included disaster management training, creating IEC materials, regular DDMO-NGO meetings, and psychological support sessions. The meeting concluded with remarks from Ms. Nalini and encouragement for initiating GO-NGO networks. A total of 21 people including 13 District DDMOs, 3 DDMCs, PMU representative and State Consultant UNICEF Maharashtra attended this response meeting.

The DRR forum's session based on the Disaster Management with context of Maharashtra were really very helpful. It made us aware about the hazards, risks, disasters and precautionary remedies also.

Thank You!

-Pushpanjali Bhagat

3. Nagpur Slum Flood:

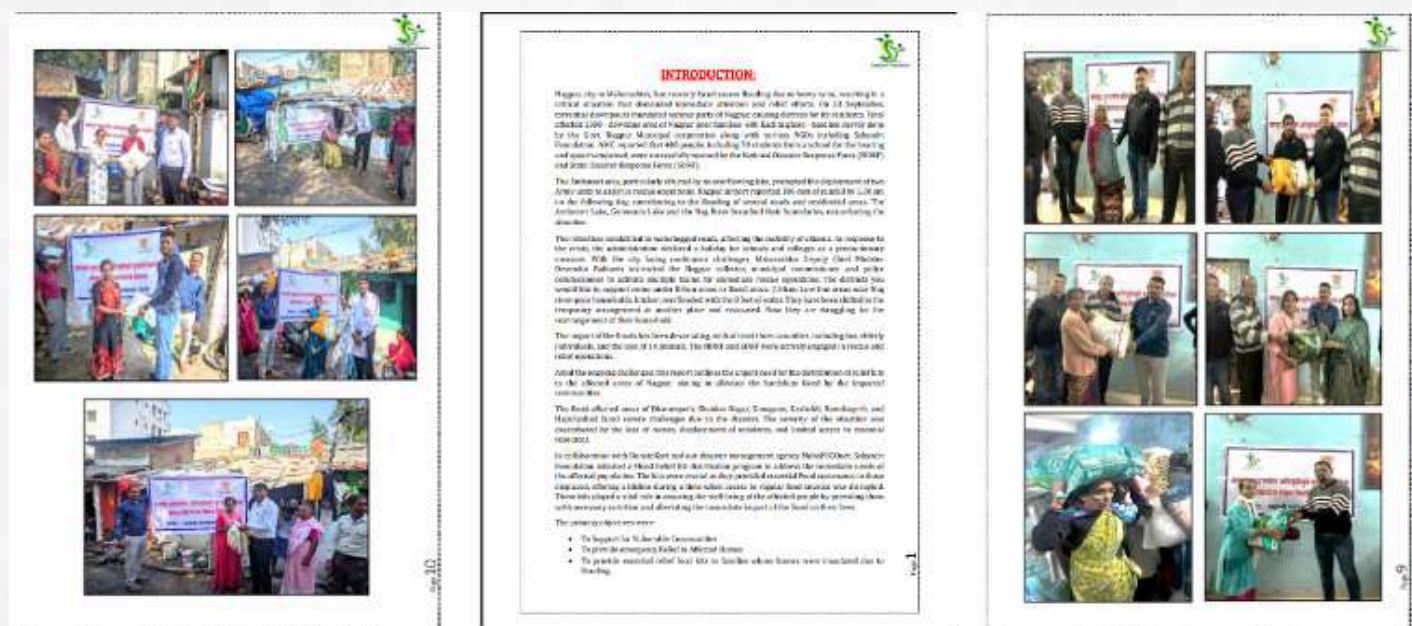
In September 2023, Nagpur's slum areas were devastated by severe flooding, triggered by 109 mm of heavy rainfall that caused the Nag river to overflow into adjacent areas. The deluge inundated homes, schools, commercial spaces, and hospitals, leaving thousands of slum dwellers displaced and vulnerable. The disaster exposed the city's ill-planned stormwater drainage system and rampant encroachment along the Nag river, which blocked the river's flow and exacerbated the flooding. The slum residents, already living in precarious conditions, were left to face the brunt of the disaster, with many losing their belongings, livelihoods, and access to basic amenities.

Secretariat Response:

Our partner Sahyadri Foundation given this information to the secretariat asking ration kit which was the need of hour. The secretariat set up a joint meeting with the DonateKart and Sahyadri Foundation immediately after the incident reported. All the needs assessment and documentation work including kit request form, field photos, news coverages, live updates, beneficiary list were provided to the DonateKart and Amazon by the implementation partners at the beginning of the 1st week of October. Secretariat did rigorous follow-up to know the status of the ration kit request along with the Sahyadri Foundation.

Relief provided: Sahyadri Foundation, from Nagpur collaborated with MahaPEConet to distribute 440 dry ration kits to individuals in slum areas affected by floods. This relief effort, initiated in October and executed in November, involved multiple meetings, calls, documentation and ground reports submitted to DonateKart and Government administration by MahaPEConet and Sahyadri Foundation. Coordinated efforts with Amazon and DonateKart resulted in the sponsorship of these kits, furthering the impact of the distribution. The dedicated volunteer team from the Sahyadri Foundation played a crucial role in ensuring the successful distribution of these essential kits, showcasing the positive outcomes achievable through collective efforts and partnerships.

नागपूर फोरम म्हणजे दिनांक ५ एप्रिल २०२४ ची महापिकोनेटची आणि माझी ही पहिली बैठक होती आणि यात मला आपत्तीबाबतचे महाराष्ट्रात होणारे विविध प्रकार लक्षात आले. प्रत्येक गावाचा आपत्ती व्यवस्थापन आराखडा बनवण्याची गरज लक्षात आली. पुढील प्रक्रिये मध्ये जोडून राहण्याची तयारी आहे.
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GO-NGO COORDINATION WITH THE SDMA -DDMC-DDMO



3.3

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

GO-NGO Coordination with the SDMA-DDMC-DDMO



The MahaPECOnet Secretariat in the current year has been actively coordinating and communicating with the Director of the State Disaster Management Authority, Divisional Disaster Management Coordinators (DDMCs) and District Disaster Management Officers (DDMOs) to strengthen the network and support the state government.

This collaboration was facilitated through various meetings, online GO-NGO coordination roundtables, webinars, and activities mentioned below.

Sr. No.	Activity	Collaboration	Objective	Participants
1	G:20 DRR Side Event 23/05/2023 and 24/05/2023	UNICEF Maharashtra and SDMA	Logistic support, volunteering and event participation	SDMA director, UNICEF India, UNICEF MH, PMU, delegates from the other countries
2	SDMA Roundtable 10/10/2023	SDMA, DDMC, DDMO, NGOs	Orientation to the IRS, IDRR, GO-NGO Coordination, WASH	63
3	SDMA Roundtable 27/10/2023	SDMA, DDMC, DDMO, NGOs	Non-structural projects, training and capacity- building sessions to strengthen the ongoing DRR interventions with the support of GO-NGO coordination	65
4	State Level Drought Webinar 01/09/2023	SDMA, DDMC, DDMO, NGOs	Building capacity of NGO members and actionable steps leading to mitigate the risk through the DDMC- DDMO-NGO regional breakout discussion	256 Registrations and 119 Participants

Sr. No.	Activity	Collaboration	Objective	Participants
5	Support to PS (DM R & R) and SDMA Maharashtra for IDDRR Day: 13th October 2023	MahaPECONet members	Information provided by the MahaPECONet members to UNICEF Maharashtra and DMU department for creating a short video on NGOs work in disaster response	8 NGO Partners
6	State Level Roundtable 20.04.2024	UNICEF Maharashtra, GB members, GC members, secretariat team	1] Presentation on Annual Intervention, innovation and Highlights 2] Experience sharing by the members	74
7	Regional Forums	DDMCs, DDMOs, MahaPECONet partners and new organisation	Introducing members to the DDMCs and DDMOs and identifying hazard, risk, vulnerabilities from the area, possible solutions	177 participants from 140 NGOs individuals, covering 82 blocks and 28 districts
8	Member Database sharing 30.04.2024	The MP database shared with UNICEF Maharashtra	Providing GO-NGO Coordination support to SDMA and for updating the District Disaster Management Plans (DDMPs)	152 NGOs

1. Participation in the G:20 DRR Event in Mumbai:

The MahaPECOnet secretariat, as an Inter Agency Group (IAG) in Maharashtra, was invited to participate in the G20 side event on Disaster Risk Reduction in Mumbai from May 23 to 25, 2023. The event, jointly organized by the State Disaster Management Authority and UNICEF India at the Geo World Convention Center, was the second meeting of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group. The meeting focused on five key areas, including:

- Global coverage of early warning systems
- Disaster and climate resilience infrastructure
- Financing frameworks for disaster risk reduction
- National and global disaster recovery and rehabilitation systems
- Ecosystems-based approaches to disaster risk reduction

The discussions highlighted the significance of disaster-resilient infrastructure and financing for disaster risk reduction. The participants emphasized the need for an institutional framework that supports infrastructure investments, avoids fragmentation, and promotes execution of projects within the national legal framework of G-20 countries.

Experts from international organizations like UNDP, UNICEF India, OECD, IMF, ADB and EBRD actively participated in these discussions.

RISE Infinity Foundation provided support as below:

1. Logistics - Arrangements were made for Ms. Naseem Shaikh and Ms. Godavari Dange to travel by bus from Osmanabad and for Mr. Ashique Hassan and Ms. Sakina Siddiki to travel from Guwahati to Mumbai and back. Accommodation was arranged for the attendees in Lemon Tree, which was in close proximity to the event. Care was taken to ensure that there were no inconveniences caused.
2. Programmatic - Ms. Najima Shaikh and Ms. Lekha Chacko from the RISE Infinity Foundation volunteered at the G20 Mumbai side event for two days. During the event, they played a crucial role in ensuring the smooth execution of various tasks alongside other volunteers under the leadership of Mr. Sarbjit Singh Sahota Emergency Specialist Disaster Risk Reduction Section from UNICEF India including:

- Guest registration and attendance tracking
- Providing Entry IDs to attendees
- Organizing seating arrangements for guests
- Managing the movement of people during the event
- Collecting session feedback through survey links
- Offering support during refreshment breaks to guests



2. SDMA Roundtable: Orientation of Incident Response System

The roundtable held on 10th October, 2023 was attended by 63 participants with the discussions focused on the following:

- Orientation of the IRS by State Disaster Management Unit Mantralaya Representative
- Latest developments to enhance GO-NGO coordination by Balaji Vharkat - Program Officer UNICEF Mumbai
- Discussion on Global Handwash Day Celebration Activities
- Conducting Activities on the Occasion of International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR)
- Open Plenary for addressing the NGO concerns and provide suggestions for the coordination efforts.

The roundtable focused on the Incident Response System (IRS) and its role in improving coordination and response times during disaster mitigation and response. The IRS session emphasized integrating NGOs into the IRS to strengthen district-level coordination between DDMA's and NGOs, enhance access to information, and effectively utilize NGO capacities in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). The SDMA representative and UNICEF Maharashtra explained the establishment of a mechanism to connect all NGOs to the SDMA's response system. Mr. Atanu Gosh was the key resource person of this session, highlighted the importance of specific data for timely responses, such as including contacts for active community members. Mr. Balaji Vharkat from UNICEF discussed the technical applications of IRS for MahaPEConet members and explained the Konkani Mitigation Non-Structural Program and Capacity Building under the 15th FC at GP and district levels. The roundtable concluded with program activities for WASH presented by UNICEF State Consultant Sandeep Tendolkar and IDDRR initiatives planned for October, organized by the MahaPEConet secretariat and oriented by Ms. Shilpa Shirwadkar.



3. SDMA Roundtable: Orientation of SDMP and DDMP

This state-level roundtable was organized on 27 October, 2023 in collaboration with the SDMA and UNICEF Maharashtra. The objective of the roundtable was to give an orientation to the MahaPECONet members on SDMP and DDMP by the PMU representative and DDMC/DDMOs to encourage the integration of GO-NGO coordination. Divisional Disaster Management coordinators (DDMCs) from Konkan, Nashik, Nagpur, Aurangabad and Amravati along with their DDMOs actively participated in the event. The roundtable had distinguished speakers like Saqeb Osmani – District Disaster Management Officer, Latur, Vaishali Mhaske - Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building Consultant Palladium India (PMU) and Nalini Yadav – State Consultant UNICEF Maharashtra with over 65 participants.

Members from across Maharashtra engaged with them in a regional breakout to discuss the non-structural projects, training and capacity-building sessions that are needed to strengthen the network and integration of the GO-NGO coordination. The closing remarks were given by Nalini Yadav UNICEF DRR State Consultant emphasizing the area-specific concerns discussed during the breakout discussions. The take aways from the round table were:

1. Focus on traditional knowledge sharing and capacity enhancement to strengthen disaster resilience.
2. Emphasis on conducting training sessions for NGOs to bridge the gap between disaster authorities and communities.
3. Initiation of micro-level HRVA analysis in collaboration with NGOs and government agencies to better understand and mitigate risks at the community level.
4. Encouragement of community involvement in disaster preparedness and mitigation efforts.
5. Encouragement of stakeholder participation, including NGOs, in the SDMP and DDMP processes to ensure comprehensive disaster management planning.
6. Establishment of a corpus fund to serve as a resource for disaster mitigation efforts, particularly when immediate support from district authorities is challenging.

4. State Level Drought Webinar in collaboration with the SDMA, Department of R and R and NGOs of Maharashtra

A state-level webinar was organized on 1st September, 2023 by the RISE Infinity Foundation MahaPECONet Secretariat in collaboration with the State Disaster Management Unit Department of Relief and Rehabilitation with the support of UNICEF Maharashtra. The webinar was attended by 256 participants from across the state. The webinar was organized in two parts- a capacity-building session of the NGO members and actionable steps leading to the DDMC-DDMO-NGO regional breakout discussion sessions.

Facilitators:

The webinar featured a distinguished panel of facilitators who brought their expertise and insights to the discussion:

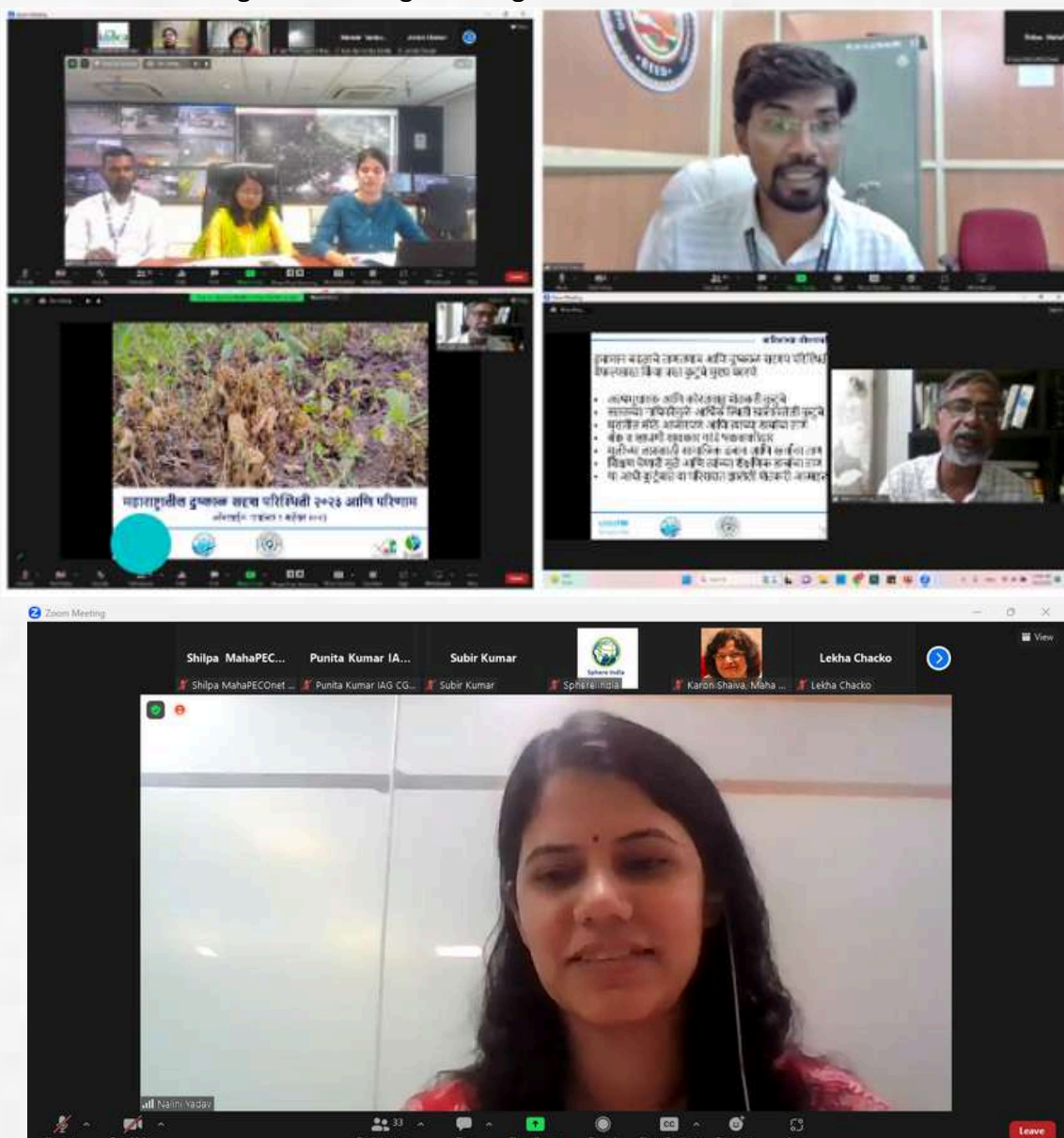
1. Ms. Poonam Ahire - Mantralaya Section Officer
2. Mr. Nitin Masane - Mantralaya Section Officer
3. Ms. Nalini Yadav - State Consultant DRR UNICEF Maharashtra
4. Mr. Mandar Vaidya (Facilitator) - Founder Shrishti Consultants
5. Ms. Karon Shaiva – RIF- MahaPECONet Governing Council Member
6. Ms. Balaji Vharkat - UNICEF Program Officer Climate, Environment, and DRR
7. District Disaster Coordinators – 6 Divisions (Konkan, Nashik, Nagpur, Amravati, Aurangabad, Pune)
8. District Disaster Management Officers - 36 Districts
9. Ms. Shilpa Shirwadkar – Program Manager MahaPECONet (Moderator)

Key Content

- Highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts between government bodies and NGOs in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) to ensure the well-being of the most vulnerable.
- Role of NGOs: NGOs' role in addressing the unmet needs of vulnerable populations was highlighted, including providing psycho-social support, mitigating risks related to water, sanitation, and hygiene, continuing children's education, and implementing special interventions for food security and nutrition.
- Introduction to the Drought Manual and state interventions with regards to drought management

Key takeaways:

- A uniform approach from CSR, NGO and Government for preparedness and response
- Building the capacity of local leadership and government officials to understand drought in the context of climate change
- Studies on Rainfall deviation, MGNREGA, existing schemes by NGOs
- Advocacy for division-wise hazard assessment
- Prioritize training and capacity building for volunteers
- Initiate employment generation projects during drought conditions

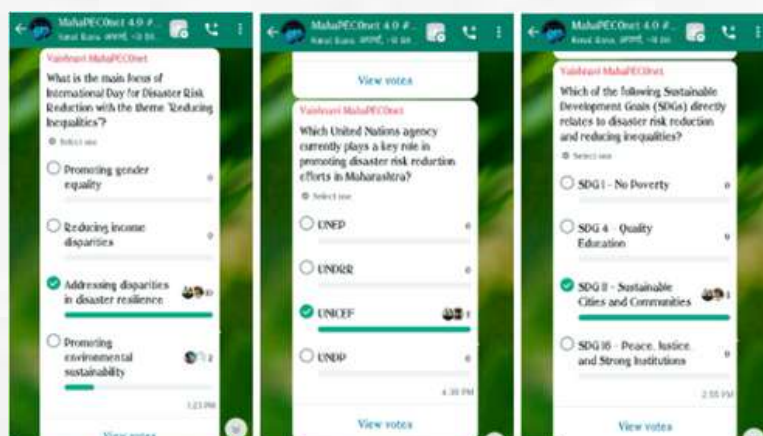


5. Support to DM R & R and SDMA for IDDRR Day: 2023

The MahaPEConet team has successfully coordinated with the SDMA, as per their request, for creating a video in observance of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDRR) on 13th October 2023. This initiative was suggested by PS (DM R&R) to showcase the work done by NGOs in state DRR interventions. The MahaPEConet Secretariat extensively coordinated with grassroots NGOs working in the field of disaster response and preparedness. A Google form was created, shared and used to collate their responses related to DRR work in an Excel sheet, including clips and pictures of the ongoing work and response support provided to the DDMA, SDMA and local authorities.

Responses were received from the following MahaPEConet members:

1. RISE Infinity Foundation, Mumbai
2. The Resilient Foundation, Palghar
3. Jaywantrao Ghyar Patil Sevabhavi Sanstha, Hingoli
4. Citizens Association for Child Rights, Mumbai
5. Abhinav Bharat Samaj Seva Mandal, Solapur
6. SEEDS India, Pan India
7. Srishti for Resilience, Nashik
8. Indo Global Social Service Society, Nagpur



IDRR Celebration- Member Engagement: During the IDRR Celebration, the MahaPEConet Secretariat engaged members through online activities, promoting awareness and disaster risk reduction among members and the broader community.

i) Concept note on IDRR celebration: Developed a concept note outlining the importance of IDRR and the need for collective action in disaster risk reduction.

ii) DRR Quiz: A Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) quiz was designed and conducted through polls on the WhatsApp platform on 13th October, 2023 by the Secretariat to actively engage the members, testing their knowledge and understanding of disaster risk reduction concepts and practices.

iii) IDRR Member Video: Created a video featuring its members, highlighting their commitment to disaster risk reduction and resilience and was launched on the 13th of October. This video served as an effective visual tool to raise awareness and educate both the members and the wider community about the importance of disaster risk reduction.



Partner Featured in IDRR Video:

1. Grameen First Development Foundation, Palghar
2. Eco-logic Foundation, Pune
3. Srishti consultants, Nashik
4. Dnyandeep Rashtriya Samajik va Shaikshanik Vikas Sanstha, Satara
5. Sahyadri Foundation, Nagpur
6. Om Bahuuddeshiya Samajik Sanstha, Solapur
7. RISE Infinity Foundation, Mumbai

6. State Level Roundtable with GB members:

On 20th April, 2024, a virtual state-level roundtable brought together 74 participants, including GC members, UNICEF Maharashtra, experts and MahaPECONet General Body members. The objective was to share milestones and key highlights to decide on a collaborative way forward. The roundtable featured insightful presentations and discussions, highlighting MahaPECONet 4.0 achievements in relief and response work, capacity building, and strengthened government ties. Participants shared experiences, acknowledged region-specific challenges and emphasized the need for a clear roadmap for the upcoming years. The interactive session fostered a spirit of collaboration, setting the stage for a unified approach to addressing future challenges.




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STATE ROUNDTABLE
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Participants:

- Dr. V. Thiruppugazh, Ex. Adviser NDMA, Governing Council Member
- Yusuf Kabir, WASH Specialist, CCES & DRR Focal, UNICEF Maharashtra
- Karon Shaiva, Managing Trustee, RISE Infinity Foundation, GC Member
- Mathew Mattam, Founder-CYDA, Governing Council Member
- Rajdeep Bansod, District Disaster Management Officer, Beed
- Balaji Vharkat, Program Officer Climate, Environment & DRR, UNICEF Maharashtra
- Mandar Vaidya, Director, Sriшти for Resilience
- Sujata Kodag, President, Eco Logic Foundation
- Shilpa Shirwadkar, Program Manager, RIF-MahaPECONet
- Shyam Sawai, President, Sarvdharm Mitramandal
- Ekta Bartarya, Community Based Disaster Management Expert

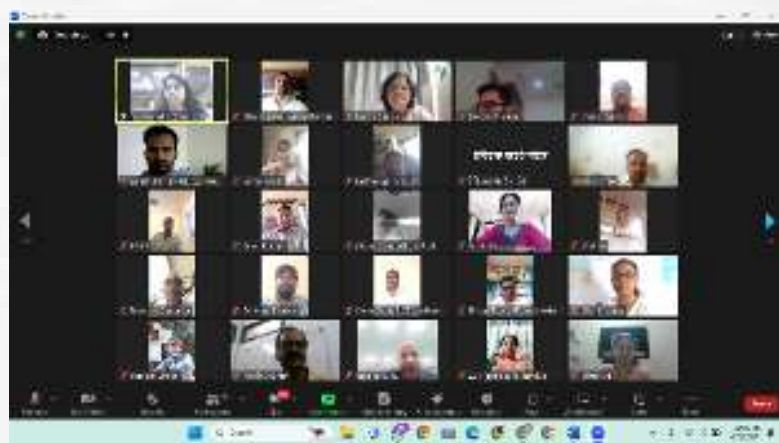
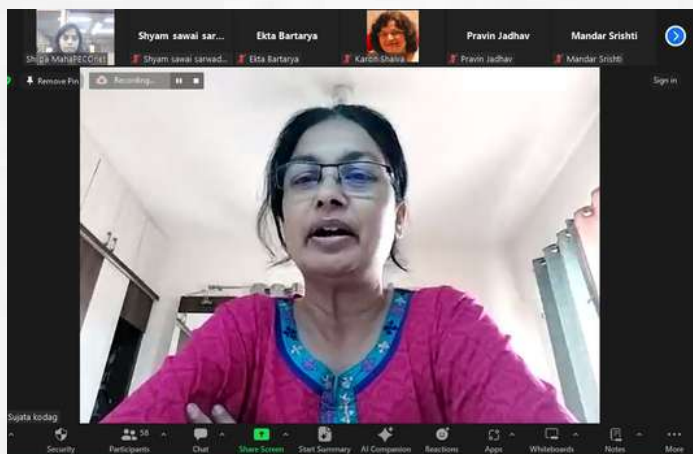
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7. MahaPECOnet's Regional DRR Forums in Pune, North Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha:

The MahaPECOnet secretariat collaborated with divisional partners to facilitate several regional forums across Maharashtra, engaging NGOs and sector experts in meaningful dialogue. These forums, held in Pune, North Maharashtra, Nagpur, Vidarbha and Marathwada from February to April 2024, aimed to foster in-person meetings and introductions to key departmental officers, including regional coordinators and district disaster management officers. The primary objective was to map vulnerabilities and risks in each region and develop actionable solutions. By bringing together DDMCs, DDMOs, and experts in climate change and disaster management, these forums created a platform for collaborative and comprehensive disaster risk reduction efforts. Representation at the regional forums included participants from 28 districts, covering 82 blocks and 140 NGOs, with 190 registrations and 177 participants from across Maharashtra.

Regional Forums	Numbers
Districts Represented	28
Blocks Covered	82
NGOs Participated	140
Registrations	190
Participants	177

Region	Date	Registrations	Participants	Districts	Blocks	NGO
Pune	15/02/2024	18	24	5	6	15
Nashik (North Maharashtra)	07/03/2024	26	16	5	7	12
Beed (Marathwada Region)	19/03/2024	52	47	7	30	44
Nagpur	05/04/2024	37	35	7	18	33
Amravati (Vidarbha Region)	08/04/2024	57	55	4	21	36

7.1 Pune Forum at Manuski Center, in collaboration and support of Governing Council member and Center for Youth Development and Activities (CYDA)

Place: Pune
Date: 15.02.2024
Registrations: 18
Total Participation: 24
Blocks covered: 6
NGOs: 15
Districts representation: 5
(Pune, Mumbai, Raigad, Beed, Jalgaon)

Key Highlights:

1. This forum was organized in with the support of Governing Council member Mr. Mathew Mattam and CYDA team at Manuski Center, Pune
2. Key note address by Founder NDMA Prof. Vinod Menon and the forum was moderated by Ms. Shilpa Shirwadkar from the MahaPECONet secretariat
3. DDMO Pune Mr. Vitthal Banote shaded light on policy level changes, role of CSOs, innovation in DRR
4. Mr. Praveenkumar Pawar facilitated discussion on basics of Disaster Management
5. Participants created district action plans using RPPR Model



7.2 North Maharashtra Regional Forum at Key Highlights:

Samyak Green in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Authority Nashik, Samagra Foundation and Srishti for Resilience

Place: Sinnar, Nashik

Date: 07.03.2024

Registrations: 26

Total Participation: 20

Blocks covered: 07

NGOs: 12

Districts representation: 05

(Nashik, Jalgaon, Ahmadnagar, Solapur, Mumbai)

1. Tree plantation ceremony by DDMC Mr. Sachin Patil and DDMO Mr. Shrikrishna Deshpande
2. Keynote address by DDMC Nashik on innovative interventions for Disaster Risk Reduction through GO-NGO coordination
3. Elaboration on the role of NGOs in Nashik's disaster management by DDMO Nashik
4. NGOs shared field experiences and willingness to support Hazard Vulnerability and Risk Assessment processes
5. Session on Psychosocial Support (PSS) in emergencies by Ms. Shilpa Shriwadkar, with case studies on water scarcity, drought, flood and human-induced emergencies
6. Introduction to RPPR model for planning activities to mitigate future impact of emergencies in Nashik



7.3 Marathwada Forum at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Samajik Nyay Bhavan, Beed in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Authority Beed and GramUrja Foundation

Place: Beed

Date: 19.03.2024

Registrations: 52

Total Participation: 47

Blocks covered: 30

NGOs: 44

Districts representation: 7

(Beed, Nanded, Latur, Parbhani,

Dharashiv, Jalna, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar)

Key Highlights:

1. Collaboration and Support: The forum was successfully held in government premises with the support of the District Social Welfare Department.
2. Keynote Address: Mr. Rajdeep Bansod, DDMO Beed, delivered the keynote address, setting the tone for the discussions.
3. NGO Empowerment: Mr. Dadasaheb Gaikwad, founder of GramUrja Foundation, shared valuable insights on NGO coordination, fundraising and capacity building.
4. Mr. Mandar Vaidya facilitated a session on disaster management, providing a structured approach to the topic.
5. Group Discussions: Three groups actively participated in discussions on key challenges, including community participation, resilience building and Innovative solutions for DRR



7.4 Nagpur Forum at Vasantrya Naik Educational Center (VANAMATI) in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Authority Nagpur and Members

Place: Nagpur

Date: 05.04.2024

Registrations: 37

Total Participation: 38

Blocks covered: 18

NGOs: 33

Districts representation: 7

(Amravati, Nagpur Urban and Rural,

Gadchiroli, Chandrapur, Wardha, Bhandara, Yawatmal)

Key Highlights:

1. 40% women participants and LGBTQ representation
2. Deliberations by the UNDP City Coordinator, Nagpur Municipal Corporation, and DDMO Ankush Gawande
3. Discussion of heatwave mitigation strategies and related issues by Ms. Ekta Bartarya and
4. Stimulating brainstorming session focusing on vulnerability mapping, risk assessment and localized program development to leverage resources effectively and bridge the gap between administrative challenges and the efforts of Civil Society Organizations.




MahaPEConet NAGPUR REGIONAL DRR FORUM

EXPERT TRAINING & MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Speakers:

- Ankush Gawande, District Disaster Management Officer, Nagpur
- Ekta Bartarya, Centrally Served District Management Expert
- Anand Shet, Health Security Thematic Expert
- Shilpa Shirwadkar, Program Manager, SP - Maharashtra
- Manoj Ramteke, Technical Coordinator, SP - Maharashtra

VANAMATI Educational Center VIP Road, Nagpur

05th April, 2024 | 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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7.5 Amravati Forum at Gramnath Bhavan, Karanja (Lad) Washim in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Authority Washim and Sarvdharma Mitramandal

Place: Washim
Date: 08.04.2024
Registrations: 57
Total Participation: 55
Blocks covered: 21
NGOs: 36
Districts representation: 4
(Amravati, Washim, Akola, Yavatmal)

Key Highlights:

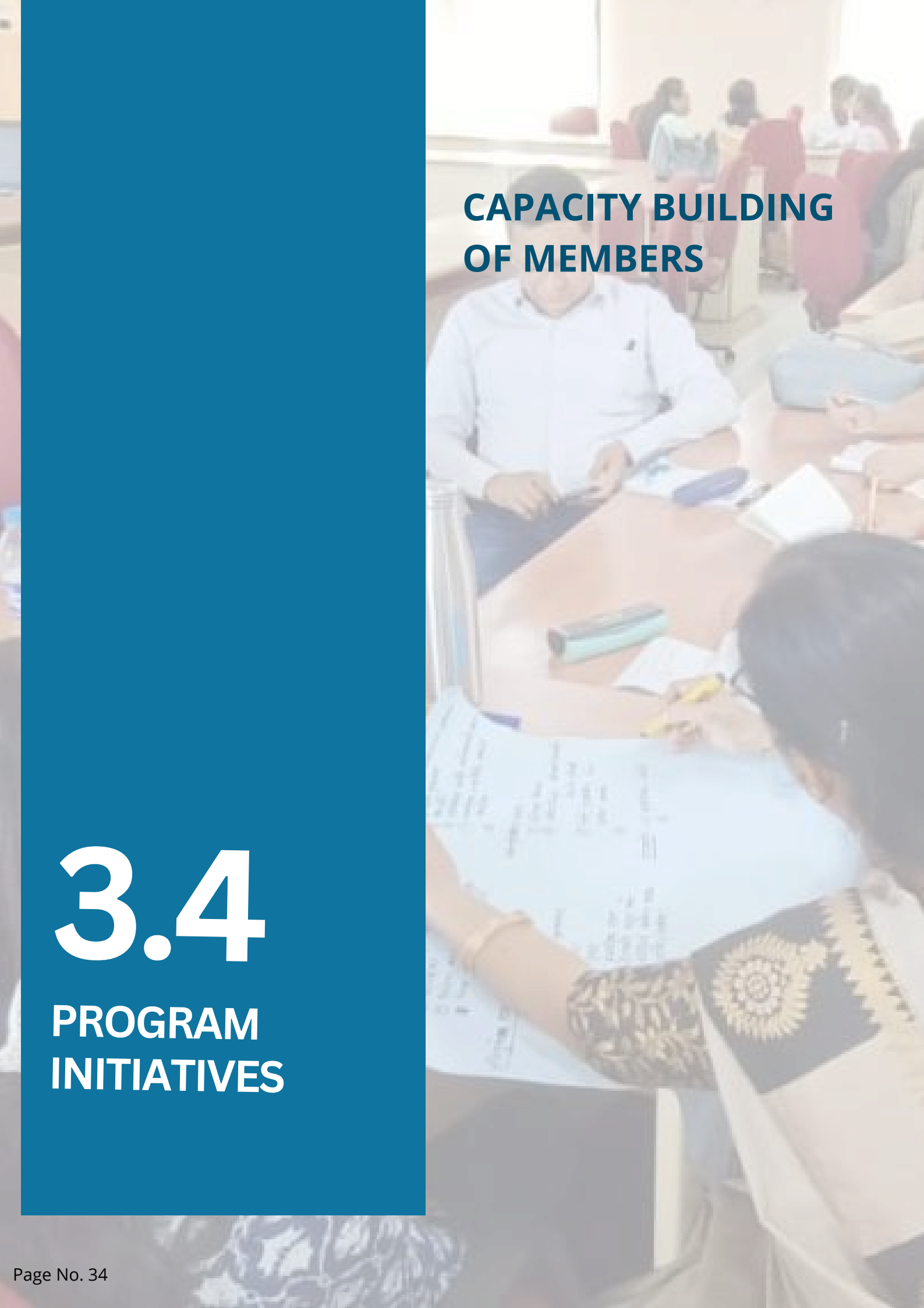
1. Opening Remarks delivered by Mr. Shahu Bhagat, DDMO Washim
2. Session 1: Climate Change Effects and Solutions led by Dr. Nilesh Kheda on the topics of Policy-level changes and possible solutions to address climate change effects
3. Session 2: Household-level best practices and precautions for heatwaves presented by Mr. Shyam Sawai founder Sarvdharma Mitramandal
4. Brainstorming Session on Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, led by Ms. Shilpa Shirwadkar, with participants contributing localized solutions
5. Closing Remarks delivered by: Mr. Amarjeet Chorpagar, Divisional Disaster Management Coordinator, Amravati




MahaPECONet AMRAVATI REGIONAL DRR FORUM
EXPERT TRAINING & MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Shahu Bhagat District Disaster Management Officer Washim	Amarjeet Chorpagar Divisional Disaster Management Coordinator Amravati	Shilpa Shirwadkar Regional Manager MahaPECONet	Dr. Nilesh Kheda Climate Change Expert Global Fellow Resilience Foundation
Shyam Sawai President Sarvdharma Mitramandal	Manoj Gauram Regional Coordinator MahaPECONet	Pooja Walke District Coordinator Lad and Nashik Region	

Venue: Shree Gurudev Seva Ashram, Gramnath Bhavan, Karanja Lad, Washim
08th April, 2024 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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CAPACITY BUILDING OF MEMBERS

3.4

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Capacity building of members



Capacity building of the coalition members was an extremely important aspect during the initial planning sessions for the MahaPECONet activities for the year. In line with this, there were several capacity building sessions organized by the Secretariat as described below:

Capacity Building Sessions	No. of People	Session Title	Benefits
4	130	1) Interpersonal Communication 2) Team Bonding 3) Team Work 4) Problem Solving 5) Time Management	• Increase Ownership towards Work • Generating respect for our colleagues, co-colleagues and Seniors • Preparing the mindset of the team members to take new Responsibilities
2	132	Regional consultations on Heatwave and Monsoon Preparedness in collaboration with Sphere India	Sharing field experiences and mitigation practices by the MahaPECONet NGOs and DDMO
4	32	Thematic consultations	Strengthening the thematic groups
2	75	Cross-sector partnership webinars	Creating opportunities in health
1	2666	Global Handwash Day celebration	Behavior change for WASH practices
14 Districts	18250	Menstrual Hygiene Management	Awareness creation and activities

1.1 Online Consultation on Heatwave in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Officers, MahaPECONet Grassroot NGO leaders, Experts and Sphere India

On 21st April, 2023 MahaPECONet secretariat collaborated with the Sphere India Academy to organize a virtual session on "Surviving the Heat: Basic Strategies and Best Practices" aimed at addressing heatwave preparedness and contributing to disaster management efforts. Eminent speakers such as Prof. Anil K Gupta, Dr. Prakerti, Mr. Prasad Sankpal DDMO Kolhapur, Ms. Ekta Bartarya- IGSSS, Ms. Sujata Kodag-Eco Logic Foundation and Ms. Jagruti Dharmadhikari shared their ground-level experiences and strategies for vulnerable populations.

The session was moderated by Ms. Karon Shaiva, Governing Council - MahaPECONet Secretariat, Trustee - RISE Infinity Foundation. The objectives were to increase awareness about heatwave risks, explore best practices, understand medical preparedness and foster dialogue between experts and local communities. More than 102 participants joined from the state along with the field coordinators, DDMO, MahaPECONet members, MahaPECONet secretariat team and team Sphere India.

1.2 Regional Consultation on Monsoon Preparedness:

MahaPECONet and Sphere India hosted a virtual consultation on 14th June 2023, to enhance monsoon preparedness in 7 states. The consultation aimed to improve disaster preparedness and response. Two sessions were held:

- Sharing lessons from past disasters and identifying gaps in current strategies
- Developing a collaborative action plan for the upcoming heatwave and monsoon season



2.Members Capacity Building on soft skills and team building:

To engage and build rapport with the newly onboarded as well as existing members the secretariat team conducted in-person one day sessions in various places for the staff of NGOs to build their capacity and create the awareness and importance of preparedness and peacetime interventions. These sessions were conducted by the senior thematic associate Mansi Gamre during regional forums and observance days.

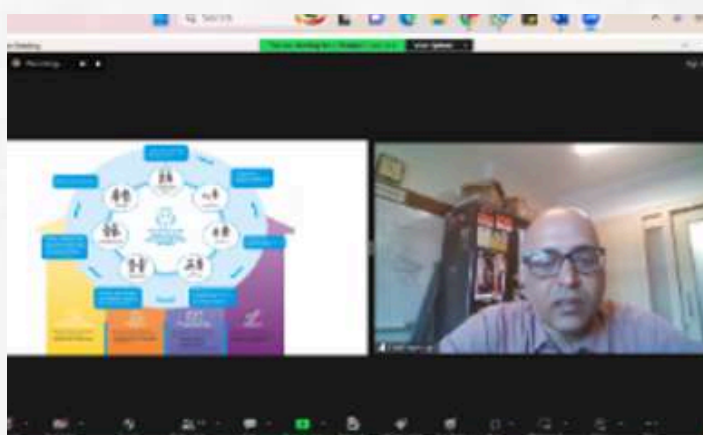


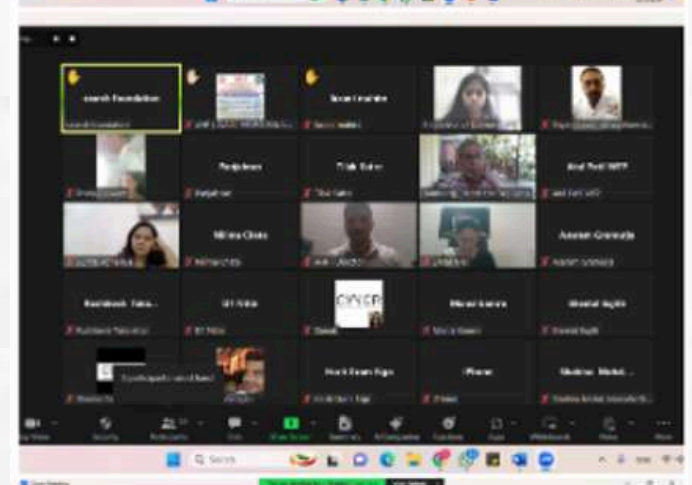
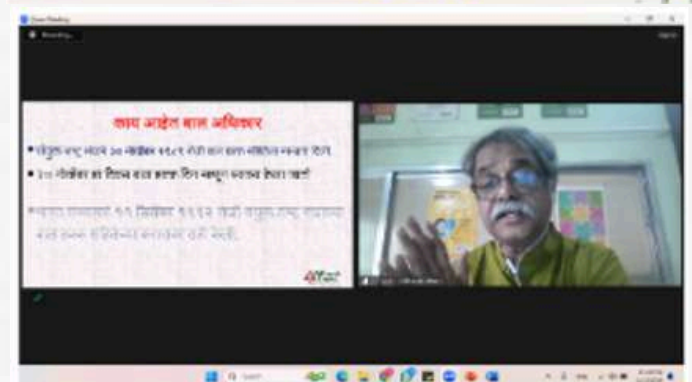
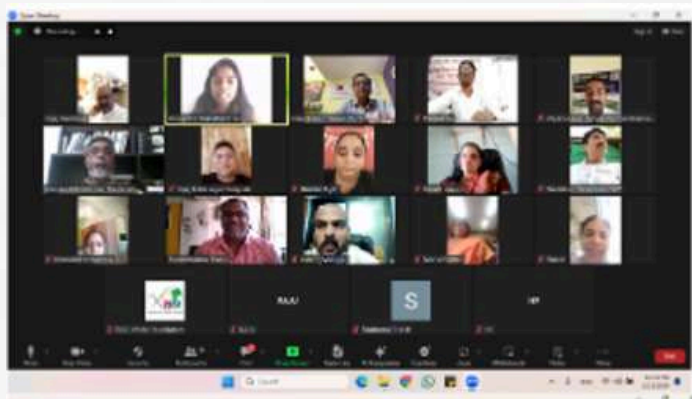
3.MahaPECONet Thematic Consultation Online Training Series:

To enhance the knowledge and skills of MahaPECONet members, a comprehensive capacity-building training program series was conducted, focusing on thematic consultations and cross-learning. This initiative aimed to orient members to new concepts and frameworks emerging in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). Conducted from January to February, the series included four online training sessions led by experts from Shrishti Consultants. These sessions introduced thematic external experts and provided opportunities for in-person DRR regional forums in Pune and North Maharashtra. The total participation for the series was 32 members.

Thematic Consultation Series Objectives:

1. Deepening understanding of thematic areas.
2. Tools, techniques and steps for developing localized programmes around MahaPECONet thematic areas.
3. Strengthening coordination and collaborative relations of partners around thematic areas for enhanced networking for mutual benefits.





Key Take aways:

- Relationship building with the members around the MahaPECONet thematic with their own field context and programmes.
- Learn steps of programme development and result framework with special reference to the impact approach around the MahaPECONet thematic.
- Key action priorities for strengthening coordination on the MahaPECONet thematic.

4. Webinar on Cross- sector Partnership with VisionSpring India

A webinar was convened by the MahaPECONet Secretariat on 06.09.2023 to explore collaborative opportunities in cross-sector partnerships for the MahaPECONet members and establish a clear vision objective. This webinar was conducted in partnership with VisionSpring India, a social enterprise dedicated to enhancing eyeglass accessibility in emerging and frontier countries.

No of Participants: 45

Key takeaways:

The webinar identified valuable collaboration opportunities in peacetime as a preparedness activity for the MahaPECONet members in Maharashtra with VisionSpring as follows:

1. Influencers and Facilitators: Identifying individuals who can promote and facilitate partnerships.
2. Funders: Exploring funding opportunities for vision care initiatives.
3. Implementation Partners: Collaborating with organizations to implement eyeglass interventions effectively.
4. Regulators: Engaging with regulatory bodies to create a conducive environment for eyeglass accessibility.



5. Global Handwash Day Celebration by the RISE Infinity Foundation and MahaPECONet member Organizations

In October 2023, the RISE Infinity Foundation MahaPECONet Secretariat, in collaboration with UNICEF Maharashtra and member organizations, celebrated Global Handwashing Day with great enthusiasm across schools, colleges, communities, and among staff members. The event saw active participation from members, who organized various activities and competitions, engaging the masses in awareness campaigns about the importance of hand hygiene. Activity reports were submitted to the Secretariat and UNICEF Maharashtra, highlighting the extensive outreach efforts. Notably, partners such as Awesome Academy, Parivaransheel Sanstha, Nutan Vidyalaya, Center for Youth Development and Activities and Sarvdharma Mitramandal Karanjalad collectively reached an estimated 2,666 individuals directly through these activities. This collaborative effort underscored the commitment of the MahaPECONet network to promoting health and hygiene practices within the community.



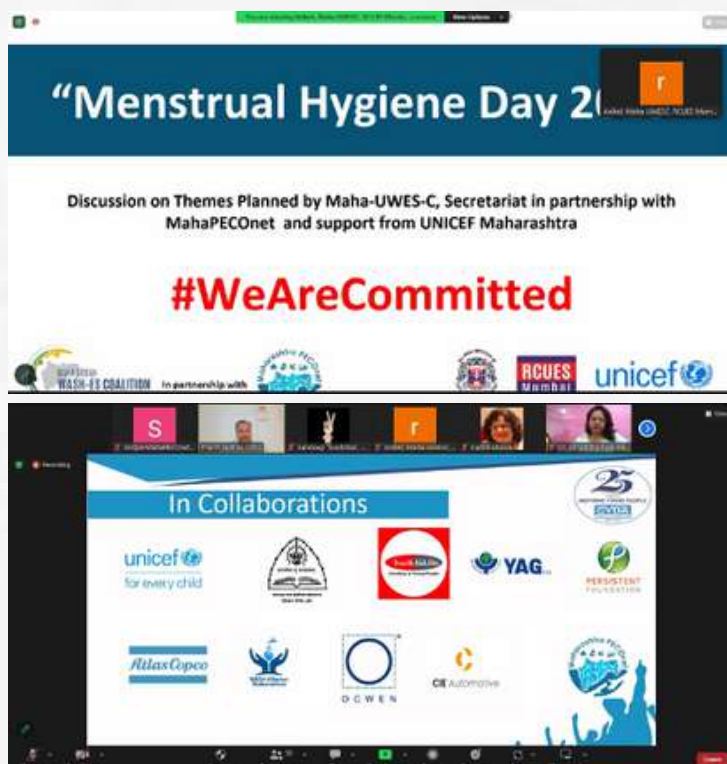
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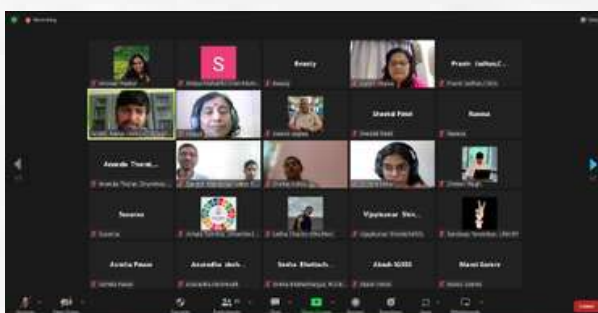


6. Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) Awareness Session by the MahaPECONet Members

Menstrual Hygiene Day 2023 Consultation Meeting: As a collaborative effort between MahaPECONet and the Maharashtra Urban WASH and Environmental Sanitation Coalition, a consultation meeting was organized on 11th May, 2023 to discuss the week-long celebration dedicated to Menstrual Hygiene Day 2023. To ensure active participation and engagement, the Secretariat compiled a list of members specializing in WASH and Health, particularly in menstrual hygiene management. Personal invitations were extended to these partners by the Secretariat, emphasizing the importance of their involvement in the consultation. The MahaPECONet members actively participated in the meeting, sharing their plans for the upcoming celebration in achieving the goals of promoting menstrual hygiene.

Following the consultation meeting, the Secretariat shared the campaign messages with its members. The Secretariat frequently communicated with the members through calls to receive updates. The estimated reach for the MHM activities by MahaPECONet members in Maharashtra was around 18,250. The campaign covered 14 districts: Ahmednagar, Kolhapur, Pune, Nandurbar, Parbhani, Amravati, Wardha, Nagpur, Palghar, Satara, Solapur, Nashik, Aurangabad and Mumbai.





8. Member Database:

The MahaPECONet secretariat has shared valuable data with UNICEF Maharashtra to facilitate collaboration and support. This provided a comprehensive list of MahaPECONet's NGO members and individual associates to enhance GO-NGO coordination support for the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) and to update the District Disaster Management Plans (DDMPs).

This list encompasses essential details, including NGO names, addresses, heads of organizations, contact information, email addresses, membership types and district presence.

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The training was incredibly helpful and informative, providing valuable insight into Disaster Risk Reduction strategies. The sessions were well structured, engaging and led by the knowledgeable sector experts in the field. The interactive nature of the activities allowed for meaningful collaboration and exchange of ideas among participants. Overall it was a highly beneficial experience that has equipped me with valuable skill and knowledge to contribute effectively to disaster resilience efforts in our region. Thank You!

-Vijay Kshirsagar
President
Sahyadri Foundation, Nagpur

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EXTERNAL DRR EVENTS AND TRAININGS FOR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

3.5 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



External DRR Events and Trainings for Stakeholder Engagement

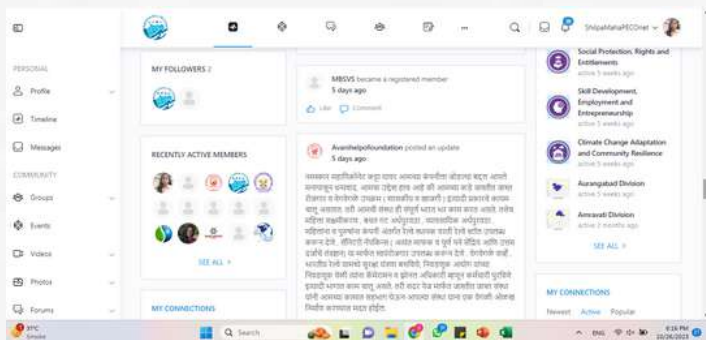
1. The 6th World Congress on Disaster Management

The 6th World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) 2023, held in Dehradun from November 28 to December 01, 2023, emerged as a pivotal global gathering to strengthen climate action and disaster resilience. This dynamic event was a collaborative effort orchestrated by the Government of Uttarakhand, Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA), Disaster Management Initiatives and Convergence Society (DMICS), and Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology (UCOST). The overarching theme of "Innovation, Communication, and Collaboration" underscored the urgency of unified efforts in addressing the challenges posed by disaster.

MahaPECOnet Paper Presentation: "Tech-Enabled Disaster Response and Collaboration"

Team RISE Infinity Foundation - MahaPECOnet Secretariat represented by Mr. Rajesh Shaiva and Ms. Shilpa Shirwadkar, had submitted a paper titled "Tech-Enabled Disaster Response and Collaboration" which was accepted by the WCDM committee and were invited to present the same during the session on "Innovations in Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience."

This session specifically delved into the crucial aspect of "Strengthening DRR and Resilient Systems" through the use of technology. The team presented MahaPECOnet journey across the 4 years and the role of technology at every stage to bring efficiency, accountability and transparency in administering and managing the coalition and its activities. The paper presentation was very much appreciated by the jury judging the presentations. Our contribution to the WCDM 2023, reflects our commitment to advancing disaster management practices.



2. National Consultation at We4Resilience:

The United Service Institution of India recently hosted the National Consultation on "We4Resilience", a landmark event convened by Caritas India in collaboration with UNICEF, NIDM, and SPHERE India. This two-day conference marked the culmination of Caritas India's We4Resilience campaign, which focused on enhancing disaster resilience and nutrition at the grassroots level. The consultation brought together experts and stakeholders to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and nutrition. Mr. Sarabjit Sahota, UNICEF India's Emergency Specialist for Disaster Risk Reduction, moderated a panel discussion and shared valuable insights on DRR. The MahaPECONet Secretariat was also invited to participate in the conference, with Ms. Karon Shaiva, a Governing Council member, delivering a presentation on "Reducing Risk by Risk Transfer". Her presentation highlighted the potential of volunteer insurance to revolutionize DRR efforts. Key takeaways from the event included:

1. Recognizing social capital as a vital pillar of resilience
2. The transformative potential of reframing volunteerism through strategic language



3. National Seminar on DRR for Resilient Informal Settlements

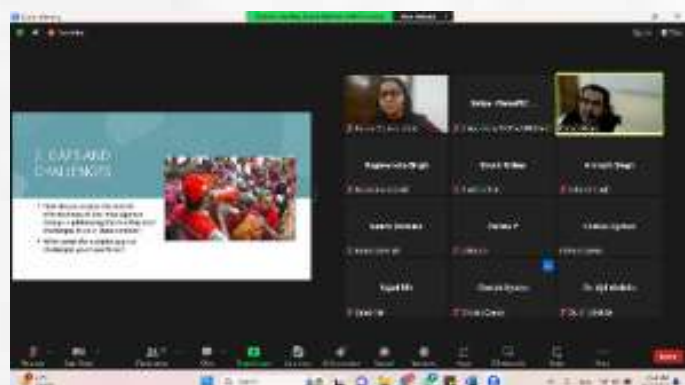
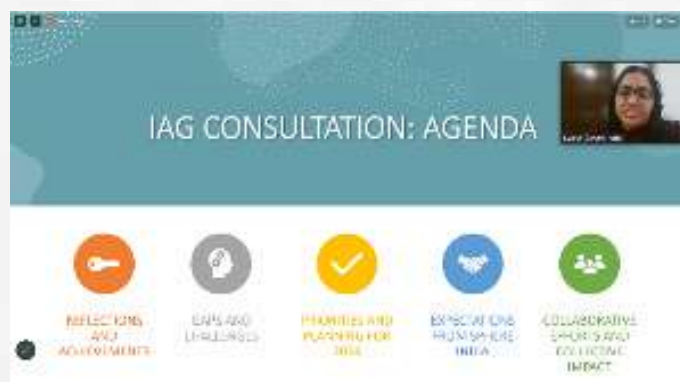
The National Seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilient Informal Settlements, was organized by the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) Bhopal in collaboration with UNICEF and other esteemed partners. The event took place on the 15th of December 2023 and it was a significant gathering that brought together experts and professionals in the field of Disaster Management. Distinguished speakers at the seminar included Mr. Sarabjit Sahota, a DRR Specialist at UNICEF, who shared invaluable insights on effective strategies and practices to mitigate the impact of disaster in vulnerable communities. Mr. Anil Gulati, a Communication Specialist at UNICEF, provided a communication perspective on DRR efforts. Ms. Margaret Gwada, Chief Field Officer of UNICEF MP, also graced the seminar with her presence and shared her experiences and strategies for effective field-level implementation of DRR initiatives. Ms. Karon Shaiva, Governing Council member of MahaPECONet, was invited to address the participants on the importance of collaboration in the field of Disaster Management. She actively engaged in discussions, fostering opportunities for cooperation and coordination among various stakeholders.



4. Participation in IAG Consultation Session organized by Sphere India:

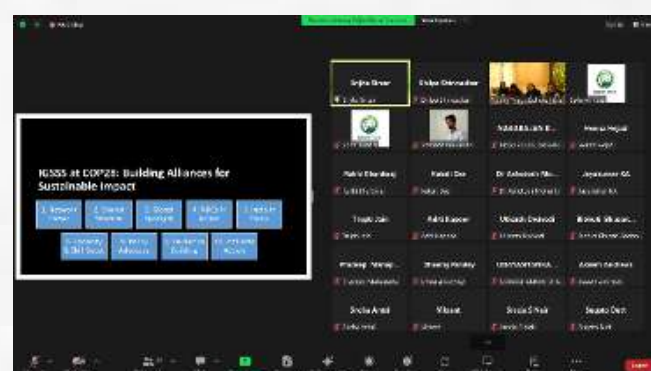
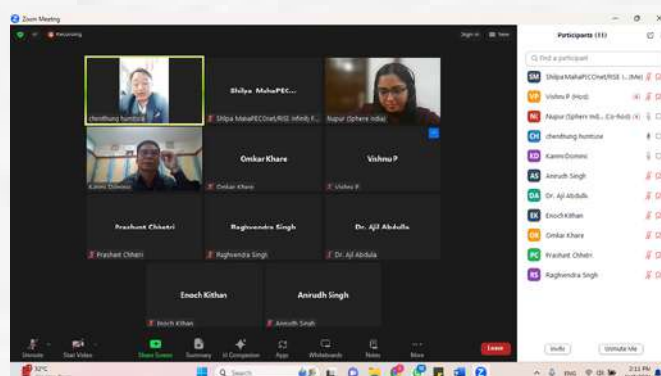
In anticipation of the forthcoming Annual Lessons Learned Workshop scheduled for February 2024, Sphere India organized a virtual consultation on December 7, 2023, bringing together Inter-Agency Group Convenors and focal persons. The primary focus of the discussion revolved around the role of inter-agency collaboration in the humanitarian and development sector, particularly in addressing challenges posed by ongoing disaster. Participants from 13 different states shared their regional experiences and challenges. The consultation aimed to gain insights into Sphere India's expectations and foster collaborative strategic planning.

Ms. Shilpa Shirwadkar, representing the RISE Infinity Foundation – MahaPECONet from Maharashtra, contributed by discussing the key achievements of MahaPECONet 4.0, challenges faced during implementation, priorities and planning for 2024 and articulated expectations from Sphere India, including the development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).



5. Decoding COP:28 Session by Sphere India:

Sphere India organized an insightful session as part of COP:28, aimed at decoding Disaster Risk Reduction experiences. The session, held on the 20th of December 2023, brought together various stakeholders, experts and members of different Inter-Agency Groups to share their valuable insights. The primary goal of the session was to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of DRR experiences and interventions by creating a platform for diverse organizations, including NGOs and corporate agencies, to share their perspectives. Shilpa Shirwadkar from the Secretariat actively participated in this insightful session, adding depth to the discourse on Disaster Risk Reduction.



6. Psycho-Social Support in Emergencies Training

Sphere India in collaboration with the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and Americares India Foundation organized a Three-Day Regional Training for Humanitarian Professionals on "Psychosocial Support (PSS) in Emergencies" from 27th to 29th February, 2024 in YUVA Center, Navi Mumbai. This training program aimed to strengthen the competencies of humanitarian actors working in disaster and humanitarian settings to establish, support and scale up PSS in communities.

Applications were extended to the states of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan to participate in this opportunity and become part of a roster of trained volunteers on PSS. The secretariat team was selected to participate in this residential workshop. Ms. Shilpa Shirwadkar and Mrs. Mansi Gamre represented the MahaPECONet at this workshop. A total of 32 participants including NIDM, Sphere India, NIMHANS and Americares experts were present for this comprehensive training.



7. Demystify Disaster training

To harness the potential of the youth, MahaPECONet's partner organization, The Resilient Foundation, organized a three-day residential workshop on Disaster Management and Climate Change. The event, titled "Demystify Disaster: Empowering the New Age of Youth," took place at Grammangal, Aine, from December 22nd to 24th, 2023.

A total of 25 young stars from Palghar, Thane, Mumbai and Ratnagiri districts participated in this residential training program including Ms. Shilpa Shirwadkar from the MahaPECONet Secretariat. The shared experiences and hands-on activities in the training served as catalysts for empowering the new age of youth to become resilient leaders in the face of challenges.



8. Drought Management Training

In light of the extreme weather patterns, characterized by both excessive rainfall in some districts of Maharashtra and a complete absence of rain in others during July, concerns arose about the potential emergence of a drought-like situation in 2023. In response to these alarming indicators, a proactive approach was taken to enhance disaster preparedness through a two-day residential workshop on drought mitigation. The workshop, organized by group experts, aimed to equip NGOs with essential knowledge and skills to effectively address and mitigate the impending drought challenge.

Ms. Shilpa Shirwadkar from the secretariat participated in this two-day "Drought Management" workshop, organized by Srishti for Resilience on July 1-2, 2023. The workshop, attended by 14 representatives from various NGOs operating in Maharashtra, was conducted in Marathi and featured technical experts and a woman Sarpanch from a drought-prone village.

The topics covered during the workshop were:

- 1] Introduction to the Drought Manual 2020 and Drought Government Resolution (GR)
- 2] Identification of drought-prone areas using different tools and techniques
- 3] Multi-sectorial effect and reasons of drought
- 4] Case Studies of Marathwada and Vidarbha region
- 5] Grampanchayat level intervention for drought prevention
- 6] Role of NGOs in drought management

Outcome of the Drought Management training:

1. Enhanced understanding of Maharashtra's Drought Manual and the region's drought conditions.
2. Established connections with NGOs from Vidarbha and Marathwada actively addressing drought-related challenges.
3. Identified potential projects with innovative solutions aimed at mitigating risks for vulnerable populations in water-scarce regions.

Learning for members: The drought management training workshop provided a revelatory experience for NGOs operating in drought-prone regions, equipping them with essential knowledge on risk mitigation strategies, climate resilience alternatives and support mechanisms for vulnerable farmers. The training highlighted the importance of handholding small-scale farmers, particularly those facing financial difficulties and reliant on external assistance. The Secretariat decided to identify 4-5 key areas of intervention and collaborate with willing NGOs to develop implementable plans, which could be presented to the DMU Director or respective District Disaster Management Officer for further action as a learning and outcome of the workshop.



9. Bridging Knowledge and Action: Disaster Management Fare and First Aid Training

On 7th to 8th December, 2023 the Jamshedji Tata School of Disaster Studies (JTSDS) at TISS Mumbai hosted a dynamic Disaster Management Week, highlighting crucial themes such as “Roaring Risk” and delving into disaster climate and coastal risk resilience concerning policy, praxis, and research on coastal areas. As part of this festivities, several esteemed organizations were invited to set up informative stalls on the college premises.

The RISE Infinity Foundation-MahaPECONet secretariat was actively involved in the event. Ms. Shilpa Shirwadkar and member organization Parivartansheel Sasntha's Mr. Panjabrao Gavai attended a comprehensive first-aid training session facilitated by Mr. Abhijit Jadhav (JTSDS). The session covered essential topics, including the emergency triage system, key elements of search and rescue prioritization, fracture symptoms and treatment and hands-on first-aid bandaging techniques. Discussions on collaboration synergies for conducting college students' training sessions and establishing an institutional task force within MahaPECONet were held with Dean Dr. Jacquleen Joseph and Prof. Mahesh Kamble

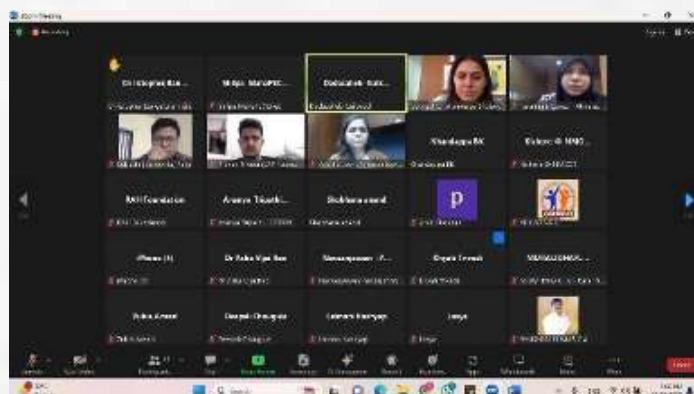
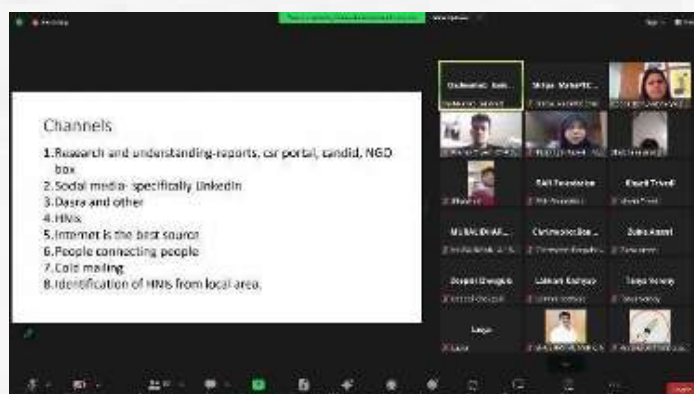


10. Webinar on Introduction to finding grants:

“Connects For” organised a webinar on Introduction to finding grants on 28th December 2023. It was facilitated by MahaPECONet member and Founder of Gramurja Foundation, Beed – Mr. Dadasaheb Gaikwad. The webinar provided a comprehensive introduction to finding grants, empowering participants with the knowledge and skills to secure funding for their projects. Mr. Gaikwad's expertise and passion for rural development made the session informative and engaging.

Key Highlights:

- Expert insights on grant searching and application strategies
- Valuable guidance from Mr. Gaikwad's experience in rural development and leadership
- Opportunities for Q&A and networking



04.

COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY

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The Heat:

Safe and Healthy Summer

Throughout the day,
in hot environments.



Wear:

light, loose-fitting clothing to help your

Engage in activities for cooler
early morning or



Check local weather forecasts and heat
be prepared.

Check on elderly, and pets, as
to heat-related



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Communication activities



1. MahaPECONet case study by the partner CAC:

MahaPECONet partner, Community Action Collab, based in Bangalore diligently documented a case study related to MahaPECONet's efforts in Disaster Risk Reduction. This case study was linked to the theme of "reducing inequality." The documentation of such a study not only showcased the organization's commitment to addressing social disparities but also provided valuable insights and lessons that could be shared with the members and the broader community.

Maha PECONet

Strengthening community-led response during emergencies

Convened by UNICEF Maharashtra during the pandemic, Maha PECONet is a Mumbai-facilitated unified response platform for disaster and peacetime preparedness. The thematic-led initiative is working towards disaster and vulnerability reduction by Relief, Response, Preparedness and Recovery.

The strength and importance of community participation for reducing inequalities during a crisis is exemplified by Maha PECONet's response to an emergency in March 2023 that shook a vulnerable community based in Mumbai.

On 3 March 2023, the residents of Appapada informal settlements in Malad East heard multiple cylinder explosions. A fire had broken out, gutting over a 1,000 houses in the locality and leaving numerous families homeless. While the state government and local authorities undertook various immediate relief measures in the area, Maha PECONet secretariat and member organisations visited the site continuously and conducted surveys to gauge the urgent needs of the most vulnerable in the community.



Disaster-Related Posts:

These posts provided crucial information on disaster alerts, preparedness tips, and emergency response strategies

2. Social Media:

By leveraging social media, MahaPECONet aims to expand its reach, foster a strong online community and contribute to the larger discourse on disaster resilience and sustainability. Posting on social media from the MahaPECONet site serves several purposes and yields various benefits:

1. Visibility and Outreach
2. Engagement and Interaction
3. Awareness and Education
4. Networking and Collaboration
5. Feedback and Improvement

2.1 Impact & Observation Days:

We regularly posted updates on Impact & Observation Days to highlight their significance and encourage participation.



2.2 Sessions, Workshops, and Training Events:

Pre and post-event posts were shared to promote and recap sessions, workshops, and training events related to disaster resilience.



2.3 IEC Material:

The IEC materials on the MahaPECONet site have played a pivotal role in enhancing awareness, education, behaviour change, community engagement, visibility and continuous improvement in disaster management efforts. Through Information, Education and Communication materials on the MahaPECONet site, several impactful changes were achieved:

1. Enhanced Awareness: The IEC materials significantly increased awareness among the community about disaster management practices and resilience-building measures.
2. Educational Impact: They provided valuable educational resources, including guides, infographics and videos, that informed and empowered individuals and communities to prepare for and respond to disaster effectively.
3. Behavioural Change: The materials promoted positive behavioral changes, encouraging proactive measures such as emergency planning, risk reduction and safety protocols.
4. Community Engagement: They facilitated greater community engagement by encouraging discussions, sharing experiences and fostering a sense of collective responsibility towards disaster preparedness.
5. Visibility and Reach: Through the MahaPECONet site, these materials amplified their reach, ensuring that critical information reaches a wider audience across various demographics and geographic locations.

2.4 Seasonal Weather "Do's & Don'ts" Posts:

Season-wise posts offered guidance on weather-specific precautions and safety measures.



.Awareness Posts:

These focused on raising awareness about extreme heat conditions best practices, resilience-building and community safety.



3. E-Newsletters:

The secretariat team developed and published information on the work of the coalition on risk and disaster governance, as well as the best practices and insights from the field with an objective to promote good practices in disaster risk reduction and governance.

A total of 4 quarterly newsletters were developed and disseminated through the website. They covered a range of topics, including project updates, success stories and lessons learned. This information was made available to a wide audience, including stakeholders, government, donors and members of the public through the website.

DRR कार्यशाळा अतिशय महत्वाची कार्यशाळा झाली कारण आपत्ती ही कधी, कुठे येईल सांगता येत नाही. अचानक येणाऱ्या आपत्तीमुळे खूप मोठ्या प्रमाणात सामाजिक, आर्थिक आणि मानसिक परिणाम भोगले आहेत. आपत्ती निवारणा बाबत शासकीय आणि अशासकीय यंत्रणांनी एकत्र येऊन काम करण्यासाठी महापिकोनेटची मदत नक्की होईल. माझी एक सामाजिक संस्था म्हणून मी यात काम करू इच्छितो..

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05.

FACILITATORS AND BARRIERS



Facilitators and Barriers



As with every group and coalition, MahaPECONet has had its set of facilitators and barriers in moving ahead. Some of the positive facilitators and barriers or challenges that the platform has faced related to the action and work undertaken to change or strengthen system are as described under:

Enablers:

- **Supportive Governance:** The Governing Council members provide constant support, advice and guidance to the secretariat.
- **Member Engagement:** Enthusiastic responses from members to new ideas and initiatives, online trainings and webinars.
- **Positive Feedback:** Positive feedback from DDMOs, DDMCs regarding Maha PECONet activities.

Challenges:

- **Attracting Experts:** Difficulty in attracting technical or disaster management experts to join the program as senior professionals due to MahaPECONet 4.0 budget constraints.
- **Limited Donor Partners:** During the initial Rapid Assessment stage, detailed documentation was required by donor agencies to request relief items. Despite coordination efforts with on-ground coordinators and Donatekart, no assistance was provided during the Irshalwadi landslide incident. This led to NGO disappointment and reluctance to submit future requests.
- **Member Data Sharing:** Members are reluctant to share the database with the government in complicated formats, necessitating rigorous follow-ups by the secretariat team.
- **Travel Challenges:** Traveling to different regions of Maharashtra from Mumbai posed challenges with limited bandwidth, although five successful DRR Regional in-person forums were organized in Pune, Nashik, Nagpur, Marathwada and Amravati with over 200 participants from NGOs and experts.

- **PMU Collaboration:** Inability to hold collaborative meetings with the PMU - Palladium India, and lack of communication from SDMA regarding PMU activities and mandates for better coordination. Only one meeting occurred with PMU staff in July 2023 to explore GO-NGO coordination and capacity-building steps. No further actions or subsequent meetings were initiated by PMU.
- **Government Co-ordination:** Obtaining approvals from the Director DMU for GO-NGO online workshops and roundtables was time-consuming. SDMA meeting with the Secretary for a physical SDMA-DDMO-RDC roundtable was cancelled and not reviewed. Other issues include:
 - Absence of review and feedback on the SDMA-DDMO-Member roundtable concept note and schedule submitted to UNICEF Maharashtra for the Director DMU.
 - Hesitation to onboard DDMOs and DDMCs onto the Katta platform despite monthly follow-ups and email communication to the Director and UNICEF team.
 - The secretariat's suggestion for district-wise DDMO-DDMC meetings with members to explore GO-NGO coordination steps was not taken up by SDMA.
 - Lack of opportunities by SDMA to the Secretariat to participate in DRR-related events with SDMA/PMU (workshops, training, mock drills, volunteering).
 - Delay in finalizing the date and providing inputs on the last SDMA online roundtable by SDMA and UNICEF. The planned statewide roundtable was converted at the last moment to a meeting with only GC and GB members. The AGM, critical for GO-NGO coordination and platform strengthening, was not effectively leveraged.
- **UNICEF Meetings:** Regular physical meetings with the UNICEF Maharashtra team would have been a welcome opportunity to plan and monitor project progress as well as strengthen relations with both SDMA and PMU.
- One SDMA roundtable was canceled by UNICEF further reducing opportunities to connect the government and Maha PECONet members.

06.

LESSONS LEARNED



Lessons Learned



1. Mainstreaming DRR into Development Programs:

Integrate DRR Strategies: Incorporate Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) strategies into all stages of development programs. This ensures resilience is built into projects from the outset, reducing vulnerabilities and enhancing community preparedness.

Collaborative Planning: Engage multiple stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and local communities, in planning and implementing DRR activities to ensure comprehensive and inclusive strategies.

Capacity Building: Conduct regular training and capacity-building sessions for development practitioners on DRR principles and practices.

Policy Advocacy: Advocate for the inclusion of DRR in national and local development policies and plans.

2. Strengthening the Humanitarian-Development Nexus:

Integrated Approach: Develop programs that address both immediate humanitarian need and long-term development goals, ensuring a seamless transition from relief to recovery and sustainable development.

Resource Allocation: Allocate resources efficiently to balance immediate disaster response with long-term development initiatives.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Implement robust monitoring and evaluation frameworks to assess the impact of integrated humanitarian and development interventions.

3. Recognition as Inter-Agency Group (IAG):

Establish Clear Objectives: Define the objectives and roles of the IAG to ensure all member agencies understand and align with the group's goals.

Regular Communication: Maintain open and regular communication among IAG members to facilitate coordination and collaboration.

Joint Initiatives: Develop and implement joint initiatives that leverage the strengths and resources of all member agencies.

Visibility and Advocacy: Increase the visibility of IAG activities through effective communication and advocacy, highlighting the group's achievements and impact.

4. Building Trust and Respect with PMU and SDMA:

Transparency and Accountability: Ensure transparent processes and accountability in all interactions with the Project Management Unit (PMU) and State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA).

Regular Engagement: Schedule regular meetings and updates with PMU and SDMA to build rapport and foster strong working relationships.

Collaborative Efforts: Engage in collaborative efforts with PMU and SDMA, sharing knowledge, resources, and expertise to achieve common goals.

Mutual Respect: Cultivate an environment of mutual respect by acknowledging and valuing the contributions and expertise of PMU and SDMA officials.



07.

WAY FORWARD

Way Forward



The MahaPECOnet secretariat is exploring various opportunities for support to take the program ahead with the help of Governing Council members.

Way forward for Capacity building:

1] Mainstreaming DRR in development: Integrate DRR into development policies, plans and programs.

2] Inclusive and accessible DRR: Prioritize vulnerable population, such as persons with disabilities, women, children and the elderly in DRR planning and implementation.

3] Capacity building and training: Provide regular training and capacity-building programs for stakeholders on DRR, response and recovery.

4] Community-led initiatives: Empower local communities to take ownership of DRR efforts through training, capacity building and resource support.

5] Technology integration: Leverage cutting-edge technologies like AI for early warning systems, risk assessment and damage evaluation.

6] Collaborative governance: Foster multi-stakeholder partnerships among governments, NGOs, private sectors and communities for coordinated DRR efforts.

7] Disaster risk reduction planning: Develop and implement comprehensive DRR plans at local levels through local bodies, GPs and with the support of DDMA.

Way forward for GO-NGO Coordination:

1] Advocacy and Policy Influence: Collaboration with DMU to develop and implement policies and laws that support DRR ensuring the inclusion of NGO perspectives and expertise in policy decisions.

2] Capacity Building and Resource Sharing: Development of a joint training programs and capacity-building initiatives and sharing resources, expertise and knowledge to enhance DRR capabilities.

3] Joint Programming and Implementation: Development of the joint DRR programs and projects, leveraging strengths and resources of network members and establishing a coordination mechanism for effective joint implementation.

08.

ANNEXURE

Annexure



Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	City/Village/ District	Name of the activity	Target group	Poten- tial reach
1	Muktai Bahu Udeshiya Seva Vikas Sanstha, Pune	Maval, Pune	Surveys, visit, organising counseling theory practical feedback and followup, support and cooperation and guidance	Students, Teachers, SHGs, Parents, Anganvadi Sevikas, Front Line Workers, ASHA workers, social workers.	300
2	Social Empowerment & Voluntary Association	Parbhani	Awareness session activities with adolescents' girls.	Students, Teachers, SHGs, CBOs, Parents, city or village officials, Youth Groups, Anganvadi Sevikas, Front Line Workers, Sanitation Workers	500
		Parbhani	Capacity building workshops	Students, Teachers, SHGs, CBOs, Parents, City or Village officials, Youth Groups/Networks, Anganwadi Workers, Sanitation Workers	1000
3	Muktai bahu udeshiya Seva Vikas Sanstha Pune	Maval, Pune	Surveys, visit, organising counseling theory practical feedback and followup, support and cooperation and guidance	Students, Teachers, SHGs, Parents, Anganvadi Sevikas, Front Line Workers, ASHA workers, social workers.	300

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4	Social Empowerment & Voluntary Association	Parbhani	Awareness session activities with adolescents' girls.	Students, Teachers, SHGs, CBOs, Parents, city or village officials, Youth Groups, Anganvadi Sevikas, Front Line Workers, Sanitation Workers	500
		Parbhani	Capacity building workshops	Students, Teachers, SHGs, CBOs, Parents, City or Village officials, Youth Groups/Networks, Anganwadi Workers, Sanitation Workers	1000
5	Indo-Global Social Service Society	Ashti,Morshi, Arvi,Warud Chandur Bazar Dist. Amaravati and Wardha and Wardha	To provide essential and basic information about the menstrual cycle to the adolescent girls in the poor needy areas of the village and encourage them to use cloth pads.	Students, Teachers, SHGs, CBOs, Parents, Elected Representatives/ Local Leaders, Youth Groups, Anganvadi Sevikas, Front Line Workers, Sanitation Workers	159
6	Society for Action in Creative Education and Development (SACRED)	Palghar	Sessions with lady school teachers	Students, Teachers	300
		Vasai block, dist. Palghar	Three hours sessions with community women (mostly tribal) and adolescent girls.	Students, SHGs	400

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	City/Village/ District	Name of the activity	Target group	Poten- tial reach
7	Dnyandeep Rashtriya Samajik Va Shaikshanik Vikas Sanstha, Karad.	Grampanchayat at Dicholi, Yashwantrao Chavan girls Hostel - Karad, Satara	Session on menstrual hygiene with women and women in the slums.	Students, SHGs, Parents, city or village officials, Anganwadi Sevikas, Sanitation Workers	450
8	Abhinav Bharat Samaj Seva Mandal	Karmala, Solapur	Conducting Meeting of SHG	SHGs	100
		Devlali, Nashik	Awareness Among Women	SHGs, Parents, Anganwadi Workers	100
9	Citizens Association for Child Rights	Mumbai	Awareness Sessions and Creative Activities	Students, SHGs, CBOs, Anganwadi Sevikas, Sanitation Workers	500
10	URMEE Urban Rural Management Empowerment Establishment	Villages in Mulshi, Pune	Pre-test to assess needs and beliefs related to menstruation and Awareness sessions with girl students and their mothers on menstrual reproductive organs, menstrual cycle, health and hygiene, and menstrual rights	Students, Parents, Anganwadi Sevikas	80
11	Annapurna Sewabhavi Sanstha, Satara	Satara District, Karad, Patan - Tehsil	Bleed the Silence campaign	Adolescent Girls, Women, SHG Members, Health workers, Anganwadi Sevika. etc.	5000
12	Centre for Youth Development & Activities (CYDA)	Pune	Panel Discussion on Menstrual Hygiene	Adolescent Girls, Women, Youth	350

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12	Centre for Youth Development & Activities (CYDA)	Pune	Chalta Bolta Talk_Awareness Session	Adolescent Girls, Women, Youth	350
		Nashik Aurangabad Pune Nandurbar	MH Day Celebration- Rural	Adolescent Girls, Women, Youth	3359
		Pune	MH Day Celebration Urban	Adolescent Girls, Women, Youth	2257
13	Grameen First Development Foundation	South and North villages of Mokhada, Palghar 1. Warghadpada 2.Ghosali 3.Ghatkarpada 4.Dharechapada 5. Ambepana 6. Tribal Threads Mokhada staff 7.Talyachivadi 8. Ghomghar 9.Vashind 10.Saprevadi 11.Dudhgaon 12.Vahyachi vadi	To create awareness of Menstrual Hygiene and the Importance of health and hygiene and motivate women to use sanitary napkins. Distribution of sanitary pads and soap	Local women and girls, Anganwadi sevika's	400
14	National Institute for Sustainable Development (NISD)	Tribal villages of Junnar block (Pune) and Sangamner block (Ahmednagar)	Awareness programs about menstrual hygiene, distributed sanitary pads.	Tribal communities	1918

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	City/Village/District	Name of the activity	Target group	Potential reach
15	RISE Infinity Foundation	Mumbai-Vasai (Bhuigaon Adivasi Pada)	Awareness Sessions to creatively express about Menstrual Health, Hygiene and rights.	Students, Parents, Youth Groups	50
		Mumbai - Vasai (Rangaon)	Awareness Sessions to creatively express about Menstrual Health, Hygiene and rights.	Students, Parents, Youth Groups	100
16	Idobro Impact solutions	Nashik, Buldhana, Mumbai, Mahur - Nanded, Latur, Thane, Bangalore, Coimbatore, Pune, Rishikesh	Empowering Educators on sustainable Menstruation and enabling safer hygiene practices for young girls and women	Teachers, Principals	500
17	CASA [GC member Joycia Thorat]	PAN India	Making Menstruation a normal fact	Employees-Seniors, mid-level and grassroots coordinators	100+
18	Savitrichya Leki Mahila Vikas Sanstha, Kolhapur	Kolhapur	Menstrual Hygiene Management	Girls and women	150



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