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## State level advisory committee meeting -District Disaster Management Plan Revision

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The first meeting of the advisory committee of system strengthening with revision of district disaster management plans and state policies was held on 05, February 2020 at Hotel Prashanth, Thiruvananthapuram. The meeting was attended by Dr Sekhar L Kuriakose, Member secretary, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, Mr. Vikranth Mahajan, CEO, Sphere India, representatives of member organisations like Caritas India, EFICOR, Plan India, Members from donor agency like HCL. Mr John Samuel, President, ISGD, Marshal Kumar, HCL Foundation, Fr. Paul Moonjely ,Executive Director Caritas India , Mr. N.M Prusty, Mr. Sam, Plan India Mr. G Sankar, Rtd. Scientist F, National Centre for Earth Science Studies, Dr. Sreekumar, Rtd. Professor , Geologist , Director IRTC Mundoor, Dr. Manoj, Asst. Professor, CUSAT, Meteorologist, Mr. C. E. Muraleedharan, Deputy Director General GIC (Rtd) , Geologist, Dr. Shijo Joseph, Asst. Professor, KUFOS, GIS Expert, Dr. Henna, Asst. Professor,



MG University, IUCDS, Disability Expert, Dr. Ajith, Head, Emergency Medicine Dept. Kolenchery Medical college, Ms. Elia Jafar, Sphere India, Mrs. Annie George, Founder, BEDROC , Adv.

Sandhya J, Ex. Member, Child Rights Commission & Chairperson, Local Complaints, Dr. Dineshan, Scientist (Rtd), CWRDM, were also present.

Dr Sekhar L Kuriakose delivered opening remarks, in his opening remarks, Dr. Sekhar. L. Kuriakose apprised the members about the Sphere India- KSDMA partnership project, Mr. Vikrant Mahajan, gave a presentation on the status of the ongoing project and plan for next two months. DDMP revision process was detailed by district coordinators, followed by panel discussion on draft DDMP and process. The major discussion points includes preparation of Departmental DM Plans, Institutionalization of the nodal officers nominated for the purpose of revision of DDMPs, Private hospitals' coordination system during emergencies, capacity building of LSG for Emergency response, HVCA analysis, challenges faced during the preparation of DDMPs etc.