

# Disaster Resilience: Community Based Systems to Save Lives

Building Safer Communities

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# Understanding about Disasters

- Climate Change and its Impact
- Disasters and Deprivation
- Discourse about Deaths
- Diminishing Dignity
- Bridging the Gap: Knowledge Workers and Communities of Practice
- Human Sufferings and Collective Action



# Odisha Experience

- 1999 Super-cyclone
- Presence of UN and International Organisations
- Working Together
- Building Institutions
  1. State Level
  2. District Level
  3. Community Level



# Shift in the Paradigm

- Initiate a Public Discourse
- Disaster Management Act-2006
- Reflection about the Past Experiences
- Inclusion of Climate Change Risks
- Promoting Partnerships amongst various stakeholders



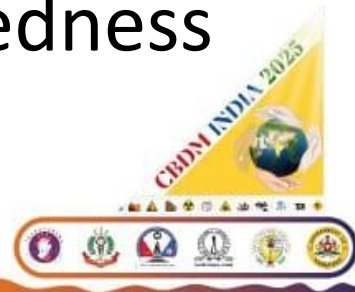
# Structures and Systems

1. Disaster Management Act: Policy Framework
2. Physical Structures: Cyclone Shelters and other Physical Infrastructure
3. Building People's Institutions: Cyclone Shelter Management Committee, Village Disaster Management Committees
4. Village Disaster Management Plans
5. Inter Agency Group



# Process of Institutionalisation

- Creating New Institutions
- Capacity Building
- Implementation of Joint Projects
- Working Together (OSDMA, UN Agencies and IAG)
- Focus on Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP)



# Preparedness: Transition from Response to Readiness

- Ten thousand deaths in 1999: Super-cyclone
- Zero Casualty in 2013: Phailin



# New Vistas of Opportunities

- Shift from Disaster Management to Disaster Risk Reduction
- South-South Cooperation: Bringing on board the new perspectives from others
- Analysis of Risks, Vulnerabilities and Capacities in Development Planning (Rural & Urban)
- Inclusion of Appropriate Technology
- Addressing the Issues of Digital Divide





# Challenges...

- Building Infrastructure and Promoting Inclusion: Physical, Social, Financial, Environmental and Emotional
- Promoting Quick Economic Recovery by Strengthening Climate Smart Livelihood Programmes
- Sharing of Risks: Both Financial and Emotional by Building Partnerships



# Invest to get High Returns...

- Disaster Management...Expenditure
- Disaster Risk Reduction...Investment



# Human Capacities...

The world belongs to those who have believe in themselves...

Together We can Bring the Difference

