

Concept Note

National Level Training Programme on

“Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Recovery”

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NIDM Vijayawada Campus, Andhra Pradesh.

1. Background and Rationale

India is among the most disaster-prone countries in the world, exposed to a wide range of natural and human-induced hazards such as floods, cyclones, earthquakes, droughts, landslides, heatwaves, industrial accidents, and biological emergencies. The increasing frequency and intensity of disasters, exacerbated by climate change, rapid urbanization, environmental degradation, and socio-economic vulnerabilities, have highlighted the critical importance of effective post-disaster recovery and reconstruction.

Post-disaster recovery is not merely about restoring what was lost but presents an opportunity to reduce future risks, strengthen resilience, and promote sustainable development. Effective recovery requires sound policy frameworks, robust institutional coordination, comprehensive post-disaster damage and needs assessment (PDNA), adequate financing mechanisms, and the integration of the **“Build Back Better”** principle. Recognising these imperatives, the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) proposes a **four-day National- Level Training Programme on “Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Recovery”** to strengthen the capacities of policymakers and programme managers engaged in recovery planning and implementation.

2. Aim of the Programme

The programme aims to enhance participants’ understanding of long-term recovery and reconstruction frameworks, policies, and institutional mechanisms in India, with a focus on post-disaster damage and needs assessment, sectoral recovery challenges, financing strategies, and risk-informed recovery planning.

3. Objectives of the Programme

The specific objectives of the programme are to:

- Familiarize participants with long-term recovery and rehabilitation policies and frameworks, and the importance of post-disaster damage and needs assessment.
- Provide an overview of disaster management systems in India and institutional arrangements for long-term recovery.
- Explain widely recognized principles and best practices in post-disaster recovery and reconstruction.
- Discuss key issues and challenges related to housing, infrastructure, and livelihood recovery, including psycho-social support and gender considerations.
- Explain damage assessment processes and financing strategies for reconstruction and long-term recovery, with reference to past disaster recovery experiences and “Build Back Better” practices.
- Introduce the components and processes of effective long-term recovery planning.

4. Target Participants

The programme is primarily intended for particularly officials involved in post-disaster damage assessment and recovery planning. Participants are expected from Disaster Management and Revenue & Relief Departments, as well as key sectoral departments such as agriculture, infrastructure, public works, housing, and allied sectors. Participation from both core disaster management and sectoral departments will facilitate a holistic and multi-sectoral understanding of recovery and reconstruction.

5. Programme Structure and Key Themes

The five-day programme will be conducted through expert lectures, case studies, group discussions, practical exercises, and experience-sharing sessions. The key themes include:

- Introduction to disaster recovery and the recovery continuum
- Disaster management framework and institutions in India
- Post-disaster needs assessment (PDNA)
- Principles of recovery and reconstruction
- Housing, infrastructure, and livelihood recovery
- Psycho-social recovery and gender-sensitive approaches
- Financing recovery and reconstruction
- Build Back Better: lessons from past disaster recovery experiences
- Long-term recovery planning and integration with development

6. Training Methodology

The programme will adopt an interactive and participatory learning approach, combining lectures, presentations, case studies, group work, and facilitated discussions. Emphasis will be placed on practical insights, policy perspectives, and lessons learned from past recovery and reconstruction initiatives in India.

7. Expected Learning Outcomes

At the end of the programme, participants will be able to:

- Understand key concepts, policies, and principles of post-disaster recovery and reconstruction.
- Apply PDNA frameworks for informed recovery planning and decision-making.
- Analyze sectoral recovery challenges and adopt inclusive, gender-sensitive approaches.
- Identify appropriate financing mechanisms and apply Build Back Better principles.
- Contribute effectively to long-term recovery planning and resilient development initiatives.

8. Certification

Participants who attend all sessions and actively participate in the programme activities will be awarded a **Certificate of Participation** by the National Institute of Disaster Management.

9. Organizing Institution

The programme is organized by the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)**, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the apex national institution for training, research, documentation, policy advocacy, and capacity building in disaster risk reduction and management.

10. Organizing Team

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