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ACTIVITY REPORT

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I. Organization's Overview

(A) Introduction

Doers is a humanitarian organization working towards resilience and sustainability in the Himalayan region of India. Our core areas of intervention include disaster risk management, humanitarian response and climate change adaptation.

➤ **Geographical Area of Operation**

The Registered Office of Doers is located in Shimla - the capital city of Himachal Pradesh and an Indian state which is at a very high risk of disasters due to its adverse topographic, climatic & geological conditions. Our team has been working in all districts of the state, mainly carrying out capacity building and training related activities in the field of disaster risk management, humanitarian response and climate change adaptation.

➤ **History and Inception**

Doers came into existence in 2015 when a group of like-minded students, social workers and development professionals came together to discuss the growing risk of disasters in the Himalayan region of India. After the devastating Nepal Earthquake in April 2015, this group had a full-day meeting on 2nd of June, 2015 and unanimously decided to form a non-governmental organization in the state of Himachal Pradesh. Within a few months of focused discussions, strategic planning and preparatory actions, Doers was finally registered under the Himachal Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2006 on 8th of July, 2015.

➤ **Important Information**

▪ **Registration as a Society**

Regn. No. 902/2015 dated 08-07-2015

Under the Himachal Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2006

▪ **PAN Card Number:** AACAD1557G

▪ **Darpan Unique Id:** HP/2018/0196318

▪ **Registration under Section 12AA of the IT Act, 1961**

Sl. No. 584 order dated 12-02-2016

▪ **Registration under Section 80G(5)(vi) of the IT Act, 1961**

Sl. No. 80G/AACAD1557G/1349 order dated 28-11-2017

(B) Our Goal

Doers has a long-term goal which is embedded into our objectives and vision and mission statements.

➤ **Vision**

Resilient and climate-smart communities in the Himalayan region of India.

➤ **Mission**

To develop community resilience against disasters and climate-related risks by carrying out localized, participatory, interdisciplinary and sustainable interventions.

➤ **Objectives**

- To create awareness and undertake activities and projects aimed at addressing the issues pertaining to sustainable development, such as-climate change, disaster management, rural development, social justice, corruption, women and youth empowerment and other inter-related subjects.
- To bridge the rural-urban divide in the domains like-education, health, livelihoods and other spheres of sustainable development through developing capacities and leadership skills of the communities, especially youth, for their holistic development.
- To carry out relevant awareness building programmes like-workshops, conferences, exhibitions, seminars, fairs, symposiums and to publish and disseminate useful IEC (information, Education & Communication) material like books, journals, newsletters, pamphlets, posters, etc. in print or electronic mode, for the advancement of ideas related to sustainable development.
- To undertake participatory research activities, render consultancy or relevant services to the Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations over the crosscutting issues related to sustainable development.
- To receive donations/grants and acquire/purchase any moveable or immovable property with the financial assistance from Governmental or Non-Governmental Organizations or individuals in the name of society for furtherance of its objectives.

(C) Our Work

➤ Core Themes



➤ Key Initiatives



Sensitizing and training the local communities and institutions to prepare for and respond to emergency situations and disasters.



Empowering the development professionals with Information Technology to enhance the impact and efficiency of their work.



Educating the youth about climate change and other contemporary environmental issues through participatory learning processes.



Guiding young people to inspire positive changes in the world through creative, dynamic and purpose-driven multimedia development.

(D) Our Team

➤ Governing Body (2017-18)



ANURADHA
President



DURGA BAHADUR
Vice-President



HARISH VERMA
General Secretary



NIDHI KALTA
Treasurer



TENJEEN GYACHHO
Executive Member

II. Main Activities

(A) Internal Capacity Building

In the year 2017-18, all the team members of Doers continued to proceed toward their own development as competent professionals in the field of disaster resilience and sustainable development. Some of the major training courses attended by Team Doers are enlisted below.

➤ **Training on Advance Life Support (ALS), NCDC Nagpur**

After a very successful participation in the Training Course on Basic Life Support in November 2016, our Core Team Member Ms. Anuradha attended a 10-day practical training program on 'Advance Life Support (ALS)' organized by the National Civil Defence College (NCDC), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, from 31 May to 9 June 2017 at Nagpur.



➤ **State-level Workshop on Gender Budgeting, HIPA Shimla**

Ms. Nidhi Kalta, Core Team Member, Doers attended a 3-day 'State-level Workshop on Gender Budgeting' organized by and at Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Shimla from 11 to 13 October, 2017.



➤ **Training Course on Management of Deceased, NCDC Nagpur**

Our Team Members Ms. Anuradha, Ms. Nidhi Kalta and Mr. Navneet Bhardwaj attended a 3-day training program on 'Management of Deceased' organized by the National Civil Defence College (NCDC), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, from 19 to 21 February 2018 at Nagpur. This is a unique training course which provides in-depth understanding of the issues related to the identification and management of the dead bodies.



➤ **ToT on Psychosocial Support in Disasters**

In an endeavour to develop their existing capacities on the very important topic of Psycho-social care in emergencies, 3 Team Members of Doers Ms. Anuradha, Ms. Nidhi Kalta and Mr. Navneet Bhardwaj attended a 3-day 'Training of Trainers program on Psychosocial Support in Disasters' organized by National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore in collaboration with Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) at the State Institute of Health & Family Welfare (SIHF), Shimla from 26 to 28 February, 2018.



(B) Training Workshops Conducted

As the risk of disasters is increasing all across the globe, Doers is endeavouring to sensitize and train the local communities to prepare for emergency situations through conducting different awareness workshops, including the ones conducted as a part of our initiative 'Safety Through Emergency Preparedness (STEP).

➤ **STEP Workshop at Gugra Village, Anni Sub-division, Kullu**

Overwhelmed by the response our team received from the participants of the 'Safety Through Emergency Preparedness (STEP) Workshops conducted by Doers in 2016-17, our team decided to conduct more of STEP workshops in some far-off villages of district Kullu. Moving forward in this direction, team Doers conducted a half-day STEP Workshop for community on 8 April, 2017 at Gugra Village of Sub-division Anni, District Kullu.



➤ **STEP Workshop at Kungash Village, Anni Sub-division, Kullu**

Team Doers organized a half-day community workshop 'Safety Through Emergency Preparedness (STEP)' on 9 April, 2017 at Kungash Village of Sub-division Anni, District Kullu.



➤ **STEP Workshop at Mundal Village, Anni Sub-division, Kullu**

Team Doers organized a half-day community workshop 'Safety Through Emergency Preparedness (STEP)' on 9 April, 2017 at Mundal Village of Sub-division Anni, District Kullu.



➤ **STEP Workshop at GSSS Ghanahatti, Shimla**

Team Doers created awareness about disaster preparedness and shared life-saving skills among more than 200 students of Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Ghanahatti, Shimla during a STEP Workshop conducted on 13 October, 2017 on the occasion of IDDR 2017.



➤ **STEP Workshop at GSSS Sanjauli, Shimla**

Team Members Mr. Tenjeen Gyachho, Ms. Nidhi Kalta and Ms. Anuradha facilitated a half-day workshop on 'Safety Through Emergency Preparedness (STEP)' during a seven-day National Service Scheme (NSS Camp) at Government Senior Secondary School, Sanjauli, Shimla on 12 December, 2017.



➤ **STEP Workshop at GDC Sanjauli, Shimla**

Team Doers facilitated a half-day workshop on 'Safety Through Emergency Preparedness (STEP)' during a 7-day National Service Scheme (NSS Camp) at Centre of Excellence, Government Degree College, Sanjauli, Shimla on 14 December, 2017.



➤ **1st DoITBetter Bootcamp**

In the age globalization and knowledge economy, it is widely acknowledged that Information and Communication Technologies are playing a vital role in Institutional, Economic and Social development. An initiative of Doers, DoITbetter program is aimed at bridging the gap of digital divide and support the sustainable development by fostering knowledge and skills needed for equitable access to modern ICTs. Considering this, team Doers organized the first DoITBetter Bootcamp from 29 to 30 April 2017 at its office Dyerton Estate, Beerkhana, Shimla. There was a total of 12 participants from different NGOs working in different districts of Himachal Pradesh.



(C) Training Sessions Facilitated

Team Doers also facilitated sessions in training courses organized by other governmental and non-governmental organizations. In this year, most of the sessions facilitated by team Doers was in the training courses conducted by and at Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA).

➤ **Training on Community Based Disaster Management, HIPA**

Ms. Anuradha, Mr. Navneet Yadav and Ms. Nidhi Kalta facilitated sessions on different aspects related to Disaster Risk Reduction during a 3-day training program on 'Community Based Disaster Management' for the officials of different departments from 5 to 7 April, 2017 organized by and at HIPA, Shimla.



➤ **Sensitization Program on School Safety, DIET Shimla**

Ms. Anuradha, Mr. Navneet Yadav, and Ms. Nidhi Kalta facilitated sessions during a one-day 'Sensitization Program on School Safety' organized by District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Shimla at District Institute of Education & Training (DIET), Shamlaghat, Shimla on 18 April 2017.



➤ **Training on School Safety in Disaster Management, HIPA**

Team Doers facilitated sessions on 'School Safety in Disaster Management' during a 3-day training program on 'School Safety in Disaster Management' from 4 to 6 May, 2017 organized by and at H.P. Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Shimla.



➤ **ToT on Community Based Disaster Management, HIPA**

Team Doers facilitated sessions during the 'Training of Trainers program on Community Based Disaster Management' from 10 to 14 July, 2017 organized by and at Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Shimla.



- **Sensitization Program on Disaster Preparedness, DDMA Shimla**
Core Team Members of Doers, Ms. Anuradha and Mr. Durga Bahadur facilitated a half-day session during one-day 'Sensitization Program on Basic Disaster Management' on 12 August, 2017 organized by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Shimla, at Balika Ashram, Tutikandi, Shimla.



- **Training on Community Based Disaster Management, HIPA**
Team Doers facilitated different sessions on 'Basic Life Support' in training program on 'Community Based Disaster Management' for the officials from different departments from 29 to 31 August, 2017 organized by and at HIPA, Shimla.



- **Training on Community Based Disaster Management, HIPA**
Ms. Anuradha, Mr. Navneet Yadav and Ms. Nidhi Kalta facilitated sessions during a 3-day training program on 'Community Based Disaster Management' for officials from different departments from 21 to 23 September, 2017 organized by and at HIPA, Shimla.



- **Training on Cross cutting issues in Disaster Risk Reduction, HIPA**
Team Members Ms. Anuradha and Ms. Nidhi Kalta facilitated sessions on 'Psychosocial Care' in the training program on 'Cross-cutting issues in Disaster Risk Reduction' for the officials of different departments from 9 to 10 October, 2017 jointly organized by the HPSDMA and HIPA, Shimla.



- **Training Course on Disaster Management, PRTI**
Three team members of Doers, Mr. Navneet Yadav, Ms. Anuradha and Ms. Nidhi Kalta facilitated a 2-day 'Training Course on Disaster Management' for Panchayat Officials organized by and at the PRTI, Shimla from 30 to 31 October, 2017.



- **Training on Community Based Disaster Management, HIPA**
Team Doers facilitated sessions on different aspects related to disaster management during a 3-day training workshop on 'Community Based Disaster Management' from 13 to 15 December, 2017 jointly organized by HPSDMA and HIPA, Shimla.



- **Training on Cross-cutting Issues in Disaster Management, HIPA**
Team Doers facilitated multiple sessions during a 3-day Training program on 'Cross-cutting Issues in Disaster Management' from 8 to 10 January, 2018 organized by HPSDMA at HIPA, Shimla.



- **Workshop on School Safety & Disaster Preparedness**
Mr. Navneet Yadav and Ms. Nidhi Kalta facilitated a half-day Workshop on 'School Safety and Disaster Preparedness' for the teachers and non-teaching staff of the prestigious St. Edwards School, Shimla on 23 February, 2018. During the workshop, the teachers learnt about the ways to keep the students safe from hazards like fire and earthquake through better preparedness.



- **Sensitization Program on Disaster Preparedness, Bal Ashram**
On 25 February, 2018, Team Doers facilitated a one-day 'Sensitization Program on Disaster Preparedness' organized by Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) for the children of Sarvodaya Bal Ashram, Portmore, Shimla.



➤ **Session on BLS in the Home Care Pilot Project, HelpAge India**

Team Doers facilitated sessions on 'Basic Life Support' for volunteers during a two-day training program under the project named 'Home Care Pilot Project' by HelpAge India organized at their Day Care Centre Kaithu, Shimla from 9 to 10 March, 2018.



➤ **Session on BLS in the Home Care Pilot Project, HelpAge India**

Team Doers facilitated sessions on 'Basic Life Support' for volunteers during a two-day training program under the project named 'Home Care Pilot Project' by HelpAge India organized at Kot panchayat, Shimla from 12 to 13 March, 2018.

(D) Participation in Thematic Events

Besides training programs, team Doers also attended some relevant conferences in the year 2017-18.

➤ **1st Disaster Response Summit by NDMA & Facebook, Delhi**

Team Doers attended the 1st Disaster Response Summit jointly organized by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Facebook at Hotel Lalit, New Delhi on 9 November, 2017. This very informative summit was chaired by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Govt. of India. Member NDMA Shri Kamal Kishore was also present during this one-day summit which brought forward the discussion of using the crowd-sourced data to improve the effectiveness of disaster response.



(E) Partnerships, Memberships and Collaborations

On 12 February, 2018, Doers became a member of the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR).



GNDR is the largest international network of organisations committed to working together to improve the lives of people affected by disasters world-wide. It is a network of more than 850 civil society organisations across 137 countries. GNDR was launched in 2007 in the belief that civil society will have a greater impact in strengthening the resilience of vulnerable people by working together.

Responding to the underlying concern of civil society organisations that the Hyogo Framework for Action on Disaster Risk Reduction does not translate into effective implementation and change at the frontline – where communities vulnerable to disasters live and work – GNDR focuses on how to strengthen resilience at the community level.