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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

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

(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 (2015-16)



ANURADHA
President



DURGA BAHADUR
Vice-President



HARISH VERMA
General Secretary



NIDHI KALTA
Treasurer



TENJEEN GYACHHO
Executive Member

II. Main Activities

(A) Internal Capacity Building

As an organization committed to serve the nation in the field of disaster resilience and sustainable development, Doers believes in continuous learning and development of our knowledge and skills through attending different training programs organized by renowned institutions. Following is the summary of the training courses attended by Team Doers in the year 2015-16.

➤ Training on Basic First Aid & CPR

Our Team Members Ms. Anuradha, Ms. Nidhi Kalta and Ms. Babita attended one-day practical training program on 'Basic First Aid & CPR' organized by and at VIVO Healthcare, Gurgaon on 17th July 2015. The certification for this course was provided by American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI).



➤ Training on Digital Mapping & Geographical Information System

Mr. Harish Verma, General Secretary, Doers attended a 4-week 'Training on Digital Mapping and Geographical Information System' organized by and at the National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organization (NATMO), Kolkata from 31 August to 24 September, 2015.



➤ **State level workshop on Gender Budgeting, HIPA**

Our Team Member Ms. Nidhi Kalta and volunteer Ms. Kirti Bhardwaj attended 'State level workshop on Gender Budgeting' organized by and at the Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Shimla from 28 -30 September, 2015.



➤ **Training on Basic First Aid and Search & Rescue, HIPA**

Five Team Members of Doers Ms. Anuradha, Mr. Durga Bahadur, Mr. Harish Verma, Ms. Nidhi Kalta and volunteer Ms. Kirti Bhardwaj attended a 3-day 'Training on Basic First Aid and Search & Rescue' organized by and at the Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) from 5 to 7 October, 2015.



➤ **ToT in Disaster Psychosocial Intervention, NCDC**

Our three Core Team Members Ms. Anuradha, Ms. Nidhi Kalta and Mr. Tenjeen Gyachho attended a 5-day 'Training of Trainers in Disaster Psychosocial Intervention' organized by the National Civil Defence College (NCDC), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India from 1 to 5 February, 2016 at Nagpur.



➤ **Training on Joint Rapid Needs Assessment (JRNA), Sphere India**

Our team members Ms. Anuradha, Ms. Nidhi Kalta and Mr. Tenjeen Gyachho attended the 1-day 'Training on Joint Rapid Needs Assessment (JRNA) using Digital Application' organized by Sphere India from 10 to 11 February, 2016 at HIPA, Shimla.



➤ **District level workshop on Gender Budgeting, HIPA**

Our Team Member Ms. Anuradha and volunteer Ms. Parul attended 'District level workshop on Gender Budgeting' from 14 to 16 March, 2015 organized by and at Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Shimla.



➤ **ITC on Managing Risk in the Face of Climate Change, Bangkok**

Associate Director, Doers, Mr. Navneet Yadav attended 2-week International Training Course on 'Managing Risk in the Face of Climate Change' organized by Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands at Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Bangkok, Thailand from 28 March to 8 April, 2016.



(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 Beerkhana, Kanlog Ward, Shimla**

Team Doers conducted the first STEP Workshop on 16 August, 2015 for the community of Beerkhana, Kanlog Ward of Shimla city. 14 participants from the locality participated in the workshop and raised their awareness about emergency preparedness through a balanced combination of audio-video materials and practical exercises for staying safe during an emergency situation. Practical sessions on basic first aid and CPR were conducted involving the participants from the local community. All the core team members of Doers were present during the workshop.



➤ **STEP Workshop at Chalaunthi, Sanjauli Ward, Shimla**

Encouraged by the feedback received from the participants of our first STEP Workshop, team Doers conducted the second workshop on 25 August, 2015 for the community of Chalaunthi locality in Sanjauli ward of Shimla city. A total of 48 local residents participated in the workshop and learnt how non-structural risks in homes and workplaces may pose risk to life and property, and also how simple steps can mitigate these risks.



➤ **Workshop on World Humanitarian Day 2015, Shimla**

Celebrating the World Humanitarian Day, Doers conducted a half-day Workshop at A.P. Goyal Shimla University on 19 August, 2015 and encouraged students to volunteer for disaster management.



(C) Training Sessions Facilitated

Team Doers also facilitated sessions in training courses organized by other governmental and non-governmental organizations.

➤ **Session on Disaster Preparedness for Senior Citizens, Shimla**

On 9 November, 2015, our team member Ms. Anuradha facilitated a session on Emergency Preparedness for Senior Citizens during a workshop organized by the state office of HelpAge India in Shimla.



➤ **Sessions on Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in DM, PRTI**

Mr. Navneet Yadav and Mr. Harish Verma facilitated two sessions during a Training Course on Disaster Management organized on 2 February, 2016 by H.P. Panchayati Raj Training Institute, Shimla.



(D) Participation in Thematic Events

Due to the quality work done by our team in the field of in the field of disaster management and other issues related to sustainable development, we get invitations to participate in several thematic events organized by renowned agencies.

➤ Valuable contribution by Team Doers during 'Samarth-2015'

'Samarth' is an annual statewide Mass Awareness Campaign on Disaster Risk Reduction organized by the HPSDMA to observe the global celebration of the International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR) in the state. Extending solidarity with the HPSDMA, DDMA Shimla and MC Shimla, Team Doers played a crucial role in the execution and coordination of several thematic activities organized during 'Samarth-2015'. Our team marked an emphatic presence during the 'Exhibition of Tools and Techniques on Disaster Preparedness & Response' on 13th of October, 2015.



(E) Recognition and Achievements

In a noteworthy recognition of the voluntary services offered by the members and volunteers of Doers during 'Samarth-2015', the HPSDMA presented a token of appreciation to our Associate Director Mr. Navneet Yadav who received it as a memento by the hands of Shri Kamal Kishore, Member, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

