# Urban Risk Reduction

## Snapshot

### Cities Covered
- Thiruvananthapuram
- Kollam
- Kochi
- Thrissur
- Kozhikode

## Key Components
- Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of five cities
- Assessment of existing compliance and enforcement mechanism of the building by-laws, development control regulations, land use zoning regulations and master plan
- Consultation workshop with Policy Makers and decision makers on Techno legal regime in DM and Amendments to existing Bye-laws
- City level Workshop for Engineers in Town Planning Department and Municipal Corporations
- Training in Urban Disaster Risk Reduction for Urban Planners and Municipal Officers.
- Establishment of City EOC
- City DM Plan preparation / Ward Plans revision & updation
- Orientation programme for Mayors, Councillors and other Officials on mainstreaming and integrating DRR into development planning.
- School Safety programme
- Training in Urban CBDRM for Civil Society Organisations / Residential Associations
- Community Awareness Programmes on safer construction practices and disaster preparedness
- Development of training manuals and modules on Urban Disaster Risk Management, mainstreaming of DRR in development planning and Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Development and dissemination of printed IEC Materials on safer construction practices and urban hazards, vulnerabilities and risks.
Total Budget

`75,00,000.00`
- Inception Workshop for Officials of Urban Affairs & Corporations
- Formation of Project Implementation Committee
- Establishment of City Disaster Management Cells/EOC's
- Mainstreaming Workshop on DRR for Members of Municipal Corporations
- Mainstreaming Workshop on DRR for Corporation Officials
- School Safety Programmes
- Awareness Programme for Residence Associations on Disaster Reduction.
- Training Workshop on Techno Legal Regime in DM
Preparation & Approval of AWPs

The URR Programme in the State has started with the preparation of Annual Work Plan of URR 2010. The AWP 2010 duly approved by the State Steering Committee was submitted to MHA and approval was obtained for an amount of Rs. 75,00,000/-.

Formation of State Steering Committee

To ensure that the DRR Project Goals and objectives are achieved in the defined time frame and to review the project progress, project expenditure and implementation strategies, a State Steering Committee was constituted with the following members. Additional Chief Secretary, R & DM is the Chair Person of the SSC and Principal Secretary, LSGD is the Co-Chair person.

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<th>National Project Director, IS &amp; CB</th>
<th>Director, ILDM Chief Town Planner</th>
<th>Secretaries, Corporations of Trivandrum, Kollam, Kochi, Kozhikode &amp; Thrissur District Collectors of Palakkad, Idukki &amp; Wayanad</th>
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The SSC is responsible for taking management decisions for implementation and monitoring of the project and would report to the respective Programme Steering Committee or Programme Management Board.

The first meeting of SSC was held on Monday, 19th April 2010 at North Committee Hall, Govt. Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Nivedita. P. Haran, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue and Disaster Management) and was co-chaired by Sri. M. Unnikrishnan, Additional Secretary, LSGD. The meeting was attended by SSC members, staffs from DM Department (K Section) and DRR Staff. The SSC approved the Annual Work Plans for DRR-URR (Urban Risk Reduction) and DRR- IS & CB (Institutional Strengthening & Capacity Building) and decided to forward the AWPs to MHA and NDMA respectively for approval. The SSC discussed the HR Pattern for DRR and decided to approve / ratify the proposed HR Structure.

Recruitment of State / City level staff: URR
Based on the specific requirements of the State, the State Government has appointed one officer at the State level as Programme Coordinator and one Officer each in the project cities as City Project Officers. The rank list prepared by Revenue & DM Department through a transparent recruitment process as part of the PIP with UNDP was approved by the State Steering Committee and the following staff were appointed with effect from 21st May, 2010.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Mr. Ramesh Krishnan</td>
<td>Programme Coordinator, URR</td>
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<td>Ms. Viji R</td>
<td>City Project Officer, Thiruvananthapuram</td>
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**DRR Staff Structure**

**Inception Workshop on URR Project for Officials of Urban Affairs & Corporations**

As part of launching the URR programme, a half day Project Inception Workshop was organised at Government Guest House, Thycud, Thiruvananthapuram on
6th of June 2010 for Officials of LSGD, Urban Affairs and DMD and Corporation Secretaries. The major objective of the Project Initiation Workshop was to provide detail information of the UNDP-Urban Risk Reduction (URR) Programme to the officials of Revenue and Disaster Management, LSGD, Municipal Corporations, KSDMA and UNDP-DRR. Presentation of approved URR Annual Work Plan 2010 including budget and discussion, Discussion on implementation modalities and physical and financial monitoring mechanism and Discussion on state level initiatives to be taken by Dept. of LSGD and Revenue & DM held at the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Nivedita P Haran, Additional Chief Secretary. Ms. Sharmila Mary Joseph, Director, Urban Affairs Co-chaired the programme. Ms. Renjini Mukherjee, Project Officer, UNDP facilitated the meeting by providing inputs from national point of view. Ramesh Krishnan, Programme Coordinator, URR presented the Annual Work Plan of URR. Mr. Ajith Chacko, SPO and Dr. Thara, ILDM conferred their views.

Planning Meeting – CPOs - URR

A Planning Meeting based on the approved AWP of URR was conducted on 18’th June, 2010 for the City Project Officers. State Project Officer and Programme Coordinator, URR facilitated the meeting. The approved AWP was discussed in detail and strategies for implementation of each activity have been developed.

Fund Transfer to Districts / Cities

As per the directions of MHA, the State Government has allocated 27% of the first instalment received from UNDP as part of PIP to URR. Further, the funds have been transferred to Cities based on the AWPs and fund availability as per the details given below to kick start URR Programme.

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The Municipal Corporations have started separate URR Project Bank Accounts in the name of Corporation Secretary with nationalised banks.

URR Southern Regional Meet – 2010
Consultation Meet was organised on 22nd of September 2010, at Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram. The Meet was hosted by the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Kerala. Mr. R K Srivastava, IAS, Joint Secretary from Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) chaired the meeting. Dr. Nivedita P Haran, Additional Chief Secretary of Kerala, Dr. T Radha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Andhra Pradesh, Sri. R K Singh, Secretary, LSGD, Kerala, Mr. G Padmanabhan, representatives from the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and UNDP officers attended. The URR Project States made presentations on the progress of URR. The activities of the southern states were then reviewed by Joint Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs and suggestions and guidelines were provided by the review team for better and systematic implementation of the URR

City Level Activities

**Project orientation meeting for the core staffs of the municipal corporation.**

The individual city level programmes programme started with an orientation of key officials who are directly linked with the DRR Programme. Additional Secretaries who are the nodal officers of DRR in the Corporation presented an outline about the Urban Risk Reduction programme and City Project officers made presentations on “Project description, Disaster Management –Paradigm shift, & Annual work plan. The workshop was aimed at inter department networking for DM and at obtaining cooperation for the effective implementation of the URR project.

**Project implementation committees**

As decided in the Inception Meeting for municipal corporations, Project Implementation Committees were formed at Corporation level for the effective implementation of the URR programme. The project implementation committee is chaired by Worshipful Mayor. The Deputy Mayor, Chairmen of different standing Committees, Corporation Secretary, ADM, Add. Secretary, Corporation Engineer, Revenue Officer, Health Officer and Executive Engineers (3) are the members of PIC that aimed at providing guidance and support for the successful implementation of the URR project.

**Workshop on Mainstreaming DRR into Developmental Plan for Mayors and Council Members**
Workshop of mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction into developmental plan intended to orient the Corporation Council members in detail on various concepts, components and trends in disaster risk reduction and ways and means to integrate DRR into the ongoing development plans of the Municipal Corporations. The session of the workshop included:

- Vulnerability profile of the Municipal Corporation
- Description of approved Annual Work Plan 2010 with detail sub-activities and budget
- Introducing DM Act 2005 and role of local body
- Mainstreaming of Disaster Management into the development plans
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The programme started with an inaugural session and the welcome speech was delivered by Additional Secretary. In the welcome address Additional Secretary described the project and the project activities in nutshell. Adv. Asokan, Chairman, Development Standing Committee presided the meeting and Worshipful Mayor Sri C. Jayan Babu inaugurated the meeting.

Sessions and discussions were facilitated by Sri. Sarun GIS/IT Specialist, GoK-UNDP DRR, Ms.Viji. R, City Project Officer, GoK-UNDP DRR, Sri. Ramesh Krishnan, Programme Coordinator-URR, GoK-UNDP DRR, Sri. Ajith Chacko, State Project Officer, GoI- UNDP DRR. Following the sessions an open forum was held and the programme concluded with vote of thanks by Adv. G. S. Anil, Standing Committee (Health) Chairman.

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The workshop was inaugurated by Worshipful Mayor Sri. M. Bhaskaran. In his inaugural address, he has explained the URR Project to the Corporation Members and Officials and offered his best wishes to the newly inaugurated DM Cell and URR Project in the coming years. Sri. Kunhimohamed, Additional Secretary made the welcome address and explained the evolvement of URR Project on the background the national DM initiatives. Chair Persons of various standing committees offered felicitations and Sri. Sheik Ismail proposed vote of thanks. The technical sessions were handled by DRR Officials.

The Corporation Officials welcomed the idea of mainstreaming and offered their cooperation in piloting the programme in one of the development programmes / entry points. It was opined that the suggestion of ‘Check list on DRR’ may be effected in all developmental programmes of the Corporation. The Corporation Councillors gave their feedback in the open Forum and issues such as lack of shelters within city limit, need for an ambulance network, need of reviving the task forces formed under UEVRP, importance of awareness generation, sensitization against exploitation of nature etc. were discussed.

KOLLAM

The city level workshop & orientation Programme on main streaming DRR in Development Plan for Mayors, Councillors and other key officials in the Kollam Corporation
was held on 04th December 2010 at Corporation Council Hall, Kollam along with the Inauguration of City Disaster Management Cell and Emergency Operation Centre.

The meeting was chaired by Adv. G Lalu, Hon’ble Dy. Mayor, Corporation of Kollam and inaugurated by Smt. Pressanna Earnest, Worshipful Mayor, Corporation of Kollam.

The programme was felicitated by Prof. S Sulabha, (Development Standing Committee Chair Persons), Smt. S Meenakumari (Health Standing Committee Chair Persons), Smt S Geetha Kumari (Town Planning Standing Committee Chair Persons), Sri N Noushad (Tax & Appeal Standing Committee Chair Man).

Technical Sessions were handled by Sri S Sarun (IT specialist, GoI-UNDP DRR Programme) Sri. Siji M Thankachen (City Project Officer, GoI-UNDP URR Programme) Sri David A.S (QSSS -Kollam) and Sri Ramesh Krishnan, Programme Coordinator (URR), Thiruvananthapuram.

Sri T Santhosh, Secretary, Kollam Corporation welcomed the gathering and Sri. R Lalu, Corporation Additional Secretary, Kollam concluded the workshop. Total 58(M-32, FM-26) Corporation Councillors and a few officials representing various line departments attended the programme.

Workshop on Mainstreaming DRR into Developmental Plan for urban planners and Corporation officials

KOLLAM

One day workshop on mainstreaming the DRR in Development Plan for Urban planners and key Corporation officials in the Kollam Corporation was held on 28th September 2010 at Hotel Beach Orchid, Kollam. The target group included the officials in Engineering, Town planning, Health and Revenue Departments of the Corporation. In his opening remarks, Sri. R Lalu, Additional Corporation Secretary shared the objectives and expected outcome of URR project and implementation modalities of the programme for the benefit of participants. Smt. S K Lalithambika, Superintendening Engineer, Corporation Kollam felicitated the programme.

The objective of the workshop as follows:
- To provide an overview on Disaster management and concept of DM act 2005.
- To enhance understanding the nature and extent of threats and design mitigatory measures.
- To develop administrative capacity to plan and implement disaster preparedness and mitigation strategies into development programme.
- To give an overview on use of various measures for Urban Risk Reduction Programme.

The sessions of the workshop included “Introduction to Disaster management, Salient features of DM act 2005, Urban challenges emerging issues/hazards, Role of Municipal corporation in DM, Development of city DM plan and Mainstreaming DRR in Development Programme”. The session “Introduction to Disaster Management, salient features of DM act 2005” was handled by Sri Ramesh Krishnan, Programme Coordinator (URR) Thiruvananthapuram. He explained briefly about DM act 2005 and its features, various disasters and present system of disaster management. He described the paradigm shift and the change of system from reactive to proactive.

The session on Urban Challenges – emerging issues / hazards was handled by Mr. Shibu K Nair, Environmental Expert, Thanal Thiruvananthapuram. He highlighted the challenges in taking up DRR in the existing Urban Waste Management system of the Corporation. He gave emphasis on the need for motivation, significant, specific role of strategic tools in Urban Risk Reduction.

The session on Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Development Programmes and Role of Municipal Corporations in DM and Development of City DM Plan taken by Mr. Ajith Chacko, State Project Officer, UNDP DRR, Thiruvananthapuram. He described the concept of incorporating DRR in the ongoing programmes of the corporation and role of Corporation in DM. He has also emphasised the need for City DM Plan.

The workshop was concluded by Sri. T Santhosh, Corporation Secretary, Kollam. The secretary in his valedictory remarks pointed out that urgent action is necessary not only to maintain momentum in Disaster Risk Reduction. The one day programme has proved to be effective in enhancing the knowledge and skills of the participants to apply Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) techniques in the development and operation plan of the Corporation. The workshop was a highly participatory in nature with lot of questions and answers.

KOZHIKODE

Workshop on Mainstreaming DRR in Development Programmes for Corporation Officials was organised on 28th December 2010 at Jubilee Banquet Hall of Alakapuri Guest House.
This was attended by town planners, Kozhikode Area Development Authority Engineers and other Officials of the Corporation. As there was a change in the Council, Corporation Councillors who did not attend the previous workshop on mainstreaming for councillors were also attended the programme.

Sri. M Kunhimohmad, Additional Secretary, Kozhikode Corporation delivered the welcome address. The workshop was inaugurated by Worshipful Mayor of Kozhikode Corporation Prof. A.K. Premajam and presided over by Deputy Mayor Prof Abdul Latheef. The standing Committee Chairpersons offered felicitations to the workshop. 51 members of Corporation Council and 38 officials from different Departments like Regional Town Planning Office, District Town Planning Office, District Disaster Management Authority, District Medical Office, Kudumbasree District Mission, District NRHM and Engineers from corporation participated in the workshop. Sessions and discussions were facilitated by Sri. M D Santhosh, City Project Officer, GoK-UNDP DRR, Sri. Ramesh Krishnan, Programme Coordinator-URR, GoK-UNDP DRR, Sri. Ajith Chacko, State Project Officer, GoI-UNDP DRR and Sri. T M Jayan, Executive Engineer & Town Planner.

School Safety Programme

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

One day training programme for school teachers & NGO staffs on School safety was organised at Government Guest House, Thycad on 24th September, 2010. Ms. Viji R, City Project Officer welcomed the teachers and Additional Secretary Sri. C. Radakrishna Kurup delivered the Presidential Address. The programme was inaugurated by Deputy Director Education Sri. Rajan. State Project Officer, UNDP Sri. Ajith Chacko described about the school safety programme. Sessions and discussions were facilitated by Sri. Ramesh Krishnan, Programme Coordinator(URR), Sri Ajith Chacko, State Project Officer, GoI-UNDP DRR, Sri. Dileep, Station Officer, Fire & Rescue Services, Ms. Brindha Sunil, Asst Motor Vehicle Inspector and Dr. Subhagan Jr. Admn. Medical Officer, DMO office. The programme concluded by finalising the time frame for the follow up intervention.

KOLLAM
The Corporation level Training Programme on School Safety Programme in the
Kollam Corporation was held on 07th December 2010 at Quilon Social Service Society
Training Hall, Kollam. The meeting was chaired by Sri. R Lalu, Corporation Additional
Secretary, Kollam and inaugurated by Adv. G Lalu, Hon’ble Dy. Mayor, Corporation of
Kollam. The programme was felicitated by Rev Fr. Rajesh Martin, Director, QSSS Kollam.

The Sessions were handled by Sri Ramesh Krishnan, Programme Coordinator (URR),
Thiruvananthapuram, Sri. Austine Lawerence, Craven MSHS Kollam, Sri. Asharabu kutty E,
Siji M Thankachen, City Project Officer, GoI-UNDP URR Programme.
Sri. Ullas, Station Officer and Team, Fire & Rescue Dept. Kollam, Dr. Sivsankaran, Joint
Director, Factories & Boilers, TVM, and Sri. R. Jaya Prasad, Regional Transport Officer,
Kollam. Total 48 participants representing various schools attended the programme.

KOCHI

School safety one day training for school teachers was held on 18th October, 2010.
Teachers of selected 35 schools in the city were provided training on safety measures to be adopted at educational
institutions in case of disasters. Corporation Additional Secretary Mr. Baby Antony inaugurated the Program, DEO,
Sri. Ramesh Krishnan, Programme Coordinator(URR),
GoK-UNDP URR Programme, Sri. M D Santhosh, City
Project Officer, Kozhikode, GoK-UNDP URR Programme,
Dr. Siddardha, Asst. Surgeon, Govt Hospital, Mr. R Prasad, Assistant Divisional Fire Officer,
Ernakulam, Mr. Francis Shelvi, Circle Inspector of Police and Ms. Tinu Francis, City Project
Officer, Kochi, GoK-UNDP URR Programme joined the programme as resource persons. 90
participants including NGO representatives attended the programme.

KOZHIKODE

The Teachers Training Programme was held at Chavara Cultural Centre, Kozhikode
on 29th October 2010. Sri. S. Vijayakumar, Corporation Secretary, welcomed the
participants and requested them to help the corporation to develop a culture of safety and
disaster preparedness in schools. Sri. Lakshmanan Namboothiripad, DEO of Kozhikode
delivered the presidential address. The technical sessions were inaugurated by the
Additional District Magistrate Sri. P M Babu. The Technical Sessions and discussions were
facilitated by Sri. Ramesh Krishnan, Programme Coordinator(URR),
GoK-UNDP DRR, Sri. M D Santhosh, City Project Officer, GoK-UNDP URR Programme, Sri. Pramod V, Sr. Fire Officer, Dr. Appuny, Additional District Medical Officer, Sri. Anumod AV, Motor Vehicle Inspector, Kozhikode, Sri. AM Jayan, Town Planner, Kozhikode and Sri. George Sebastian, Jeevana society. A documentary on Traffic rules - “Subhayathra” was also screened for the participants. 92 participants (including 18 Headmasters 46 teachers 6 NGO delegates and 12 others) attended the training programme.

THRISSUR

One day orientation on school disaster management programme was held on the 22nd December 2010 at Socio Economic Unit Foundation (SEUF) for teachers of 21 city based schools. The programme was attended by 24 teachers and key staffs of Socio Economic Unit Foundation. Mr. Issac John, Director SEUF welcomed the gathering and set the context for the orientation. In the inaugural address that followed, the District Education Officer talked about the importance of school safety programme and overall wellbeing of student community. She exhorted the teachers to attach importance to the role they play as nodal officers in the school safety program and ensure the success of the programme.

The orientation started with “Introduction to School Safety” handled by Mr. Ramesh Krishnan, State Programme Coordinator (URR). The topics covered included; possible disasters in schools, what is a safe school, why children and teachers are focused, inclusion of DM in school curriculum, goal and objectives of School DM Programme, steps for preparing School DM Plan and how to conduct a mock drill. The second and concluding session was on “Community Policing and School Safety” led by Mr. M.K. Gopalakrishnan, C.I. of police, Thrissur East. In the session he dwelt upon the importance of safety clubs in schools and their contribution to awareness generation and the shaping of students as change agents. He brought out the need to broaden the scope of school safety by extending it to safety concerns stemming from the transport of children to school and the significance of fostering civilian vigilance and greater co operation with the police. The programme ended with a thanks giving speech rendered by the Director SEUF.
School Level Awareness Campaign

The awareness programmes at school level has started in various Corporations. The trained teachers and partner NGO Staff are providing awareness classes in selected schools. The formation of School DM Committee and DM Teams are also under progress.
City Disaster Management Cells

KOCHI

Kochi Corporation holds the privilege of setting up the first City DM cell in the state among the five municipal corporations. The cell was inaugurated on 6th August 2010 by Inspector General of Police, Dr. B Sandhya, IAS in the presence of Worshipful Mayor Prof. Mercy Williams. Deputy Mayor Sri. C.K. Manishankar, Corporation Secretary Sri. Ajit Pattil Bhagawatrao, IAS, Additional Secretary Sri. Baby Antony, Additional District Magistrate Smt. K.N. Raji, Standing Committee Chairpersons, Councillors, Department Heads, Project Officers etc participated and felicitated the meeting. The Chief Guest IG Dr. B Sandhya by handing over the toll free number to the worshipful Mayor Prof. Mercy Williams emphasized the need of Disaster Management and Disaster specific Standard Operating Procedures. Sri. Ajith Chacko, State Project Officer, UNDP DRR delivered the special awareness session on Disaster Risk Reduction. Corporation Secretary Sri. Ajit Pattil Bhagawatrao, IAS rendered thanks to all the dignitaries. The CDMC is also allotted a toll free number by BSNL.

KOZHIKODE

The CDMC of the Corporation was inaugurated on 13th August 2010 by the Honourable Mayor of Corporation of Kozhikode, Sri. M Bhaskaran. Institutional Capacity-building, Preparation of Disaster Management plans, ensuring School Safety and encouraging Community Based Disaster Management are the major activities of City D M Cell. A BSNL Toll free number is in place in the CDMC.

KOLLAM

The City Disaster Management Cell and Emergency Operation Centre of Kollam Corporation was inaugurated on 04th December 2010 by Smt. Pressanna Earnest, Worshipful Mayor, Corporation of Kollam.
Dy. Mayor, Corporation of Kollam Adv. G Lalu presided over the function. The meeting was felicitated by Prof. S Sulabha, (Development Standing Committee Chair Persons), Sri T Santhosh, Secretary, Kollam Corporation, Sri. R Lalu, Corporation Additional Secretary, Smt. S Meenakumari (Health Standing Committee Chair Persons), Smt. S Geetha Kumari (Town Planning Standing Committee Chair Persons), Sri N Noushad (Tax & Appeal Standing Committee Chair Man) and Sri Sidha Kumar (Asst. Divisional Officer, Fire and Rescue Department Kollam). The division councillors and officials in Kollam Corporation were present at the function.

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Disaster Management Cell in Trivandrum Corporation is fully functional with necessary infrastructure and emergency equipments. The formal inauguration scheduled for 27th December 2010 was cancelled due to the official mourning on the demise of former Chief Minister and the City Disaster Management Cell in Trivandrum as a fully functional unit was declared open.

City DM Plan / Urban Community based DRR / Preparation of Ward Plans

Initial level discussions on preparing City DM plan have been convened by Municipal Corporations with Worshipful Mayors, Chair Persons of Standing Committees and the core officials of the Corporation. The City Project Officers are entrusted with the collection of base line information. The base line information will be assessed and further consultation meetings are planned in 2011.

Project Implementation Committees in various Municipal Corporations have selected NGOs working in the field of DM for implementing capacity building of communities in Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR). The Memorandum of Understanding between Municipal Corporations and NGOs signed / being signed.

The Municipal Corporations have also identified the names of wards for implementation of community based risk reduction programme. Initial level awareness visits to the residence associations is progressing in the city corporation areas.

Urban Community Disaster Risk Reduction Training

As part of the UCBDRR programme a two day in house training programme was organised on 26th & 27th November, 2010 at the Conference Hall, Land Revenue Commissionerate. SDMA Secretary Smt. C.A. Latha welcomed the participants. Dr. Mamta Rani Naik, Technical Expert, SDMA also
briefed the participants. The Sessions were facilitated by Sri. Ajith Chacko, State Project Officer, Gol-UNDP DRR and Sri. Ramesh Krishnan, Programme Coordinator (URR). The City Project Officers and NGO representatives participated. Following were the topics of the programme

- Basic concept of disaster management,
- Community Based Disaster Risk Management: Concepts and Overview
- Urban Community: Socio-economic Dimensions for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Preparation of disaster management plan: concept and process
- Women, Children and Elderly Population: Catering to the needs of the more vulnerable group, Catering to the mental health of the community after the disasters
- Community Based Disaster Risk Management Planning: Tools and Techniques
- Sustainability of Urban Community Based Disaster Risk Management: Linkages with Development Planning
- Urban Community Based Disaster Risk Management to Family Based Disaster Risk Management- An approach

**WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING TECHNO LEGAL REGIME IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

**KOLLAM**

On 11th January 2011 Kollam City Disaster Management Cell organised a One day Workshop on Strengthening of Techno Legal Regime in Disaster Management at YMCA Conference Hall, Kollam for Engineers in Town Planning Department, Builders and Engineers and Councillors of Municipal Corporation. Ninety One Participants including 30 councillors attended the programme from various departments.. The initial introductory meeting was chaired by Adv. G Lalu, Honble Dy. Mayor, Corporation of Kollam and inaugurated by Smt. Pressanna Earnest, Worshipful Mayor, Corporation of Kollam. The programme was felicitated by Smt. S. Geetha Kumari (Town Planning Standing Committee Chair Persons), Sri. Thulaseedharan Pillai, Assistant Engineer , Corporation of Kollam and Sri. S.R. Gopakumar, District Secretary, Lensfed, Kollam. The technical sessions were handled by Sri. Ajith Chacko, State Project Officer, UNDP, Sri. T.P. Anil Kumar, District Town Planner, Kollam, Dr. E.V. Nampoothiri, Principal, BM College of Engineering, Shasthamkotta, Prof. Mohamed Asim, TKM Engineering College, Kollam, Sri. K.M. Sheriff, Asst. Exe. Engineer, Corporation of Kollam

**School Safety**

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**
A half day training programme on School Safety Plan preparation for MSW students of Loyola College & NGO staffs was organised at Loyola College of Social Sciences on 31st January, 2011. 45 students attended the programme. Dr. Joseph, Head, Social Work Department gave the Welcome Address. Session on ‘introduction to disaster management & project activity’ was handled by Ms. Viji R, City Project Officer, GoK-UNDP DRR. The second session ‘school safety plan preparation’ was presented by Sri. Ramesh Krishnan, Project Coordinator-URR, GoK-UNDP DRR. Sri. Vincent E.W., Project Coordinator of Trivandrum Social Service Society facilitated the session ‘action plan preparation’. The training programme concluded with the formulation groups for the preparing school safety plan and preparation of tentative action plan for the Corporation area.

KOCHI

School Safety program begin with induction training program. St. Teresa’s College Ernakulum, Social work Department came forward to facilitate the SSP in targeted schools. As part of SSP, an induction training for program facilitators conducted at CSSS training centre on 13th & 14th January 2011. There were 19 MSW students with department head. The program facilitated by Re. Fr. Jaison Vadasherry and Michael Edwin. The program helps to enhance the knowledge in School Safety Program and the expected outcome of the program. As part of the program a concrete action plan is developed for the smooth and uninterrupted implementation; the action plan follows

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON DRR

During the period January 2011, awareness program on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is carried out in 21 divisions under Kochi Corporation. The programs were presided over by respective division Councillors under the Corporation. 1117 members from Kudumbasree, Resident Association, Youth Club members (NYK / Local Clubs), JPHN, NRHM volunteers, ADS & CDS member, Local Women’s Groups etc benefited DRR session. Local media propagated the news about DRR awareness programs. There were selected experienced resource team for facilitating the DRR awareness sessions for two day sessions. Two day session of 12 programs were organised and it benefited 21 Divisions under the Corporation.