

**National consultation of stakeholders on rebuilding Ladakh, Sphere India, June 23, 2011, New Delhi**

In furtherance to discussions on issues of concern pertaining to rebuilding and reconstruction in Ladakh, Sphere India Collaborative Advocacy initiative in association with NDMA, IAG-Ladakh, Christian Aid, DanChurchAid, CASA, SEEDS, UNICEF and other members is organizing a **National Consultation of Stakeholders on Rebuilding Ladakh on 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2011 at International Conference Centre, YMCA, New Delhi**. The aim of the consultation is to facilitate a comprehensive planning exercise for recovery of Ladakh. We would like to invite you to participate in the Consultation and request you to share your experience, vision and expert view in order to collaboratively plan to build back better Ladakh.

The following are the details of the program for your information and reference please:

<b>Programme Name</b>	<b>National Consultation of Stakeholders on Rebuilding Ladakh</b>
<b>Date</b>	23rd June, 2011(Thursday)
<b>Venue</b>	International Conference Centre, YMCA Jai Singh Road, New Delhi
<b>Expected participants</b>	Representatives from key Government Departments (Central, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh District) UN agencies, International Organizations, Non-Government organizations working in Ladakh(National and local), technical experts on housing and land reclamation and geologists.
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## **Program Background:**

On 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2010, mudslides and flash floods triggered by a cloudburst and heavy rains left an estimated 192 people dead, while destroying homes and damaging property and livelihoods across the region of Ladakh. The response to the situation in Leh saw the involvement of several actors, including the military, national and state governments and a range of civil society groups and volunteers. But the long, harsh winters and low levels of precipitation in the region meant that most of the recovery work had to be stalled as soon as winter set in with the intention of continuing the efforts for reconstruction and rebuilding of Ladakh in the spring and summer of 2011.

The significant outstanding concerns and needs that has emerged for the recovery and reconstruction process to be resumed in the spring and summer of 2011 are as follows:

- 1) Permanent Shelters and sanitation facilities
- 2) Restoration of Livelihood
- 3) Disaster Risk Reductions and Mitigation measures

To discuss the highlighted concerns and needs, Sphere India organized an advocacy roundtable on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 at NDMA to seek inputs on issues and action points that could be collaboratively advocated for recovery, reconstruction and preparedness in Ladakh. One of the main outcomes of the roundtable was the need to organize a larger consultation with all the stakeholders to discuss all the technical aspects related to reconstruction and rebuilding of Ladakh.

## **Objectives of program:**

To bring together the key stakeholders to facilitate a comprehensive planning exercise on reconstruction and rebuilding of Ladakh with the objective to:

1. Draft policy framework for recovery and reconstruction work in Ladakh.

2. Consensus on joint strategies, processes and standards for shelter, land reclamation, restoration of canals and rebuilding infrastructure.
3. Deliberate on means of sustainable livelihood in the region.
4. Plan disaster risk reduction activities and processes for the region.

## Organizers and Supporters

“National Consultation of Stakeholders on Rebuilding Ladakh” is a joint initiative of Sphere India, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and IAG Ladakh with the support of Christian Aid, CASA, DanChurchAid, SEEDS, UNICEF and other Sphere India members.

Please contact me if you want to participate in the consultation or need further information or clarifications.

With Regards,

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