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GHS & GHI are working closely with the Govt of Mizoram to help them prepare for landslide and earthquake hazards in Aizawl city. Already international Geologists, seismologists, and urban planners are working with national experts to reduce the vulnerability of Aizawl city. A scenario of 7.0 Mw earthquake near Aizawl city was created to ascertain the capacities of various government organisations and increase the communities to take steps towards improving resilience. We are also supported by Swiss Re Foundation and Bechtel Foundation to help hospitals and schools across India be better prepared.

Initiatives for disaster risk reduction

Capacity building for government, municipality and development authority officials for enhancing community resilience.



Raising disaster awareness among thousands of children in partnership with institutions such as National Bal Bhavan and various schools.

About our International partner

GEOHAZARDS INTERNATIONAL
A Nonprofit Working Toward Global Earthquake Safety

GeoHazards International, our International partner, works to end preventable death and suffering from natural disasters. They help the world's most vulnerable communities prepare, and thereby reduce losses, from earthquakes, tsunamis and landslides. They bring expertise in science, engineering and public policy. GeoHazards International has mentored engineers, scientists, government agencies, universities, schools, hospitals, and local builders. Since 1991, GeoHazards International has helped more than 60 communities before disasters can occur, by building local capacity to manage risks and become resilient.

www.geohaz.org

Drop Cover Hold



Preparedness begins with you!

Let us work towards a safer, prepared, disaster resilient community whose development will not be affected by disastrous events.

Preparedness: Prevention: Mitigation: Resilience



Drop Cover Hold in dining room

To work towards making the country's most vulnerable communities safer and resilient from geological, climate related and other hazards, through preparedness and mitigation.

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ABOUT US

GeoHazards Society (GHS) is a not-for-profit organisation working towards making the country's most vulnerable communities safer and resilient from geological, climate related and other hazards, through preparedness and mitigation along with its international partner organisation, GeoHazards International (GHI) (www.geohaz.org). GHS has been working in collaboration with National & State Governments, International organisations and Corporate Sector agencies in conducting programmes on community preparedness, school safety, health facility safety, structural and non-structural risk assessment & mitigation, engineers & architects training programmes on risk mitigation including retrofitting, business continuity planning, family preparedness etc.

GHS helps build capacities in preparedness and mitigation at all levels of society including government departments, schools, health facilities, corporate office establishments and communities at large.

Capacity Building & Coordination:

GHS has been working with NDMA and SDMA's to strengthen the capacity of government officials and departments responsible for response. The Multi State Earthquake Scenario & Mega Mock Drill was such a programme by NDMA where GHS was named the coordination agency among various stakeholders including the governments of Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh & Chandigarh. We have been building capacities of the local government institutions in Northern & NE India to conduct training programmes for architects, engineers, government officials, municipal officials, health facility responders etc. with multi-hazard mitigation approaches. GHS has also worked with the Government of Bhutan to develop National Action Plans for school safety & for Hospital safety.

School Safety:

Safety of school children has always been of utmost priority for our organisation. GHI & GHS have been instrumental in creating comprehensive safe schools



around Delhi that have become models for school safety projects nationally. GHS has conducted training programmes for school safety advocates in partnership with the State Disaster Management Authorities of Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, West Bengal, J&K, Haryana, Punjab, UP, Orissa, Delhi, Assam, Kerala, etc. We have been working closely with NDMA for National School Safety Programme and also trained National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in school safety. GHS has also conducted comprehensive school safety trainings for all districts of Bhutan.



School Safety Preparedness Drill (SSPD):

The School Safety Preparedness Drill was initiated by GeoHazards Society to commemorate the Kangra Earthquake of 1905 which killed over 19,000 people on April 4th 1905. Since 2009, we have been organising this preparedness drill in various states of Northern and NE India to disseminate school safety by marking the anniversary of the earthquake. 2015 was the 7th year of the initiative with participation of more than 1300 schools in 10 states of India and including a school in Myanmar. Similar Annual School Safety Preparedness Drill was organised for all schools in Bhutan on 20th Sept 2013.



Working with differently-abled:

GHS & GHI are committed to ensure the safety of differently-abled children. We have been partnering with various institutions for visually impaired to develop them into a comprehensive disaster prepared campuses rendering periodic training programmes. National Association for Blinds, Blind Relief Association in Delhi and National Institute for Visually Impaired at Khaling, Bhutan are a few examples. GHS has been working with children with autism related disorders in Action for Autism by building capacity of the teachers and caregivers to ensure preparedness.



Hospital Safety:

GHS & GHI have been working for health facility preparedness in hazard prone regions of India, Bhutan and Nepal. We conduct structural and non structural vulnerability assessment of health facilities and carry out capacity building of the doctors, nurses and non medical staff. We partnered with WHO India to organise five training workshops across India and with NIDM in workshops on Keeping Hospitals Functional during disasters. We also have been working with various state governments and private hospitals across India, Bhutan and Nepal.



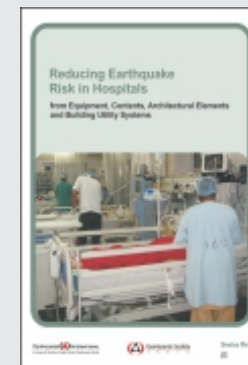
Structural risk mitigation:

GHS & GHI have provided technical support for assessment and retrofitting of life line building complexes in Delhi e.g. Ludlow Castle School. Various training programmes on retrofitting and Rapid Visual Screening have been organised in partnership with the Delhi Disaster Management Authority, CPWD and State Institutes in Guwahati, Shillong, Agartala, Shimla, etc.



Falling Hazards Mitigation:

It has been seen that almost 50% of the losses in buildings are caused by the objects falling in moderate to strong earthquake shaking. These 'Falling hazards' can cause grievous injuries or block exits. GHS & GHI have been leading efforts to demonstrate Falling hazards mitigation in schools, hospitals and other buildings. Manuals on 'Falling hazards' mitigation in schools and for hospitals developed by GHS & GHI are available for free download from our website.



FAMILY PREPAREDNESS

During any emergency when family members are in different parts of your city, you have to plan to re-unite. Have a family meeting today, discuss and decide on a meeting place 1. in your neighbourhood and 2.outside your neighbourhood. EVERY member of your family should always carry a filled up label-card (overleaf). Since local phone lines may fail in a disaster, please designate ONE out-of-city contact person to whom each family member can call and get information on all others who have called. This person's name and telephone number with dialling code should be filled up in the label.

EMERGENCY TIPS

Before an earthquake: Develop a family emergency plan and practice it regularly. Prepare to be self sufficient for a minimum of three days and assemble an emergency supply kit; include food, plenty of water, prescription medications and first aid supplies, a battery operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries, shelter clothing, sturdy shoes and personal toiletries. Keep these items in an easy to carry bag. Please refurbish this bag every 4 months. This can be done on Republic Day (January 26), a holiday such as Good Friday or Mahavir Jayanti in April and Independence Day (August 15).

Keep important family documents in a safe place, or scan and send it to own email so those copies are available after a disastrous event.

Conduct a hazard hunt in your home and anchor all possible falling hazards.

During an earthquake: Do not panic, remain calm. Do not try to exit **during** an earthquake shaking. "DROP, COVER and HOLD" under sturdy furniture as shown in the picture (overleaf) and if you are in a place without furniture, put your arms over head and make yourselves as small as possible to protect yourself against possible objects falling from above.

After an Earthquake: When the shaking stops, evacuate the building cautiously without using the lift. Listen to the radio for emergency information and additional safety instructions.

Stay out of damaged buildings as there may be 'after shocks' following the earthquake.

Do not heed/spread rumours.

Telephone: Police : 100 Fire : 101 & Ambulance : 102