



SEWA's Revised Disaster Preparedness & Management Policy-2019

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ABBREVIATIONS

NGO	Non- Governmental Organization
BLS	Basic Life Support
CBDP	Community Based Disaster Preparedness
CBO	Community Based Organization
CBRA	Community Based Risk Assessment
CCF	Community Contingency Fund
CIMS	Crisis Information Management System
DM	Disaster Management
EOC	Emergency Operations Centre
GP	Gram Panchayat
IEC	Information Education Communication

INTRODUCTION:

SEWA is one of the leading Odisha based organization working for the development of the deprived people, established by the initiative of Mr. Sushil Kumar Dash, the founder member, with a group of committed activists. Its aim is to create an opportunity for these people to be included in the world that they have largely been left out from. SEWA's development activities focus principally on smaller stakeholders, marginalized groups, socially excluded with a special emphasis on vulnerable women, children under difficult circumstance, elders, people with disabilities, migrants under distress condition including other weaker section of society.

Mission: The overall mission of SEWA is to represent empower people, in particular of disadvantaged group and women, and more specially to transfer the present condition of suffering of the people into self-reliant society, build a dynamic organizational framework through people's participation & work with a voluntary spirit to pursuit the excellence of work.

Vision: SEWA's core competencies lie in people who work towards unified vision of dedication towards a classless and exploitation free society. The combination of strong will power, ceaseless efforts and determination to bring ethos of society in chaining and social needs and urging towards concept of self-reliance among villagers, irrespective of cast, sex and religion.

Legal Status of SEWA:

SEWA is a Non-Governmental organization registered in the year 1991-92 under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 bearing its registration No 4287186 of Government of Odisha, Registered with Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India under FCRA Act of 1976 and renewed the Association in terms of the provision contained in the 16 of FCRA Act, 2010 bearing No 105060043, dated on 05/08/2016, Registered under 12A and 80G of the income Tax Act. SEWA has good operating position, Excellent MIS systems, accounting systems (Tally), adequate Control systems, and overall good management systems.

SEWA's management, structure, culture, belief and practices:

Management	The management of the organization is vested with a young, dynamic and professional people from various backgrounds, led by a leading Social worker and development Practitioner Mr. Sushil Kumar Dash holding the office as CEO/Secretary of SEWA.
Structure	The organization structure of SEWA has evolved over the years, from an informal structure in the initial years to a more formal and with evolving systems and organized structures over the time. The organization has built up along the principles of a line organization.
Culture	SEWA has come to the present state from a very grassroots initiative that began 1991-92 and built upon certain value system which may otherwise be termed as its organizational culture.
SEWA's Beliefs & Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete dedication and commitment to the rural SEWA, especially the poor & downtrodden.• Gender balance, gender awareness, mutual respect and maturity in cooperation between women and men. Also shunning of any distinction in treatment on the basis of community, religion, language, background, caste and tribe.• Transparency and accountability in the management of resources, such as vehicles, equipment, time, money, one's availability to others, one's leave, travelling.• Working in team, joint consultation and participation in decision making, helping one another.• Creating an atmosphere of joy and openness towards each other, not standing by one's ego and hospitality towards visitors.• Discipline; timely attendance at work, listening to grievances of subordinates and settling matters right as soon as possible

PILLARS DISASTER RESPONSE:

In the direction of disaster response, SEWA has established a separate wing called Disaster Response Unit (DRU) within the organisation. This unit focuses on building community resilience and coping mechanisms and improving community based disaster preparedness. This Unit is managed by our trained personnel who have years of experience Disaster Response.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOKLET:

SEWA is committed to safer, and more secure and resilient communities in its operational areas through world-class disaster management arrangements. The overall policy goal is to promote national vulnerability assessment, risk mitigation, disaster prevention, preparedness, effective response and recovery in a manner that integrates disaster risk management with development planning and programming. This approach will ensure people of our program areas build capacities that would enable them minimise serious social and economic disruptions as a result of disaster events.

Our disaster policy will also create an integrated and multi-sectoral systems approach to planning, preparedness and management of disasters which is fundamental to sustained productivity and socio-economic growth by 'minimising vulnerability levels of the people against natural and human-induced hazards; and to save lives and livelihood assets when disasters occur. The main thrust of this policy is to make disaster management an integral part of the development process. It recognizes the profound impact of human activity on the interrelations within the natural environment as well as the influence of population growth.

The policy also emphasizes the critical importance of restoring and maintaining the quality and overall welfare and development of human beings in their environment. In cooperation and support of governments and other concerned public and private organization, SEWA will focus to use all practicable means and measures to foster and promote the general welfare of the communities, create and maintain conditions under which they can exist in productive harmony with nature and fulfil the social, economic and other requirements of developments.

A further fundamental purpose of the policy is to advocate an approach to disaster management that focuses on reducing risks – the risk of loss of life, economic loss and damage to property. The expected outcome of this policy is a minimum state of preparedness for the country so that in every agency that has relevance to disaster preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery, there is ability and readiness to operate together in concert and harmony before, during, and after a disaster event.

THE POLICY MISSION:

The policy mission is to create an effective framework through which Disaster Preparedness and Management is entrenched in all aspects of development processes, focusing on saving lives, livelihoods and resources.

THE POLICY GOAL:

The goal is to establish organisational mechanisms that will reduce the vulnerability of people, livestock, plants and wildlife to disasters in Odisha as a whole.

POLICY OBJECTIVES:

- ❖ Generate and disseminate information on early warning for disasters and hazard trend analysis
- ❖ Promote public, private partnerships in Disaster Preparedness and Management.
- ❖ Create timely, coordinated and effective emergency responses at national, district and lower level local governments.
- ❖ Promote community resilience and economic sustainability through disaster risk reduction; and
- ❖ Promote prepared, resilient communities that understand their role in disaster management arrangements
- ❖ Disaster risk assessments are used to identify and reduce vulnerability and improve preparedness and resilience to protect life and property and contribute to sustainable communities.
- ❖ Promote and support dialogue, exchange of information and coordination, with the aim of fostering a holistic approach towards disaster risk reduction

APPROACH:

- Prevention, preparation, response and recovery
- Align disaster risk reduction, disaster mitigation, disaster resilience and climate change adaptation policy and actions with the support of humanitarian agencies.
- Promote a transparent, systematic and consistent approach to disaster risk assessment and management, based on the National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines

INTERVENTION STRATEGIES:

- promoting and/or strengthening the capacity of CBOs, SHGs, child clubs, youth clubs, PRIs, community level statutory bodies, eco/farmers clubs and emergency response teams; the development of IEC materials and events; and collaboration with CBOs, local NGOs and the District Administration.
- Aiding the implementation of school safety programmes, formation and strengthening of Eco/Farmers Clubs training for community members on the adoption of climate friendly livelihoods and water conservation systems.
- Relief activities; and First Aid training and provision of First Aid kits to schools and CBOs.

ELEMENTS OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT:

- Risk Assessment
- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Relief and Recovery
- Post-Disaster Assessment

POLICY ACTION:

- Develop appropriate preparedness and response plans.
- Create awareness and early warning in communities.
- Create awareness in the communities on flood risk reduction measures.
- Improve sanitation and hygiene practices.
- Strengthen entomological services and disease surveillance.
- Create public awareness.
- Educate the communities on the nature and causes of environmental degradation
- Involve communities in environment protection.
- Formulate strict laws against environmental degradation.
- Develop programs for proper management of the environment.
- Conduct environmental impact assessment.