

International Training Program on  
**Introduction to Integrated Flood Risk Management**

Strengthening and Empowering Young People for Flood Risk Management: Building  
resilience through youth leadership

26-28 October 2021

4 pm - 6 pm IST

Organizer: Youth for Resilience

Supported by: WWF USA, Women for Water Partnership, Sri Lanka Water Partnership,  
NetWwater, Doers and RAWS India.

**Background:**

Today, the world is home to the largest generation of youth in history, with 1.8 billion worldwide. One out of five people globally is between the ages of 15 and 24. Nearly 90 per cent of the global youth live in developing countries, almost 1 billion in Asia and Africa. Young people must be involved in Risk Reduction because the young generations will experience more significant disasters impact in the coming years.

Young people bring new ideas and radical ambition required to develop solutions and implement them at a large scale. **When empowered, young people can build resilience and capacity in their communities even though they are among the most vulnerable populations** which will be disproportionately affected by disasters and climate change.

**Floods** present a significant and growing threat to the well-being of children and youth. Every year, millions of children and youth globally were affected by floods. Often hit first and hardest when disasters strike, children and youth experience disproportionately large impacts on their physical and mental health, nutritional needs; access to education; economic opportunities; exposure to violence, and many other limiting side effects. Children and youth living in poverty and other vulnerable situations face even higher risks, significantly as climate change increases the magnitude and number of disasters worldwide.

Children and Youth stand to benefit the most from reducing the risk and impact of disasters. **Building the capacities of youth can create a significant impact on the community to make them more resilient.**

## **Brief Summary:**

Youth for Resilience organized three days online international Training Program on **Introduction to Integrated Flood Risk Management** for youth and young professionals, from October 26-28, 2021 with support from WWF USA, Women for Water Partnership, Sri Lanka Water Partnership, NetWwater, Doers and RAWS India. The purpose of the training is to strengthen and empower young people to build their capacities for Flood Risk Management.

The online training program was attended by more than **410 participants from 52 countries**. Approximately **70%** of participants were from the **18-35 years** of age group. The majority of the participants (82%) were from the **Asia Pacific region**, mainly 11 countries Bangladesh, Ghana, India, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Uganda.

Ms Anita van Breda - Senior Director - WWF, gave the opening remark and explained the event's objectives to the participants. Major General M. K. Bindal, Executive Director, National Institute of Disaster Management, India, the chief guest, spoke about the impact of floods in recent years in India and the need to engage the youth in disaster preparedness.

Mr Navneet Yadav, Associate Director, Doers spoke on the topic of Understanding Disaster Risk: Hazard, Vulnerability, Exposure and Capacity. Ms Kusum Athukorala, Chair- NetWwater Sri Lanka, emphasized the need for an integrated approach to gender in flood management.

The 2nd day of the training mainly focused on the FGG Principles and nature-based solutions for flood risk management. The WWF team Dr Missaka Hettiarachchi, Ms Anita van Breda and Ms Luz Cervantes used different methods, including videos, case studies and Mentimeter etc., to explain the topic to the participants.

Dr Sushma Gularia, Assistant Professor, NIDM, Delhi, presented her comprehensive work on approaches for flood Response with a focus on Health and Food security. She explained the detail of the disaster mitigation and management cycle. Ms Nivedha Elango from Youth for Resilience highlights the Role of Youth in Community Based Flood Risk Management.

After each presentation of all the speakers, the platform was open for all the participants to ask a question or clarify with the speakers. In the end, Mr Nitish Barole proposed the vote of thanks.

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**GUEST SPEAKER**



**Maj. Gen Manoj  
Kumar Bindal**  
Executive Director  
National Institute of  
Disaster Management, India



**Ms. Anita Van Breda**  
Senior Director,  
EDM program – WWF USA



**Ms. Kusum Athukorala**  
Chair- NetWwater  
Sri Lanka



**Dr. Missaka Hettiarachchi**  
Senior Fellow, WWF USA

**FACILITATOR**



**Dr. Sushma Guleria**  
Assistant Professor  
National Institute of  
Disaster Management, India



**Mr. Navneet Yadav**  
Associate Director,  
Doers



**Ms Nivedha Elango**  
Program Manager,  
Youth for Resilience



**Nitish Barole**  
Youth for Resilience

**FACILITATOR**

**MODERATOR**

