

Training and Awareness Programmes, Seminars and Workshops

Training and Awareness – 2020

Study on Life two years after relocation: “Status quo of natural hazard induced displacements and resettlements in Sri Lanka”

Study on Life two years after relocation: “Status quo of natural hazard-induced displacements and resettlements in Sri Lanka” was undertaken under the training and awareness component. Aim of this research study is to understand the impact of the disaster induced relocation on the affected people in the Kegalle district post the Aranayake landslide in 2016. This research study was a great platform in understanding the impact of relocation on people displaced due to landslides which enable to making recommendations on changes to be made in the relocation process. Study findings were disseminated among the delegates representing various government and non-government stakeholder organizations, professional bodies and universities involved in post-disaster re-construction work in Sri Lanka. Study findings also discussed among the District and Divisional Secretaries of Kegalle District. This study is a collaboration between Social Policy Analysis and Research Centre, University of Colombo and University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom and the National Building Research Organisation (NBRO) Sri Lanka.



Online Short Course on “Sustainable Infrastructure”

NBRO in collaboration with the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia organized an Online Short Course on “Sustainable Infrastructure”. This online short course was conducted by Dr. Sarath Mataraarachchi, Convener of Sustainable Built Environment, University of New South Wales, Australia. This course was held from 30th July 2020 to 16th October 2020. Officials from NBRO and the agencies comes under the Disaster Management Division of the Ministry of Defence participated in this online short course. This programme aims at capacity building of NBRO officials on the planning and management of sustainable infrastructure and public services in Sri Lanka.

Virtual Capacity Development programmes throughout Work from Home Period

Series of interactive sessions was arranged for the NBRO staff to acquire knowledge on diverse disciplines during the COVID – 19 crisis period of work from home. Below are the sessions held;

- “Innovations and Inventions” by Dr. Pathmakumara Jayasinghe, Senior Scientist, NBRO

- Motivational forum on COVID – 19 crisis. This session was hosted by Eng. Nishantha Kamaladasa, Senior Consultant, Former CEO of Distance Learning Centre
- “Scientific paper writing” by Prof. Dilanthi Amaratunga, Professor of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom.
- Landslide risk management in Sri Lanka, Mr. R.M.S Bandara, Project Director, Reduction of Landslide Vulnerability by Mitigation Measures Project.

Public Awareness Campaign on Landslide Early Warnings via Social Media

Several public awareness campaigns on landslide early warnings were delivered via Social Media. In December 2020 public awareness on heavy rainfall caused by Cyclone ‘Burevi’ was delivered via social media.

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Warning for Severe lightning
Issued by the natural hazards early warning center
At 02.00 p.m. 17 April 2020 for the period until 10.30 p.m. 17 April 2020

For Land Areas

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur at several places in Western, Sabaragamuwa, Central, North-western and Southern provinces and Mannar district in the evening or night.

There may be temporary localized strong winds during thundershowers. General public is kindly requested to take adequate precautions to minimize damages caused by lightning activity.

ACTION REQUIRED:

The Department of Meteorology advises that people should:

- Seek shelter, preferably indoors and never under trees.
- Avoid open areas such as paddy fields, tea plantations and open water bodies during thundershowers.
- Avoid using wired telephones and connected electric appliances during thunderstorms.
- Avoid using mobile vehicles such as bicycles, tractors and buses etc.

