

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24





ABOUT REDR

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RedR- Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief India is a part of the RedR International network, a humanitarian, non-profit organisation that maintains a register of experienced humanitarian professionals and provides technical and capacity building services to governments and external support agencies that work in the humanitarian and DRR sectors. RedR is an independent federation of nationally registered RedR organisations. The national organisations, whilst they may act in the humanitarian service of their governments and whilst they may be associated with other organisations, maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of RedR. At present there are RedR organisations in 5 countries including India. The others are located in Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia and United Kingdom.

Our Vision

A world in which sufficient competent and committed personnel are available and responding to humanitarian needs.

Our Mission

To relieve suffering caused by disasters by selecting, training and providing competent and committed personnel to humanitarian causes worldwide.

Established in 2003, RedR India is registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 in India. It is an independent organisation that supports humanitarian and disaster risk reduction actions through capacity building, technical support and deployments. RedR India's expertise is in humanitarian work and DRR interventions provisioned through a dedicated team and a roster of selected and experienced sector specialists.

MESSAGE

I am very pleased to bring before you the Annual Report of the Financial Year 2023-24 on behalf of the Managing Committee, General Body Members and Roster Members of RedR India. The year 2023 was yet another year when India witnessed several disasters including flash floods and landslides in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, recurring floods in Assam, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala and heat waves and lightnings in several states. The increasing frequency of Climate Change induced hydro meteorological disasters, extreme events and disasters have posed serious challenges to the lives and livelihoods of communities at risk.

RedR India has organised 11 training programmes and deployed 9 RedR India domain experts in several assignments during the year. The potential for organising capacity building training programmes for strengthening multi hazard preparedness, emergency response capacities and risk reduction has to be explored for improving the resilience of stakeholder groups to prepare for, respond to and recover from extreme events, climate change and disasters. I hope that the State Disaster Management Authorities and the District Disaster Management Authorities will utilise the domain expertise of RedR India in making the disaster prone countries adopt risk reduction initiatives to save lives and protect livelihoods. The protection of critical infrastructure needs urgent attention among policy makers, decision makers and administrators. I hope there will be opportunities to work with governments, corporate sector entities and civil society organisations to make India multi hazard resilient and I urge you to explore such opportunities to contribute to the engagement with stakeholder groups to ensure that the national vision of “zero tolerance to avoidable deaths in disasters” will receive the attention it deserves in the priority agenda of improved risk governance at local levels.

Prof. N. Vinod Chandra Menon

President

RedR India

YEAR AT A GLANCE

2023-24



DEPLOYMENTS

10

426 Deployment Days



TRAINING

39

213 Participants



PROJECTS

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10 Participants

DEPLOYMENTS

RedR India manages a roster of trained professionals and specialists who are available to deploy for humanitarian and disaster risk reduction assignments where they assist, govern and extend support in a crisis situation for building resilience. RedR India Members possess a wide range of skill sets applicable to address emerging humanitarian needs in crises and undertake action towards risk reduction.

Currently, RedR India has 200 members enlisted on the roster. Our roster members work across a range of sectors and a spectrum of humanitarian agencies, NGOs and UN organisations. The deployed members perform a host of functions which include but are not limited to, assessments, monitoring, mentoring, capacity building, project planning, and implementation, coordination, advocacy, management and leadership.

In the year 2023-24, RedR India deployed 10 different professionals over a period of 426 deployment days across the country. The humanitarian response in Manipur, particularly in the sectors of Education and Child Protection, was significantly strengthened through technical assistance. This support included conducting a situational analysis, coordinating with key stakeholders, developing capacity at multiple levels, and monitoring program implementation at both the camp and community levels. Additionally, documentation of the response efforts was carried out. A comprehensive strategy was also drafted to bolster Disaster Risk Governance and Disaster Risk Management (DRM), while a scoping study was undertaken to develop a national strategy on Shock Responsive Social Protection. Furthermore, assistance was provided in editing and drafting a joint program between the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the Ministry of Jal Shakti, and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, fostering inter-ministry collaboration for disaster risk management.

STORIES OF DEPLOYMENTS



Karishma Sharma participated in the Art Based Therapy Training in September 2023. She recalls the training being “undoubtedly unique” as well as being helpful for the trainees in today’s stressful work life to impart their learnings to others. She further organised several trainings for women and children of various age-groups in Assam along with Manipur where people were emotionally burdened by the weight of the ethnic conflicts. She got to witness the joy the participants felt as they dealt with their trauma by visualising and expressing their feelings through the medium of art. Similarly, she held sessions with graduate students and professors in Assam who were able to translate their pain into art through mindfulness activities.

Karishma Sharma

RedR India Member

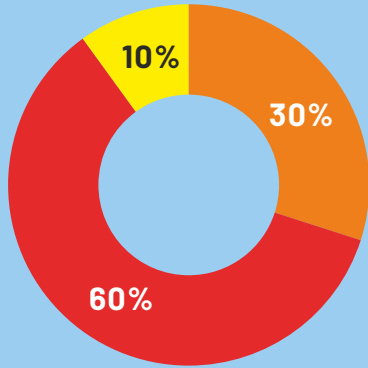


I received an exciting assignment from RedR to be deployed to Manipur to help address education and protection issues for children in a humanitarian setting. RedR provided essential logistical support, facilitating my arrival and settlement in Imphal. Upon arriving I noticed tight security and an innerline permit system requiring temporary permits for non-Manipuri Indian citizens, which was surprising. I observed a shutdown scenario under strict armed forces surveillance, with checkpoints where our vehicle was stopped to explain our purpose and stay. Despite feeling anxious, I kept it to myself, and I was grateful to RedR for arranging secure hotel accommodation in advance, which proved crucial given the crisis. As I awaited the opportunity to visit relief camps and understand the situation on the ground, I faced challenges such as curfews, shutdowns, and reluctance from taxi owners to enter sensitive areas. My initial observations at the relief camps were eye-opening; seeing children and community members with hopes of returning to their villages despite the prolonged displacement was impactful. With internet services suspended, The Sangai Express was my sole news source, reporting daily gunfights between the communities. Returning from this mission I carried with me a memorable experience of working with children, addressing their needs, and developing child-friendly relief camps.

Rajan Mohanty

Consultant Child Protection and Education

TRAININGS



- SECURITY
- HUMANITARIAN PRACTICES
- CHILD PROTECTION



TRAININGS

In the year 2023-24, RedR India's training portfolio slowly started to regain the pace when its first open course, on Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT), was conducted in the month of May 2023. Through 11 training courses, 268 participants were trained over a period of 40 days spread across the year. An increase in the demand for the HEAT Courses led to RedR India conducting 4 more HEAT courses for Serve Afghanistan, Christian Aid Afghanistan, Change Alliance Pvt. Ltd., and Deutsche Welle (DW/German News) within the third quarter of the year. The success of the course conducted for DW was an achievement for RedR India as it was the first time a course was tailored and facilitated as per the needs of the journalists working in hostile environments. Towards the end of the year, a brainstorming workshop was conducted for Kindernothilfe India to develop their safety and security plans at national and state levels, with an emphasis on continued action.

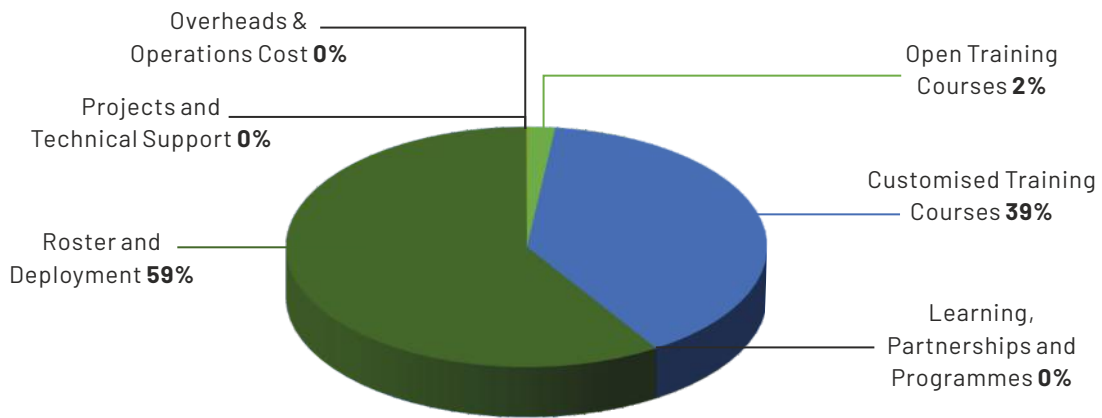


Other training activities included a one-day simulation exercise for UNICEF, which assessed the effectiveness of their emergency response, especially in supply and procurement during disasters. A five-day program for Tata Sustainability Group focused on planning and managing humanitarian responses, equipping about 30 personnel from various fields.

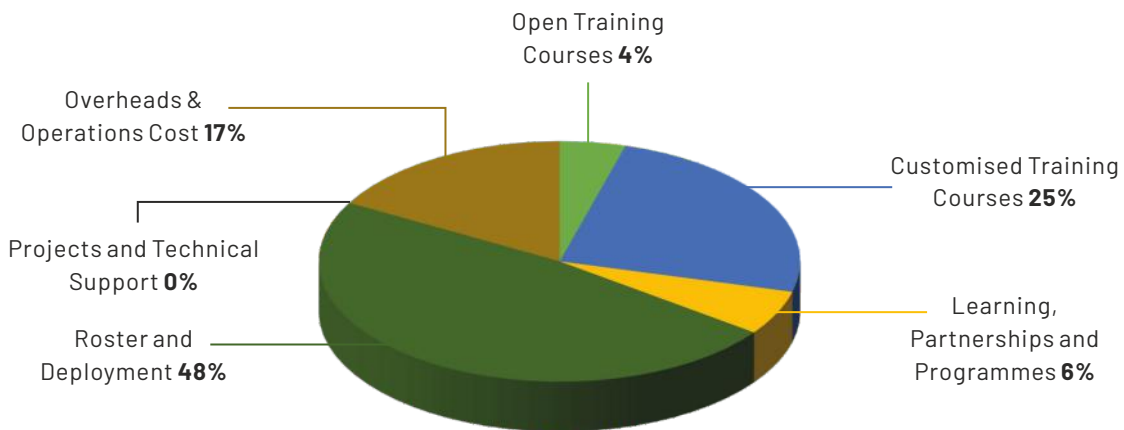
UNICEF India organized a training on Art-Based Therapy for Psychosocial Care in Emergencies, highlighting how art can aid healing, communication, and resilience in crisis situations. AMDOCS India's CSR team, with RedR India's support, held a 1-day workshop on team and vision building to align their volunteers with the team's goals. RedR India also conducted a 2-day online training for Muslim Aid's Global Rapid Response Team (GRRT) to equip them with essential skills for effective participation. Additionally, RedR India worked with Reliance Foundation on various activities, starting with a Training Needs Assessment, followed by creating a Training Manual, and ending with training on Minimum Standards in Disaster Response.

ANNUAL FINANCES 2023-24

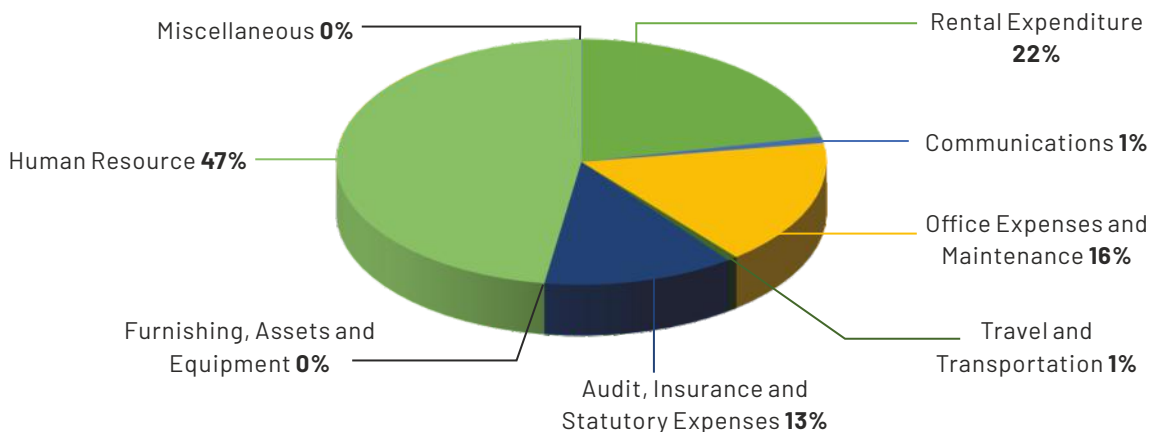
Inflow Pattern 2023-2024
(INR 93,27,764.38)



Expenditure Pattern 2023-2024
(INR 95,43,210.97)



Overhead & Operations 2023-2024
(INR 16,13,541.14)



MEET THE TEAM

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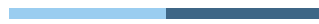
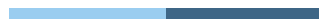
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RedR India is registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act of 1860, Registration No. Maharashtra/936/2003/Pune

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