

# MASONS TRAINING on Disaster Resilient Construction Practices

Wayanad District, Kerala  
13-14 March 2019

**Wayanad, Kerala:** UN-Habitat, India conducting a two-day Mason's training in the district of Wayanad which has started today on March 13, 2019. This training programme is participated by 30 senior level Masons including women masons from Kudumbashree (women cooperatives formed by Govt of Kerala).

This hands-on training will also focus on a field visit where the Masons will work with communities currently engaged in shelter recovery and reconstruction processes in the areas that were severely damaged by the floods in the state last year.



The Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) that was undertaken jointly by Govt of Kerala, UN and development partners had identified Shelter as one of the sectors which was highly damaged in the state of Kerala. Thus, the training programme aims to provide knowledge, techniques and various disaster resilient shelter construction practices with

the objective of “Build Back Better and Safer”. Various components including safe construction practices, retrofitting of damaged buildings and various techniques on resilient construction practices among many other related components are being covered within the training programme. The training is being provided by trained Engineers from IIT Roorkee and other renowned engineering universities of the country.

The training programme also aims at creating a pool of trained masons in the district who can be the Master Trainers for other masons in the area to spread the message and knowledge including advocacy on disaster resilient construction practices in the most vulnerable areas of the district. Similar kinds of training programmes are also planned in the districts of Idukki and Pathanamthitta along with Training of Trainers (ToT) to be conducted at the State Level under the current programme.

This training programme is organized in partnership with Government of Kerala and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with financial support from Central Emergency Response Fund(CERF).

UN-Habitat plans to work with the Government of Kerala in the coming months in partnership with other UN Agencies under the principle of “UN Delivery as One” with its mandate on shelter recovery, urban and peri-urban human settlement planning and working on sustainable resilience building in line with its New Urban Agenda (NUA).

