

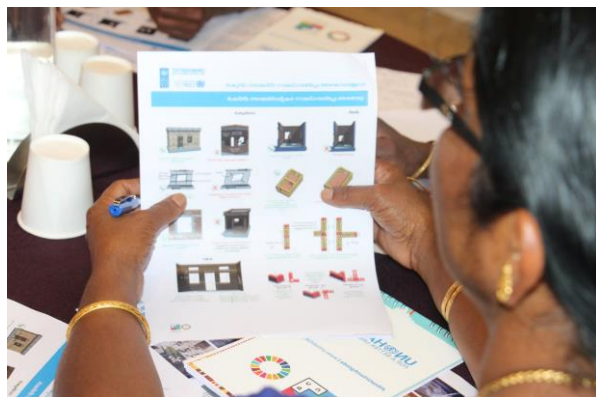
# MASONS TRAINING on Disaster Resilient Construction Practices

**Idukki District, Kerala**

**16 & 17 March 2019**

**Idukki, Kerala:** In continuation to its ongoing training programme for Masons in the severely flood affected districts of Kerala State in India, UN-Habitat, India is conducting its 2nd two-day Mason's training in the district of Idukki between March 16-17, 2019. This training programme is participated by 39 senior level masons including 11 female masons from Kudumbashree (women's cooperative formed by Government of Kerala).

After an interactive session discussing technical details of disaster resilient construction techniques, hands-on training in the field is being conducted, where the masons work with communities currently engaged in shelter recovery and reconstruction processes in areas that were severely damaged by the floods last year.



The Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) undertaken jointly by Govt of Kerala, UN and development partners identified Shelter as one of the sectors which was highly

affected by the 2018 flood in the state of Kerala. Thus, the training programme aims at providing knowledge, techniques and various disaster resilient shelter construction and retrofitting practices with the objective of “Build Back Better and Safer”. The training is provided by trained Engineers from IIT Roorkee and other renowned engineering universities of the country.

The training programme aims at creating a pool of trained masons in the district who can be the Master Trainers for other masons in the area by passing on knowledge and becoming advocates for disaster resilient construction practices. A similar kind of training programme is also planned in the district of Pathanamthitta between March 20-21 within the Shelter Hub locations in the district.

This training programme is organized in partnership with Govt 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).

