CSR ROUNDTABLE | CONCEPT NOTE

CSR Perspectives on Anticipatory Action and Disaster Management

From relief to resilience: bringing industry, CSR leaders, government and humanitarian partners together to invest early in safer communities.

DATE	VENUE	FORMAT	PARTICIPANTS
23 November 2026	Modi Hall, PHD House, New Delhi	Half-day roundtable with lunch	60 to 70 invited guests



PHD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY x ADRA INDIA

Background and Rationale

Background

India is experiencing increasing frequency and intensity of climate-induced hazards, including extreme heat, creating growing risks for communities, livelihoods, infrastructure and economic activity. Addressing these risks requires greater emphasis on preparedness, resilience and anticipatory action, alongside effective humanitarian response. It also calls for stronger engagement of the private sector and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) stakeholders in partnership with government and humanitarian organisations.

ADRA India, under the guidance of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), has been working with communities and stakeholders across India to strengthen resilience against climate-induced hazards, including extreme heat. The proposed collaboration builds on ADRA India's CSR Roundtable with the Centre for Public Policy (CPP), IIM Bangalore, which brought together stakeholders to explore the role of private-sector expertise, CSR, technology and innovation in strengthening disaster preparedness and early action.

> **"The engagement with PHDCCI takes this dialogue to a wider industry and CSR platform, and turns it into practical partnerships and investments in disaster resilience and anticipatory action.**

Rationale for Partnership

PHDCCI provides an important platform for connecting industry, government and the wider business community. Its social arm, the PHD Rural Development Foundation, works with corporate donors on CSR initiatives and reaches communities across multiple states. PHDCCI has also demonstrated engagement on disaster and safety issues, including through its work on industrial safety, disaster response and related policy discussions.

This makes PHDCCI a relevant partner for ADRA India to connect its experience in disaster risk reduction, humanitarian response, climate resilience and anticipatory action with the networks, CSR ecosystem and capabilities of the private sector, and to move beyond dialogue towards corporate partnerships and CSR investments in disaster preparedness and resilience.

1905	1,50,000	130+	1987
PHDCCI ESTABLISHED	DIRECT AND INDIRECT PHDCCI MEMBERS	ADRA INDIA EMERGENCY AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS	ADRA INDIA ACTIVE IN THE COUNTRY SINCE

The Roundtable and Key Themes

The Roundtable

ADRA India and PHDCCI will jointly organise a half-day roundtable bringing together industry representatives, CSR practitioners, government institutions, humanitarian organisations and other stakeholders to explore practical approaches, partnerships and investments for disaster preparedness and climate resilience. The discussion will explore how the private sector can contribute beyond conventional disaster relief and recovery through preparedness, anticipatory action, resilience-building, technology, innovation and strategic CSR investments.

Beyond Relief: The CSR Journey



The roundtable looks at how CSR can contribute across this journey, not only after a disaster strikes

Key Themes

CSR and Anticipatory Action

How CSR can support proactive risk reduction and early action, including preparedness for extreme heat and other climate-related hazards.

From Relief to Resilience

The evolving role of CSR in humanitarian action, beyond conventional relief and recovery.

Public-Private Partnerships

Opportunities for partnerships between industry, government and humanitarian actors in disaster and climate risk management.

Private-Sector Capabilities

Technology, logistics, infrastructure, financing, communications and supply chains for disaster preparedness.

Expected Participants

60 to 70 participants, including:

- CSR Heads and Officials of Corporates
- Industry Representatives
- PHDCCI Members
- Government Institutions
- Humanitarian Organisations
- Development Organisations
- Subject Experts

Programme and Outcomes

Proposed Programme (Tentative)

10:00 – 10:30	Registration and welcome tea
10:30 – 10:45	Welcome and context setting by PHDCCI
10:45 – 11:00	Opening remarks by ADRA India: anticipatory action and the case for private-sector engagement
11:00 – 11:20	Special address by the Chief Guest / Special Guest
11:20 – 12:10	**Session 1:** Anticipatory action and extreme heat: how CSR can move from relief to preparedness
12:10 – 13:00	**Session 2:** Panel discussion: Private-sector capabilities, technology and public-private partnerships in disaster and climate risk management
13:00 – 13:30	Open floor discussion, key takeaways and way forward
13:30 – 13:40	Vote of thanks
13:40 onwards	Lunch and networking

Timings (hrs), session titles and speakers are tentative and subject to confirmation.

Expected Outcomes

1. Stronger understanding among private-sector and CSR stakeholders of disaster risk management and anticipatory action.
2. Shared experiences and identified gaps, with practical mechanisms through which corporate resources and expertise can complement government and humanitarian capacities.
3. Identified opportunities for corporate engagement, investment, innovation and public-private partnerships.
4. Potential CSR partners for future initiatives on climate resilience, extreme heat, disaster preparedness and anticipatory action.
5. A follow-up pathway, where ADRA India and PHDCCI engage interested companies and institutions to develop specific partnerships, pilot initiatives and knowledge-sharing activities.

About Us and Contact

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), established in 1905, is a leading apex chamber representing the interests of industry and trade. With around 1,50,000 direct and indirect members across industries and regions, it works as a bridge between industry, government and the wider business community through policy advocacy, sectoral committees, international delegations, business development and knowledge events.

Its social arm, the PHD Rural Development Foundation, works with corporate donors on CSR initiatives and reaches communities across multiple states.

ADRA India

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the international humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving in over 110 countries. ADRA India, headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana, has worked in the country since 1987, carrying out more than 130 emergency response and development projects across livelihoods, education, health, hygiene, safety and disaster preparedness.

Working with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), it has contributed to anticipatory action for extreme heat, including the report "Action in Heatwaves: Indian Community Perspectives".

FOR REGISTRATION

Join the conversation

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