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WORLD
HUMANITARIAN DAY





MD Speaks

Dear IPEans,

Technology has become all pervasive in our lives. From computers, internet and smartphones to voice recognition, artificial intelligence and genetic modification, the future seems to be all digital and artificial. Indeed, humans could just become small paper boats bobbing in a sea of Technology.

To be human is a great privilege – and a greater responsibility. Are we using technology to further this – or losing it almost unknowingly?

August 19 is World Humanitarian Day (WHD)– an opportunity to re-focus on issues of human survival, development, values and aid. Also, perhaps a day to ask some difficult questions on our humanity, values and concern for others.

The theme for WHD 2018 is #NotATarget – a campaign to protect civilians in conflict zones. This could be extended to non-military uses of technology as well – let us not use technology to target people, lives and happiness; let us not use it to blinker views and limit rights; let us not miss the essential human values in our quest for physical, mental and emotional domination over others!

IPE Global continues to make a small difference in conflict affected areas through our projects, using technology for furthering human development – and more importantly, living the humanitarian values in our everyday lives, everywhere.

Best wishes
Ashwajit Singh



Overview

Conflict is taking a massive toll on people's lives around the world. There is a dire need to protect lives, end wars and to confront global challenges. More countries are slipping into fragility, marked by extreme poverty and weak institutions and compounded by natural hazards and climate-induced disasters. Violent extremism, terrorism and transnational crime are creating persistent instability. The number of people in need of humanitarian assistance and the related funding requirements have hit record highs.

World Humanitarian Day was designated by the United Nations at 63rd session of the UN General Assembly in December 2008 in an effort to honour the sacrifices of humanitarian workers. It is celebrated annually on August 19, a day that commemorates the 2003 bombing of the UN Headquarters in Iraq in which Sergio Vieira de Mello and 21 of his fellow humanitarians died.

IPE Global commemorates World Humanitarian Day to rally support for people affected by crisis around the world and to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service. We work with international funding agencies in some of the conflict-affected regions to foster development and peacebuilding.

For WHD 2018, let us come together in solidarity to reaffirm that civilians caught in conflict are #NotATarget.



Did you know?

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50 per cent of refugees are women and girls.

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1 out of every two depend on humanitarian aid to survive.

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More than 200 million people have been affected by natural disasters or displaced by conflict and violence.

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Number of internally displaced people has risen to 3.8 million - highest in Africa.

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Since January 2017, the number of people needing humanitarian aid has risen from 12.5 million to 141.1 million in 37 countries



IPE Global Key Projects

URBAN & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The World Bank/UNOPS || Somalia Urban Investment Planning Project (SUIPP): Consultancy services for Mogadishu Roads Connectivity Assessment and Trunk Drainage Masterplan, 2018

IPE Global has been contracted by The World Bank to develop a citywide trunk drainage master plan in Mogadishu, Somalia that guides the strategic and harmonized investments in the region. The master plan would give an overview of the existing drainage system, allowing Benadir Regional Administration (BRA) to identify key gaps, standardise the system design and prioritise future investments based on evidence.

The project aims to guide strategic development and harmonised investments in a country that is slowly recovering from decades of war. This project will help Mogadishu Municipal Authority and open up new mega projects in the region.

The World Bank/Ministry of Urban Development & Housing (MUDH) || Housing Supply Assessment in Afghanistan, 2018

Ministry of Urban Development & Housing (MUDH) has received funding from The World Bank for Housing Supply Assessment in Afghanistan in order to develop housing sector policies and implementation of pertinent laws and regulations; to study the supply side of housing sector in Afghanistan and present solid and practical recommendations for development of the National Housing Policy and National Housing Strategy.

IPE Global has been entrusted to develop (i) a baseline assessment of the legal framework, policies, current practices and conditions on the ground, (ii) development of policies, strategies, and methodologies as relevant, over a short- and medium-term time horizon; and (iii) development of management systems and tools to monitor progress.

Afghanistan has suffered from chronic instability and conflict in recent past affecting its infrastructure and economy. The project would propose a host of possible solutions, recognizing that country's future will be inextricably

linked to the prospect of establishing an effective and inclusive housing in Afghanistan.

DFID: Project Management for Road Building in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 2012-2017

IPE Global delivered engineering and construction services for improving connectivity between Sake & Masisi, and Bihambwe to catalyse economic activity and reduce transportation costs. Over 54 kilometres of gravel roads, drainage and slope stabilisation structures constructed in a time-bound manner ensuring best construction practices for safety and generated local construction jobs. Extensive stakeholder engagement activities were conducted with Provincial Government, Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), and Local Committees for Peace and Development (CLPD).

- *Over 948 ex-combatants recruited*
- *Over 5963 beneficiaries from vulnerable groups and jobless youths.*
- *6911 people employed with approx. 17% women workforce.*

GOVERNANCE

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO)/Mercy Corps || Endline Evaluation of the Kenya Election Violence Prevention and Response Program (KEVP), Kenya (Nairobi, Nakuru, Uasin Gishu, Nandi, Kisumu), 2018

IPE Global has been contracted to evaluate Kenya Election Violence Prevention and Response Program (KEVP) Programme. The main objectives of the KEVP Programme is to identify and map relationships between key influential actors in identified at-risk areas, capable of mobilising people toward and away from violence, and whose intended outcome would be to ensure that competing parties more open to working together. The second objective is to develop or expand upon existing structures that facilitate coordination and information sharing related to electoral security planning and response between identified local influencers, including community leaders, local administrators, and the security sector, whose expected and desirable outcome is to ensure that communities' election violence prevention and response capacities are mobilized. The third objective is to ensure electoral security structures develop plans and processes that enhance prevention and responses to early indicators of violence, an intended outcome being, target communities are more resilient to election violence.



IPE Newsroom

IPE Global hosted the Launch Event for USAID-DHFL partnership

IPE Global in partnership with USAID and Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) hosted the Launch Event: Expanding Financial Access to Quality Affordable Healthcare. At the event, USAID and DHFL officially announced the signing of a \$10-million loan portfolio guarantee in an effort to improve access to capital for healthcare providers in Tier II & Tier III cities. The partnership will take off with technical assistance provided by USAID's flagship "Partnerships for Affordable Healthcare Access and Longevity (PAHAL) programme, implemented by IPE Global.



Project GROW receives Letter of appreciation from Government of Bihar/ A+ rating from DFID

IPE Global is providing technical assistance to Government of BIHAR for the implementation of GROW project. GROW's contribution to Labour Resources Department was acknowledged through a 'Letter of Appreciation' by H.E. Shri Satya Pal Malik, Governor of Bihar on the occasion of International Youth Skills Day in Patna. The Letter cites appreciation for the efforts in enabling placement opportunities for youths of Bihar and for ushering in innovation in the Industrial Training Institutes in the state. The project has also been awarded A+ rating in the annual review by DFID. GROW Bihar aims at increasing employment opportunities in several districts of Bihar.

IPE Global as Knowledge Partner for Healthon 2018

IPE Global was invited by Indigram Labs foundation to be the knowledge partner for the Healthon 2018 - First Ever Hackathon in Rural Healthcare. The event aimed at encouraging entrepreneurs to learn about the theme and build workable applications for rural healthcare in areas of Care Delivery, Mobile Health, Point of Care Diagnostics etc.





IPE Global managed Ujjain Smart City project gets highlighted in MOHUA newsletter

The Ujjain Integrated Command and Control Centre was mentioned in the newsletter published by the MOHUA. This is the first operational ICCC project under Smart Cities portfolio of IPE Global.

Web-app 'AntaraRaj' launched for Antara uptake and reminder service for users

National Health Mission (NHM) Rajasthan organised an event in Jaipur to celebrate World Population Day. The event focused on the benefits of population stabilisation. Antara, an injectable contraceptive was launched last year. AntaraRaj, a web app for tracking Antara uptake has been developed for users by NHM Rajasthan under CIFF supported UDAAN project, being implemented by IPE Global.



TAC Review Meeting for Smart City Thiruvananthapuram

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Review Meeting was held in presence of Hon'ble Mayor and Secretary, Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation along with the CEO SCTL in Kochi. IPE Global has been commissioned by Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited (SCTL) to Design, Develop, Manage and Implement Smart City Projects in the state.



Restoration of historic Shimla Town Hall under ADB funded IDIPT project in Himachal Pradesh

Study done by IPE Global featured on CDIA website

Cities Development Initiative for Asia's (CDIA) study on Ulaanbaatar's ger area cultural heritage in Mongolia featured on Official CDIA website. IPE Global as the technical consultant completed the project preparation study (PPS) in July 2017, which focused on the improvement of cultural heritage assets within or near ger areas, and the upgrading of ger areas in tandem with cultural heritage preservation.

Saving History and Culture in Ger Areas

July 20, 2018 Cities Development Initiative



There is definitely much more to see in Ulaanbaatar's ger districts, where traditional and possible mixed-origins (swelling) ger settlements exist side by side. With support from CDIA, the city is necessary to bring heritage assets to preserve Mongolian history and culture in ger areas. All these are done in tandem with preservation of economic opportunities and better living conditions for the residents.

Congratulations!

Juliette and Rory got married on 28th July 2018!

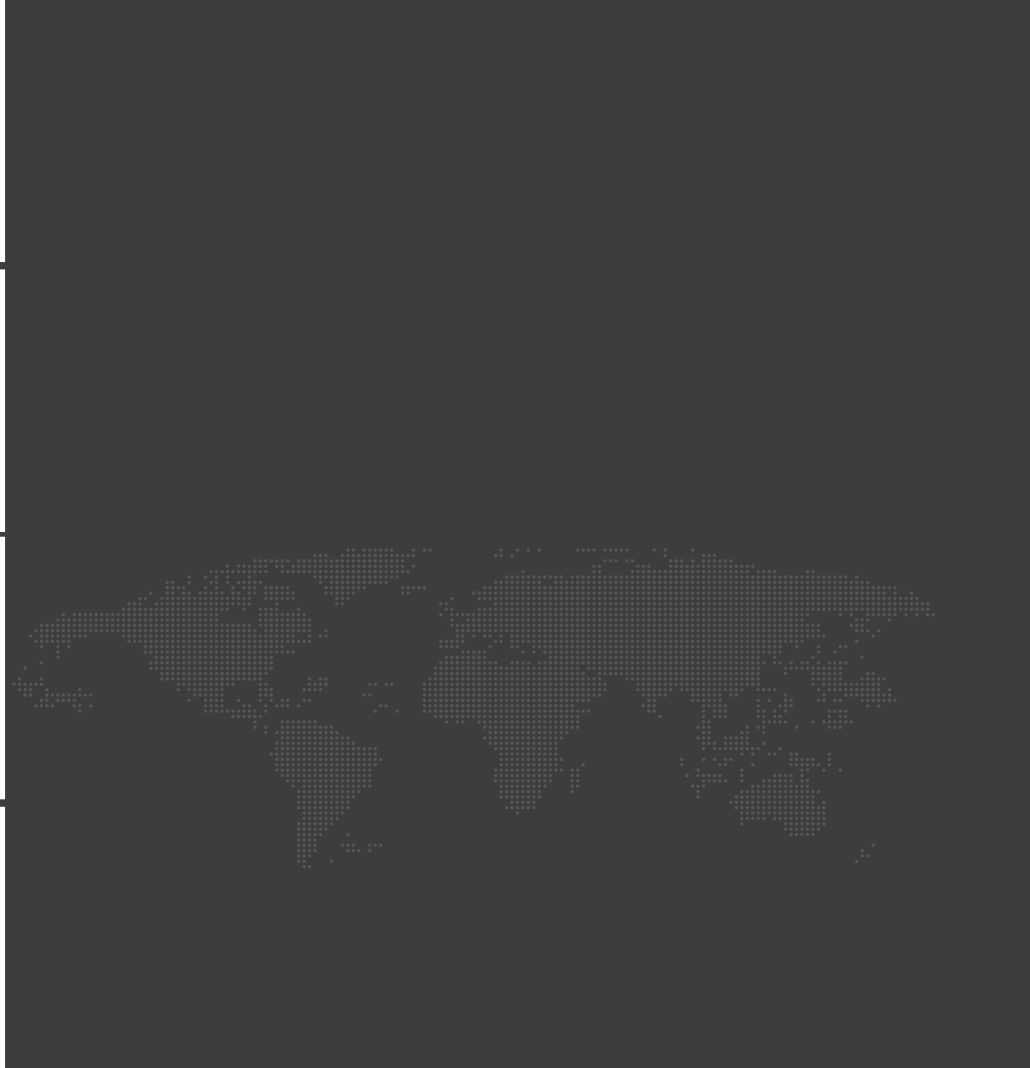


Neha & Eshaan got married on 14th July 2018!



Zumba event at New Delhi Office





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