

## Guidelines for Disposal of Dead Bodies at District Level

1. Activate the DM Plan
2. Nodal Officer in the incident Response System will activate all other stake-holders associated with Disposal of the Dead.
3. Establish an information Centre at the site of Disaster/District HQ.
4. Inform all other Stake-holders, both in government and Non-Governmental sector, including the elected, Panchayati Raj functionaries and the community.
5. Activate search and Rescue teams of Fire & Emergency Services, Police, SDRF, Civil Defence, NDRF and NGOs for the retrieval of the injured and the dead.
6. The injured will get the priority for First Aid and evacuation to hospital.
7. Prepare a record of details of the bodies retrieved in the Dead Body Inventory Record Register, allocated individual Identification Number, photographed, and then Dead Body Identification Form initiated.
8. Associate relatives and community members for the identification of the bodies.
9. Hand over the identified bodies to the relatives or the community, and if necessary after cross-matching Dead Body Identification Form with that of the Missing Person Form, for the last rites as per local, cultural and religious denomination.
10. Unidentified or unclaimed dead bodies/body parts shall be transported to the mortuaries for proper preservation and storage at the designated sites.
11. Consult relatives, legal and forensic experts for positive identification.
12. Final disposal of unidentified bodies/body parts shall be done by District authorities after applying all the possible means of identification as per the legal provisions.
13. The bodies of foreign nationals shall be properly preserved either by embalming or chemical methods and then placed in body bags or in coffins with proper labeling. Handing over and transportation of such bodies shall take place through the Ministry of Extern Affairs, in consultation with the Consular offices of the concerned countries and other actors such as International Committee of the Red Cross, if necessary and possible.