



Profile of G. Padmanabhan, former Emergency Analyst, UNDP, India

G. Padmanabhan joined UNDP in 1992, and has been handling Disaster Management portfolio of UNDP-India since 1995. He took early retirement from UNDP in December 2017 as the head of the disaster management portfolio.

He was a leader of the Team in UNDP involved in implementing the GOI-UNDP Disaster Risk Management programme, a multi-donor initiative of US\$ 41 million, which promoted involvement of volunteers in implementing the programme in 176 districts in 17 states. He initiated an electronic network of about 3500 DM practitioners in India under the UN system initiative called Solution Exchange. Padmanabhan has been providing advice to Governments of countries in the Asia region and worked for one year in northern Iraq as Assistant Director of a rehabilitation project of UNDP. He worked very closely with MHA, NDMA, and many state Governments as well as NGOs.

He has Masters Degrees in Geography, and in Urban and Regional Planning. Before joining UNDP, he was involved in research activities in the field of Transportation, Urban Development and Energy at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He also worked for 2 years as a consultant to the Government of India.

Post retirement, he has been working on Advisory positions with NGOs, national and international academic institutions, and a private sector Trust. He does some freelance work with various agencies, including UN on Disaster Risk Reduction.