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**THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AND
REHABILITATION WORK AND THE AUSPICES OF THE
CHAI/SANGHI CAMP**

Dear Friends

**Sub : Reflection on the Relief and Rehabilitation Work
and preparation for a disaster management scheme.**

Greetings from Fr. John !

This is in continuation of my letter to you dated 11 May 1994 regarding the above subject. The response from those who have been invited has been reasonably good. We expect a word of confirmation from others in the coming days. Arrangements are being made both for the reflection session on 24th and 25th June and also for the visit to Nandurga camp on 22nd and 23rd June so as to make the experiences as fruitful as it can be made.

As said in the earlier letter the objectives of the meeting are three fold :

1. Gather together the experiences of volunteers in the disaster management at the Nandurga camp.
2. Exchange ideas on building up healthy communities in the affected villages.
3. Setting up a disaster management cell.

To facilitate meaningful interaction it is suggested that each of the participants come prepared to share their experiences and reflections. It could be prepared in the following lines :

FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NATION

1. What was your motivation to join the camp and the early experiences after joining the camp ?
2. Did arrangements in the camp and its general organisation help meeting needs of affected people ? If Yes/No highlight.
3. What were the things that made the camp effective/not effective ? List out areas and give reasons.
4. Management of the camp including its organisation at different levels, Central Coordinating Committee in Hyderabad, Field and Administrative Coordinators at the camp, task groups, sub-camps etc. adequate response to the situation.
5. How do you evaluate the liaison of the camp with people and agencies; village elders, people in general, the sick, youth, children, government department officials and other voluntary organisations etc.?
6. What comments do you have to make the management of disasters more effective in future.
7. What do you recommend for our future involvement in Nandurga and the surrounding villages to make them healthy communities with full participation of people ?
8. Any other areas you may want to share on.

Looking forward to meeting you all here soon and with personal regards.

Yours Sincerely


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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P.S. : If some of you could prepare a short write up on your personal experiences with the people especially in the beginning stages you may do so and bring them along which will be useful for us.