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SCHOOL WITH DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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OVERVIEW OF AN GIANG PROVINCE (VIETNAM)

- Located in Lower Mekong basin, southern of Vietnam
- 1.7 million population, agricultural occupation
- Ten districts with 5 districts affected by disaster annually (storm, flood...)
- Integrate knowledge on disaster preparedness into school from 2006 with two projects (School flood safety – ADPC supported; Children centered disaster preparedness - Save the Children)

I. GOALS OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AT SCHOOL (1)

- Public awareness raising, especially for children about disaster risk (flood, storm ...) for community preparation and preparedness to any disaster situation in order to ensure safety for human and property in An Giang province
- School flood safety is implemented at 105 schools in Cai Be, Cai Lay, Chau Thanh district; Children centered disaster preparedness at 30 schools in Tien Giang province is implemented by Department of Education and Training with related agencies and supported by ADPC – Save the Children

I. GOALS OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AT SCHOOL (2)

- Project activities include trainings and workshops for teacher, pupil about knowledge on right and responsibility, issues related to hazard, disaster and adaptation, organize club “child with child”, festival day for “school flood safety” for children and their parents, develop disaster risk map...
- Provide document for teacher to add training material and organize school activities in order to public awareness raising

II. ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS OF PROJECT (1)

- ACTIVITY 1: Ensure safety for children, prioritize disaster prevention and mitigation.
- Improve, build many class rooms for kid garden
- Build bridge for helping pupil to go to school conveniently
- Expand kid garden system (72 gardens), ensure safety absolutely for over 2000 children annually in flood season in Cai Be, Cai Lay and Chau Thanh district.

II. ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS OF PROJECT (2)

- ACTIVITY 2: Public awareness raising for more than 1000 teachers in order to integrate disaster preparedness into school
 - Right and responsibility of children
 - Hazard, disaster – risk, damage on community
 - General disease in flood season and prevention way
 - Develop disaster risk map...

ACTIVITY 3: Enhance response ability on disaster for primary school

.Organize many trainings on swimming skill for pupil (especially female pupil) at common flooded areas in Cai Be, Cai Lay, Tan Phuoc and Chau Thanh district in order to minimize die of drowning case of children.

. 20 classes with more than 300 pupils



ACTIVITY 4: Established 30 clubs “ child to child “ and implemented at 30 schools in province

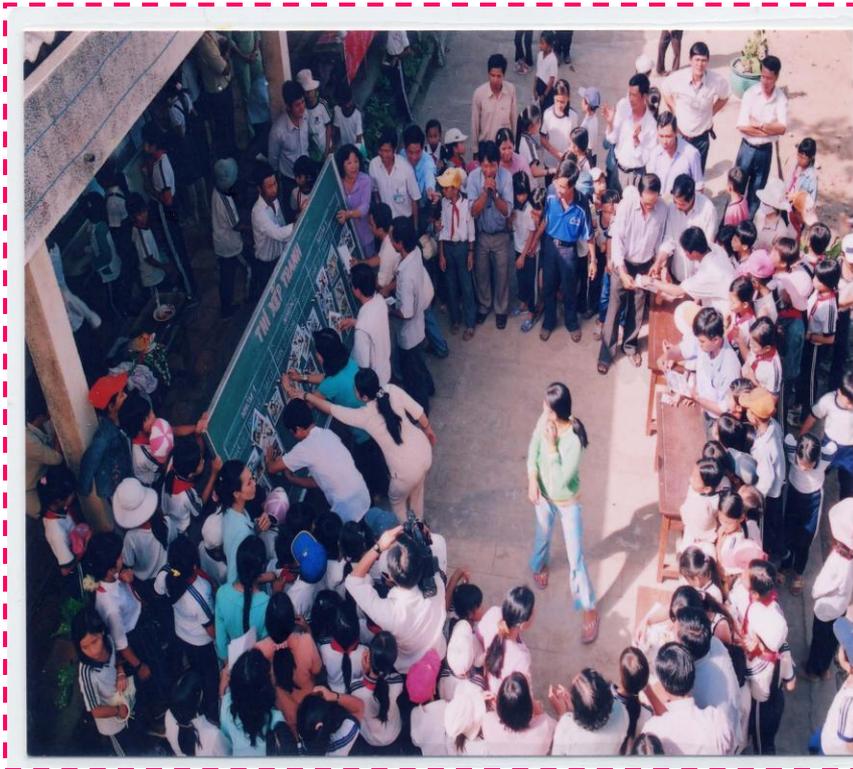
- Each club attracted from 30 to 35 children in the sense of volunteering under the direction of teachers working in Young Union Ho Chi Minh
- The club developed monthly program with suitable topics with each local area focusing on understanding knowledge on disaster preparedness, developing and performing some small dramas in corresponded themes, drawing, supporting community etc.

ACTIVITY 5: Organized “School Flood Safety”, “Child to Child” Sharing



- Lots of activities have been organized such as Q&A, drawing, role-play, talking with local authorities, story-tell, line agencies related to disaster preparedness

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III. SOME COMMENTS AROUND THE INITIAL RESULTS OF THE PROGRAM

- “School Flood Safety Day”, action plans of 20 clubs “child to child” at 80 schools located in Tien Giang attracted 123,388 pupils, 1,952 teachers, 7,418 parents, 841 officers, commune authorities; 8,613 pictures drawn by pupils. Lots of stories, dramas and songs related to flood, disaster and practical preparedness approaches were performed and became good lessons for pupils and community
- The program has enhanced the role and responsibility of educational sector in terms of disaster preparedness and improving the safety level for children in disasters
- The program should be widely applied and integrated into curricula.