

School Flood Safety and Public Awareness:

Regional Perspective and Partnership by ADPC



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Why School Flood Safety?



Why School Flood Safety?

- Children are the **most vulnerable group** of disasters
- Schools are often used as **evacuation centers** during a disaster event
- Educational institutions are a **major public infrastructure**, which can create **long-lasting impact on future generations**
- There is a multiplier effect of **educating the public through the children**



“Children are active **“agent of change”** who can make real different”

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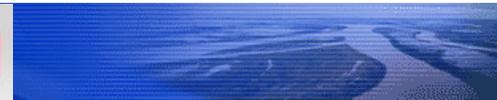
- **World Disaster Reduction Campaign on Disaster Risk Education and Safer School** by UN-ISDR secretariat and its partners to integrate DRR into school curricula and school buildings to withstand natural hazards
- **ASEAN AADMER Work Programme**
- **HFA Implementation Regional Action Plan**
- Implementation of **Ahmedabad, Bangkok and Islamabad Action Agendas (ABIAA)** for school safety – road map of action of Education and DRR
- **Regional Task Force on Education and DRR (ETF) ISDR Asia Partnership**
- **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 3 + 4 Acceleration Framework Action Plan**
- UNESCO's "**Education For All**" (EFA) and "**Universal Primary Education**"
- **1 Million Safe Schools and Hospitals** by UN-ISDR under Safer Cities campaign

“A Top Priority of National Education Agenda”

School Flood Safety Program (SFSP)



- **Integrating DRR in education sector**
- **Capacity building** for school teachers
- **IEC material** development and dissemination
- **Flood awareness activities** in schools
- **Engage community and stakeholders**



Integrating DRR in Education Sector

How to integrate DRR?



1. Integrating DRR in School Curricula
2. Safer school construction

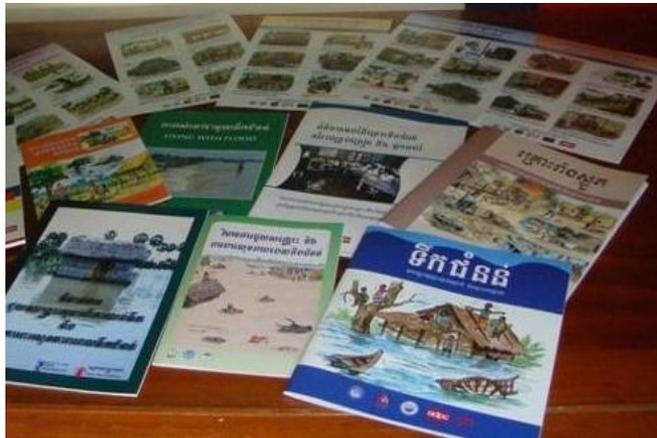


Capacity building for school teachers



- **Building capacity of teachers on flood safety**
- **Develop risk assessment and awareness action plan in schools**
- **Emergency Kindergarten Management (EKM)**
- **Working closely with the National and sub-national education departments, training institutes**

IEC material development and dissemination



- Develop **posters, information booklets, billboards** on flood safety
- **Cultural shows**
- Supplementary **teaching aid** for better delivery of DRR knowledge
- **Local specific**
- Work closely with **partners, NGOs** to **use/adapt existing IEC materials** on DRR

Flood awareness activities in schools



- **School flood safety campaigns**
- **Participation of parents and community**
- **Promote public private partnership in Vietnam**



Lessons Learned



- School safety is of highest importance
- Involve children in school safety planning and implementation
- Tools for awareness generation should have fun!
- In long run, school safety is economical
- Safe schools contribute to safe communities

Thank you



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