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# **Setting up baseline and targets on Comprehensive School Safety for ASEAN Member States**

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# Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools: Second Meeting of Safe School Leaders, Tehran, I.R. Iran October 2015

*Making schools safe for the children of the world 2030*

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# What is the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools (WISS)


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- Country-led initiative to support and motivate safe schools implementation globally according to four key pillars of comprehensive school safety
- Collective and coordinated approach to school safety supported by Global Alliance partners through a technical support package

WISS objectives:

- ❖ To secure political commitments and allocate resources for the implementation of school safety at global, regional, national and local levels.
  - ❖ To support Governments in making safe schools a priority as part of their education policies and plans as well as their national disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020.
  - ❖ To facilitate technical assistance and technology transfer to Governments to implement all aspects of school safety at the national level.
  - ❖ To forge and mobilize new partnerships for implementation of school safety, including with the private sector, local governments, Parliamentarians, UN Resident Coordinators' offices, local communities, children and youth, parents and teachers.
  - ❖ To build a knowledge base of good practices to share experiences across countries.
  - ❖ To monitor and track progress towards school safety, globally.
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# Expected Results:

- High-level political commitment secured with appropriate budgetary allocation to facilitate safe schools implementation at all levels, with particular focus on domestic implementation.
  - National disaster risk reduction and education plans integrating school safety are in place for implementation by 2020.
  - High technical expertise and good practices available to effectively deliver safe schools at global, regional, national and local levels.
  - Broader Safe Schools Leaders group highly interactive and mutually supportive for safe schools implementation at the national level.
  - Private sector, local governments, regional organizations are supportive and actively engaged in supporting the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools implementation at all levels.
  - Global monitoring and tracking system in place and allows to report on progress on school safety implementation globally
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# Key Highlights for WISS

- 21 Governments («**Safe School Leaders**») committed to the Worldwide Initiative and its implementation at the national level.
- **First meeting of Safe School Leaders (October 2014, Istanbul, Turkey)**
  - Endorsed the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools
  - Adopted the Istanbul Roadmap as a blue print for securing Governments' commitment to the Worldwide Initiative implementation
- **2014 Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction** in Asia, Latin America and Africa included specific discussions around school safety – School safety recognized as part of regional strategies for disaster risk reduction.
- **Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (March 2015, Sendai, Japan)**
  - High level support to the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools
  - Major commitments formally announced by Governments to school safety implementation at the national level
  - Formal offer by Turkey and I.R. Iran for technical support and expertise to other governments.
- **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction** recognizes the importance of disaster risk resilient critical infrastructures, including educational facilities as part of 7 global targets (d)
- **Progress in developing national indicators for school safety**, mobilizing private sector, regional organizations (ASEAN, CEPREDENAC, ECO) and new Governments to WISS




# Key highlights: WISS Iran

## Second Meeting of Safe School Leaders, 4-5 October 2015, Tehran, I.R. Iran - Translating commitments into Implementation


- 24 countries committing resources and policy action for school safety implementation on the ground
  - Major commitments from I.R. Iran, Turkey, Armenia, and Kyrgyzstan to make all schools safety by 2018, 2020, and 2024
  - Nepal highlighted as a special case study and offer to host the Third Meeting of Safe School Leaders in 2016
  - Presented technical support package to Governments for the Education Sector
  - Offer for technical assistance for school safety implementation in four countries in 2016
  - Adoption of a detailed Action Plan in Support of the Implementation of the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools
  - Called for an enhanced partnership building for national level implementation- also through in country partners: UN system, private sectors, local authorities, and civil society
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# Key highlights: WISS Iran

- Iran, Turkey, Italy, Armenia offered a technical support for school safety in other countries. Iran offered peer review and field visit
  - Identified pilot countries: among others is Cambodia
  - Set up WG on technical, financial, insurance and social aspects of schools safety to report to a Ministerial Safe School Leaders every 12-16 months
  - Recognition of special needs of refugee students /children
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# ASSI contributing to WISS implementation

- 5 ASEAN countries committed to WISS implementation nationally (IDN, KHM, LAO, PHIL, THAI) under the framework of ASSI
  - ASSI is in alignment with GADRRESS/WISS and Sendai Framework for Action
  - THAI, LAO, KHM confirmed their full support to the implementation of the Action agreed on Safe Schools under the banner of ASSI
  - ASSI assisted the Royal Government of Cambodia to conduct baseline survey on safe schools nationally in October 2015
  - Cambodia has expressed strong commitment to WWISS as a pilot country (Safe School Leaders)
  - ASSI creates a space in the SEA to discuss and share technical resources, policy development and practices to minimise the disaster impacts on children's education
  - ASSI advocates CSSF in ASEAN and coordinates with actors in school safety in ASEAN
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Mr. Sun Bunna of the Royal Government of Cambodia had a chance to talk with Margaretha Wahlstrom, the UN the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction



**Thank you!**

