

# School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction

## A project by Myanmar Red Cross

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Training for students and teachers: basic first aid, search and rescue, road safety, hygiene and drill exercises



Hazard mitigation activities: elevating flood-prone schools, tree-planting, installation of fences in dangerous areas



Sanitation improvement: latrine repairs and handwashing facilities



Water improvement: installation of new pipes, water purification machines and water tanks



Creation and distribution of information, education and communication material



**2** years

**3** townships

**8** schools

**196** teachers

**6,558** students

### Outcomes



**8** latrines built in 2 schools



**6** water tanks built and **1** water purified machine installed in 7 schools



**8** elevated safe areas created in 8 schools



Students, teachers and parents **actively engaged** in school safety, with enhanced capacity to respond to disasters



Students, teachers, parents and the authorities **trained** in how to develop a sustainable safety plan



### Lesson learned

If people can identify vulnerabilities and capacities, they can take ownership of disaster risk reduction in their community

*"I thank this programme for providing safe drinking water. It really helps to prevent water borne diseases, very common in our community in the past."*

- Teacher, KII in Hlaingthaya

*"I didn't know how to use the fire extinguisher. Now, my students and I know how to use it to stop small fires from getting bigger."*

- Headmistress, in Kyauktan

*"I learned to assess the vulnerabilities and capacities of my school and how to make a safety plan."*

- Student from Thaketa

*"My sister received a first aid kit after the training - she is proud using it."*

- Elder sister of trained student, from Kyauktan

*"I gave my daughter permission to attend the training with the condition her lessons were not affected. After the training, she is confident and takes part in school safety activities, without any impact on her monthly test."*

- Parent, in Kyauktan

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