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OUTCOME REPORT

Road to the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2018:

Progress-to-date in Implementing Disaster Risk Reduction in Education Sector and Identification of ASEAN Stakeholders Key Messages to AMCDRR 2018 Jakarta, 30th – 31st of May 2018



BACKGROUND

The Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) is a regional multi-stakeholder platform that discusses the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) and other emerging concerns and topics related to DRR. The 8th AMCDRR will be co-organised by the Government of Mongolia and UNISDR on 3-6 July 2018 in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. Taking on the main theme, “Preventing Disaster Risk: Protecting Sustainable Development” with the following outcomes: Ulaanbaatar Declaration, 2018-2020 Action Plan for Implementation of the SFDRR (ARP), voluntary commitments and updates by stakeholders.

Education is an important sector to governments in Asia-Pacific and the post-2015 education agenda is defined by SDG 4 that seeks to ‘ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all’.¹ Linking up with the AMCDRR, the global platform for school safety, Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools, a government-led global partnership for advancing safe school

¹ Policy Brief: Advancing comprehensive school safety framework for Asia and the Pacific, <https://plan-international.org/publications/advancing-comprehensive-school-safety-asia-and-pacific#download-options>

implementation was established as a response to the High Level Dialogue Communiqué at the 2013 Global Platform for DRR.² The SFDRR for Action 2015-2030 itself emphasizes that DRR in Education is one of the global targets to reach by 2030 across its seven targets and four priorities of SFDRR.³

The ARP 2016-2018 resulted from 7th AMCDRR in India reflects the advocacy of AADMER WP 2016-2020 and underscores that ASEAN as one of the main inter-governmental organisations in Asia shall build human and institutional capacity to carry out science-based trans-boundary risk assessment, develop common policies, tools and political commitments towards implementing and monitoring the SFDRR, fostering data, information and knowledge exchange in the region.⁴

ASEAN Governments have been engaged at AMCDRR through panel discussions, thematic/side events relevant to school safety and disaster management, video competition as well as showcases of its DRR initiatives and ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative in particular. Through ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative, ASEAN Member States (AMSs) participated as part of the Children and Youth stakeholders group and submitted a voluntary statements since 2012, organised and participated in thematic events related to school safety and technical sessions on DRR, lobbied and advocated school safety in school safety outcome documents, and provided platforms and voice for children and youth in the ASEAN through national consultations.

Leading up to the next Conference, ASEAN Governments have actively participated and provided ASEAN/AADMER perspectives in the ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) in Bangkok, Thailand and Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in December 2017 and April 2018 as technical support mechanism and key regional governance to review on the Asia Regional Plan 2016-2018 for SFDRR Implementation (ARP 2016-2018).⁵ Also, country consultations with children and youth on Sendai Monitor being prepared and coordinated with country governments will be held in 5 of 10 ASEAN countries (Indonesia, Philippines, Myanmar, Viet Nam, and Cambodia).

Against this background, an 'ASEAN workshop: Road to AMCDRR 2018' invited AMSs as well as relevant civil society organisations and coalitions to discuss their engagements in school safety and other relevant DRR issues prioritised in the AADMER WP 2016-2020 (climate change, resilience, community-based DRR, other vulnerable groups in DRR) and formulate regional strategies and key messages to be advocated in the AMCDRR 2018.

PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP

Supported by ASSI, the workshop will provide a platform for AMSS to discuss about the region's participation at the AMCDRR to develop the ASEAN stakeholders' key messages to be raised and shared at the AMCDRR 2018. Inviting AMSs focal points on school safety and civil society organisations, the workshop aimed to achieve these following objectives:

- Revisit the region's participation in the past AMCDRR and discuss key achievements, outcomes, challenges, and lessons learnt relevant to DRR in Education and children and youth;

² <https://www.unisdr.org/we/campaign/wiss>

³ *Op.cit.* Policy Brief; Advancing comprehensive school safety framework for Asia and the Pacific

⁴ The Asia Regional Implementation Plan on SFDRR

⁵ https://www.preventionweb.net/files/57132_2018apriapconceptnote.pdf

- Develop regional key messages, call for actions, policy briefs to be shared at the AMCDRR in line with ASSI Programme Strategy 2017-20;
- Identify the AMSs' and civil society organisations' participation at the upcoming AMCDRR, discuss and plan for strategies and plan in the conference to raise the key messages;

The workshop achieved the expected outcomes: 1) identified region's participation in the past AMCDR from both, AMSs and civil society organisations to inform 2) the development of ASEAN stakeholders' key messages to be raised at the AMCDRR. With reference to New Delhi Declaration, AADMER WP 2.0, Asia Regional Plan for the Implementation of SFDRR, and draft Ulaanbaatar Declaration (Annex 1.), 15 representatives of ASEAN Member States and ASEC and 12 representatives of civil society organisations and IFRC (RC/RC) participated in this the process to develop the key messages (Annex 2. List of participants).

OUTPUT OF THE WORKSHOP

1. In order to set the context of the workshop, Dr. Animesh Kumar of UNISDR shared an overview of the AMCDRR focus and its expected outcomes followed by a comprehensive update on the achievements and progress of AADMER WP 2.0 from the ASEC DMHA, Ms. Intani Kusuma.
2. To highlight the importance of raising the issues on DRR in Education at the AMCDRR, the workshop allocated a session to discuss school safety at different levels (presentations attached):
 - a) DRR in Education/school safety goals in relation to SFDRR by APCSS/IFRC representative, Mr. Herve Gazeau
 - b) ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative by ASSI Programme Management Team, Mr. Renar Berandi
 - c) Thailand National Initiative in School Safety by Thailand DPPM representative, Ms. Suttapak Panpapai
 - d) Indonesia's National Initiative in School Safety by Indonesia's MOEC, Mr. Jamjam Muzaki
 - e) Youth Participation in School Safety Mapping, by Malaysia Red Cross Youth representative, Mr. Lai Wat Keat

The discussion during the session included:

- The importance of highlighting the roles of children and youth in decision making process relevant to disaster risk reduction and their participation at AMCDRR across possible platforms;
 - Standardised reporting of the progress on school safety across ASEAN is under development and will facilitate the reporting to ASEAN;
 - ASSI in relation with AADMER Partnership Group (APG) needs further coordination in ASEAN countries through different platforms/working groups/etc.
3. To inform the discussion about the future engagements of ASEAN stakeholders at the forthcoming AMCDRR, Ms. Intani Kusuma of ASEC DMHA shared ASEAN previous engagements and achievements, including: 1) ASEAN Joint Statement at the AMCDRR in New Delhi, India; 2) the Launch of One ASEAN One Response; 3) Participation of ASEAN Member States' (Indonesia as the previous Chairman of ACDM and Thailand as the ACDM WG on Prevention and Mitigation) in the thematic event of school safety led by Asia-Pacific Coalition on School Safety.

4. The workshop identified 15 of 27 participants have attended the previous AMCDRR and all participants were invited to reflect on the previous engagements, issues raised, and regional coordination. The reflection generated these following points:
 - Appreciate the in-country coordination among stakeholders agencies and civil society organisations. This should be maintained for the upcoming AMCDRR;
 - Despite the target participants of the Conference, it is challenging to invite the participation of Parliament members and local leaders due to a lengthy approval process;
 - Stakeholders are encouraged to be involved in the process before the Conference to influence the messages/content of the declaration including the participation in ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) Forums;
 - NGOs and UN agencies can help support the coordination across sectors and ASEAN Member States. This will include the development of ASEAN stakeholders' key messages to be integrated into individual country statement;
 - Participants agreed to raise issues prioritised in the AADMER Work Programme 2.0 including child and youth participation in DRR, school safety, climate change adaptation, resilience, at-risk group including women, girl, children, etc.

5. The participants identified key issues that are prioritized to be raised at the AMCDRR, as follows:
 - Comprehensive school safety implementation in the region including acceleration of its implementation through recruiting more national facilitators, resource mobilisation, and increasing communication/linkage between community (rural) and school;
 - Sendai Monitor including ensuring a whole-society inclusive approach in developing the implementation and monitoring system;
 - Emphasis on local actors including multi-sectoral engagements (e.g: strengthening active collaboration with CSOs, private-public engagements), plan for putting national strategies into local actions, etc.;
 - Inclusive participation in DRR and resilience work including acknowledgement of children, youth and women leadership, recognition of the participation of the vulnerable groups including people with disabilities, elderly, etc.

6. The workshop also identified the ongoing preparation of possible participation and engagements of each AMS and other stakeholder groups where NGOs/IFRC/RC/RC are involved in at the upcoming AMCDRR 2018:

No.	AMS	Possible engagements
1.	Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A series of In-country coordination meetings attended by representatives of NDMO, relevant Ministries, and civil society organisations planning to participate in the AMCDRR • Indonesia plans and seeks opportunity to conduct bilateral meetings • The registration of the delegates so far have reached 70 potential participants coming from Ministries/government agencies and CSOs/NGOs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs shared possible thematic/side events that they applied and will reach out to NDMO and relevant Ministries on speaking engagement • The Head of NDMO will deliver the Ministerial statement • Head of NDMO will chair Technical Session 6, Directors of NDMO will speak at Technical Session 4 and Thematic Event 3
2.	Viet Nam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 delegates are identified so far including the Vice Minister of Disaster Management authority • MARD is planning to present the Vietnamese National Strategy on Disaster Management • Speaking engagement is invited from the UN Women
3.	Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government of Thailand is coordinating its AMCDRR team including Department of Policy, Disaster Promotion Prevention and Ministry of Foreign Affair • Thailand seeks opportunity to participate in the thematic event and marketplace
4.	Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Government officials are planning to participate including those from Union Ministries • 2 youth (10-15 of age) and 2 representatives of UN and Plan International • 4 participants of Myanmar Red Cross to be confirmed to attend the Conference • Possible participation in Technical Session 2 & 5 (with theme Social Protection) • Ongoing preparation for development of Ministerial Statement
5.	Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malaysia will be hosting the next ACDM meeting and will highlight the output of this meeting • 5 participants from Government agencies and NGOs (Mercy Malaysia) will participate in the Conference • Possible participation at Technical Session on "Build Back Better" and "Community and Local Action"
6.	Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government will present the Progress on DRR during the AMCDRR • National focal points and media are subjected to confirmation to participate
7.	Lao PDR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Safety is a priority at the AMCDRR, subject for confirmation from the MoES and Ministry of Social Welfare
8.	ASEAN Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy-Secretary General, Director for Sustainable Development, Senior Officer and Head of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (DMHA) are confirmed to attend • DSG will be chairing Technical Session 2 and ASEC will be participating in Technical Sessions 2, 3, 6 • Head of ASEC DMHA will chair thematic event on "comprehensive school safety implementation in different contexts and innovation: promoting investments in disaster risk reduction through good examples of child-focused education solutions"

9.	Children and Youth stakeholder group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan International will send 6 delegates (Plan Indonesia, Plan Myanmar, Plan International Asia, Plan International Sri Lanka) • Save the Children and GADRRRES applied for a side event titled: "Researcher, Practitioner and Policy maker Collaboration for Evidence-based Practice" • Save the Children Mongolia applied for a side event on Child-Centered Disaster Risk Reduction • C&Y stakeholder group will be conducting Pre-Conference on children and youth. Prior to that, there have been C&Y country consultations in 5 ASEAN countries • APCSS will have a marketplace • World Vision will send 7 participants and take the lead on consolidating the outcomes of country consultation in the region
10.	IFRC/RC/RC Societies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFRC will promote youth participation and presence by the Mongolian Red Cross • Ignite stage • Video • IFRC will participate in six technical sessions, 2 market places, 4-5 thematic sessions including a session on Sendai Monitor

7. All the participants wrapped up the workshop by refining the ASEAN stakeholders' key messages to be raised through different platforms at the AMCDRR. The key messages reflect the programmes prioritised in the AADMER WP and categorised the messages in different headings: 1) DRR in Education or school safety, 2) Role of ASEAN as sub-regional I sharing good practices, 3) children, youth, women, elderly, persons with disabilities and other groups at risk, 4) reporting and monitoring progress and implementation, 5) localization, 6) public and private partnership, 7) climate change adaptation and urban resilience, 7) institutional preparedness. *Please see the separate set of key messages.*