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Expanding the Korean School Safety Programme to Kathmandu, Nepal

From 10-15 March, UNDRR ONEA & GETI and representatives of the Government and education sector of the Republic of Korea (Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Incheon Metropolitan City and Karim Elementary School), in collaboration with the Nepal-based non-profit initiative Water Environment and Risk Education (WEaRE) / Kathmandu Valley Water Resource Management Initiative (KVWRMI), introduced the Korean School Safety Programme (KSSP) in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The programme was attended by representatives from the national and local governments from Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Lalitpur Metropolitan City, Dakshinkali Municipality and Budhanikantha Municipality; the Office of the Prime Minister; the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology; Education Development and Coordination Units (EDCU) of Kathmandu, Lalitpur and other municipalities; UN agencies (UNICEF, IOM); the British Council and NGOs in Nepal, including Save the Children, Plan International, Care Nepal, Oxfam, Mitra Samaj and Miyamoto International.

During the 6-day programme, trainers from UNDRR ONEA & GETI, MOIS and Incheon Metropolitan City introduced a new training delivery model for KSSP. UNDRR ONEA & GETI trained local trainers from Nepal and selected 6 lead trainers among them. These trainers then delivered the programme content to local teachers in Nepali, and 2 selected lead teachers conducted training for students at Shanti Shiksha Mandir Secondary School.

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Overall, the KSSP training was provided to 37 trainers, 30 teachers, and 32 secondary school students at Shanti Shiksha Mandir school. The training covered basic DRR concepts (STEP 1), practical implementation (STEP 2), and case studies of school exchanges between the Republic of Korea and other countries (STEP 3). Notably, Mr. Hyungun Kim, the principal of Karim Elementary School who participated in the development of KSSP STEP 2 and 3, shared his experience of conducting training directly with students.

“Allow students to participate. Cheer them on. They can change their schools and communities.” - Mr. Kim Hyungun, Principal of Karim Elementary School

Throughout the programme, UNDRR ONEA & GETI, representatives of the Republic of Korea and local stakeholders in Nepal shared information and experiences on DRR education, explored ways to improve it and exchanged ideas and suggestions for the effective implementation of the KSSP in existing DRR education in Nepal. The programme was also introduced to the Principals Association of Nepal (PAN), a network of school principals and headteachers from schools across the country which plays a key role in enhancing education in schools, and is an important strategic partner for strengthening DRR education in Nepal.

A post-programme meeting was held with trainers and stakeholders to gather feedback on the new training delivery model and encourage their participation in expanding the programme beyond Kathmandu to the entire country of Nepal.

“The time to act against disaster is now. Let’s work together hand in hand to take the [KSSP] programme all over the nation.” - Mr. Bishal Koirala, Trainer and participant of the KSSP Training of Instructors



ASEAN managers trained on disaster risk reduction



On 18 January 2024, in collaboration with the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre), UNDRR GETI and the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific delivered an online training on disaster risk reduction for 20 managers nominated by ASEAN Member States. The training was part of a broader leadership programme, aimed at developing future-oriented disaster management professionals with a solid grounding of the current and emerging trends and challenges in disaster management. UNDRR briefed on global trends and frameworks for disaster risk reduction, and also trained participants in practical tools including the online disaster resilience scorecard for cities.

UNDRR Learning Lab on Pre-disaster Recovery Planning at the International Recovery Forum 2024



A UNDRR GETI Learning Lab organized on 24 January 2024 as part of the International Recovery Forum 2024 in Kobe, Japan, introduced the concepts of pre-disaster recovery planning to national and local level policymakers and practitioners from Japan and other countries, and supported experience sharing on recovery planning across multiple sectors. Participants were able to apply the concepts through practical group exercises.

Read more: <https://recovery.preventionweb.net/event/international-recovery-forum-2024-accelerating-progress-building-back-better-resilient>



Bangkok Metropolitan Administration builds up a team for resilience assessment

On 7 February 2024, UNDRR GETI facilitated a technical training for a hybrid team of officials in charge of policy and planning and disaster risk management upon the request of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), Thailand. This 3-hour session provided a comprehensive introduction to disaster risk reduction and urban resilience and helped the team enhance their understanding on the Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient. The training also guided the team on how to use the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities and how to document relevant data in support of the resilience assessment. BMA has initiated the Scorecard assessment following the initial training provided in 2023 and aims to complete the analysis soon to inform the development of key actions to address key disaster risk reduction of the city.



CJK and ASEAN Young Ambassadors Learn about Disaster Risk Reduction and Discuss Regional DRR Cooperation with UNDRR's Support

On 29 February 2024, UNDRR ONEA & GETI conducted a session on Disaster Risk Reduction: Global Concepts, Trends and Country Specific Best Practices for the participants of the CJK-ASEAN Young Ambassador Program organized by the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) in Nanning, China.

The Young Ambassadors Program (YAP) has been organized by TCS on an annual basis since 2013 to promote regional youth exchanges between China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (CJK). To celebrate TCS' 25th anniversary and support TCS's commitment to "Trilateral+X" cooperation, the 2024 edition of the YAP was extended for the first time to youth representatives from ASEAN countries, and held in China for the first time in collaboration with the Guangxi University. The high-level [opening ceremony](#) received significant media coverage in the three countries, and the 10-day programme featured guest lectures on a variety of topics related to regional political, economic, social and environmental cooperation, as well as group discussions, cultural visits and career talks.

UNDRR's session presented key concepts, trends and governance mechanisms related to disaster risk reduction, and introduced examples of best practices and national and local resilience efforts from Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia and other regions. Young Ambassadors were invited to share knowledge and experience related to disaster risk management in their countries and reflect on the challenges that governments and communities in the region face. The session included a rich group discussion which provided an opportunity for CJK and ASEAN Young Ambassadors to brainstorm on possible areas of regional cooperation on DRR in Northeast and Southeast Asia, and on the role of youth in disaster risk reduction. Proposals included to promote local DRR twinning projects between cities and rural areas from CJK countries with similar disaster risk profiles; enhance technical DRR skills exchange between CJK and ASEAN countries; or deploy youth volunteers in disaster relief operations to help with language interpretation between foreign rescue teams and disaster-affected communities. Participants also highlighted the role of youth in supporting research and communication through social media around DRR best practices from their respective countries. Overall, the Young Ambassadors highlighted the importance of mutual trust, exchange and cooperation between their countries to help make communities more resilient in the face of disasters.



GETI delivers DRR training for Fiji Airways staff

On 14 March 2024, as part of an ongoing effort to mobilize the private sector in disaster risk reduction, UNDRR GETI delivered an online training for 25 key staff in Fiji Airways. The training covered key concepts and global trends in disaster risk reduction, as well as case studies, good practices and lessons learned from businesses around the world. Participants were also trained on a tool that helps businesses develop an action plan against disaster and climate risk, and started applying this tool to Fiji Airways. The discussions at the training showed that the aviation industry, given its international nature and complex supply chains, faces a myriad of disaster risks that warrant greater investments in business resilience.



Delegation of National Security Council of the Sultanate of Oman visits UNDRR ONEA & GETI and Incheon: Sharing DRR Concepts and Best Practices of the MCR2030 Resilience Hub

On 4 March 2024, UNDRR ONEA & GETI and Incheon Metropolitan City hosted the delegation of the National Security Council (NSC) of the Sultanate of Oman at the UNDRR ONEA & GETI Incheon Office. The visit aimed to introduce disaster risk reduction (DRR) concepts and Incheon's DRR policies as a Resilience Hub city of the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030).



The delegation, which included the Head of the National Risks Register of the NSC of the Sultanate of Oman, visited the Ministry of the Interior and Safety at Government Complex Sejong, Seoul Metropolitan City, Incheon Metropolitan City, and the National Disaster Management Research Institute in Ulsan during their four-day official program to learn about Korea's risk and disaster management policies, early warning systems, and the use of AI and big data for early prediction. UNDRR presented key concepts, global trends, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The importance of strong leadership, implementation, and participation from all stakeholders at local, national, and international levels was emphasized to prevent and respond to disaster risk exposure and vulnerability, as well as to enhance resilience. Incheon Metropolitan City introduced its priorities and disaster status, as well as 10 preemptive and essential policies and DRR technologies using IT technology, and operation of the Disaster Safety Situation Room as a best practice for a resilient city. The city also presented its efforts in hosting the annual International Disaster Resilience Leaders Forum to share innovative experiences and knowledge, as well as overseas city exchange programs and study tours. The importance of building a cooperative system with the international community for enhancing urban resilience and reducing disaster risks was emphasized.

Following the presentations, the NSC delegation visited the IFEZ Smart City Integrated Operation Center to observe the integrated operation system in action. The system utilizes intelligent CCTV and IoT sensors to monitor disaster, traffic, crime, fire, and environmental pollution situations in real time 24/7.

New Publication & Tools by UNDRR ONEA & GETI

Sharing Northeast Asia's Best Practices in Earthquake Risk Management



UNDRR ONEA & GETI and the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) published a joint report bringing together tools, technologies and best practices in earthquake risk reduction from China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Mongolia. The report is based on the case studies shared by these countries at the Online Workshop on "Tools and Technologies for Earthquake Risk Management: Sharing Experience from Northeast Asia" co-organized by TCS, UNDRR ONEA & GETI and the Education and Training Institutes from China, Japan and Korea (CJK) in August 2023.

Download the report: <https://www.undrr.org/publication/trilateral-best-practices-report-tools-and-technologies-earthquake-risk-management>

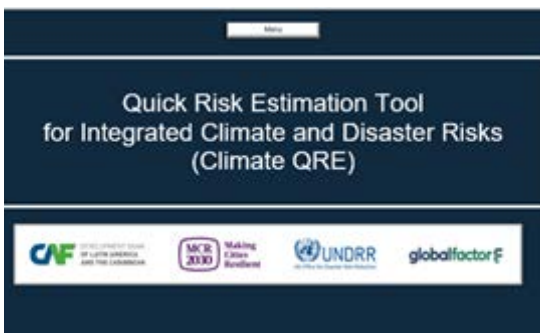
Advancing disability inclusion in local disaster risk reduction: Analysis and recommendations from the pilot implementation of the disaster resilience Scorecard for cities - Annex for the inclusion of persons with disabilities



This report analyses findings and draws recommendations from the pilot implementation of the Disability Inclusion Scorecard Annex in 21 cities globally in 2023. It provides an overview progress of local governments in the inclusion of persons with disabilities across 19 indicators distributed among the Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient. It highlights good examples and reveals key gap areas emphasizing the need for sustained efforts to amplify and consolidate advancements in disability inclusive DRR practices across urban settings.

Download the report: <https://www.undrr.org/publications/report-disability-inclusion-scorecard-assessment>

Quick Risk Estimation Tool for Integrated Climate and Disaster Risks (Climate QRE)



Developed through a partnership between the Latin American Development Bank (CAF) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) under the umbrella of the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) initiative in 2023, the tool is structured as a 'rapid' climate and disaster risk analysis tool; which implies a 'simplified' process that allows for a quick and efficient assessment of risks associated with climate change and disasters. This methodology is particularly useful in situations where there is limited time or resources available to perform a detailed assessment.

Download the Climate QRE: <https://mcr2030.undrr.org/Climate-QRE-Tool>

More useful resources:

- **UNDRR Work Programme 2024-2025**
<https://www.undrr.org/publication/undrr-work-programme-2024-2025>
- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities - Detailed and Preliminary – (new languages added)**
<https://mcr2030.undrr.org/disaster-resilience-scorecard-cities>
- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities: Annex for Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities – (new languages added)**
<https://mcr2030.undrr.org/disability-inclusion-scorecard>

Upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training & Events

03 April 2024

MCR2030 Webinar: Urban finance to advance resilience and sustainability action

Organizers: MCR2030, UNDRR GETI, UNDP

Location: Online

15-17 April 2024

MCR2030 seminar for local governments of the Republic of Korea

Organizers: UNDRR ONEA & GETI, MOIS

Location: Seoul; Daegu; Gwangju, Republic of Korea

18 April 2024

MCR2030 Training for officials of Incheon Metropolitan City

Organizers: UNDRR ONEA & GETI, Incheon Metropolitan City

Location: Incheon, Republic of Korea

29-30 April 2024

Training Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction and Urban Resilience for Bontang Municipality

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, UNDRR ROAP, UCLG ASPAC, Bontang City

Location: Bontang, Indonesia

20-22 May 2024

Training Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction and Urban Resilience for Nepalese cities

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, UNDRR ROAP, CITYNET, Makati City

Location: Lalitpur City, Nepal

04-06 June 2024**ToT on DRR in Humanitarian Settings**

Organizers: UNDRR GETI

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

11-13 June 2024**Education System Resilience Scorecard training with Belmont University**

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, Belmont University

Location: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

11-14 June 2024**Executive Training on Urban Resilience and Making Cities Resilient Training & Workshop on Urban Resilience and Making Cities Resilient**

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, UNDRR ROA

Location: Windhoek, Namibia

26-28 June 2024**City-to-city exchange with Incheon City and MCR2030 training for Quezon City and Pasig City**

Organizers: UNDRR ONEA & GETI, Incheon Metropolitan City

Location: Incheon, Republic of Korea

For updates on upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training and Events, please visit:

<https://www.undrr.org/about-undrr/where-we-work/incheon>