

Disaster Risk Reduction in the Education Sector Bhutan

Projects

Comprehensive Disaster Management Project for the Education Sector, March 2015- August 2016

- Aims to increase disaster resilience of children, schools and communities. Building on the past ECHO-funded SC project activities and lessons learned. The project will be implemented in coordination with the Ministry of Education, the Department of Disaster Management, Paro Dzongkhag Administration and the Central Monastic Body, Dratshang Lhentshog.
- The Project will enhance DRM coordination and improve the integration of DRM concerns within the education sector, strengthen the linkages between the school and community DRR planning and Disaster Management Plans integrating the plans into an annual and five year development process and, develop a monastic school Disaster Risk Management programme.

Activity Snapshot

In 2011, SC in Bhutan began child-centered DRR training in five districts, with focus on increasing the capacity of schools and children to prepare for and respond to disasters, by training disaster-focal teachers and creating a policy environment to adopt school disaster management plans at government level.

SC also supported the training of scoutmasters from 200 schools in all the 20 districts, in emergency preparedness and response. In the School Based Disaster Preparedness (SBDP) project along with strengthening and taking into account lessons from the CCDRR project, the monastic institutions with children (in the five districts) were included. The District Disaster Management Plan for Paro District was developed under the SBDP project along with successful formation and training of core trainers in the five districts. In total 130 schools, 200+ disaster focal teachers, 73 monastic institutions in five districts have benefitted from the SC DRR program.