



Disaster Risk Reduction in the Education Sector India

Projects

Building Resilience of Children and their communities by Integrating DRR, Social Protection and Technology across 5 states of India, Nov 2014- March 2018

- Guided by the Comprehensive School Safety Framework, the resilience of children and communities to shocks and stresses is increased and local school disaster management resource centres are established. Additionally, new technology initiatives that support early warning systems and real time search and rescue activities are implemented.

Restoration of Schools Damaged by Floods and Enhancing School Safety and Resilience among children, teachers and school communities, April 2015- Nov 2016

- Six severely damaged schools located in the flood affected district of Anantang in Jammu-Kashmir state will be restored. Disaster resilient features will be integrated in the rehabilitation of the schools and planning and construction processes mainstreamed into existing district and state government education department plans.

Building safer & resilient communities in urban slums of India, Aug 2015 – Dec 2017

- Increasing the coping capacity of vulnerable children and mothers to manage shocks induced by natural hazards and everyday risks.

Activity Snapshot

In India, SC plays a leadership role in Child Protection and Education in Emergencies. SC continues to implement DRR-based activities in tsunami-affected regions which in turn contributes to ensuring that DRR remains a priority at both local and national levels. Activities include: community and school level hazard vulnerability capacity assessments and analysis; capacity development in schools in coordination with local task forces; and the development, validation and documentation of school-based disaster management plans.

Focus has also been placed on the development of child-centred DRR reference manuals; mainstreaming of toolkits; and disaster drills. Children's groups and child protection committees have developed local school safety plans that aim to protect children in humanitarian crises. In conjunction with the National School Safety Programme (NSSP) – implemented by the National Disaster Management Authority with the aim of promoting a culture of disaster preparedness in schools – SC has distributed a number of school task force kits.

As a result of our advocacy efforts, district school authorities in Odisha have issued directives requiring that all new schools integrate the construction of two new structural safety measures: raised plinths and outward opening doors. In addition, raised water pumps, local passive solar technology and disaster resilient features were introduced into schools that were located in remote villages. In 2013, children from around the country participated in the National Platform for DRR in Delhi, enabling them to share their experiences and visions of a safe and resilient school and community.