

Flood Education and Awareness through Schools in the Lower Mekong Basin

Summary
Discussion points



Overview of the Special Session 3

- Special session 3 had three components
 - **Component 1:** Discussion between Students and others (Govt, UN, NGOs) on School Safety Issues
 - **Component 2:** Sharing of School Safety initiative from Mekong Countries
 - **Component 3 :** Discussion to identify next steps based on component 1 and 2
- 30 – 35 participants including Students, Government, UN and NGOs attended

Issues identified by students for School Safety :

Component 1

Structural measures

- Strong school building
- Safe location of the school building
- Response equipments at school

Non-structural measures

- Interesting reading materials
- Responses aspects to be covered in plan
- School safety to be linked with livelihood
- Capacity building of teachers and parents

Issues identified by students for School Safety:

Component 1

Other issues

- Up-scaling activities to cover whole country
- How to make the parents listen to children
- School safety plan to have mitigation measures
- Climate change aspects should be covered

Opportunities

- Powerful tools for behavioral change
- DRR initiative helped in bringing confidence

Key School Safety Initiatives :

Lao PDR

- 20% local issues can be included in syllabus and DRR has been included in Sayabury (SCA)
- Awareness activities
- System created - children club
- Reading material
- Involvement of children

Key School Safety Initiatives :

Vietnam

- Focus awareness
- Government led
- Skill improvement (swimming)
- Students involvement (child-to-child)
- Structural measures
- Reading material

Key School Safety Initiatives :

Thailand

- Government led
- Awareness generation is extensive
- School plan
- Students involvement
- Partnership and network

Key School Safety Initiatives :

Myanmar

- Focus awareness
- Structural measures
- Linked with other development activities
- Strong institutional mechanism
- Cover Out-of-the school Children

Recommendations

- Child led/centered DRR requires deliberations for linking at national & regional level
- School Safety needs to be linked with other sectors
- Standardization of IEC on School Safety at regional and national levels
- Regional Education Task Force can take up standardization of IEC
- Multi-hazard approach in School Safety needs to be promoted
- Experience sharing on School Safety among Mekong Basin countries to be promoted
- A number of good School Safety Models exist and there is a need of resources for up-scaling