

Disaster Management

Project Factsheet

CONTEXT

Cambodia is considered one of the most hazard-prone countries in the world. The World Risk Report 2017 classifies it as the 8th most at risk and the 15th most exposed country, due to a significant exposure to natural hazards and very limited coping capacities of its population at national and local structures to prevent and mitigate the effects of disasters.

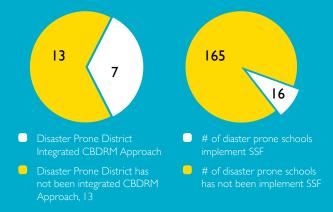
World Vision International-Cambodia (WVI-C) has focused on 20 districts, 46 communes, and 181 schools, in target areas, that are potentially at risk to disasters, such as flood, storm, and drought.

WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL-CAMBODIA RESPONSE

WVI-C has Disaster Management Unit based at National Office in Phnom Penh, which has played role as technical team to support field offices on strategy and programming, in terms of building capacity, and coordinating in implementation both disaster risk reduction and emergency response.

WVI-C has developed Disaster Management (DM) Supporting Approach. DM Supporting Approach is a cross-cutting theme to integrate into core Technical Programs and Technical Approaches. There are 2 integrated approaches such as Communities Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) and Safe School Framework (SSF). CBDRM is integrated into Community Engagement Sponsorship and Plan (CESP) and Safe School Framework (SSF) is integrated into Education and Life Skill (EdLs).

Based on available resource in fiscal year 2018, WVI-C allocated budget to implement CBDRM approach in 6 target districts, SSF for 16 schools in 5 target districts, and 1 target district got both approach/framework. Beside rural target areas, CBDRM approach adapted into urban development program in Phnom Penh.





THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CBDRM APPROACH

In 2018,

- **61%** (709/1152) members of Disaster Management Committee at district/Khan, commune/Sangkat, and village members were trained.
- **51%** (31/61) target communes have been integrated DRR/CCA activities into the Commune Investment Plan (CIP).
- **50%** (7/14) of CBDRM target districts have Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan (DPRP) for their own districts and Khans.

The key partners are progressively active and proactive in working as collaboration with other stakeholders to save life of affected people. They are committed to mobilize and motivate their team to work in better way for the community, especially the most vulnerable children when disaster hit. In the real experiences this year, 7 APs including UVI affected by flood were responded effectively with timely and accountable to the affected people. Following the needs, 767 families, 3,211 people, and 1,719 children benefited from the response program with different sectors such as child protection, WASH, food, and nonfood items.

Beside of progress in fiscal year 2018, WVI-C also experienced on other disaster preparedness activities. WVI-C has jointly cooperated with community and local authority to build flood evacuation center. WVI-C has helped improve early warning system in its target areas through installing water gauge, and early warning through mobile phone. In contribution to greenhouse gas mitigation, WVI-C has jointly cooperated with communities to plant tree and establish community forestry in the protected areas.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFE SCHOOL FRAMEWORK

School Safety is addressed by education policy, and it rests on three pillars-

- I. Safe Learning Environment
- 2. School Disaster Management
- 3. Risk Reduction Education

WVI-C has supported on its implementation through different approach such as working directly with target schools and also working with other NGOs to support the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport (MoEYS).

In 2018, WVI-C built capacity of key partners to motivate and enable them for implementing the framework. In total, 534 trainees including 209 female were trained. Among them, there are 237 (88 female) school directors and teachers, 111 (24 female) School Support Committees members and 186 (97 female) Student Councils. The topics relate to disaster risk management and climate change concept, safe school frame work and its guideline, and first aid, including field practice on conducting school risk assessment. WVI-C supported 12 schools to be safe learning facilities/environment based on risk and



available resource. The schools equipped warning sign and messages for awareness to the students as well as walkway improvement. In addition, the key partners, especially, the school directors and teachers have ownership in developing and implementing their disaster risk reduction plan and preparedness and response plan.

COLLABORATING AND ADVOCATING

WVI-C has worked with other organizations, government, and other related stakeholders on DRR implementation in community and schools, advocacy, emergency response, and sharing lessons learnt through different platforms. WVI-C has taken role as Sector-Co-lead of Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF)¹ for three sectors: WASH, Nutrition, and Protection and as a member of Joint Action Group (JAG)² and Sub-group:

I. DRR and Education

2. DRR and Livelihood.



Next Plan

- Building and strengthening capacity of internal staff and partners on disaster risk management in community and schools
- Supporting in DRR and contingency plans development and implementation at local levels
- Looking for fund to expand implementation of CBDRM and safe school frame work to be more comprehensive and wider coverage areas
- Joint advocating with other agencies to related government ministries for Disaster Management law implementation



² HRF: a platform of NGOs and UN agencies work on emergency response.

