We are here because we realize the urgent need for empowerment of youth and children of our country to be highly involved and consulted in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and management including climate crisis planning and programming.” Philippines Children and Youth representatives, November 2019

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9,681 children and youth

ONLINE
8,268

F2F
1,413

50.2% boys
49.6% girls
0.2% others

Consultation period: Aug 2019 - Jan 2020

TOP 5 CONCERNS for future by children & youth

- Climate Crisis 15%
- Access to work/employment 13%
- Safe from disaster impacts 11%
- Access to education 13%
- Access to basic needs 8%

93% of children and youth see Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change adaptation as an important issue

CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE NOT STRANGERS TO CLIMATE CRISIS

77% of children and youth have noticed more climate related disasters locally in the last two years

99% of children and youth have experiencing disaster risks in the past 12 months
Who is most vulnerable during disasters?

- **18%** children & youth
- **17%** elderly
- **13%** people with physical disability

**C&Y’s Disaster Risk Experienced in past 12 months**

- Floods & Typhoon/Cyclones 25%
- Air & water pollution 22%
- Heat wave (El Nino) & extreme cold (La Nina) 17%
- Drought 13%
- Fire 13%
- Earthquakes 13%
- Landslides 13%
- Epidemic outbreak & animal diseases 13%
- Rising sea level & coastal erosion 7%
- None of the above 7%
- Tsunami 1%

**Strengthen Education Curriculum on Climate Change Adaptation**

Majority of children and youth think they have above average awareness and knowledge on understanding the climate crisis and DRR, learning from different channels.

- **21%** via formal education, and it is particularly significant in the younger age groups
- **15%** via news
- **13%** via social media

Children and youth recommend that governments develop curriculum towards resilience building and include DRR and climate change topics in the school syllabuses.

**Call for Inclusive Approach to DRR and CCA Processes**

- **45%** think children and youth with disabilities are not given enough support to prepare for disasters.

Children and youth with disability faces lots of challenges in context of disaster risk reduction.

**Challenges for C&Y with disability in the context of DRR**

- Limited access to education 24%
- Mobility difficulties/physical limitation 18%
- Social distance/ignorance from people 14%
- Prone to illness, malnutrition or abuse 9%
- Not able to be independent (Separation from parents/caregivers) 8%
- Limited understanding on climate crisis and disaster risk reduction 7%
- Cost of inclusion 6%
- Difficulty in adjusting to a new neighbourhood or community 6%
- Limited language of proficiency 4%
- Lack of space 4%

**Mainstream and Localize Children and Youth Voices in Climate Discussions**

Children & Youth emphasizes the urgent need to empower them and be given the opportunity to be heard and involved. They recognize their potential as agents of change among peers and can contribute to community resilience building, averting and mitigating the climate crisis.

Children and youth called for inclusive approach to DRR and CCA processes, increased participation on the policy and framework for DRR and CCA including their involvement in DRR and CCA activities. There is urgent need for mainstreaming and localization of children and youth in DRR and climate discussions through a similar platform.

Governments and stakeholders should strengthen opportunity to hear children and youth voices in policy processes, including setting up more formal platforms and communication channels between policy makers and children and youth. Children and youth see themselves are “guardians of the planet.” They want to give voice and take action on the Climate Crisis.
What can C&Y do to help address climate crisis & disaster risk?

Recommendations

Children and youth recognized the need to strengthen policies and plans to reduce disaster risks and address further risks.

Current initiatives of the government to prevent and mitigate disaster risks and climate crisis are observed but it is not enough.

All stakeholders, including governments, civil societies, the private sectors and communities, have a responsibility to step up actions against the climate crisis.

**Governments**
- Make strong policies and plans for DRR and CCA
- Invest and allocate resources for DRR and CCA initiatives
- Ensure strict implementation of law and polices
- Provide platforms for children to speak on DRR and CCA
- Develop school curriculum towards resilience building
- Make inclusive school safety planning compulsory in every school

**Civil societies**
- Provide linkages to the government and people
- Conduct eco-friendly activities and conserve the environment
- Include participation of children and youth in the consultations for regional and global platforms

**Private sector**
- Protect the environment
- Should be given heavy taxes on non-renewable resources
- Contribute and help in mitigating greenhouse gases

The children and youth would like governments, NGOs and stakeholders to include children and youth by allowing them to participate, have their voices on DRR and climate issues heard and raised across various forums platforms – locally and internationally.

They also called for all state leaders to prioritize the future of children in their countries and join hands to help other countries that are experiencing crisis/disasters as well as working together to reduce the risks.

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