School Safety Initiative

Key Messages
ASEAN Regional Conference on School Safety 2019

**Continue** to prioritise the implementation of the Comprehensive School Safety (CSS) Framework and its integration into education systems.

**Be committed** to supporting the ASEAN cross-sectoral coordination committee on ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative (ASSI) by investing resources in the cross-sectoral coordination committee and strengthening its leadership that facilitates the harmony of different initiatives in school safety.

**Strengthen** commitments to support the regional and national level multi-stakeholder platforms for school safety.

**Invest** in making boys and girls, children with disability and other vulnerable children’s groups, more resilient to disaster and advocate for partnership and collaboration with wider stakeholders for ASSI sustainability.

**Acknowledge** the active role of boys and girls, children with disability, and other vulnerable children groups in decision making, implementation and monitoring process related to disaster risk reduction.

**Monitor** and report the achievements and milestones on school safety programming across ASEAN Member States, based on disaggregated data across gender, age, and disability, in alignment with AADMER and ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2016-2020.

**Ensure** the protection of girls and boys, children with disability and other vulnerable children’s groups and building the resilience of the education sector in times of natural disasters and protracted crises.

**Strengthen** social protection systems by building resilient social and physical infrastructures and ensure access to basic rights-based services built on proper multi-hazard risk analysis.

**Become** a Country Members of the Worldwide Initiative on Safe School for a stronger commitment to Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSSF).

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Asia Pacific region, the most hazard-prone in the world, is home to 750 million young people aged 15-24 and 25.3% of its population is under 14 years old.

World Vision collaborates with various government stakeholders, schools teachers and other child-focused organisations, in Asia and the Pacific, to enhance school safety by using the Comprehensive School Safety Framework.

World Vision conducts disaster preparedness activities, provides Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) facilities to ensure safer schools and invests on capacity building of students, teachers and schools with the aim of reducing disaster risks and enhancing disaster management skills.

Preparedness activities include, comprehensive evacuation drills, child-focus education activities, teacher trainings, establishing and strengthening school early warning systems, facilitating the formation of participatory disaster management committees, organising safety for school promotional campaigns, investing in fire fighting equipment, creating preparedness plans, as well as developing and distributing different DRR tool-kits and materials.

To further boost the sustainability of the school safety initiative in various countries, at the policy and systems level, World Vision provides technical support to build the capacity and preparedness of national and local governments and civil society organisations.

In Asia Pacific, for the past decade, World Vision has been implementing the school safety initiative in at least 12 countries - Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Solomon Islands and Vietnam.

Since 2011, World Vision has reached more than 623,500 children in various schools.

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