

One-Day State level Workshop on “Developing effective School DRR Action Plan along with the cost estimation”

10-May-2023

Venue: Seminar Hall, GIDM

Organized by



Schedule

Schools are key infrastructure for the social progress where children spend considerable amount of their days' time. Therefore, among the other pertinent activities provided at school, the most important is to provide 'a safe learning environment'. Children due to their age have their own set of associated risks. They are psychologically and physically vulnerable to death, injury, illness and abuse and often experience disruption and delays in their educational delays in case they fall victim to any sort of traumatic incidents. Here comes the role of all stakeholders that are part of education system, from policy makers, to bureaucrat, to School Management, and local NGOs.

At national level, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) came up with a National School Safety Policy Guidelines in 2016. The document lays a foundation of role and responsibilities of stakeholders across all levels like national, state, district, schools, NGOs and other such towards ensuring safety of students. Importance of structural and non-structural safety, preparedness measures like mock drills and identification of evacuation routes etc. are also highlighted in the policy document.

Further in 2020, the National Education Policy lays down the goal of every educational institution- it mentions about safe and stimulating learning environment, good physical infrastructure and appropriate resources conducive to learning are available to all students. The union ministry has recommended the Guidelines on School Safety and Security (2021) for fixing the accountability of the School Management in the matter of Safety of the Children studying in all Schools including Private Schools, the notification said.

Supporting to which, in 2021, Education Department, Gujarat, has also mandated the establishment of a School Disaster Management Committee and incorporating school safety and security one of the roles and responsibility of School Management Committee to lead risk reduction and response efforts during emergencies, actions on continuity of learning and making the school ecosystem safe and secure for school community. In order to anchor school safety and security concerns at school level, formation of School safety Focal Point Teachers in 54657 schools; Government resolution on updated school disaster risk management plan template. An order has also been issued on incorporating School DRR Action Plan, an annexure of School Development Plan, so as to mainstream disaster and climate risks in the planning, implementation and monitoring level.

In order to strengthen risk informed governance in the state, GIDM and Samagra Shiksha have signed an MoU in support with UNICEF in 2021. The initiative has created a platform through which focused capacity building and knowledge creation activities are being conducted to build the capacity of 11250243 enrolled students and 387174 teachers of 54657 schools in the state.

Based on our commitments, following knowledge products have been created in order to strengthen capacities of school community and authorities-

1. ToT module on Comprehensive School Safety
2. Dos and Don'ts on local hazards
3. Comic Book on 5 major hazard and Gujarat (English and Gujarati)
4. School Disaster Risk Management Plan Template (English and Gujarati)
5. E-course on school safety (English- completed; Gujarati- In progress)

As a part of which 207 Master Trainers were trained across 33 districts. In this initiative GIDM, GSDMA, UNICEF, and Unnati extended their technical support.

1. Through these series of training programs, it is expected from participants that they would learn various concepts of school safety and security in context with the risks posed by local hazards, WASH services, psycho-social safety physical health, cyber security and undesirable intentional human behaviours or actions.

2. To understand how the capacity building of School Management Committee, School Disaster Management Committee, School Safety Focal Point Teacher can be planned and implemented.

3. It was expected that their understanding on different components and planning process of a School Disaster Risk Management Plan would help support schools make their development plan risk informed and also establishing the importance of learning continuity during emergency situations through alternate mechanisms and activity-based pedagogy.

While interacting with Schools and School Safety Focal Point Teachers, a pertinent point of discussion was how to make Risk register of schools and concerning to that how to develop an effective DRR Action Plan of the schools.

Looking at the scope of work and efficient implementation of safety and security measures at the school level, GIDM, in association with Samagra Shiksha, UNICEF and UNNATI, is planning to organize One-Day State level Workshop on "Developing effective School DRR Action Plan along with the cost estimation" on Wednesday, 10-May-2023 at Seminar Hall, GIDM.

The expected outcome of the workshop would be to draft a Compendium concerning a list of DRR activities focusing on local hazards at the school level along with the cost estimation which will provide guidance to schools on how to develop an effective School DRR Action Plan. The eminent NGOs may support identifying DRR activities that can be a part of mitigation and adaptation measures at local level and the officials from Samagra Shiksha and GCERT may support identifying an estimated cost of the activities that schools may consider while developing their SDRMP and keeping the DRR Action Plan as an annexure of the School Development Plan. We believe that this would strengthen the capacity of schools and contribute in Disaster Resilient Gujarat agenda.

Wednesday, 10 th May 2023 GIDM Seminar Hall		
Time	Discussion Points	Facilitator
11:00 – 11:10	Introduction & Background of the School Safety and Security Initiative at state level	UNICEF
11:10- 11:35	How to develop an effective School DRR Action Plan along with the cost estimation	Mr Kirit Parmar, Unnati
11:35- 11:45	Tea Break	
11:45-1:00	Discussion on Activities- Structural and Non Structural DRR activities and it's estimated cost	Civil Department and Quality Cell Samagra Shiksha Mr Kirit Parmar, Unnati
1:00 onwards	Lunch	