



Save the Children is the world's leading independent organisation for children. We work in over 120 countries.

We are committed to reducing children's vulnerability to humanitarian crises, ensuring their right to survival and development after an emergency and providing the support they and their families need to quickly recover and re-establish their lives, dignity and livelihoods.



REDUCING RISKS AND RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

Cambodia has a history of periodic humanitarian crises, particularly floods and droughts, which disrupt children's education and threaten their health and security. Since 2009, we have strengthened our capacity and that of our partners to respond to major disasters at all levels through effective preparedness and contingency planning, training, simulation and deployment. Working with our partners, we implement an agenda of actions in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), integrated in all thematic programmes and informed by the lessons learned from emergency response and recovery.

When an emergency strikes, we aim to be among the first to initiate relief operations and rehabilitation activities. In 2016, we co-led the Education and Child Protection clusters of the Humanitarian Response Forum to respond to the worst drought to hit Cambodia in 50 years by delivering emergency water supplies to affected children and their families. As part of our mandate to 'build back better', we supported our target schools and communities to enhance their resilience to future disasters by providing cash grants to highly

vulnerable families and installing rainwater harvesting systems and water tanks in the worst-hit schools.

PROGRAMME GOAL

Our goal is to help Cambodian children, families and communities prepare for, reduce the risks of, and recover from disasters; and to build excellence as a leading humanitarian response organisation.

OBJECTIVES

Respond to emergencies when they occur under guidance from an Emergency Preparedness Plan, informed and enhanced by experience from previous emergency operations.

Ensure that Save the Children can achieve its target of meeting the basic needs of at least 25% of children affected by disaster with a timely and efficient humanitarian response.

Integrate DRR and CCA into all our programme areas to reduce the vulnerability of communities to disaster.

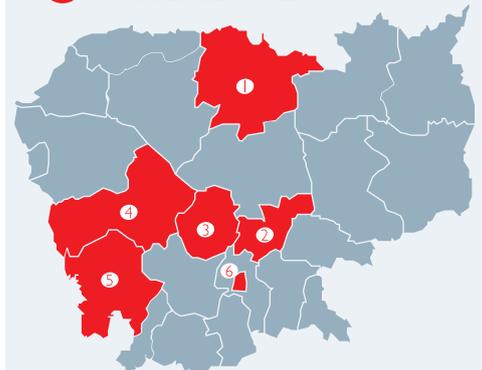
Strengthen staff and partner organisations' capacity for emergency preparedness, risk reduction, response and recovery.

ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2016, our Humanitarian programme reached an estimated **121,900** children and their families.

- Nearly 20,000 school children and 1,480 adults in 72 schools received drought response support, including distribution of water containers and filters, water saving devices, water tanks, hygiene items and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, as well as construction of resilient water storage tanks and rainwater harvesting systems.
- 34 schools with more than 2,000 children developed school Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans.
- More than 100 DRR mitigation measures were introduced into the Commune Investment Plans of highly vulnerable communities in Koh Kong Province.

WHERE WE WORK



1. Preah Vihear
2. Kampong Cham
3. Kampong Chhnang
4. Pursat
5. Koh Kong
6. Phnom Penh



HUMANITARIAN

Save the Children helps communities to recover from emergencies, working in the sectors of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Education, Child Protection, Food Security and Livelihoods and Health. In close collaboration with partners, we re-establish access to education as quickly as possible, by setting up temporary learning spaces, distributing learning and teaching materials, providing conditional cash transfers, and training teachers on how to support children during emergencies. In schools and communities, we improve sanitation, repair water points and latrines and restore damaged structures. Through cash transfer programmes, community members are able to meet their basic needs during and after times of disaster. Save the Children has made important progress in advocating for children's needs, views and opinions to be taken into account in government and community preparedness and contingency plans.

RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Our emergency response and preparedness activities link closely to our DRR and CCA agenda through strengthening existing risk reduction activities and identifying opportunities to further improve them during disaster recovery. Save the Children and partners' recovery approach focuses on building resilience to reduce vulnerability, with emergency preparedness and recovery actions integrated into existing programmes.

We use a holistic approach to mainstream DRR and CCA through establishing risk reduction activities and training within the Education, Health and Child Protection sectors. As the co-lead of the Humanitarian Response Forum's Education and Child Protection clusters, we work closely with UN agencies and technical working groups to advocate and support national stakeholders to mainstream DRR and CCA into their policies and procedures.

We have been working closely with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, UNICEF and technical

working groups to develop Education Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan guidelines; education sector contingency planning guidelines; and formats and tools for needs assessments in emergencies. Together with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, we are rolling out an integrated DRR curriculum for Grades 4 – 6 and teacher training modules to institutionalise DRR in the Education sector. Capacity building activities for staff, partners, volunteers, teachers, school support committees and children on integrating DRR and CCA into Education, Child Protection and Health sectors are also being undertaken.

PARTNERS

GNS Science NZ, Humanitarian Response Forum, Joint Action Group for DRR (JAG), Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Ministry of Environment, National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), UNICEF.

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