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CHILD-CENTRED CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (4CA) SOUTHEAST ASIA REGION

According to the latest Climate Change Vulnerability Index, countries in South and Southeast Asia make up one-third of all "extreme" risk nations worldwide. The region accounted for 65% of the world's deaths caused by natural disasters and affected more than 200 million people on average in the last decade.

PROJECT APPROACH

AWARENESS RAISING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- Research on children and climate ch ange impacts
- Production of training material and toolkits on assessing climate change vulnerabilities
- Production of education material, cur riculum and teacher manuals
- Holding and facilitating awareness and learning events, hand-on trainings and games

CLIMATE-SMART LOCAL ACTIONS

- Supporting vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning processes
- Providing seed grants and technical as sistance for the implementation of small projects in communities and schools such as reforestation, water harvesting, filters for drinking water, small protection measures like dykes

ADVOCACY

- Supporting child-led advocacy on DRR and climate action through production or organization of participatory videos, radio, drama, photo competitions and debates
- Facilitating advocacy and coordinati on with local, district, national and regional governments to enable the xuptake and upscale of activities

SCALING UP

Between 2011 and 2014 Plan International implemented 4CA on a pilot basis in four countries in Southeast Asia. After this successful pilot phase, 4CA is now implemented in 14 countries across Asia and the Pacific.

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BANGLADESH - CHILD-CENTRED CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (4CA)

A 2011 UN Assessment Report on DRR ranked Bangladesh 1st and 6th among 162 countries in terms of human exposure to floods and cyclones. 23% of the country's area in Bangladesh is vulnerable due to rising sea levels. If the sea level rises by one meter, 30 million people will be displaced by 2030.
Agricultural production will reduce by 40% by 2050 thereby impacting on food security and nutritional status of the population.

Plan International Bangladesh has been implementing the 4CA project from 2013, benefitting 2.970 adults and 40.605 children and youth in Barguna and Dhaka.
The 4CA project design combines Plan's experience in child-centred community development (CCCD), community-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRR) with academic research on the interplay among development, disaster management and climate change adaptation.
A second phase is planned to start in 2016 making use of the lessons learnt from phase one: a strong emphasize will be put on the transition from awareness raising to behaviour change as well as integration of trainings into school curricula.

NEPAL - ENHANCING COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILIENCE AND TESTING OF COMMUNITY-LEVEL FLOOD RESILIENCE MEASUREMENT TOOLS WITH ZURICH INSURANCE GROUP

The two-year program of Plan International Switzerland and Zurich Insurance Group (Zurich) in Nepal links disaster resilience with the community's well-being and capacity enhancement. One of the core objectives of this program is to develop and implement appropriate activities to strengthen the local community's flood resilience capacity, funded by Zurich's charitable Z Zurich Foundation. At the same time Zurich's community-level flood resilience measurement tools will be tested and enhanced. Zurich's program to increase flood resilience represents a new approach to cross-sector collaboration, based on an innovative alliance linking flood research, community-based programs and risk expertise.

This approach to measure community-level flood resilience could form the basis of an empirically proven methodology for measuring resilience which could be universally applicable.

For further information see: https://www.zurich.com/en/corporate-responsibility/flood-resilience

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