



Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience
in the Education Sector

2023-2025 IMPACT REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

Education systems worldwide face heightened risks as a result of the impacts of climate change, natural hazards, conflict, violence, health emergencies, and technological hazards. These challenges are already having negative repercussions, disrupting learning, endangering children and educators, and eroding long-term development gains, particularly in fragile and crisis-affected contexts. Despite growing recognition of these risks, responses over the past years have been fragmented, hazard-specific and weakly institutionalised across education, disaster risk reduction, climate and child protection sectors.

The Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector (GADRRRES) was established to address this systemic gap. Established in 2013, GADRRRES is a coalition of UN agencies, international non-governmental agencies, humanitarian and development organisations and networks, youth organisations, donors/multilateral funds, and private sector organisations working together to advocate for and support child rights, resilience, and sustainability in the education sector through a comprehensive approach to school safety. Its mission is not to deliver stand-alone projects, but to ensure that duty bearers and their partners have the evidence, coordination mechanisms and operational guidance required to protect education systems at scale. The 2023–2025 Strategy operationalised this mandate through a collective impact approach aligned with the Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSSF) 2022–2030.

2023-2025 STRATEGY

In 2023, GADRRRES agreed a new two-year strategy to guide the Alliance’s work through to 2025. The strategy outlined three areas for impact:



Strengthening coordination and capacity



Improving global knowledge management



Advocating for school safety



ABOUT THIS REPORT

This Impact Report presents findings from a comprehensive review of GADRRRES activities implemented under the 2023–2025 Strategy.

Our Impact Pathways



Strengthen global coordination and collective impact for school safety.

GADRRRES as an alliance strengthens global school safety through collective actions of members and regional affiliates. The Alliance occupies a unique cross-sectoral space, uniting disaster risk reduction, humanitarian, climate change, child rights, and education actors behind shared tools and approaches. Collectively, GADRRRES members work to integrate the Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSSF) into national, regional, and global dialogue, including through influencing national planning, supporting regional training, and elevating the CSSF in global climate, disaster, and education fora.



Improve global information, resources and knowledge management, research and capacity development for Comprehensive School Safety.

GADRRRES has evolved into the global reference point for safe and resilient learning environments, providing a unified platform where UN agencies, INGOs, regional alliances and governments align around shared tools, templates, and resources. Through collective action, GADRRRES members strengthen the global evidence base for school safety and develop valuable public goods that are instrumental for governments and partners to plan, monitor, and scale school safety interventions. Members consistently describe the Alliance as *the* space where an all-hazards, all-risks approach to school safety is coordinated at scale, avoiding fragmentation and duplication.



Advocate for Comprehensive School Safety.

GADRRRES' unique cross-sectoral structure and strong reputation put the Alliance at the heart of policy influencing for school safety. At national level, GADRRRES members use the Alliance's tools, evidence, and resources to influence national and sub-national policymaking. At the regional level and most often led by GADRRRES regional affiliates, coordinated workshops, trainings, and support shape shared workplans and strategies. And at the global level, GADRRRES and its members have been instrumental in securing outcomes for children on comprehensive school safety across international education, climate change, and disaster risk reduction processes.



“Through this work, I witnessed firsthand the power of partnerships with deliberate strategic advocacy—combining data and evidence, thoughtful engagement, coalition-building, and policy influencing that shift systems in ways that not only support school safety today but also create lasting change at scale for tomorrow. When programmes are connected to policy, institutions, and shared responsibility, they create conditions for resilience that lasts – enabling schools to remain safe, prepared, and able to support children’s learning well into the future.”

Nicole Ngeow
Executive Director
Prudence Foundation



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Our Achievements 2023-2025

Endorsing
countries

85



+2

Champion
Countries
(Peru, Costa Rica)

Translations of the
Comprehensive
School Safety
Framework

12



14+

New Alliance
Members



Our Achievements

2023-2025

Growing Alliance, Expanding Reach



- Global membership expanded from 14 organisations in 2022 to 29 members in February 2026.
- Expanded to 4 Regional Affiliates, covering West and Central Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia Pacific, and East and Southern Africa.
- Doubled LinkedIn followers, increasing reaching and influence.
- Steading growth in interest and demand for the public goods, tools, and resources provided by the Alliance, as demonstrated by survey data.

Global Policy Influencing



- 85 countries now endorse the Comprehensive School Safety Framework.
- 2 Champion Countries appointed.
- 36 governments took part in a Safe School Ministerial Meeting at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, led by UNDRR.
- Global Comprehensive School Safety Policy Survey implemented across 46 countries, 2 island territories, and 21 sub-national levels representing 330 million children.
- 70% of surveyed countries now have a designated focal point for school safety.
- Founding Co-Chair of BRALAC Network, a COP31 initiative to advance south-south cooperation on school safety and resilience.
- Major global actors, international and national NGOs are embedding CSSF pillars into core programs and funding frameworks.

Strengthening Capacity and Implementation



- Comprehensive School Safety Framework now available in 12 languages.
- Online, self-paced CSSF training course launched in English, French and Spanish, with a course rating of 4.8/5.
- Launched a new website and resource platform, compiling thousands of cross-sectoral resources.
- CSSF targets, indicators and operational guidance finalised and disseminated, providing governments and partners with practical tools for planning and monitoring.

What's next?



The need for comprehensive school safety has never been more urgent. GADRRRES helps to fill this need, providing coordinated advocacy for all-hazards school safety bridging climate change, disaster risk reduction, education, conflict and violence, child protection and humanitarian action. **No other alliance fills this gap.**

The Alliance's knowledge platforms, tools, case studies, policy surveys and resource libraries will continue to serve as a common backbone that members repeatedly use to design programs, justify investments and advocate with governments. Donor support, therefore, not only funds a secretariat but also underwrites a global public good that the whole sector relies on. It is a cost-effective investment, reaching dozens of organisations through one unified approach.

In the future, GADRRRES will double down on supporting localisation, climate resilience, emerging risks and accountability, while continuing to lead on essential support in monitoring, reporting and resource mobilisation for CSSF, functions that are currently under-resourced. Investing now in these pivots would allow donors to shape the next generation of school safety norms and practices in line with evolving risk landscapes.

GADRRRES as a network will continue to grow, document results and progress, identify where commitments are lagging, and signal clear opportunities for high-impact investment in the sector.

JOIN US

GADRRRES cannot achieve its urgent work without the support of partners. As a small, agile secretariat, GADRRRES currently relies solely on the in-kind support of members, limiting the opportunity for growth in a world where comprehensive school safety is more urgent than ever, and puts the whole Alliance at risk.

In the event that GADRRRES ceased operations, organisation members anticipate immediate loss of coordination, fragmentation of knowledge, and a slowdown in comprehensive school safety implementation at both global and country levels. In the absence of GADRRRES, members expect a drift back to siloed, hazard-specific initiatives -- precisely the systemic failures that donors, governments and partners have spent years trying to overcome. As one member noted, without GADRRRES the ***'Immediate impact would be a loss of global coordination and shared resources, slowing progress on school safety initiatives worldwide.'***

GADRRRES is actively seeking partners who share our mission to make every school a safe school. Contact gadrrres@gmail.com to join us.

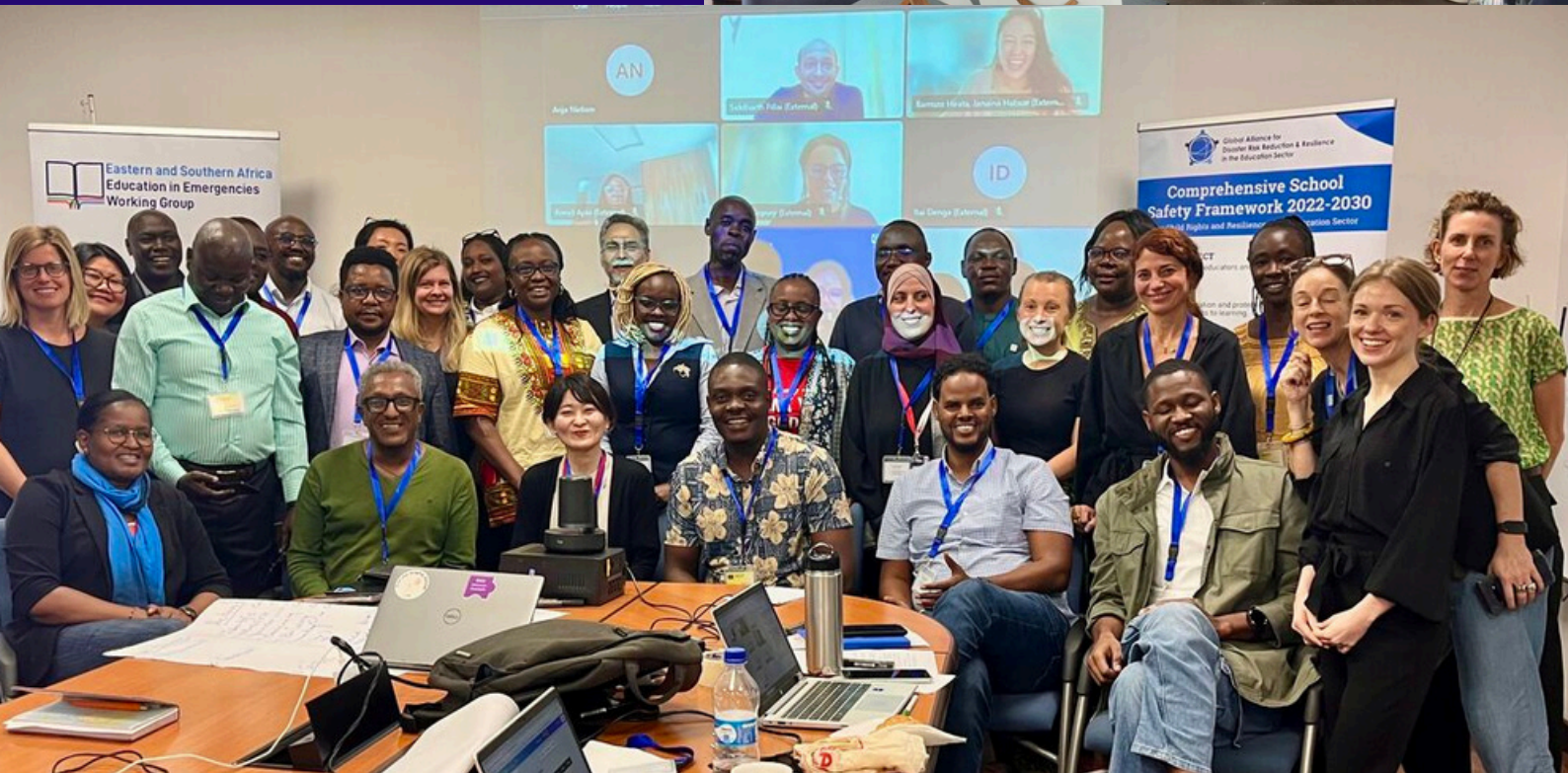
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