

# 13 October - International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

Children are among the most affected by disasters. Every year **175 million children** are likely to be affected by natural hazards, hundreds of them are at risk when attending school.

In the last two years, while disasters have continued to hit, existing challenges for education have been aggravated greatly as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic. At the peak of the disruption to education caused by the crisis, **1.6 billion learners** from more than **190 countries** experienced disruptions to learning with around **117 million** still facing school closures and further learning losses.

The **Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector (GADRRRES)** is composed of 17 partner organizations from the United Nations and International Non-Governmental Agencies, including regional affiliates across the world. The efforts of GADRRRES members and regional affiliates are guided by the **Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSSF)**.

GADRRRES will be releasing an updated CSSF by early next year that integrates an **all-hazards approach** using risk-informed approaches to strengthen the resilience of education systems, communities and individuals and promoting transformative actions through behaviour change to notably scale up disaster risk reduction action.

**GADRRRES and its members call upon all governments and partners to adopt the CSSF and context- appropriate measures to collaboratively promote disaster risk reduction action via the education sector.**

We encourage you to spread awareness about this important message.

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