

On the occasion of the 2022 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector (GADRRRES) is issuing the following statement:

During 2022, while students still struggle to recover from pandemic-induced learning losses, five cyclones devastated parts of Madagascar in January and February, the historical monsoon floods in Pakistan damaged more than 4,000 schools, hurricane Ian is destroying education infrastructure across the Caribbean, and schools throughout Europe were closed unexpectedly due to extreme heat impacts – demonstrating the vulnerability of the education sector. The most marginalised children being unbearably and unacceptably vulnerable.

In the face of **escalating climate change impacts**, it is imperative that we mobilise global, regional and national action to ensure that 1) schools are safe spaces, where children, teachers and staff are protected from **ALL risks**; 2) education is transformed now, to achieve resilient societies by 2030.

Young people everywhere are raising their voices, demanding that we take action now.

"Children from Pakistan and Small Island Developing States, such as mine [Barbados], are on the frontline of the climate crisis, which is leaving education and basic school safety up in the air"

Maria, 13-year-old Environmental Youth Advocate from Barbados, at the Global Launch of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSSF) 2022-2030, September 12th, 2022

"Access to education in a safe environment is still just a dream for most children, more so adolescent girls."

Ilandra, a 22-year-old youth advocate from Zimbabwe, at the Global Launch of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSSF) 2022-2030, September 12th, 2022





As a response to a new risk environment, the GADRRES launched the <u>Comprehensive School</u> <u>Safety Framework (CSSF) 2022-2030</u> in September 2022, calling on Governments and other actors to act now for child rights and resilience in the education sector.

This call to action echoes the commitments of Member States during the Transforming Education Summit (New York, 16-19 September 2022), to protect education in crisis situations.

The main goals of the CSSF 2022- 2030 are to:

- 1. **Protect** learners, educators and staff from death, injury, violence and harm in schools and other learning spaces.
- Plan for education and protection continuity, and limit disruptions to learning in the face of shocks, stresses, hazards and threats of all kinds.
- Promote knowledge and skills of learners and duty-bearers, to contribute to risk reduction, resilience building, and sustainable development.

Organisations and individuals attending the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 27) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, are invited to attend the GADRRRES side-event on: "Protecting education systems against the impact of climate change" to take place in the Green Zone, Hall A, at 5pm on November 10th.





## Join us in this global effort for school safety, resilience and child rights in the education sector:

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