

Concept Note

Development of the Sendai Framework “Words into Action” Implementation Guide for Fostering the Engagement of Children and Youth in Sendai Framework Implementation at National and Local Levels

Topic	Fostering the engagement of children and youth in Sendai Framework implementation at national and local levels
Proposed Target stakeholder	National and Local Governments, Disaster Risk Reduction Focal Points
Proposed Priority Focus	<p>Building on the successful Children and Youth Forum at the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, the Children and Youth Guide will advise national and local governments on how to engage children and youth in the work of national and local platforms for disaster risk reduction.</p> <p>The guide will share experiences and good practices on the engagement of children and youth in the work of platforms and similar coordinating bodies. It will also provide insights on the do's and don't's in engaging children and youth in various aspects of disaster risk reduction.</p>
Reason for priority	<p>Children and youth constitute an enormous pool of human resources with the capacity to reduce the impact of disasters and communities' vulnerability to disasters. As a high-energy group, they are an influential means to impact national governance and motivate concrete actions on the ground.</p> <p>The Sendai Framework recognizes children and youth as agents of change who should be given the space and modalities to contribute to disaster risk reduction implementation, in accordance with legislation, national practice and educational curricula. It also recognizes Governments' leading and coordination role and invites them to “engage with relevant stakeholders, including women, children and youth [...] in the design and implementation of policies, plans and standards”.</p> <p>The unprecedented children and youth's mobilization process in support of the Sendai Framework – during the consultation and negotiating process, on social media, and through the Children and Youth Forum - has demonstrated their capacity to take charge, organize themselves, think strategically and reach out to world leaders. The time has come to translate Governments' commitments to involve them systematically in the decision-making process into concrete action and to change the way world leaders' engagement with them.</p>
Proposed schedule and deadline	<p>Guide development: August-December 2015</p> <p>Guide finalization: February 2016</p>

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