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“Youth Engagement in Disaster Risk Reduction and COVID-19” Webinar

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” We need to understand how to integrate our efforts and the role of DRR to create the desired change and build resilient communities”

DR. Mohammed Al- Arabiat, Board Member and President of GFP

DRR CHALLENGE

During this global Pandemic (COVID-19), it is important to engage and educate the youth about the Sendai Framework (2015- 2030) being the only globally agreed roadmap for reducing risk as it builds on the International Health Regulations (IHR) and recognizes that biological risk is a new and present danger. Infectious diseases travel easily across national boundaries; global resilience is only as strong as the weakest country’s ability to anticipate and prevent.

However more can, and must, be done to support and engage children and youth around the world in DRR to fully implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

Engaging with all children and youth as key stakeholders and contributors in turbulent times is complex, but vital. How we work together now in implementing the Sendai Framework will not only impact young lives, it will affect the trajectory of humanity in the decades to come.

WEBINAR OBJECTIVE

In line with the UNDRR COVID-19 communication strategy, we need to cultivate the next generation of leaders, and to ensure they are looped into decision-making conversations about their future by educating and equipping them with skills and knowledge related to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and enabling them to realize their

role as agents of change, they will be able to make meaningful and effective contributions to the four priority areas of the Sendai Framework.

Specific Objectives:

- Develop youth capacity, knowledge, and skills related to understanding disaster risk reduction (DRR), community resilience and preparedness for meaningful action and the opportunity to engage within the Arab Youth Stakeholder Group for DRR
- Provide an understanding about the four key principles to guide DRR action, child and youth rights, gender equity, a lifecycle approach and inclusion – as well as children and youth perspectives on DRR priorities in their own words.
- Build on the youth knowledge to bring their creativity, innovative engagement and share case studies and child- and youth-friendly resources and stories related to COVID-19
- Achieve inclusive DRR as called for in the Sendai Framework, which requires a meaningful commitment to leave no child or youth behind no matter where they live, who they are and the influences on their lives.
- Introduce the youth to the United Nations Major Group on Children and Youth (UN MGCY) DRR working group and their activities

PANELISTS

- DR. Mohammed Al- Arabiat, Board Member and President of GFP
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KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Understanding DRR and the interlinkages between DRR, the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs is essential mandate that Children & Youth Stakeholder Group for DRR are committed to and is working closely with its network to improve it
- The need to better understand DRR and Sendai Framework being a key principle to guide DRR action
- How we work together now in implementing the Sendai Framework will not only impact young lives, but affect the trajectory of humanity in the decades to come
- It is essential to include all of society in DRR Sendai Framework and ensure a meaningful commitment to leave no child or youth behind
- Implementing the Sendai Framework for DRR provides ideas for DRR action within the Sendai Framework's four priorities for action
- Joining efforts will improve our reach to the youth and ensure better understanding to DRR and the role of youth

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