

# **NOT RISKING IT: CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR**

**Virtual Lab**

**17 - 18 November 2020**



# ACTION IS NOW!

**MERCY Malaysia and UNICEF Malaysia are partnering to advocate for stronger climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) efforts, especially for children and youth in the country. This partnership and its objectives are consistent with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and that broadly articulate intensified actions on CCA and DRR respectively in the education sector.**

The increasing frequency and severity of hazards observed within this region testifies to this global predicament, and Malaysia has not been spared from the impacts of the climate crisis, which further exacerbate threats from the COVID-19 pandemic and many other interlinked risks and hazards – these are a threat to children’s basic rights.

Uncertainties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic has been felt across many sectors and by all segments of society thus system wide transformation is a much needed reform to ensure emerging threats such

as biological hazards, climate related extreme events and its cascading effects are factored in the planning, policy, development, research and implementation related processes.

As the evidence has clearly shown, the climate crisis and environmental degradation act as threat multipliers to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The CCA and DRR research and policy context in Malaysia has witnessed some progress in the areas of national advocacy for policy change, development of tools and guidelines,

documentation of good practices, advocacy for strengthened local action, and strengthening of local networks.

Despite the progress achieved so far, the region is still facing many challenges and gaps especially within the context of ensuring the wellbeing of vulnerable groups like children and youth, especially those from minority backgrounds including those under poverty, indigenous peoples, migrants and children with disabilities.

Active participation and contribution of critical demographics such as youth and children and vulnerable groups especially those that are economically disadvantaged, people with disabilities, girls and women needs to be amplified within the current climate adaptation and disaster management system.

Whilst children may not have been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the indirect

impact from efforts undertaken to contain the pandemic that is the closure of schools and adoption of remote learning, will not only widen the existing gap and inequity within the education system but also illuminate other critical issues pertaining to health, welfare, physical and mental wellbeing of children.

These impacts on children and the education system as a whole due to COVID-19 act as a warning to everyone – while the impacts from COVID-19 have been devastating, the potential impacts from the climate crisis could be much worse if action is not taken now.

Addressing the CCA and DRR nexus amidst the worsening climate crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, sustainable development, human rights and humanitarian agenda require urgent attention. And, most importantly, Malaysia needs its own strategic action plan for transformative CCA and DRR in ensuring coherence, synergy and impact.

# **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Form overall understanding of the country's response to the climate crisis status quo through dialogue mapping in preparing towards the establishment of concrete outcomes at the end of the lab.**
- 2. Heighten policy and practice action through inclusive transformative CCA and DRR processes to support existing local and regional initiatives (e.g. NADMA Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023, AADMER Work Programme and the Asia-Pacific Action Plan).**
- 3. Amplifying the voice of children and youth, as well as of other stakeholders in integrative CCA and DRR policy process through long-term collaboration between stakeholders with MERCY Malaysia and UNICEF Malaysia.**
- 4. Establish action plan on the expansion and next course of action from this event and its partners.**

# **THEMATIC SESSIONS**

**NOV 17**

## **Thematic Session 1**

**Exploring disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures through a child-centric approach**

**NOV 18**

## **Thematic Session 2**

**Voice of children and youth in DRR and CCA policies and measures**

## **Thematic Session 3**

**Defining actions, roles and responsibilities**

## **HOW TO REGISTER?**

**<https://bit.ly/2UnALKu>**

## **NEED ASSISTANCE?**

**Lab Secretariat**

**[knowledge@mercy.org.my](mailto:knowledge@mercy.org.my)**

# PROGRAM

Tuesday 17/11

08.45-09.00

Pre-lab

## Online Registration

Kindly ensure once you have logged in, please rename your profile with your name and the name of the organization that you are representing.

Tuesday 17/11

09.00-09.30

Lab opening

## Opening Remarks

**Dato' Dr Ahmad Faizal Perdaus**  
President, MERCY Malaysia

**Dr Rashed Mustafa Sarwar**  
UNICEF Representative to Malaysia and  
Special Representative to Brunei Darussalam

Tuesday 17/11

09.30-10.15

Presentation

## Keynote Presentation

**Datuk Dr Aminuddin Hashim**  
Director General, NADMA Malaysia

**Dr Hj Azhar Hj Ahmad**  
Director of Educational Planning and  
Research Division, Ministry of Education  
Malaysia

**Dr Animesh Kumar**  
Deputy Chief of the United Nations Office  
for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)  
Regional Office for Asia and Pacific

Tuesday 17/11

10.15-10.30

Lab briefing

## Setting the Stage

**Hafiz Amirrol**  
MERCY Malaysia

# PROGRAM

## Exploring Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Measures Through a Child-Centric Approach

### Regional and Global Perspective

15 minutes

**Seon Mi Choi**

UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office

### Malaysia Perspective

15 minutes

**Professor Dr Mazrura Sahani**

Epidemiology of Environmental and Occupational Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

### Q&A

5 minutes

### Breakout session: stakeholder discussion

60 minutes

### Group presentation

30 minutes

### End of Day 1

Tuesday 17/11

10.30-12.35

Thematic  
session 1

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Wednesday 18/11

08.45-09.00

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Wednesday 18/11

09.00-09.15

Lab briefing

## Recap of Day 1

**Hafiz Amirrol**

MERCY Malaysia

Wednesday 18/11

09.15-11.00

Thematic session 2

## Voice of Children and Youth in DRR and CCA Policies and Measures

10 minutes

**Bryan Yong**

Policy and Research Coordinator  
Malaysian Youth Delegation

### Q&A

5 minutes

### Breakout session: stakeholder discussion

60 minutes

### Group presentation

30 minutes



# PROGRAM

## Defining Actions, Roles and Responsibilities

10 minutes

**Gabrielle Emery**

Asia Pacific Disaster Law Coordinator  
IFRC Malaysia

### Q&A

5 minutes

### Breakout session: stakeholder discussion

60 minutes

### Group presentation

30 minutes

Wednesday 18/11

11.00-12.45

Thematic  
session 3

## Closing Remarks

**Dr Swee Kheng Khor**

Health Liaison Officer (Sabah Operations)  
MERCY Malaysia

Wednesday 18/11

12.45-1.00

Lab closing

# STAKEHOLDER GROUP

## GROUP 1

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**Dr Daniel Mahadzir**

U-Inspire Alliance

Youth UNESCO Climate Action Network (YoU-CAN)

### Rapporteur

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# STAKEHOLDER GROUP

## GROUP 2

### Facilitator

**Dr Nurfashareena Muhamad**

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### Rapporteur

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# STAKEHOLDER GROUP

## GROUP 3

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# STAKEHOLDER GROUP

## GROUP 4

### Facilitator

**Elaine Tan Su Yin** (17/11)  
MERCY Malaysia

**Mohd Khairul Zain Ismail** (18/11)  
SEADPRI-UKM & U-INSPIRE Malaysia

### Rapporteur

**Dr Mohd Faeiz Pauzi**  
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# STAKEHOLDER GROUP

## GROUP 5

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### Rapporteur

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# NOTES

## PRE-LAB

- Kindly ensure that you have registered on the Zoom platform using the link that was emailed to you.
- On both days of the lab, kindly ensure that you have logged in before 9.00 am (Malaysian time) as the sessions will begin on time.
- For your kind notice, ALL sessions will be recorded and a video will be produced after the completion of the lab-using portion of the recordings of the sessions.
- If you require any further explanation or have any objections on this term, kindly notify the secretariat ([knowledge@mercy.org.my](mailto:knowledge@mercy.org.my))
- All participants will be assigned to a specific breakout room for the group discussions.

## DURING LAB

- Kindly ensure once you have logged in, please rename your profile with your name and the name of the organization that you are representing.
- All participants will be muted upon entry into the Zoom platform and will only be unmuted during the group discussion sessions. Please ensure that your camera option remains open throughout all sessions.
- Any questions can be posted in the Q&A section.
- During the group discussion session, each session will consist of 5-6 members, one facilitator and one rapporteur.
- When the breakout room session start, all participants and facilitators will be enter automatically in their assigned breakout room.
- In these sessions, all members will be unmuted and are encouraged to answer the questions posed by the facilitator and also select one representative whom will present the discussion points to the wider audience during the group presentation session.

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