

successful experience of holding such a drill and enclosed a copy of the evacuation map and guidelines prepared by them to facilitate orderly emergency drills in the future.

Various branches of Beacon House school and the City School also wrote back regarding their plans to hold emergency drills in the future based on information provided by AKHBP. Earthquake Drill (Duck, Cover and Hold), and Earthquake Simulation in class Earthquake drills were held in a number of schools.

Boards and skits on disaster mitigation

Students in the Aga Khan Schools prepared special skits and boards for assemblies held on World Disaster Reduction Day. These focused on disaster preparedness measures.



Information displayed on bulletin boards and kept for reference in libraries

A number of schools plan to display information provided by AKHBP on school bulletin boards. Detailed information on the role of school administration and staff in disaster mitigation was sent to all schools by AKHBP. This will also be kept in a number of school libraries for future reference.

Information shared with parents

AKHBP's pamphlet on "Helping Children Cope with Disasters" was also appreciated by the schools. The Aga Khan Schools, The City School and Beacon House reported that this information has also been sent to the parents.

PHILIPPINES

At the national level, the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) together with the Task Force on El Nino Phenomenon initially proposed a symposium on the 1997 World Disaster Reduction Campaign and the water-related effects of the El Nino Phenomenon. However, this endeavour gave way to a much bigger regional summit which was held in Manila: the Asia Pacific El Nino Water Summit / Clean-Up the World Conference.

This event was held from 6 to 9 November 1997 and was organised by the Clean-Up the World Australian Secretariat in cooperation with Clean-UP the World Philippine National Committee and the Task Force on El Nino Phenomenon and supported by UNDP. Through the Office of Civil Defence, the NDCC placed a photo showcase of activities undertaken by the various Disaster Coordinating Councils in support to IDNDR's campaign theme. Flyers and brochures were distributed to the participants and visitors during the summit.

To observe the World Disaster Reduction Day, the 16 Regional Disaster Coordinating Councils (RDCCs) organised school activities, media fora, panel interviews via radio, distribution of pamphlets, and tree planting activities.

In 1998, the NGO Citizens Disaster Response Network made children the target of their public awareness campaign.

A poster designing contest was organised and 51 entries were received from all over the country. The six winning posters were featured in a calendar. The prize giving ceremony for the poster contest became the subject of a television news story.

The Asia Pacific Disaster Management Centre (APDMC), an NGO, planned three workshops each with 30 participants. IDNDR kits were requested for distribution at the workshops. Children enjoyed the public awareness campaign carried out through an established NGO network, Citizens Disaster Response Network. 51 poster contest entries were received from children all over the country and the six winning posters were featured in a calendar.

THAILAND

In 1997, activities included an exhibition at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Secretariat. A pamphlet was distributed of the survey on natural disasters flood events in Asia conducted by ESCAP each year.

In 1998, ESCAP Bangkok organised an exhibition of posters and publications at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok to commemorate the IDNDR Day on 14 October.

