



## COALITION FOR GLOBAL SCHOOL SAFETY & DISASTER PREVENTION EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is compiled from contributions of the COGSS & DPE NETWORK. All items in the newsletter as well as ongoing discussions, Q&A, and working group and committee activities can be found on the [COGSS & DPE Website](#). The website requires registration; a small photo or image to represent you is much appreciated.

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### 1. NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are the new items posted since January 15, 2010.

- Save the Children's Education Cluster plans to conduct a Rapid Needs Assessment in Haiti, piloting the draft Education Cluster Joint Education Needs Assessment Toolkit. Details on this are currently being discussed in the field and will be available soon. A Post-disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) will then follow, with dates to be determined. ***Needed expertise for assessment is being reviewed on the ground, with two roles already identified by the World Bank in consultation with the Minister of Education: a structural building engineer,*** and an education specialist with survey/quantitative skills. If any partners have staff on board that they could quickly mobilize for these roles, please contact susan [ @ ] savethechildren.ch.
- Inés Pearce writes the group to share video of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger talking about the earthquakes in California and Haiti, and discussing " Drop, Cover, and Hold On!" You can view the video at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ymellp1XCY&feature=player\\_embedded#watch-maj](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ymellp1XCY&feature=player_embedded#watch-maj).

- Seki Hirano, Construction Specialist Consultant for UNICEF Goma, writes the listserv to ask if anyone is attending or know somebody who is attending the Montreal conference concerning long-term recovery in Haiti. If so, Seki would like safe structures and DRR discussed as a top priority (even a condition) within all aspects of the reconstruction process:
  - The consideration must start from the master planning stage by designing city wide escape routes and allocation of safe zones/facilities for different types of disasters (fire, typhoons, floods, earthquakes).
  - Then to the make safe building practice a norm, building codes must be put in place for quality control.
- Brian E. Tucker, President of Geohazards International, submits an [editorial](#) outlining future response to the Haitian earthquake. He proposes a portion of funds go towards preparedness and prevention activities like public education and awareness programs, hazards mapping, and the development of public safety policies.
- Following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, several articles have emerged addressing the adverse impacts to Haiti's educational system, child welfare services, and health sectors. Thank you to Marla Petal and Pedro Bastidas for sending links:
  - [Child Protection and Reunification Planning](#). Children have gone missing from hospitals in Haiti since the devastating earthquake struck, raising fears of trafficking.
  - [News Podcast on education in Haiti](#). UNICEF podcast moderator Amy Costello spoke with Chris Hondros, senior staff photographer at Getty Images, and UNICEF's Emergency Adviser on Early Childhood Development Arnaud Conchon, on the situation on the ground in Haiti and the importance of rebuilding and restoring education.
  - [Education and School Systems](#). An overview of the impacts of the earthquake on the Haitian educational system.
- Arkansas Emergency management has made Continuity of Operations Planning for schools a priority in the state. In recent tornados that hit the state, two schools were impacted. The school with advanced planning relocated their students in a week. The schools that had not yet done advanced planning took a month to get back up and running. [http://eam.atu.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=9](http://eam.atu.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=9)
- Paul Grundy writes in to say that there is a good article on DRR at the Huffington Post, [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/alyssa-battistoni/haiti-earthquake-shows-ne\\_b\\_435052.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/alyssa-battistoni/haiti-earthquake-shows-ne_b_435052.html)

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## 2. FORUM DISCUSSIONS

The COGSS&DPE Website has closed and archived all forum discussions from 2009. You may view archived discussion and start new discussions for the 2010 year at <http://cogssdpe.ning.com/forum> . Alternatively, you can send responses and new discussions in an email to COGSSANDDPE-NETWORK[@]GROUPS.PREVENTIONWEB.NET.

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## 3. TRAINING & EVENTS

These are the new training & events items posted since January 15, 2010.

- **Call for papers: Sustaining Healthcare facility Performance during Natural Disasters.** The International Journal of Disaster Resilience in the Built Environment (IJDRBE) intends to publish a Themed Issue that brings together multi-disciplinary research findings in the field of healthcare resilience to natural disasters. The focus is on 'Sustaining Healthcare Facility Performance during Natural Disasters' such as floods, earthquakes, gale, and other events associated with climate change ([http://info.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/call\\_for\\_papers.htm?id=1931](http://info.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=1931)). The Issue has been designed for researchers and academics, policy makers and other professionals working with disaster prevention, mitigation, response and reconstruction responsibilities who wish to improve their working knowledge of both theory and practice.
- The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' (RICS) COBRA 2010 research conference to be held at Dauphine Université Paris, France, on 2-3 September 2010 will feature a Disaster Management stream organised by the Centre for Disaster Resilience at the University of Salford, UK, in association with the INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF DISASTER RESILIENCE IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT. Contributions are invited for this themed session on Disaster Management which aims to stimulate ideas arising from research by exploring a range of perspectives from which the construction industry is able to contribute towards improved resilience to disasters and by facilitating the dissemination of the existing knowledgebase. Contributions are also encouraged from postgraduate researchers in the field bringing together the International Postgraduate community in the field to present and discuss their research. Abstracts are due February 26, 2010. More information on themes and

abstract requirements at <http://www.disaster-resilience.salford.ac.uk/index.php/conferences-and-events/cobra-2010>

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#### 4. PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

These are the new projects & initiatives items posted since January 15, 2010.

- Marla Petal believes that we should be raising the simple campaign slogan worldwide: **Every New School A Safe School**. Schools in Haiti and elsewhere are often built and operated with support from international charities. We have the ability to reach these organizations and alert them to all of the risks that have to be taken into account during planning, design and construction, as well as maintenance and school disaster management. We can support safe school construction and training for the education community. And we can measure our effectiveness. If we accomplish ONLY this, in 50 years, almost all school children will be safe from such tragedies.

<http://www.nbcactionnews.com/news/local/story/Haiti-School-Children-Trapped-KC-Sponsors-are/DCfWAUPrEk-vt0AxXKCubA.csp?rss=764>

<http://www.fox4kc.com/wdaf-story-metro-haiti-school-collapse-011510,0,2544614.story>

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- Ram Chandra Kandel, of NSET, writes that Nepal is now promoting school safety nationwide. This year, during the Earthquake Safety Day, the Nepalese government and Ministry of Home Affairs published notice and started nationwide “Drop, Cover and Hold On.”
- **New Technologies in Emergencies and Conflicts: The Role of Information and Social Networks** UN Foundation and Vodafone Foundation report -- *New Technologies in Emergencies and Conflicts: The Role of Information and Social Networks* -- looks at innovation in the use of technology along the timeline of crisis response, from emergency preparedness and alerts to recovery and rebuilding. It profiles organizations whose work is advancing the frontlines of innovation, offers an

overview of international efforts to increase sophistication in the use of IT and social networks during emergencies, and provides recommendations for how governments, aid groups, and international organizations can leverage this innovation to improve community resilience. We invite you to join a global online discussion about the key themes addressed in this publication. Submit questions for our panel of experts via Twitter (using the tag [#Tech4Dev](#)) or the UN Foundation's [Facebook page](#). **Download the entire report:**

[http://www.globalproblems-globalsolutions-files.org/pdf/UNF\\_tech/emergency\\_tech\\_report2009/Tech\\_EmergencyTechReport\\_full.pdf](http://www.globalproblems-globalsolutions-files.org/pdf/UNF_tech/emergency_tech_report2009/Tech_EmergencyTechReport_full.pdf)

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## 6. DISASTER REDUCTION PUBLICATION AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

The [DREAM Collection of Disaster Reduction Educational Materials](#) now has more than 1,500 items and more are added weekly.

- Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction: training curriculum (flyer and contact information) <http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/trainings-events/edu-materials/v.php?id=12131>.
- Disaster Preparedness Tips from the Canadian Red Cross (full document PDF). <http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/trainings-events/edu-materials/v.php?id=11187>.

To access these resources and view the full disaster risk reduction educational materials collection, visit: <http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/trainings-events/edu-materials/>

**Teachers and Facilitators** please also meet colleagues and make use of discussions on the [Edu4DRR Teachers Network](#).

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