



# Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction & Resilience in the Education Sector

## HOW TO JOIN THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR?

The *Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector* (GADRRRES) is a multi-stakeholder mechanism composed of UN agencies, international organizations, and global networks. We are an alliance of partners, working to ensure that duty-bearers are able to:

- Protect learners and education workers from death, injury, and harm in schools;
- Plan for educational continuity in the face of all expected hazards and threats;
- Safeguard education sector investments;
- Strengthen risk reduction and resilience through education.

Current members include: GFDRR, IFRC, INEE, Plan International, RET International, Risk RED, Save the Children, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNISDR and World Vision. The following regional and country level organizations also work with the Global Alliance: the Asia Pacific Coalition for School Safety and the Disaster Risk Management Education Sector for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our purposes are to strengthen global coordination, advocate for advancing a Comprehensive School Safety approach, and improve global information, resources and knowledge management on risk reduction and resilience education. In support of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, and Education 2030, GADRRRES promotes a comprehensive, 'all hazards' approach to risk reduction in the education sector, through policy, plans and programmes that are aligned with disaster management at national, regional, district and local school site levels. This GADRRRES approach rests on the three pillars of Comprehensive School Safety:

- **Safe Learning Facilities:** including site selection, safe access (functionality), safe construction and retrofit (global structural and local structural), and non-structural safety;
- **School Safety Management:** including standard operating procedures, ongoing school-based planning for risk reduction and educational continuity, drills, etc.;
- **Risk Reduction and Resilience Education:** the integration of DRR into teaching and learning, including DRR in formal school curricula and non-formal education within the framework of Education for Sustainable Development.

## GADRRRES Membership Criteria

### *Obligatory membership criteria:*

- The organization has a strong mandate and experience in either the fields of DRR or education aimed at improving knowledge and practice in risk reduction and resilience in the education sector;
- The organisation has an international mandate and outreach;
- The organisation has the capacity and commitment to ensure active participation in the Alliance.

### *Members must commit to the following:*

- Engage in activities in support of one or more of the pillars of Comprehensive School Safety;
- Share expertise and technical materials in a collaborative manner;
- Provide human and/or financial support for technical support and organizational representation, including approximately 1 day of work per month of one individual, quarterly teleconferences, and one face-to-face meeting per year<sup>1</sup>;
- Actively participate in one (or more) of the Alliance working groups. Standing groups are: Pillar 1, Pillar 2, Pillar 3, and Advocacy. Ad Hoc groups are also formed from time to time;
- Provide of voluntary contributions, such as support to printing, hosting meetings and other costs to support the coordination of the Alliance or working group plans. These may be small-scale and on an ad-hoc basis, informed by work plans, special events, etc.;
- Nominate a focal point and an alternate/back-up representative from your organization.

### **GADRRRES Membership process:**

Any organization that are interested in becoming a GADRRRES member is invited to follow the steps described below to join as either a General Member, or a Regional Affiliate.

Every new application will be reviewed by the Steering Committee **within 60 days** after reception of the application.

- ***General Member***

*Applicants for being a General Member of GADRRRES can be: a UN agency, an international organization or a network (inclusive of intergovernmental agencies) with a strong international mandate in both fields of disaster risk reduction and education.*

- ***Regional Affiliate***

*Applicants for being a Regional Affiliate of GADRRRES can be: a regional NGO, regional offices of GADRRRES Members with a strong mandate in both fields of disaster risk reduction and education.*

**To apply**, please send the following documents to the GADRRRES Secretariat at: [gadrrres@gmail.com](mailto:gadrrres@gmail.com) :

- The general application document with basic organizational information;
- One page statement of interest in becoming a General Member or a Regional Affiliate of the Alliance that states commitment to the Alliance's framework/vision/mission and designates a point of contact;
- Some examples of concrete actions on both disaster risk reduction and education.

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<sup>1</sup> Every effort will be made to organise the face-to-face meeting at the time of the UNISDR Global Platforms for DRR or other key events and conferences at which the GADRRRES will have a significant presence.