



Impact of Disasters on Children

- Children make up 50-60% of those affected by disasters annually.
- In next decade 175 million children likely to be impacted by climate related disasters alone
- Direct impact on the life of children and the livelihoods of their families and communities
- Long term impact resulting from the disruption of services (school drop out, increased protection risk, increased stunting)



UNICEF and DRR

Child Centred Approach

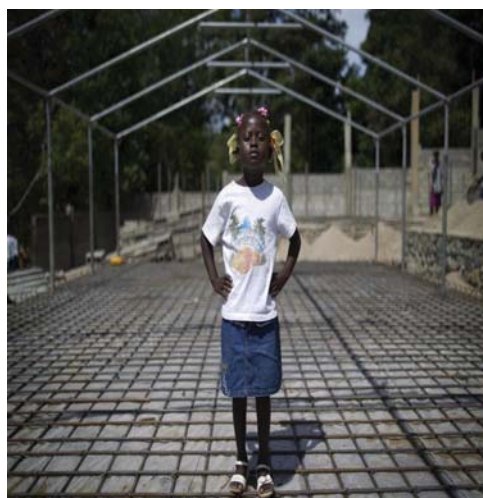
- Assessing disasters risks to children and addressing them through our regular development programmes and our humanitarian action
- DRR for Children
- DRR with Children



3

DRR for Children

- Safe Schools
- Health system preparedness
- Protected water sources
- Community child protection networks
- Risk informed planning at subnational level



4

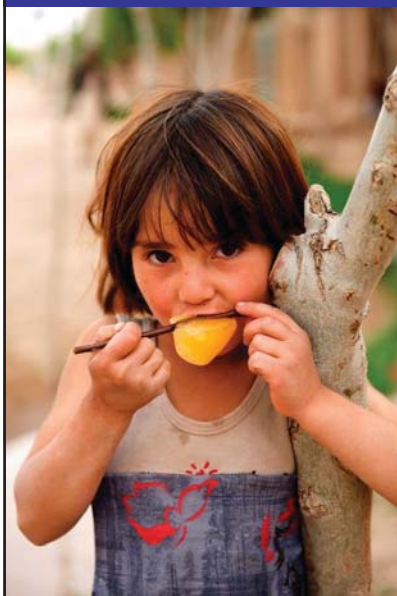
DRR With Children

- Children have unique perceptions of risks (hazard mapping in schools)
- Children as agent of change and future adults
- Participation of children and youth at local, national and global level
- Children's Charter on DRR



5

Children in the Sendai Conference



- UNICEF is an active member of Children in A Changing Climate Coalition.
- The Coalition supported Civil Society to gage children's view on DRR, which resulted in a Children's Charter on DRR
- Key priorities:
 - Safe schools
 - Child protection
 - Participation
 - Safe community
 - Reaching the most vulnerable
- Ensuring meaningful participation of children and youth in the main Sendai conference to engage world leaders and the international community building on a preparatory pre-event

Potential Entry Points for OSCE

1. Participate in ongoing post HFA and MDGs discussions
2. Capacity strengthening of OSCE member states in DRR and resilience (with a focus on **prevention** and **mitigation**) to increase sustainability, security and stability
3. Create space for enhancing cooperation on DRR and resilience between member states
4. Convene knowledge exchange between member states as well drawing experience from beyond the region



7

Thank You

