

**Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority  
Disaster Risk Management Programme  
Muzaffarabad**

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**Report on School Safety Evacuation Drill**

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**Objective:-**

Following are some objectives of School Safety Campaign:

- To understand how to ensure the safety of children and enable them to overcome natural disasters in the future
- To demonstrate concepts and apply methods to make schools safer
- To conduct mock drills for creating awareness among school community

The school evacuation drill has been conducted in 28 High Schools (male & female) of district Muzaffarabad. List of schools is attached as annexure I.

**Process:-**

School Safety Awareness brochure is prepared in English and Urdu. All Master Trainers were assigned to visit all government and private high schools in urban area of city Muzaffarabad and at least three schools in each rural Tehsil area. In this regard twenty eight high schools were visited (out of which eight were girls' schools) and sessions with teachers and students were organized. Copies of brochure were distributed among the selected schools. In this connection, practically drills were conducted in which teachers and students participated keenly and realized the importance of DRR.

A team comprising of three Master Trainers started session with one minute silence. In starting remarks Master Trainers briefed that Pakistan is hazard prone country. No body can stop the losses caused by a



disaster however losses could be minimized, if disaster risk reduction is integrated into the development process of the country. In this regard no task is more important than creating a safe learning environment for our children.

When Earthquake occurs, there is no time to think about where you will be safe. You need to think about it ahead of time so that you can react appropriately and immediately.

8th October 2009 School evacuation drill was conducted in Govt. Girls High School Hattian along with simulation exercise. They are mentioned below

1. Using whistle in case of emergency.
2. Selection and identification of safe routes
3. Identification of safe areas
4. In case of collapse, the children will try to stay in the corners of building or under furniture/desks./tables..
5. Switching-off Gas, electricity connections.
6. Removal of Gas cylinders.
7. In case of fire, application of stop-drop & roll method
8. Attendance check after disaster
9. Casualty handling drill
  - Shoulder carry
  - Human Crunch
  - Hand seats
  - Cradle
  - Making Improvised stretcher
  - Information and communication to the concerned authorities
  - Identification of concerned authorities
  - Arrangement of spinal cord Patient



The school safety drill has been carried out on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 with the help of school teachers and ERRA-DRM Master Trainers.

A very impressive and encouraging feedback has been found from all schools. All teachers and students recognized the importance and significance of the school safety programme. They are extremely willing to initiate work on school safety plan on top priority. Moreover, they committed to conduct mock drills on regular basis in their schools. Also school community requested and suggested for a detail school safety training programme in their schools. They made suggestion to all stakeholders for launching an advocacy campaign for developing of school safety curriculum and it should be taught as a separate subject in our education system.

At the end they all thanked ERRA DRM team for its valuable effort for organizing such an important event of school safety awareness.