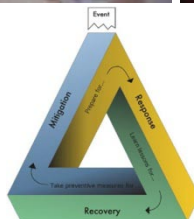


## DM clubs in Schools of Haryana – A concept note



Children are the most vulnerable victims of any form of hazard-be it natural disasters like flood, earthquake, landslide or manmade disasters like fire, terror attacks, stampede. It is a well established premise that it is not the hazards that kill but unsafe construction, ill-preparedness, and lack of awareness that make a hazard into a disaster. The young minds are most receptive to new ideas and need to be trained and made aware of certain basic principles that would not only save their lives but also being future citizens they play an important role towards nation building . Therefore, it is important to address disaster preparedness through fun activities in the school and promote the “culture of safety & preparedness” at an young age. Few steps could be undertaken to achieve this mission:

- All the schools of the state must have a DM club which will undertake the following activities:
- Dm clubs will promote the awareness on disaster management.
- DM clubs will prepare emergency preparedness and response plans for the school, involving students, PTI teachers
- DM clubs will be the resource centre for the children to provide them awareness generation material for disasters i.e. Do’s and Don’ts, poster, calendar etc.
- DM clubs library will provide books on all disasters to educate students about disasters
- DM clubs will provide training, including health and safety and disaster relief.
- DM clubs will provide volunteer and leadership opportunities for students.
- If any disaster happens to the approachable community, DM club members will help in relief work by collecting cloths, donation, food and other necessity items.
- Dm club will organize disaster management awareness generation painting competitions
- DM club will show disaster management film/ documentary on weekly basis

- Dm club will promote the culture of safety among students and their families
- Dm club will teach the student for preparing hazard maps for their community and school
- DM club will equip students with basic lessons in tackling a fire outbreak, an accident in a chemical laboratory, earthquake, flood or even a bomb threat or hostage crisis
- DM club will also involve the families of the students in disaster management activities
- DM club will undertake the plantation activities for the school and the nearby community
- Recognition and prize must be given by Secretary/DC of the respective district to encourage students

**DM Club Volunteer Commitment:**

- Give myself and my time to improve my life and the lives of those around me.
- Support and follow the DM Club, Mission Statement, and Fundamental principles.
- Donate at least 2 hours a week for DM club activities.
- Attend DM club meetings regularly.
- Will educate my family members and friends about the disasters