Engaging Children and Youth in DRR

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1. Why Children and Youth in disasters?
2. Key Gaps
3. Introduction to questions for group discussions
Child: Person below the age of 18 (UNCRC)

Youth: Person between 15-24 years (UNESCO)

- Definition varies, fluid category (15-35 years)
- Education and employment dependent
WHY children and youth in disasters?
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3.2 million children of 8 million persons affected by Nepal earthquake 2015

Socially vulnerable group
Amongst most affected

50% of the population affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines represented Children...
WHY children and youth in disasters?

Unique Resilience not adequately captured

*Expert 6 year old divers!*
Key Gaps: Children & Youth Missing in....
1. Disaster Risk Governance

Engagement at local, regional and national level

- Engaging those who are not enrolled in school
- Rural communities
- Urban slums
- Isolated locations
2. Research, Risk Assessments and Practice

- Disaster Research ON & WITH children

- Understanding differential vulnerabilities of different sub-groups of children and youth:
  - Young infants
  - Adolescents
  - Young adults/ Youth

- Methods and Tools?
- Quantitative vs. Qualitative
- Disaggregated data
2. Research, Risk Assessments and Practice

- Communicating Disaster Risks
- Understanding children’s perceptions
- Inclusion in risk assessments
- Technological innovations?
3. Children and Urban disasters

Children in Informal settlements, slums

Child Friendly Cities

Safe Schools
Thank you!

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