



# Engaging Children and Youth in DRR

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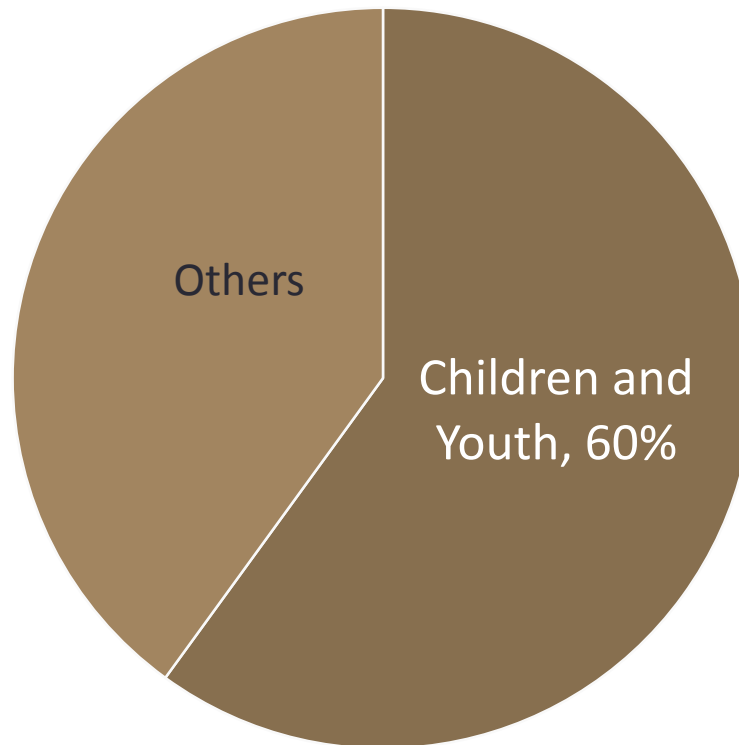
Child: Person below the age of 18 (UNCRC)

Youth: Person between 15-24 years (UNESCO)

- Definition varies, fluid category (15-35 years)
- Education and employment dependent

# WHY children and youth in disasters?

**World Population**



# WHY children and youth in disasters?



**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



- ◆ Methods and Tools?
- ◆ Quantitative vs. Qualitative
- ◆ Disaggregated data

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

## 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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