

Learning Workshop on Community Smart Disaster Risk Management (CSDRM) in Manila, the Philippines

CEDAC's Program Officer, Mr. Yim Sok Sophors, and Mr. Bunna, a staff member from PLAN International Cambodia, attended a five-day regional learning workshop on the CSDRM approach from 17-21 October, 2011 in Manila, the Philippines. The purpose of the learning workshop was to ensure that PLAN's country offices and its partners will learn from the experiences of implementing the SCR (Strengthening Climate Resilient) and CSDRM approaches.

In total, 23 participants from different PLAN country offices attended the workshop, including 2 representatives from PLAN's partners, CEDAC and an Indonesian government official. During the workshop, the participants shared knowledge and experiences in implementing CSDRM (Community Smart Disaster Risk Management) with each other. The three pillars, 12 action points, and indicators of the CSDRM approach were raised for discussion and explanation during the meeting. Some successful case stories relating to the CSDRM approach were also presented during the meeting.

The meeting provided good opportunities for the participants to actively learn about the CSDRM approach and especially to provide some initial ideas for working and promoting the CSDRM approach in their respective home countries. During the last day of the learning workshop, the participants discussed the child-centered CSDRM approach. Last but not least, the summing up and reflection of the learning workshop was conducted at the end, the participants were really interested in the workshop as it is strongly relevant to their current work and lives.

