

# Disaster Risk Reduction policies and Practice in Lao PDR

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# Hazards and disaster in Lao PDR

## Natural disaster:

- Flood (river flood and flash flood)
- Drought
- Storm
- Landslide
- Epidemic (human, animal disease), including birth flu
- Pest
- Earthquake



## Man-made disaster:

- UXO
- Fire (forest, houses)
- Accident (land, air, water)

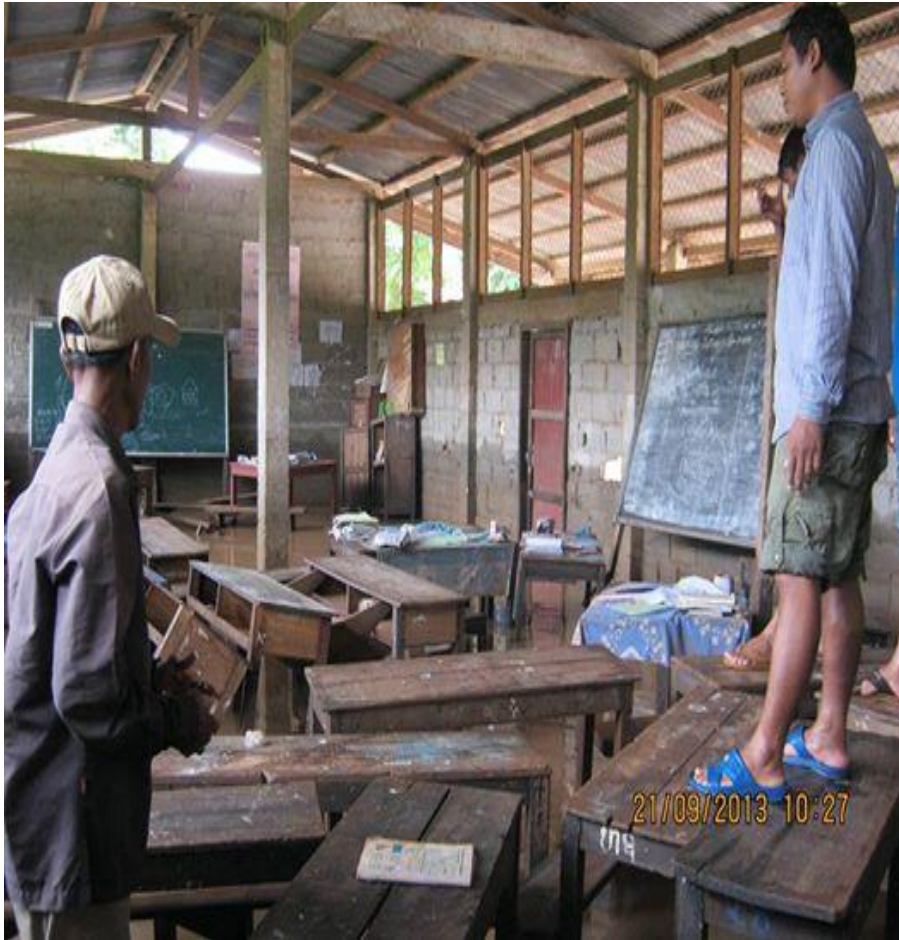


# Impact of disaster on education

Types of natural disaster	Provinces	Number of schools	Estimated damage cost
Floods, windstorm and landslide (2013)	4 provinces (North) 3 provinces (Central) 5 provinces (South)	229	4,299,953,000 kip (approximately USD 537,491)
Floods, windstorm and landslide (2014)	4 provinces (North) 2 provinces (Central) 3 Provinces (South)	51 1 Teacher Training College	2,802,688,609 kip (approximately USD 350,336)

Source: MoES DM focal point report 2013 & 2014

# Schools are affected by flood in 2013



Pictured by Somphone Vilaysome, Secondary Education Department (2013)

# Policies for risk reduction

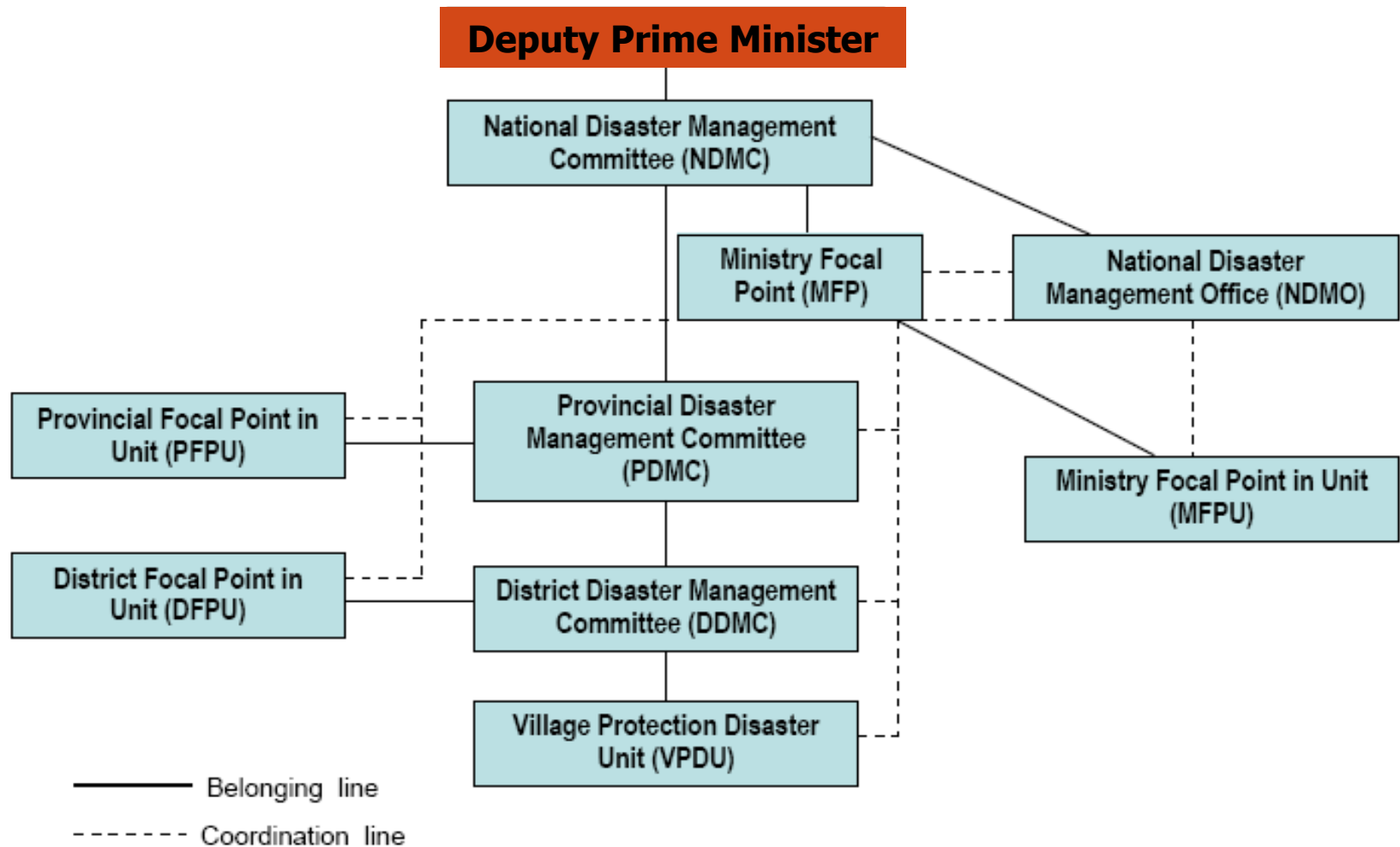
National	MoES
Law on Environmental Protection issued (2012)	School Construction Guidelines, ECDM, Department of Finance, MoES. (2009).
Strategy on Climate Change of Lao PDR	Comprehensive School Safety(CSS) Framework (2012)
Climate Change Action Plan (2013-2020)	Drafting MoES disaster risk management plan
Drafting Strategic Plan on Disaster Risk Management in Lao PDR (2016-2020)	Planning to integrate DRR into Education and Sport Development Plan (2016-2020)
Drafting disaster risk management Law	

# Organizational arrangements & coordination

National	MoES
National Disaster Management Committee established (Prime Minister's decree No 158 dated 23 Aug 1999) chaired by Deputy Prime Minister.	Disaster Risk Management Committee formed (Ministerial decree No.2882/MOE.11 dated 24 Aug 2011) chaired by Deputy Minister
New Prime Minister Decree No 220/PM dated 28/8/2013 on National Disaster Prevention and Management Committee	Drafting a new decree on Disaster Risk Management Committee in MoES, its TOR and members
Drafting new TOR of Committee and members	Appointed two contact persons at MoES & Revising TOR of a focal point unit within MoES
National Disaster Management Office, Department of Disaster Management and Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment	Disaster Management Focal Point, Cabinet Office, MoES

# National Disaster Management Framework

## The NDMC Diagram



# Other major progress

- Improving our system and process for data collection on damage after a disaster
- Ministry of Finance dedicated nearly USD10,000 to discuss the policy implications of integrating DRR into the national school curriculum, and to fund the training of the focal points on DM.
- Supplied zinc roofing for schools affected by natural disaster (approximately USD250,000)





# WORKBOOKS ON DISASTER AND RISK REDUCTION ARE BEING PILOTING IN 5 PROVINCES


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Grade 3,4,5,6

**443 schools were audited for school safety and quality in 6 provinces**



# Limitation and Challenges

- Limited/lack of resources both human and financial
- Limited knowledge on DRR and management at the central/local/community levels.
- Many of the worst hit areas by disasters are very remote and difficult to reach.
- Lack of monitoring and assessment
- Lack of baseline data on current school condition

# Recommendations

- University should consider how best to provide coursework in DRR.
- Develop strategic plan on disaster management in education sector
- Use school block grant to support school disaster risk management
- Annual national meeting on DRR management
- Consultation meeting with concerned government agencies and international organizations
- Monitoring and evaluation

**Khobchai lai lai**  
**Thank you very much**

