

Alliance Task Force on CPiE and DRR Holds First In-Person Meeting



The Childfund Alliance Task Force on Child Protection in Emergencies (CPiE) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) met in person for the first time in Bangkok this October. Members gathered to learn about the diverse CPiE and DRR programs initiated by members, and to identify ways members can improve their outcomes. Representatives from ChildFund Australia, Children Believe, Educo, ChildFund International, ChildFund Korea, ChildFund New Zealand, and from country offices in Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Laos attended the meeting.

The Alliance established the Task Force at the beginning of the [Alliance's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan](#), which includes as a strategic priority improving the collective CPiE and DRR capacity of members. The group is also intended to build cohesion across the Alliance by leveraging shared experience and resources.

In a draft outcome document, Task Force members in attendance noted that the Alliance, as an international organization with increasing emergency response capacity and experience, has established its credibility and built trust at the global level. But the document also suggested ways members can expand their CPiE and DRR expertise and improve the Alliance's external image, such as

1. participating in joint needs assessments to display collective expertise and enhance the Alliance's profile among larger actors and donors;
2. establishing a common M&E system to better measure the effectiveness of CPiE and DRR actions and to demonstrate the Alliance's collective impact;
3. better utilizing internal communication and coordination tools to ensure greater synergy among the CPiE and DRR programs of Alliance members

Notably, the document proclaimed the Task Force's belief that the best area to focus the Alliance's collective CPiE and DRR programming is on [Community-based Child Protection \(CBCP\)](#). This is an innovative method of recruiting networks of individuals, leaders and groups at the community level to work in a coordinated manner to protect children from all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation.

With the right guidance, the Task Force believes that most members could enhance their use of emergency preparedness and CPiE responses by pursuing CBCP approaches, which not only facilitate the natural integration of DRR initiatives, but would put the Alliance at the forefront of global CPiE programming.