



# NDYS in Action, Newsletter

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## LET'S EXCHANGE IDEAS IN THE WORLD!

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### Topics

Gather student wisdom in the world on Disaster Reduction  
NDYS Forum and Exhibition in Kobe



NDYS Youth Editors

# NDYS FORUM & EXHIBITION

In 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, forum will be held in Kobe. This forum is organized by NDYS, and it is the place for the students in all over the world to introduce their works of Disaster Reduction. Students from Trinidad and Tobago, Taiwan, Iran, Turkey and Japan will present us their effort for Disaster Reduction. Also, panel discussion will be held, and we can exchange information of each place.

Also, NDYS exhibition will be held at the same time. It will be started at 11<sup>th</sup> of March, and will be finished at 30<sup>th</sup>. By connecting each place through Internet by NDYS, many efforts such as making hazard map or designing emergency bags to prevent disaster was made by students in the world. It is a good chance for us to know about their work to go to exhibition.

Both forum and exhibition will be held in Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution in Kobe. It is the one step of NDYS towards the conference in Trinidad and Tobago in April.

世界の教室がネットワークして取り組む防災教育の現在。  
企画展  
世界の子どもたちが協働する防災学習プロジェクトの成果発表  
**災害安全マップ&キッズ防災バッグ展 2008**  
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テーマ: 地球温暖化と防災  
平成20年(2008年) 3月11日(火)~3月30日(日) 9時~17時(入場無料) 会場: 阪神・淡路大震災記念人と防災未来センター 防災未来館 1階ロビー  
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参加者募集!!  
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世界の子どもたちが考える『地球温暖化と防災』  
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The NDYS Forum 2007 (Last Year)

This forum and exhibition is being held in Kobe every year in the same season. It is the very important time for NDYS students to know about the situation in all over the world. It is also the preparation of NDYS conference which is being held every year.

I was participated in the forum last year. It was very important experience for me to present my work of Hazard Map. It is very rare chance for us to exchange our ideas about the disaster reduction. By exchanging "other's" ideas, we can develop "our" ideas. "Youth" is just a one part of our lives, so we should pass our experiences and ideas to the next generation. Exchanging information is very important thing for the organization like NDYS, because by knowing former works, we can find advanced ideas. Started from nothing is not a good Idea for "youth", because "youth" can be finished in such a short time. I hope opportunities to exchanging opinions will increase more and more, so that we, the "youth", can have many new ideas to prevent disasters in the world!



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#### Topics

Natural Disasters and Disaster Reduction

Supporting lives (page 1)

# Rain in Africa

The heavy rains caused floods in 4 Southern Africa's countries, needing a budget of u\$s 89 million to keep them afloat. Nearly 450,000 people lost their homes in Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. They expect for cyclones by the end of April.

Mozambique has been the hardest hit with a budget of u\$s 35 million to support 680,000 people affected. Malawi needs a budget of u\$s 17 million to support 152,000 people. Almost 700 cholera cases have been reported and the situation can get worst.

The flood affected regions in the four countries have some of the highest HIV prevalence rates in the world. The consequences are expected to get worst because of the displacements and losses caused by the floods.



People cannot commute to their destination.



Parents rebuild a school destroyed by the Cyclone.

# Madagascar

The authorities and aid agencies in Madagascar are coming to grips with the destruction left by cyclone Fame; although there is room for improvement, the response so far has shown that the 2007 cyclone season taught valuable lessons.

People without shelters are most in need of assistance because they have lost everything: their house, food, materials ... there are others with needs too, but the priority now is to help the unsheltered people.

They run some simulation exercise against cyclone months ago, so it was helpful because the less damages. The problem is that many people live near the rivers, so they are facing a high treat. They return home when the alert is lifted, but that doesn't mean it is safe.

Sources: [www.irinnews.org](http://www.irinnews.org)



# Flood problem in TnT , Caribbearn

A disaster occurred in Making in 2006. I am afraid the injured people will never forget this day but also never forget how to work as a strong community. Here is the article which has been written by Andy Paul, iEARN-Trinidad and Tobago of NDYS.

The community of Making and environs were thrown into shock and dismay upon seeing the results of the torrential rains that fell on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 2006. Flood waters had many villages submerged and crying out for assistance.

Roads became impassable and communities well isolated. There were in some areas up to ten (10) feet of water. Luckily, there were no human losses. However, livestock was lost and there were heavy damage to buildings and homes. People lost appliances, electronic devices, mattresses, food items, school books etc. In many instances people lost everything and were totally dependent on families and the Government for food, clothing and other helpful tools.

There were approximately three hundred (300) people injured. Parts of the area were marooned for four days, and food, water, mattresses and other items were distributed to counteract the bad effects of the disaster.

This experience has caused a great impact in the people of the zone and made them realize that working as a community is a good method to stay alive. We need to be more careful of dos and don'ts. The wayward dumping of debris, in all its forms, into our waterways, must be stopped. We need to make sure that all our waterways are clean every time. Communities need to be proactive and set standards to make sure such disasters are minimized. Villagers need to take stock of their vulnerabilities and capacities. Subsequently, these should be assessed and then design a plan of action. When we do such, we are making our communities alive and equipping ourselves to handle any crisis that may come our way. Let us all have a plan of action for our communities.

These scenes were captured by a camera. Here we have another case of a community that tries to stay alive against something they didn't expect or even dreamed about.



**Comments:** Here we have a clear example of how important is to be prepared for a natural disaster. If that people from Madagascar weren't prepared for the cyclone the damages would have been more and worst. The people from Mafeking had the same experience. I think every country should take advantage of the situation and train their citizen in order to make them able to face any natural disaster as the better they can.



*"Communication saves lives!"*

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