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Min. of Education, Youth and Sports has incorporated Environmental Education (EE) and Climate Change (CC) in the education curriculum as follows:

1. Primary Education

- Level 1 to 3: included in sciences, social study and local life skills;
- Level 4 to 6: included in sciences, social study, and local life skills.

2. Secondary education

- Level 7 to 12: included in sciences, social study, local life skills, and environmental and earth sciences.

3. DP Cooperation

- Collaboration with Action Aids to develop supplemental reading materials in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) for levels 4, 5 and 6 students (Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Cham, Kratie, and Svay Rieng)
- Collaboration with ADPC to develop supplemental reading materials on DRR for levels 7 and 8 students (Prey Veng, Takeo and Kandal).

- Collaboration with Plan International to review ADPC's materials to add CC for levels 7 and 8 students (Siem Reap and Kampong Cham)
- Collaboration with SCI to develop CC related materials with life skills programme mainstreamed (Koh Kong).

Challenges

- There is limited room in main textbook to accommodate adequate text on environmental education (EE) and CC;
- Lack of reference materials and documents on EE and CC;
- Limited financial resources to produce the materials, and to provide teachers and education staff training on EE and CC;
- Teacher and educational staff have limited capacity on EE and CC;

4. Cooperation with MoE

Through collaboration with MoE, MoEYS has developed Climate Change Strategic Plan (CCSP) and Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) for the Education Sector.

1. CCSP

MoEYS defines **five** priorities as strategic objectives below:

- 1. Improve education policy, analysis, research and plan for CC adaptation;
- Strengthen teachers' capacity on teaching methods and planning capacity on CC;
- 3. Conduct training on adaptation, disaster management, and resilience to CC

- 4. Disseminate information and raise awareness on CC through informal schemes, such as media, ...
- 5. Develop school infrastructure responsive to CC.

2. CCAP (in progress)

- **12 priorities actions** have been identified as follows:
- 1. Develop education policy, analysis, research and planning for CC adaptation
- Strengthen teachers and relevant officials' capacity for M&E and for effective CC planning;
- 3. Promote public and private universities to integrate CC in their academic curriculum;
- 4. Assess academic institutions for their comprehensiveness in delivering courses on CC;

- 5. Strengthen research in academic institutions on CC adaptation and mitigation
- Improve school curriculum, teaching method, and development of additional reading materials on CC for school library;
- 7. Provide training and enhance primary and secondary teacher's capacity to teach CC related subjects
- 8. Formulate degree on CC for universities and vocational schools.

- 9. Develop CC working groups, both in the formal and non-formal schools;
- 10. Assess safe locations for building school and university to respond to CC
- 11. Upgrade and refurbish existing schools to meet CC requirements;
- Mainstream GG concept and low carbon development to general and higher education curricula;

The selected activities are scored as below:

		Effect	iveness		(Co-benefit	S		Feasibility	,	
Action	Reduced costs of climate risk	Cost per beneficiary	Number beneficiaries	Mitigation cost effectiveness	Economic	Social	Environmental	Political commitment	Capacity	Easy to implement	Aggregate
	-1-3	0-3	0-3	-1-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	/23
Developing educational policy, analyses, research and planning for climate change adaptation and mitigation.	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	19

Action	Effectiveness				(Co-benefits			Feasibility		
Strengthening capacity of the relevant departments under MoEYS for planning and monitoring of education effectiveness related to climate change.	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	17
Promoting comprehensive university for delivering climate change courses.	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	14

Action		Effect	iveness		(Co-benefits			Feasibility		
Assessment of the current capacity of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in providing education and training related to climate change subjects.	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	14
Strengthen research capacity of universities in climate change adaptation and mitigation.	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	18

Action	Effectiveness				(Co-benefits			Feasibility		
Upgrading curriculums, training methodologies and libraries for primary and secondary schools, non- formal education for climate change subject.	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	20
Enhancing capacity of teachers for primary and secondary schools in teaching climate change subjects.	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	21

Action		Effect	iveness		Co-benefits			Feasibility			A 88 re
Integration and Development of Climate Change Courses or Degrees for Universities and Vocational Institutes.	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	14
Establishing climate change communities and non-formal education networks at the primary, secondary school levels and HEIs.	2	2	0	0	1	2	2	2	1	2	14

Action		Effect	iveness	ess Co-benefits					Feasibility		
Mapping of current climate change impacts on schools and universities.	3	1	0	0	1	2	2	2	1	2	14
Promoting climate proofing and retrofitting of existing and planned schools.	3	1	0	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	13
Integration of green growth concept and low- carbon development in school and university building and design.	3	2	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	16

Thank You!

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