

Sri Lanka - Using the Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation in climate-related disasters:

The adaptation and contextualization process of the Adolescent Kit commenced in four UNICEF-supported child friendly spaces in flood-affected communities in Ratnapura district engaging 500 adolescents who were members of Children's Clubs.

Based on the experiences and lessons learned during the piloting of the Kit, as well as feedback from the adolescents themselves, the content was adapted, and the Adolescent Kit contextualized to the Sri Lankan context. The lessons learned and case stories from this contextualization process were shared with UNICEF Headquarters for further refinement of the Kit.

A training module was developed in both local languages to train Child Rights Promotion Officers and Children's Club members attached to the Divisional Offices in the targeted districts of Rathnapura, Kalutara and Galle on how to effectively use the Kit during a disaster to respond to the needs of adolescent girls and boys and ensure their stability and safety. The Adolescent Kit training manual was finalized in early 2018 and the training rolled out at district and divisional level using resources of the DPCCS. This highlights the strong ownership and commitment of the DPCCS from the design to implementation stage of this programme, which will ensure the long-term and sustained use of the Adolescent Kit in Children's Club activities in the future.

The 300 trained officials and 500 adolescents now act as resource persons in UNICEF Sri Lanka's ongoing programme on CC-DRR to build capacity on DRR. The trained officials are on a stand-by roster and will be deployed during an emergency to support the use of the Adolescent Kit in Children's Clubs in disaster-affected areas.