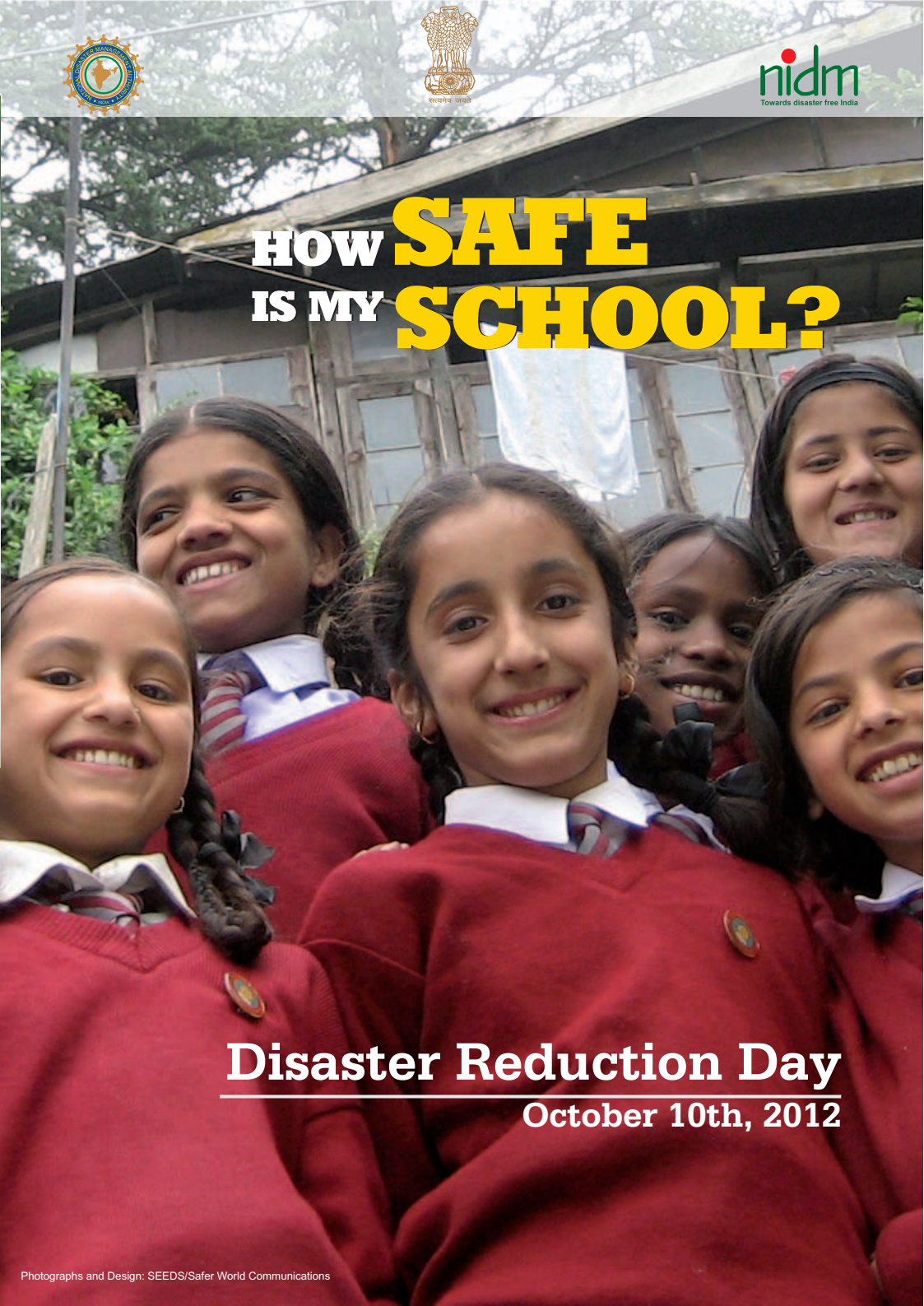




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**Disaster Reduction Day**  
**October 10th, 2012**



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## DISASTER REDUCTION DAY

Observed every year, Disaster Reduction day serves to raise awareness on disaster risk reduction. It encourages people and governments to actively participate in building resilience.

**National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** and **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)** are observing the day on 10th October, 2012 focusing national attention on the issue of 'school safety'.



## WHY IS SCHOOL SAFETY CRITICAL?

Hundreds of school children are affected almost every year by natural/man-made disasters.

- ★ The **2001 GUJARAT EARTHQUAKE** is believed to have **KILLED 971 STUDENTS** and **31 TEACHERS**; with **1,884 SCHOOL BUILDINGS COLLAPSING**
- ★ **KUMBAKONAM FIRE** tragedy **KILLED 94 CHILDREN** in 2004
- ★ **BUS FALLING** into **YAMUNA RIVER** in North Delhi **KILLED 24 CHILDREN** in 1997
- ★ **DABWALI FIRE** tragedy **KILLED** more than **100 CHILDREN** in 1995

This makes it imperative to reduce school vulnerability through both structural and non-structural interventions.

**School safety plans play an essential role in this!**

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### School safety: Salient features

- Raising disaster awareness
- Hazard, vulnerability and risk analysis
- Structural and non-structural safety
- Facilities and Resource Mapping
- Constitution and training of School Disaster Management Committee and Task Forces
- Alert mechanisms
- School maps, evacuation plans and calendar of preparedness activities
- Mock drills
- Psycho-social support for children in disaster
- Consideration of disability and gender-based needs
- Periodical review and disaster risk audit of School Disaster Management Plan

### Creation of school safety plans

Schools across the country were invited to prepare school safety plans that address key issues. Selected school plans are being awarded.

Schools will be felicitated at a function on 10th October, 2012 at Auditorium, India International Centre, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi-3

