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Riskland, a fun way to learn how to prevent disasters



In 2002, UNICEF and the ISDR Secretariat developed an education kit, consisting basic information related to disasters and risk reduction, along with a set of tools aimed at getting students and teachers involved in this issue in a dynamic and enjoyable manner.

The kit includes also a board game "Riskland", which refers to disaster prevention through a number of instructive messages. The game helps understand which practices may be effective for reducing the impact of disasters and which are not appropriate and, as a result may lead to an increased vulnerability to disasters. The kit is targeted for children in Latin America and the Caribbean, between 8 and 12 years old, as a complement to any other material that schools may already have.

So far the Riskland is available in 5 languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese, Creole and Nepali), and has been widely disseminated throughout the region and beyond. Several institutions in many countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, such as El Salvador, Mexico, Honduras, Colombia, Chile, Trinidad and Tobago are adapting and reprinting the game for local use in schools and for community activities, workshops etc. <<http://www.eird.org>>