IN FOCUS

**Access to education remains a major challenge in post-Nargis Myanmar**

The Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) reports that the education sector has been severely affected, with an initial count of 4,106 schools damaged. Of the damaged, a total of 1,255 schools have been completely demolished.

LATEST NEWS

**Youth and adult literacy and lifelong learning announced as theme for the 2009 EFA global action week**

The Global Campaign for Education has announced “Youth and Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning” as the theme for the 7th Education for All (EFA) Global Action Week, that is to take place from 20-26 April 2009. The GCE will be sending planning packs to campaigners and coalitions.

**South-East Asian countries unite to reach the unreached**

Participants from 11 South-East Asian countries are to come together under the theme, “Reaching the Unreached to Achieve the EFA Goals Together by 2015”.

**Countries meet to develop gender equality measurement indicators**

Lack of indicators hinders proper assessment and the achievement of the gender equality goal by 2015. Delegations from Cambodia, Mongolia, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam, as well as participants from Nepal, acting as resource persons, will meet in Bangkok from 9 to 11 September 2008.

**UNESCO publishes The Right to Education: Monitoring standard setting instruments of UNESCO**

UNESCO emphasizes the right to education as an internationally recognized right and its establishment in a number of standard-setting instruments adopted by the United Nations and by UNESCO.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **ARNEC Steering Committee Meeting**
  
  Date: 14-15 August 2008  
  Location: Bangkok, Thailand

- **Launch of Sri Lanka’s EFA Mid-Decade Assessment Report**
  
  Date: 29 August 2008  
  Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka

- **Meeting of South-East Asian Countries to Achieve the Education for All Goals Together by 2015**
  
  Date: 2-4 September 2008  
  Location: Bangkok, Thailand
Advocacy Event for Literacy with a Focus on Mother Tongue-based Approach
    Date: 8 September 2008
    Location: Hanoi, Viet Nam

Regional Technical Workshop on Developing Equality Measurement Indicators
    Date: 9-11 September 2008
    Location: Bangkok, Thailand

PUBLICATIONS
A study on gender equality as a prerequisite for sustainable development
The Eldis Gender Reporter offers a new publication by G. Johnsson-Latham. To what extent do women live more sustainably than men, leave a smaller ecological footprint and cause less climate change?

INEE Minimum Standards Toolkit: Education and Fragility
A list of resources that build on the work of the Working Group on Education and Fragility, particularly the Fast Track Initiative (FTI) Progressive Framework.

Why Languages Matter - Meeting Millennium Development Goals through local languages
SIL brochure highlights the importance of languages in reaching the MDGs.

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