

## **“Climate Change Awareness through SHINE Program”**

Continuous heavy rainfall with strong winds, uprooted trees, destroyed houses and buildings, flashfloods, landslides, erosions, totally devastated areas, animals and people were drowned by water, starvation and death. Aaah... What a horrible scene! And I don't want such nightmare to happen.

This would not have happen if communities and schools were aware of climate change. This nightmare would not happen if precautionary measures were carried-out, if we were warned at the very beginning.

One of the program which helps in preventing such event is the SHINE program, which means: School Hydrological Information Network. The SHINE program empowers the school (students, teachers, and other school officials) threatened by hydrometeorologically-related disaster to act in sufficient time and in an appropriate manner to reduce the possibility of personal injury, loss of lives and damage to properties and environment.

The SHINE program together with the Provincial Disaster Management Office (PDMO) and National Disaster Coordinating Council, works hand in hand. They orient schools and launch programs to enhance disaster awareness. They start in school because they believe that disaster awareness begins in school.

The schools which are under this program monitors the amount of rainfall and also work with the Local Government Unit in their place to give pre-warning to prevent damages to properties and prevent loss of lives in case a disaster comes.

This program is a really big help to schools and also to the communities. With this we can prevent some unwanted happenings I our life whenever a calamity comes. With their help, we could prepare for some events that the climate change could bring to us.

We can lessen the number of damaged properties, or even lessen the number of deaths in times of disasters, if we take seriously what this program implements to schools and communities.

But it is much better if this SHINE project could be launch to other schools in other communities especially to those who are situated near riverbanks or places which are frequented by storms so that many communities would benefit from it.

Let us work hand in hand with the SHINE project to continue its success and also on their part help other places too. Let us be prepared, be aware of the climate change. Because prevention is always better than cure.

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