Gender and Disaster: Using a Collaborative Network to Develop Resources and Tools

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Knowledge Management and Education Public Awareness – getting the message out

Session 3.4 Creating a Culture of Prevention: Gender Balanced Public Awareness Initiatives
Established Communication Mechanism:
Gender and Disaster Network

Northumbria University, UK - Dr. Maureen Fordham
http://online.northumbria.ac.uk/geography_research/gdn/

Texas A&M University, USA – listserv discussion list
GENDER EQUALITY & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

An Action Workshop for Social Change

University of Hawaii and the East-West Center
10-12 August 2004

Promoting Gender Equality • Reducing Disaster Risk
Honolulu Call to Action and Platform for Gender Equality & Disaster Risk Reduction

We encourage the decisions and outcomes in the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Japan in January 2005 and ongoing work in disaster risk reduction to:

• Include gender issues and social equity in assessment, design and implementation and monitoring as a compulsory element for all development projects;

• Ensure that dynamics of disaster risk, gender, social equity, and environmental analyses are considered in an integrated manner;

• Highlight gaps in the millennium development goals in terms of disaster risk reduction and gender; and,

• Guarantee representation of grassroots and wider civil society organizations by ensuring that they receive adequate resources to be active participants.

We have recognized and recommended actions specifically in the following areas:

• Building capacity in women’s groups and community-based organizations

• Communication, Training, and Education

• Science & Technology

• Organizational structures

• Engendering complex emergencies

• Participatory action research and participatory approaches
The Gender and Disaster Sourcebook

- Recommendation from a series of workshops to record and share information on gender and disasters
- Need to have an accessible resource for government, NGOs, communities, practitioners, activists, journalists, funders, researchers, and planners on gender & disaster risk reduction
- Distributed through the established Gender and Disaster Network (GDN)
gender equity and disaster risk reduction projects

planning and practice tools
good practice: gender and risk reduction projects

communication strategies
cross-cutting issues

training and education
case studies and analysis

gender and disaster outreach modules
The Gender and Disaster Sourcebook

- Final is expected in December 2005 – to be available on the GDN website and by CD-ROM

- Please take a flyer and contact one of the team members if you wish to make contributions – We would love to hear from you!