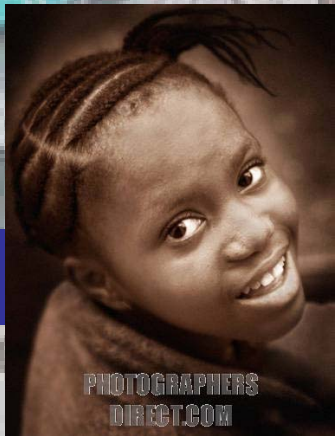


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- Governance – Human Rights and DRR
- Why adopt a gender specific approach?
- Resilience
- Way Forward



# Governance – Foundation Policies

## INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

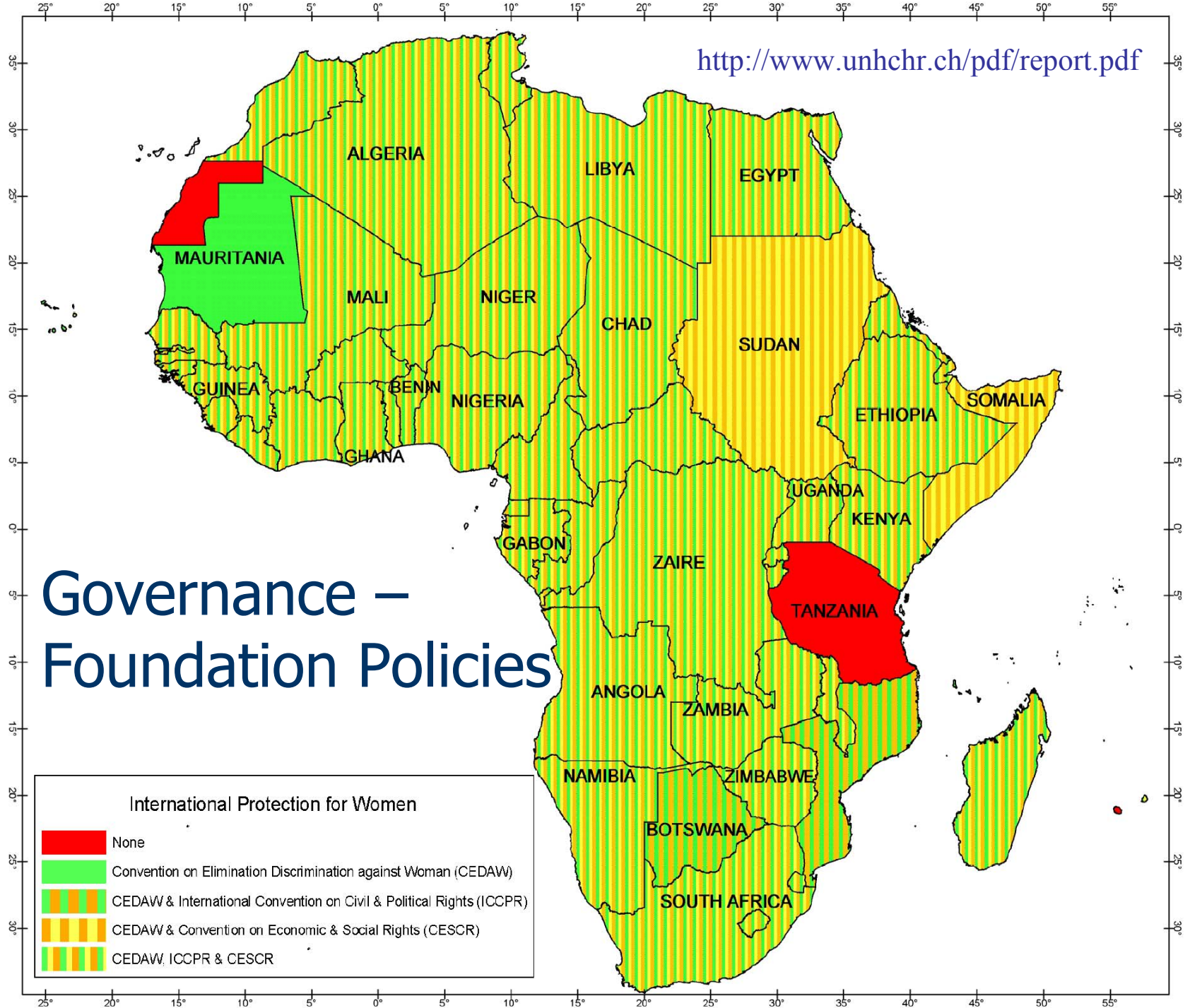
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
- International Convention on Civil and Political Rights
- International Covenant on Economic and Social rights
- Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

## REGIONAL PLATFORMS

ECOWAS, SADC, IGAD/CEWARN,

## UN/ISDR NATIONAL PLATFORMS

# Governance – Foundation Policies

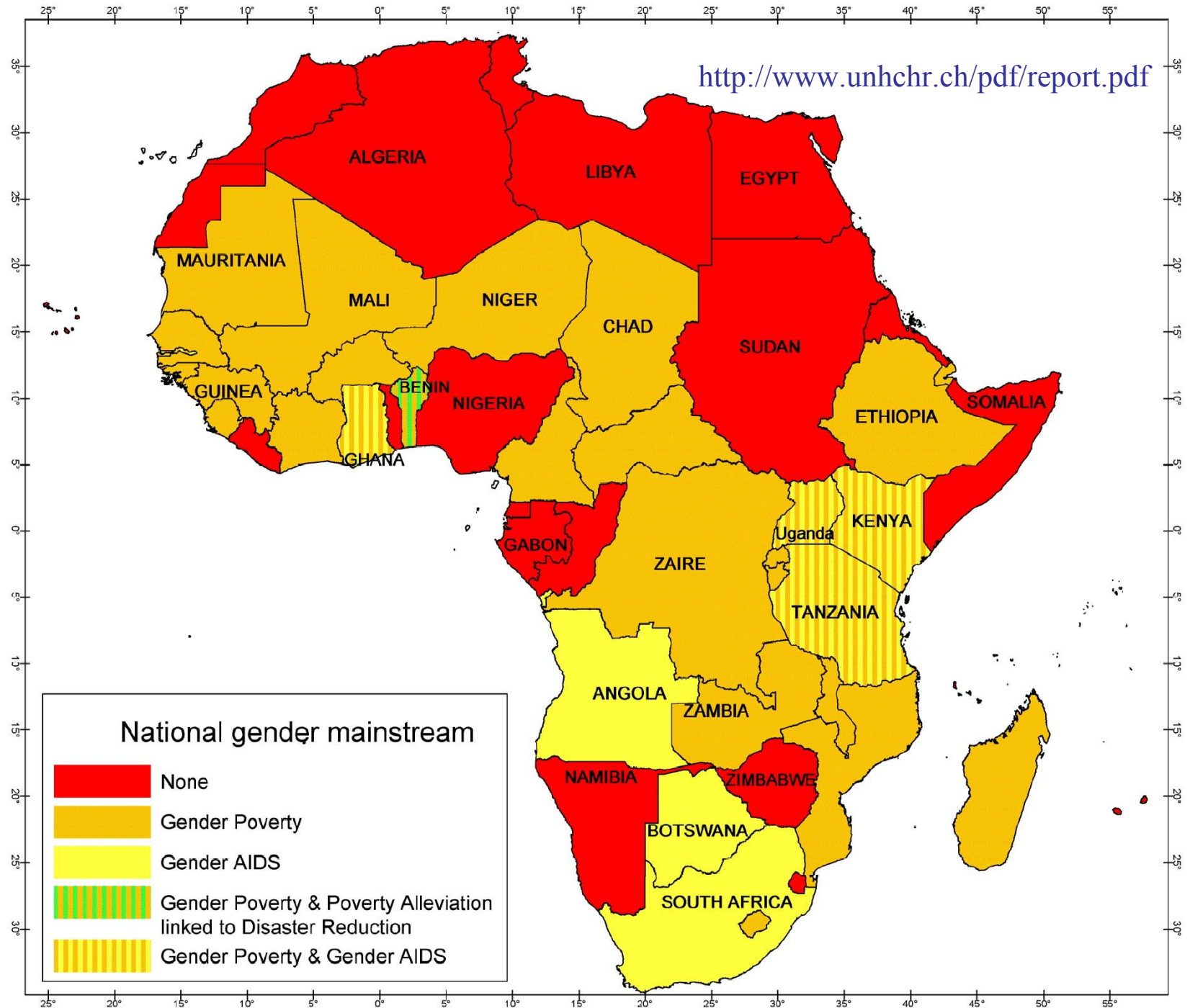


# Governance – National Platforms

A Bill of Rights and CEDAW engenders all legislation

ACHIEVING	REQUIRES MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN
MDG 1	Poverty Alleviation Policy and Legislation
MDG 2	Education Policies, Practice and Legislation
MDG 3	Property Rights and Legislation
MDG 3	Cultural Practice and Marital Law
MDG 4,5,6	Health Policies and Legislation
MDG 1,7,8	Economic Policies and Legislation
MDG 1,7,8	Resource and environmental policies
MDG 1-8	Disaster Risk Management Policy & Legislation





# Governance – DRR

All MDGs require DRR legislation

Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness  
Response, Recovery, Rehabilitation,  
Early warning



# Why Adopt a Gender Specific Approach ?

Roles before, during, after a disaster

Needs

Representation

Experience

Impacts

Responses during a disaster

Recovery after a disaster





# 1. Spiral of Vulnerability

Property Rights  
Food insecurity  
Economic insecurity  
Health insecurity  
Physical insecurity

Voice  
Action

Access to decisions  
Access to law  
Empowerment  
Economic Security  
Education and Training  
Food Security  
Secure Land Tenure



## 2. Health

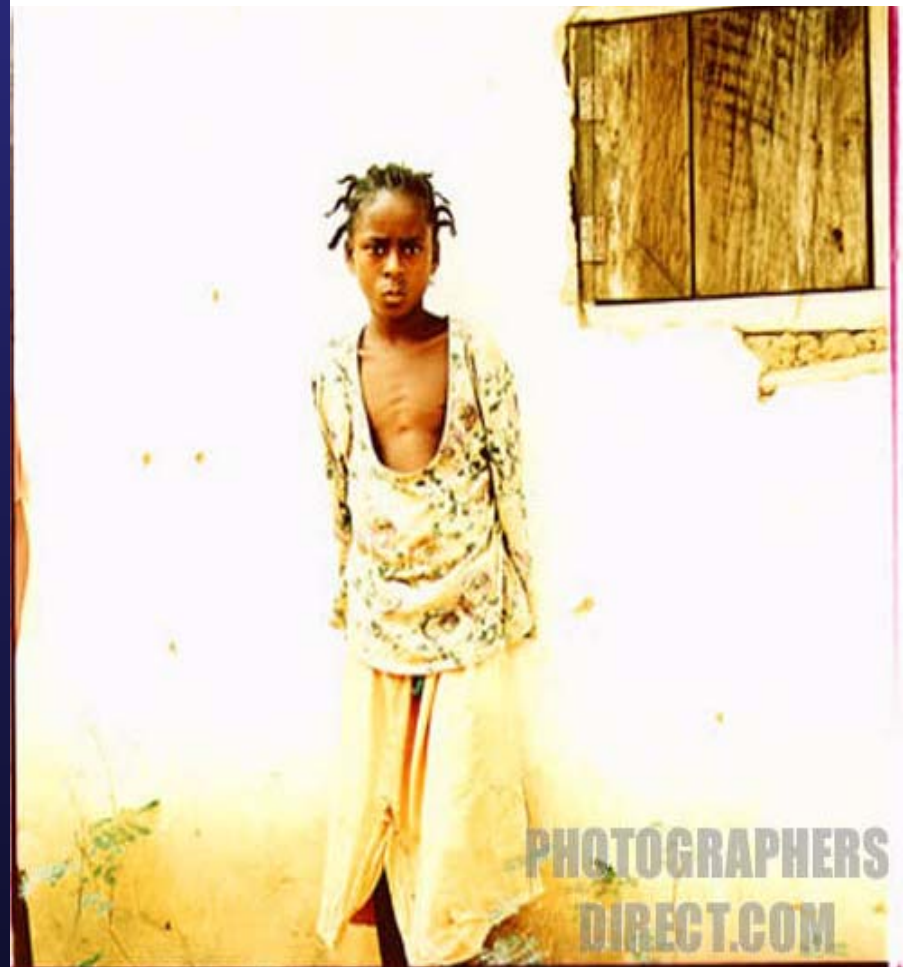
Impacts

their roles as  
caregivers and  
breadwinners

Affects their  
property rights status  
within the family and  
community financial support

Results in  
economic and physical  
insecurity and loss of  
self esteem

58% HIV AIDS sufferers are women and girls. Women and children are at higher risk of malaria, TB and waterborne diseases.

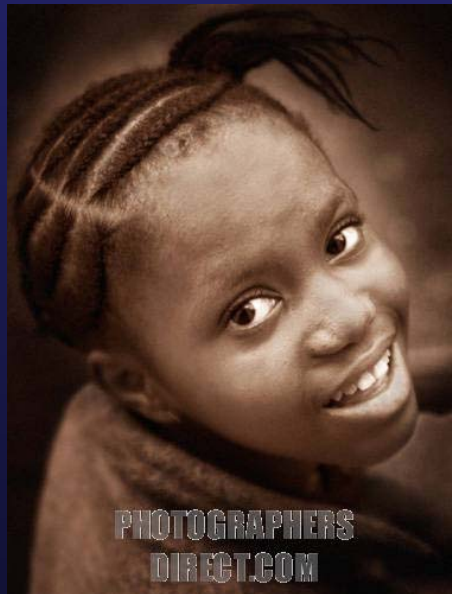




# Resilience

“As a woman you don’t  
collapse because the  
world around you  
collapses. You keep  
going”

*Maathai, 2004*







# Practicing Resilience



“African

Women in general need to know that it is OK for them to be the way they are ... to see the way they are as a strength, and to be liberated from fear and from silence.”

*Maathai, 2004*



# EQUAL involvement

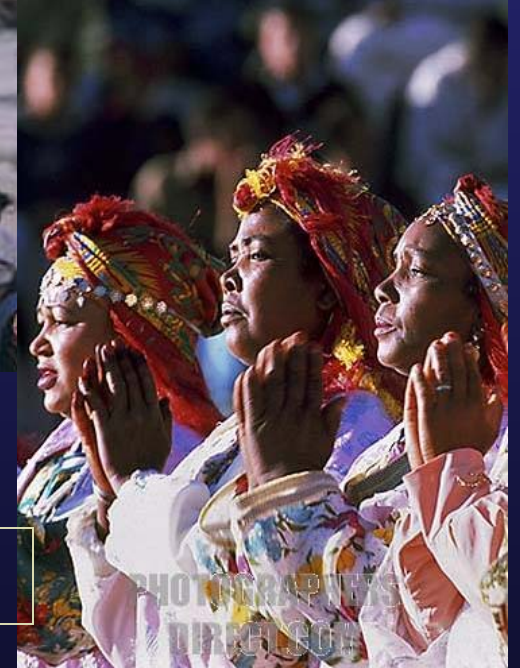
Energy

Choice



Protection

Time





# Way Forward

	UNDP Practice areas
MDG 1	Poverty reduction, HIV/AIDS
MDG 3	Poverty reduction, HIV/AIDS
MDG 6	Poverty reduction, HIV/AIDS
MDG 7	Energy and Environment

Cross cutting

Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Information and Communication

Technology

Governance



# Way Forward

The three R's

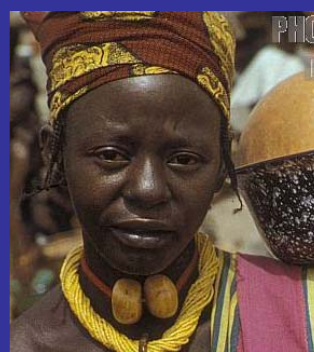
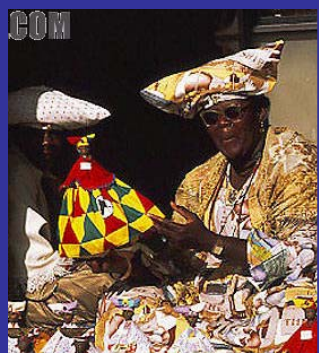
Read, 'Rite and 'Rithmetic:  
integrate gender and DRR into  
Primary and High School curriculum

Response, Recovery and  
Rehabilitation: initiate gender  
mainstreaming at this time

Ensure governance in place to  
integrate gender into all Phases  
of DRR & supporting legislation







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