

Garifuna Emergency Committee of Honduras

member of Huairou Commission and GROOTS,
global grassroots women's networks

- LESSONS from Hurricane Mitch 1998:
- Recognize social marginalization (gender, race, class...) in order to implement fair, effective response



- Recognize the capabilities of communities, esp. grassroots women
- Build on local knowledge, traditional culture
- Peer learning





- Support and resource communities in women-centered, pro-poor recovery
- This leads to sustainable development, governance accountability AND risk mitigation



- Recovery must ensure livelihoods
- Women's roles and approach facilitated this AND resulted in environmental protection

- Recovery programs must be long term, collective, holistic, & democratic participation
- Grassroots women's & marginalized communities' resourced participation critical for real recovery and resilience

