Empowering Disaster Governance: Grassroots Women-Led Partnerships for Resilience

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Investing in grassroots women for effective localization of the Sendai Framework

• With the support of USAID-OFDA, 4 member organizations of the Huairou Commission embarked in a one year process to position grassroots women as leaders in the localization of the SDFRR in 4 countries in Latin America: Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua & Peru

• The process was based in the previous effort to work in partnership with local governments and implement joint action plans, and aimed to scale up to the national and subregional levels
Why is it important to partner with grassroots women?

- Grassroots women are the legitimate experts of their territory.
- They also face the most hardship when it comes to facing risks and disasters, are disproportionately affected by climate change and have more barriers to access the necessary resources to mitigate them.
- They have developed practices, tools and mechanisms that respond more efficiently to the needs and priorities to build community resilience.
- They are the true agents of change and, with the necessary resources, can transform the lives of their families and communities.
Who are partners and how?
The Community Practitioners Platform

• The CPP is a networking and partnership mechanism promoted by the Huairou Commission and GROOTS International.

• The Platform brings together different local, national, and regional stakeholders who are committed to supporting community-led resilient development by accelerating grassroots women’s public role in decision-making processes and scaling up the gains made by their innovative practices.
Building grassroots women-led partnerships: National & Subregional Dialogues
National Dialogues between grassroots women & local & national partners

National Workshop in Peru

Meeting with partners in Honduras
Subregional Dialogues: positioning the CPP as a key stakeholder to localize the SDFRR

Central American Dialogue in Guatemala

South American Dialogue in Peru
How you can help:
Support the Grassroots women’s agenda for inclusive DRM

✓ Facilitate spaces for grassroots women to engage with government representatives, development agencies and other stakeholders
✓ Invest in grassroots women’s practices, tools and mechanisms
✓ Open space for grassroots women’s to represent themselves in panels, forums and conferences
✓ Advocate for the inclusion of grassroots women in local and national decision making spaces, committees and boards
✓ Advocate for decentralized decision making and resources
Thank you