Towards a Global Partnership for Gender Mainstreaming in Disaster Risk Reduction

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Disasters affect men and women differently due to gender-specific vulnerabilities and risks to the impact of disasters.

Gender perspective is largely excluded from Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) policies and programmes.

ISDR secretariat facilitates the gender mainstreaming.

Hyogo Framework for Action

Integrate gender perspective into DRR

Building resilient societies to disasters
Goal

Mainstreaming gender equality into social, cultural and economic development with an emphasis on DRR
Objectives

To Provide a Platform
...for gender activists and different groups of stakeholders to share information, knowledge and experience in gender mainstreaming in DRR

To increase women’s voice
...for more visibility of their role and contribution in the DRR process at all levels

To facilitate dialogues
...between gender expert group and other stakeholders, including national platforms, NGOs, the Media, private sectors and donors

To encourage active roles
...by national authorities and NGOs in developing gender-sensitive and gender balanced DRR policies and programmes

To develop policy guidelines
...on Gender and DRR, user-friendly checklists and training materials for mainstreaming gender into DRR and vice versa
Strategy

I. Taking stock of existing dynamics and challenges in gender and DRR - as a starting point.

II. Building ownership and leadership of a small group of committed experts in building the proposed partnership

III. Gaining greater support from and building wider partnership with different groups of stakeholders

IV. Establishing an “Advisory Group of Experts” as an initial “driving force”

V. Organizing a side event on gender mainstreaming in DRR to engage more support for the proposed partnership for gender mainstreaming in DRR

VI. Mobilizing resources necessary for supporting the proposed partnership for gender mainstreaming in DRR
Structure

I. An Advisory Group of Experts
II. Regional coordinators
III. .......
Mechanisms

UN/ISDR secretariat will:

I. Hire an expert to support the development of the global partnership and facilitate information exchange

II. Facilitate direct dialogue between the Advisory Group and other stakeholders within the ISDR system

III. Facilitate the development of an umbrella programme on “mainstreaming Gender into DRR”

Advisory Group:

I. Provide leadership in developing the global partnership

II. Advocate the urgent needs for gender mainstreaming in DRR at the Global Platform and other international Conferences

III. Guide and support development of user-friendly tools for facilitate the gender mainstreaming initiatives
Criteria

I. Demonstrating at least a general understanding of DRR, ISDR and HFA

II. Demonstrating commitment to promote gender concerns and needs into DRR

III. Advocating DRR and promoting gender-sensitive policies and programmes related to DRR

IV. Providing good practices and lessons learnt

V. Demonstrating commitment to establishing and developing the proposed “Global Partnership for Mainstreaming Gender Concerns” and needs into DRR
Expectations

Global Partnership for Gender Mainstreaming into DRR

• Consensus on the needs to build it
• Comments and inputs provided for the finalization of the draft concept note

Expert group

Roles and responsibilities in leading the process of the global partnership

Way forward

Concrete steps
Areas of focus:

1. **Gendering implementation**
   1. Gender sensitive action point for each HFA priority (March 2007)
   2. Good practices – video, stories, pictorial presentations (Beyond June), posters, banners (March)
   3. GDRR 5-7 June: Round table (Plenary session),
   4. Guidelines for gender mainstreaming focus on DRR (Post June)
   5. Overview of publications (Good practices)
   6. Reflection of people at risk of the HFA priority areas
   7. Develop key messages for media (March 07)
   8. In each session – presentation on gender issue/implication (Before June)
   9. Provide fact sheet on gender – one page (June)
   10. Develop set of key questions (Feb.)
   11. Inventory/mapping on WHO IS DOING WHAT (Phase II)
   12. Film on how men and women, boys/girls work together for DRR (Phase II)
   13. Gender disaster sourcebook to be published and translated in different languages (Phase II)
   14. Training models on gender and DRR (Phase II)
   15. Partnerships for gender and DRR (On going) Criteria for partnership finalize by Feb 07
   16. GDN websites (June)
   17. Demonstration projects (Phase II)
   18. ISDR publications are gender sensitive (on going)
   19. Facilitating dialogue on gender and DRR between community organisms, private sector and government officials (on going)
   20. Regional workshops/consultations on gender and DRR (Phase II)
   21. Add gender specific terminologies in the existing ISDR terminology (May)
   22. TOT at the regional level (pool of trained resources) (on going)
   23. Support the grassroot level capacity building activities (on going)
**BY JUNE**

1) Gender sensitive action point for each HFA priority (March 2007) - Group
2) Posters, banners, broucher (March) Identify appropriate groups (Ana) (deadline 30 April 07)
3) GDRR 5-7 June: Round table (Plenary session). (Feng Min Kan)
4) Develop key messages for media (March 07) Group (13/2)
5) In each thematic session – presentation on gender issue/implication (Before June) (Climate change and gender - Dhar, mega cities ad gender –Rwena, social-political – Maureen/Suranjana, Risk Assessment & EW – Rowena and Suranjana/Maureen, national mechanism – FMK/MA/MT)
6) Provide implementation fact sheets on gender – one page (Mid April) Elaine
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