

Call for Good Practices & Lessons Learned Gender, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change

Guidelines for Submission of Contributions

Current research is showing how complex interaction of social, economic, cultural and environmental factors can make women more vulnerable when coping with disaster, and that gender inequalities will be exacerbated by the effects of climate change. Many studies have also reviewed that poor women are more vulnerable to disasters due to socially constructed gender roles and behaviours. Legislation and national plans for adaptation for reducing risk still need to better integrate gender issues, in order to be effective.

This situation calls for solutions to gendered vulnerabilities and a lack of gender perspectives in policy. The UN/ISDR secretariat in collaboration with IUCN and WEDO is collecting good practices and lessons learned that link DRR as a key tool for reducing the impact of climate change, with a gender perspective. We are seeking examples of projects and initiatives across humanitarian, environmental and development sectors that: promote positive changes to how women and men's capabilities are used to build community resilience to climate change; and that integrate a gender perspective in natural resource management, environmental protection and climate change adaptation policies. The resulting publication will potentially prove valuable for addressing gender gaps in Disaster Risk Reduction. We encourage you to share with us your initiatives at community, organization and country levels.

All contributions should be sent to: Ana Thorlund thorlund@un.org by 11th February 2008.

What is a good practice? A good practice should show innovative qualities and results, as well the potential for replication. It could illustrate one or several initiatives, such as:

- ✓ Promoting DRR and climate change adaptation measures with a gender perspective;
- ✓ Integrating a gender perspective into legislation, policies or national plans in DRR or CC adaptation;
- ✓ Increasing capacity building on the importance and necessity for linking DRR and CC adaptation with gender perspective;
- ✓ DRR and CC adaptation programmes that address gender perspectives, specially women concerns and needs;
- ✓ Programmes that increase women participation and contribution to DRR;
- ✓ Practical measures that make women and men better prepared to respond for events that will occur due to climate change;

ISDR Guidelines for providing relevant information are as follows:

- Contributors will have to fill in the template below, by providing an answer to each of the questions listed.
- Maximum overall length: 2,000 – 2,500 words.
- Contributors will only have to 'bullet in' their pieces of information, as the final material emerging from the information gathered will be edited by a professional editor.
- Contributions could also include colour photos in jpeg format, high resolution (300 dpi) to illustrate your practices(s), with the place where the photo was taken, the photographer's name, year and a caption that explains the image (max three lines);

Criteria for Selection:

1. The Project/Initiative should be relevant to the issue
2. Information is provided according to the template, with special attention given to results and potential for replication
3. Geographical balance considerations
4. Logo and pictures received

Contributions that fulfil the criteria of selection will be reviewed by a UN/ISDR gender officer and submitted to a voluntary board of gender professionals of the ISDR System working in the field of Environment, Climate Change, Development, and Disaster Risk Reduction. The final decision is made by the board of experts, and feedback will be sent to contributors by 15 March 2008.

Disclaimer: Not all contributions received by the UN/ISDR secretariat will be published, but all contributions received will be entered into the ISDR matrix of initiatives on Gender and DRR to be made available in ISDR Website. The UN/ISDR secretariat has the right to publish the selected contributions in hard copy and on the UN/ISDR and PreventionWeb webpage.

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| Contact details | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Name of the organization, contact person: name, position, email and telephone | |
| Title | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please give the good practice or lesson learned a very brief and, if possible, catchy and attractive title. | |
| What | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What the project/initiative is about, specifically with regard to reducing disaster risks and the impact of climate change ▪ What part of the project/initiative relates to a gender perspective in DRR <p>* Provide any other relevant information</p> | |
| When | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When was the project/initiative started? ▪ Is it still going? ▪ If not, when was it completed? ▪ Is a next phase currently planned? <p>* Provide any other relevant information</p> | |
| Where | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where was the project/initiative implemented (country + village, town, district, province)? <p>* Provide any other relevant information</p> | |
| Who | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Who are the implementing partners and what are their roles? ▪ Who are the beneficiaries, how many man and women benefited? ▪ Who implemented, funded, sponsored or supported the project/initiative? <p>* Provide any other relevant information</p> | |
| Why | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why is this a good practice? ▪ What have been the key success/failure factors of this initiative? ▪ What are the innovative elements? <p>* Provide any other relevant information</p> | |
| HOW /which | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How was the project/initiative implemented? ▪ How have gender perspectives been addressed in the implementation? ▪ Which are the gender needs and concerns identified and how they are addressed in the project? ▪ How have women and men worked together to reduce the impact of extreme events. ▪ How man and women have benefited from the project/initiative? | |
| Results Achieved | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What has been its impact in promoting gender equality in DRR and CC adaptation? ▪ What are the concrete achievements? ▪ Does this project/initiative implement previous recommendations in Gender and DRR? | |
| Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What have been the major challenges of this project/initiative? ▪ How were they overcome (if they were?) | |
| Lesson (s) Learned | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is (are) the key lesson(s) learned from this practice? ▪ How to improve similar projects/initiatives in the future? | |
| Potential for Replication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How could the practice be replicated in a different context? | |