



Wilton Park

Program

Disaster prevention, preparedness and response in South and Southeast Asia: maximizing a gender-inclusive approach

Monday 24 - Tuesday 25 November 2014 | WP1371

In Manila, Philippines

This round-table discussion, run in partnership between Asian Disaster Preparedness Center and Wilton Park, will focus on gender issues in disaster prevention, preparedness and response in South Southeast Asia. It will bring together development experts, disaster risk reduction (DRR) practitioners, disaster managers, members from community and national networks, UN agencies involved in disaster management, academia and gender-focused networks in the region.

The overall purpose of the meeting is to highlight gender approaches to disasters, whether in the response phase, during the recovery process or in disaster prevention and preparedness plans. Discussion will also include addressing gender-based violence in disaster response and consideration of vulnerable groups.

The focus of discussion is based on the underlying premise that by taking a gendered approach to understanding disaster prevention, preparedness and response, women who are often sidelined in these discussions can engage in community and regional planning which will save lives, protect assets and strengthen official disaster frameworks. An understanding of the specific roles, responsibilities and capacities of women and girls, men and boys will positively impact response and recovery from natural disasters.

Through a highly participative program, participants will explore the knowledge and skills of women and men in preventing and responding to disasters and how this knowledge can be adapted and taken into account in response. Drawing on case studies from countries in the region, key speakers will identify where a gendered approach can help reduce the risk of a disaster, for example, in using women's networks to adapt cropping systems pre-drought or responding to seasonal weather forecasts.

The meeting will utilize the response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines as a case study in gender-focused response by showcasing government mechanisms, UN response efforts, and community response efforts. Equally in the area of preparedness and response, lessons learned from Typhoon Haiyan and other recent natural disasters in the region could provide context to questions such as: what role can women's networks play in preparing communities; how is this reflected in the aftermath of disasters; and how can these groups contribute to rapid internal response and recovery?

Questions to consider include: how do men and women access, process, interpret and respond to information differently? How to factor in societal and cultural elements? What is the role of women in early warning systems (priorities 2 and 5 of the Hyogo Framework for Action).

Participants will develop practical actions for themselves, their countries and key institutions to incorporate gender in their disaster planning and response.

Objectives and outcomes

- Highlight the benefits of gender issues being a key part of good practice in disaster management in relation to prevention, preparedness response and recovery; identify and share examples of gender-based approaches to disaster prevention, preparedness and response; identify the barriers and opportunities for a gender-based approach;
- assess how to integrate better gender-based approaches into national and regional disaster management frameworks;
- explore mechanisms which can raise awareness and support governments with regard to using a gender-based approach;
- discuss areas for development in response to gender-based violence during disasters;
- identify ways to further support key women leaders and networks active in DRR and disaster management;
- initiate a stocktaking of existing networks and resources on gender and disaster risk reduction, preparedness and response.

Organized jointly by Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and Wilton Park and with support from the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Sunday 23 November

1900

Reception *Ruby B (Level 4)*

Corazon Alma De Leon

Vice Chair, Board of Trustees of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

Monday 24 November

0830–0900

Registration *Ballroom B (Level 4)*

0900–0945

Welcome and introductions

Shane Wright

Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Bangkok, Thailand

Corazon Tecson Jimenez

General Manager, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Manila, Philippines

Cipriano M. Fampulme

Commissioner, Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor, Manila, Philippines

Siththy Marina Mohamed

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Robin Hart

Director of Programmes, Wilton Park, Steyning, United Kingdom

0945–1100

1. Gender-based approaches to disaster response and recovery: setting the scene with lessons from the Philippines

This session will highlight key lessons from recent disaster response operations in the Philippines with presentations by different actors involved. From those lessons, what are gender-based approaches which worked? Why is it important to adopt a gender-based strategy for planning, response and recovery?

Chair: Corazon Alma De Leon

Vice Chair, Board of Trustees of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

Moderator: Robin Hart

Director of Programmes, Wilton Park, Steyning, United Kingdom

Gwendolyn Pang

Secretary General, Philippine Red Cross, Manila, Philippines

David Carden

Head of Office, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA), Manila, Philippines

Clara Rita Padilla

Executive Director, EnGendeRights Inc., Quezon City, Philippines

1100–1130

Tea/coffee

1130–1245

2. Addressing vulnerabilities: responding to gender-based violence during natural disaster events

The session will discuss vulnerabilities that can be increased during natural disaster events and mechanisms used to overcome and mitigate gender-based violence. What happens with gender-based violence when a disaster strikes? How can we use a gender sensitive approach to mitigate gender-based violence? What are the barriers to implementing this? What are the opportunities? How can we learn from each other? What are the next steps?

This will include an overview of the Gen Cap mechanism and its use in the region.

Moderator: Sarah Martin

Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response Consultant, Bangkok, Thailand

Devanna de la Puente

Inter-agency Regional Emergency GBV Advisor for Asia and the Pacific hosted by UNFPA, Asia Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand

Nolibelyn Macabagdal

Social Worker, Social Technology Bureau, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Quezon City, Philippines

Khadija Parveen

Senior Programme Officer, Shirkat Gah, Karachi, Pakistan

Farida Rehmat Gilani

Child Protection Officer, Pakistan National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad, Pakistan

1245–1345

Lunch

1345–1515

3. Gender-based approaches to disaster response and recovery: lessons from the region

What are the lessons from recent disaster responses where a gender-based approach has been taken, or not taken, in planning, response and recovery? What are the barriers to a gender-based approach? Where are the gaps?

Using examples from Indonesia, India and Bangladesh.

Indonesia

Triningtyasasih

Gender Specialist, Kinerja, USAID, Jakarta, Indonesia

India

Prema Gopalan

Executive Director, Swayam Shikshan Prayog, Pune, India

Bangladesh

Farhana Hafiz

Regional Change Lead, Gender and Humanitarian, Oxfam, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Mahbuba Nasreen

Director and Professor, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

1515–1545

Group photograph followed by tea/coffee

1545–1710

4. Group work: embedding gender approaches into response and recovery: How?

Discussion in facilitated smaller groups to identify barriers, best practice and what needs to change, looking at how to ensure gender approaches are included in response and recovery from various perspectives.

Participants will be pre-assigned to a group, each with an appointed facilitator.

Rooms:

Group 1 - Opal A

Group 4 - Ballroom B

Group 2 - Ballroom B

Group 5 - Opal C

Group 3 - Opal B

Group 6 - Ballroom B

1715–1800

5. Feedback from group work: embedding gender approaches into response and recovery: How?

Feedback from the 'hosts' of each group of the key findings, followed by round-table discussion of issues raised.

Start of stocktaking exercise to capture gender networks and resources.

1900

Dinner *Jade Room (Level 4)*

Hosted by **Shane Wright**

Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Bangkok, Thailand

Special guest: Corazon Alma De Leon

Vice Chair, Board of Trustees of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

Tuesday 25 November

0900–0930

Reflections

Interactive session where participants are given the opportunity to reflect on the previous day. Feedback is centered around the questions: What issue surprised you the most? What is the biggest challenge?

Facilitator: Robin Hart

0930–1100

6. Integrating a gendered approach in disaster risk reduction: Why? What works well?

What are the benefits of integrating gender approaches into DRR? How to integrate gender across DRR activities and institutions? What lessons can be learnt from particular case studies? In relation to early warning systems, how do men and women access, process, interpret and respond to information differently; what role can women play in monitoring the environment and how does this differ from the role of men?

Bangladesh

Mohammad Abdul Wazed

Director General, Department of Disaster Management, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Nepal

Puja Koirala

Governance Secretariat, Nepal Red Cross, Kathmandu, Nepal

Vietnam

Le Thi My Dung

Advocacy Programme Officer, Building Resilience, Oxfam, Hanoi, Vietnam

1100–1130

Tea/coffee

1130–1245

7. Using gender practically: lessons from the community

Discussion in small groups on how gender is approached through practical action at the community level.

Discussion on tools, materials and capacity-building used to facilitate work, linking strategy with practical experience.

Themes to be finalized, dependent on issues and interests shared in earlier sessions. Participants to choose their session.

Introduction: Sarah Martin

Rooms: Ballroom B and Opal A, B and C

1245–1345

Lunch

1345–1500

8. Supporting governments in integrating gendered approach into disaster management: what mechanisms work?

Panel discussion to discuss perspectives from regional and international organizations on integrating a gendered approach into disaster management and supporting governments to do so.

Sujata Tuladhar

Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines

Sheila Roquitte

Resilience Adviser, Regional Development Mission for Asia, USAID, Bangkok, Thailand

1500

Tea/coffee taken as group work in Session 9 begins

1500–1630

9. Group work: what does a gendered approach to disaster management look like?

Up to six groups, divided into countries, to discuss a framework and next steps for a gender-based approach to disaster management in that country.

Rooms: Ballroom B and Opal A, B and C

1630–1710

10. Feedback: what does a gendered approach to disaster management look like?

Each group presents findings from previous group work (5 minutes) followed by round-table discussion.

1710–1730

11. Conclusions and evaluations

Final conclusions and evaluation discussion including completion of questionnaires to outline individual actions and follow-up.

Moderator: Robin Hart

Concluding remarks: Shane Wright

1730

Participants depart

This program may be subject to change.

Discussion at this conference will be in English.

Participation is by invitation only.

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