



GDN e-Resources No. 08

New resources for GDN members (7-11 April)

Details of the following are available at <http://www.gdnonline.org>.

1) A warm welcome to our new Network members!

2) **Gender, HIV/AIDS and Emergencies.** A short online article, which looks at HIV/AIDS in emergency and displaced situations in particular its impact on women and children who make up the largest proportion of refugee and displaced people. Elliott, Lyn. Save the Children UK. From the Humanitarian Practice Network (HPN) website. <http://www.odihpn.org/report.asp?id=1055>

3) **Where are the Girls? Girls in Fighting Forces in Northern Uganda, Sierra Leone, and Mozambique: Their Lives During and After War.** This book presents findings from a research study entitled "Girls in Militaries, Paramilitaries, Militias, and Armed Opposition Groups" for which the authors were co-investigators. Funded by CIDA's Child Protection Research Fund and implemented in partnership with Rights & Democracy. The study examined the presence and experiences of girls in fighting forces and groups within the context of three African armed conflicts – Mozambique (1976-1992), Northern Uganda (1986-present) and Sierra Leone (1991-2002). It revealed that armed conflict and militarism intensify sexism and extreme violence perpetrated by boys and men against girls and women, especially sexual violence. The study also found out that children look at 'joining' the fighting forces as a response to violence against themselves or their community, a protection strategy or an opportunity to meet their basic needs. Read more findings: http://www.dd-rd.ca/site/PDF/publications/women/girls_whereare.pdf

4) **Recognizing Gender-Based Violence against Civilian Men and Boys in Conflict Situations.** While gender-based violence has recently emerged as a salient topic in the human security community, it has been framed principally with respect to violence against women and girls, particularly sexual violence. In this article, I argue that gender-based violence against men (including sexual violence, forced conscription, and sex-selective massacre) must be recognized as such, condemned, and addressed by civilian protection agencies and proponents of a 'human security' agenda in international relations. Men deserve protection against these abuses in their own right; moreover, addressing gender-based violence against women and girls in conflict situations is inseparable from addressing the forms of violence to which civilian men are specifically vulnerable. Carpenter, R.C. 2006. Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA. Download the full article: <http://sdi.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/37/1/83> (Payment/subscription required)

5) **Fire, Families and Decisions.** This paper explores how family dynamics inform critical decisions and suggests that there is significant value in listening to the narratives of families and couples who have experienced a major bushfire. A people-centred focus, not a pre-determined system or a theory, is needed. In order to reduce, or eliminate, last minute decisions to evacuate at the height of a bushfire, there must be recognition and understanding of how family dynamics and women's role within the family influence behaviour during a crisis. Proudley,

M. 2008. Australian Journal of Emergency Management, vol. 23, no. 1, pp. 37-43. Download the article: <http://www.ema.gov.au/ajem> or from <http://tinyurl.com/4muauw>

6) **“Women more vulnerable to violence during floods.”** Women become more vulnerable to violence during the period of natural disasters such as floods and the number of incidents of violence also goes up, according to a study conducted by the ActionAid. The study revealed that 71 percent of women faced more torture during the flood. Some 53.2 percent of women respondents complained about physical violence. Most of them blamed it on their husbands. Besides, a large number of women suffered sexual and psychological abuse in the relief shelters and relief queues. Read the rest of the article from The Daily Star’s website: <http://www.thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=31477>

7) **Women's role in adapting to climate change and variability.** Given that women are engaged in more climate related change activities than what is recognized and valued in the community, this article highlights their important role in the adaptation and search for safer communities, which leads them to understand better the causes and consequences of changes in climatic conditions. It is concluded that women have important knowledge and skills for orienting the adaptation processes; a product of their roles in society (productive, reproductive and community); and the importance of gender equity in these processes is recognized. The relationship among climate change, climate variability and the accomplishment of the Millennium Development Goals is considered. Y. Carvajal-Escobar, M. Quintero-Angel, and M. García-Vargas. 2008. Universidad del Valle Colombia. Download the document from: <http://www.adv-geosci.net/14/277/2008/adgeo-14-277-2008.pdf>. For comments and feedback, please contact M. Quintero Angel at: mangelq@gmail.com

8) **Final call for the Mary Fran Myers Award.** Deadline 15th April. Details of the nomination procedure can be found here: http://www.gdnonline.org/mfm_award_nomination.php

9) We are developing our GDN gallery at the moment, if you have photos related to our theme which you want to share, please send it to: Kristinne.sanz@unn.ac.uk with a short caption and the name of the person who should be credited.

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