

GDN e-Resources No. 10

New resources for GDN members (21-25 April)

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

Dear friends and colleagues,

First, a warm welcome to our new Network members from the US, Jamaica and the Philippines! We have been receiving new registrations from around the world since the launching of our new website. I hope we will be able to further expand our membership base especially in countries where we have very few for a more diverse exchange of ideas and information. Second, we now have reached the 10th issue of our weekly bulletin, I hope you find the articles and links helpful and once again, would like to encourage members to share resources to keep everyone updated with the latest issues and discussions in the gender and disaster field. Third, we at GDN have always aimed to share our resources to as many researchers and practitioners as possible but the language issue always stand on the way of greater accessibility, thus for this edition of our bulletin, we are running a test version in Spanish alongside the English version, feedback would be vital and I am counting on our Spanish-speaking members to help in gauging the accuracy of the translation. Fourth and last, some statistics on the website. We have received more than 18,000 unique visits (a visitor is counted only when bringing up more than one page and taking no longer than 30 minutes between individual pages) and more than 32,000 page views (successful page views or page impressions) from 25 February to 27 April 2008. Comments and suggestions are most welcome.

With warm regards,

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1) **Gender and Climate Change Fact Sheets.** Fact sheets on gender and climate change (IUCN), gender equality and adaptation (WEDO and IUCN).
Fact sheet on Gender and Climate Change.

http://www.gdnonline.org/resources/IUCN_FactsheetClimateChange.pdf (1.3MB)

Fact sheet on Gender Equality and Adaptation.

http://www.gdnonline.org/resources/IUCN_FactsheetAdaptation.pdf (969KB)

2) **Establishing the linkages between gender and climate change.** Paper presented during the 52nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women-Gender and Climate Change Panel. Climate change and gender inequality are inextricably linked. Notably, they share a similar role of creating obstacles to achieving poverty reduction and development goals. Both climate change and gender inequality limit the ability of countries to fulfil their commitments to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development. Lorena Aguilar, Senior Gender Advisor, IUCN. 28 February 2008. Download the full paper from

http://gdnonline.org/resources/Aguilar_CSWgender-climatechange.pdf

3) **Latin America generates knowledge management for gender equity.** Experiences developed in the Latin America and the Caribbean region on conflicts, violence and disasters, which have incorporated gender perspective.

<http://www.americalatinagenera.org/tematica/cvd-experiencias.php>

4) Women and Resilience workshop. Latin American Grassroots women's practices for building resilient communities. More than 50 leaders representing 25 grassroots and indigenous organisations participated in a three day workshop entitled, "The Role and Power of Grassroots and Indigenous Women's Groups in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)." Collectively representing more than 30,000 citizens living in disaster prone communities, the women's groups from 10 Latin American and Caribbean countries shared their five to twenty-five years of work experience of responding to natural disasters and crises, explaining the effective practices they developed to reduce risks and vulnerabilities along with their efforts to secure food and livelihoods. Organised by GROOTS International, Huairou Commission and ProVention Consortium. Download the report at http://gdnonline.org/resources/GROOTS_guatemala_Womenresilience_report08.pdf

5) The Situation of Refugee Women in the Arab Region. A review of 'The Dream of Return, the Fear of Trafficking and Discriminatory Laws' a report by the Karama Movement in the Arab Region. Displacement has in many cases caused a change in traditional gender roles. According to the report, sixty five per cent of Iraqi women and eighty per cent of married Iraqi women of reproductive age have become widows since the war began. Many of these women have subsequently become the primary breadwinners of their families and most have limited livelihood options. In Syria, those who engage in sex work, which is illegal, are subject to exploitation and abuse and have no legal protection. They also risk forced repatriation to their country. Jordan does not recognize Iraqis as refugees and therefore most are in the country illegally, cannot work, and face the risk of deportation. Iraqi women and girls both inside and outside Iraq are particularly vulnerable to sex trafficking. By Kathambi Kinoti, from Resource Net, AWID. Download the review at <http://www.gdnonline.org/recent.php> and the full report at <http://elkarama.org/En/Portals/0/Refugee%20report%20EN-FINAL%20draft.pdf>

6) "Women's Networks Critical To Survival during Hurricane Katrina." According to a University of Missouri researcher, some of those people survived the hurricane because of quick action from key women who, through pre-existing social networks, were able to mobilize for successful evacuation. Jacqueline Litt, associate professor and chair of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies at MU, found that informal family and community networks coordinated by women are vital in emergency situations. More than 50 people were evacuated from New Orleans, La., through the efforts of two "core anchors," a 58-year-old woman and her daughter, who initiated communication and organization using established familial and social relationships. University of Missouri-Columbia, 21 April 2008. Read the full report at <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/04/080421151807.htm>

7) Event: Third Global Congress of Women in Politics and Governance. Theme: Gender and Climate Change. 19-22 October 2008, Makati, Philippines. The discussion on gender and climate change will be organized around identifying the challenges to action, as well as defining the appropriate responses to effectively address the impacts of climate change. Inputs to the discussion will be collected and organized around: 1) geographic location; and 2) types of actions i.e. preparedness; risk reduction; building community resilience; adaptation; and mitigation. Cross-cutting these discussions will be the identification of technologies in aid of responding to climate change. The focus of the discussions will revolve around defining and elaborating actions (i.e. preparedness, disaster risk reduction, adaptation and mitigation) to cope with climate change and its impacts. Further details about the event can be viewed at: <http://www.capwip.org/3rdglobalcongress.htm>

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