



Families engage in 'sandbar cropping' – a simple, innovative and low-cost option following river flooding in Gaibandah. *Practical Action Bangladesh*



Local residents and volunteers work together to fill sand bags in response to flood events on the Meramec River, USA. *FEMA/Jocelyn Augustino*



LGBT youths involved in mapping activities. Irosin, Philippines. *J C Gaillard*



Women and men engaged in community mapping, El Salvador. *Plan International/ Maureen Fordham*



Women at a water kiosk in Dalocha, Ethiopia. *Action Aid/Jerry Matthews*

Highlight gender responsive recovery planning as a strategy for sustainable recovery and risk reduction

Engage more marginalized social groups and equalize decision-making power in planning for disaster response and reconstruction

Gender Issues in Reconstruction and Recovery



Volunteers work on installation of a playground after it suffered damage from Hurricane Ivan and Tropical Storm Arlene, Florida, USA. *FEMA/Lief Skoogfors*

Collect and document women's traditional knowledge in mitigating disaster risks

Recognise families as DRR decision-makers but consider the different roles and decision making power of women and men within families

Invest in building the capacities of women, in all their diversity, in DRR for the future



Miriam Murray, a development officer at Plan Sierra Leone. *Plan International/ Maureen Fordham*



Maasai women discussing how to improve livestock production, Tanzania. *Ben Wisner*



Women, men and children work together to build new homes in Gaibandha, Bangladesh. *Practical Action Bangladesh*



Girls from India learn disaster preparedness at school. *SEEDS India, www.seedsindia.org*

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Economics of Disaster Risk Reduction Through a Gender Lens

Bangladesh – Disappearing Lands

The development of small enterprise schemes was integral to the 'Disappearing Lands' project which undertook a strategy to diversify employment opportunities and create alternative income sources for displaced and non-resource based households in Gaibandha, Bangladesh. Women, men and adolescent girls were offered training in trades such as weaving, packaging, handicrafts work and pottery and developed new skills. A number of young women are now able to offer considerable support to their families and have become economically self-reliant. Some girls, who were previously forced to leave school, have now been able to resume their education.



Women and men are taught off-farm skills to supplement their income. Practical Action Bangladesh/Mehrab Ul Goni

For further information: http://practicalaction.org/river-erosion-3?id=river_erosion_project_impact

Australia – “Fiery Women” workshops



Practising bushfire management skills in a 2008 Fiery Women workshop conducted by local organisations. Di DeLaine, Rural Solutions SA



Women from South Australia discussing their needs and responsibilities in a workshop session. Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre (Bushfire CRC) and the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC)

The “Fiery Women” workshops were organised by local groups, Country Fire Service SA and Rural Solutions SA with support from the government in order to improve women’s technical skills and confidence in facing bushfires.

“This program gave me vital information that has allowed me to make necessary changes around my home to protect it, should another fire come this way. I have developed an action plan and gained the necessary skills and confidence. I believe all rural women should have the opportunity to participate in this program....” Heather Pope, farmer from the Wanilla area on the Lower Eyre Peninsula

For further information: www.ruralsolutions.sa.gov.au/markets/environmental_solutions/fire_management



Sri Lankan women with their spice grinder. War Affected Widows/Visaka Dharmadasa

Sri Lanka – Spice Grinder

After more than 25 years of violence in the long and bitter civil war, there are thousands of widows who are now responsible for supporting their children as a result of losing their husbands/fathers. A local non-profit organisation, War Affected Women, approached Crisis Recovery International and was able to organise the purchase of a spice grinder. As a result of this purchase 100 women are now able to support their children. The women now plant, harvest, clean, grind, package and sell the spices in the market. In addition, they are able to grind wheat into flour.

For further information: <http://crisisrecovery.org>



Woman and her child selling root crops on the side of the road in Tonga. Ian Kelman

Pacific – Development of Sustainable Agriculture

The Development of Sustainable Agriculture project in the Pacific links food and agriculture production with disaster risk reduction. By using a participatory process with communities and by listening to the needs and concerns of women, men, and youth, the programme identified approaches that use all knowledge available while appealing to all community members. The result includes using crops that are more drought-resistant, more pest-resistant, and where salinisation threatens agricultural land, more salt-resistant.

For further information: www.spc.int/dsap/about_dsap.htm

Honduras – Comité de Emergencia Garifuna

The women-led Comité de Emergencia Garifuna (Garifuna Emergency Committee of Honduras) has supported Garifuna communities affected by Hurricane Mitch in 1998 to mobilise for reconstruction and address long-term livelihoods, food security, cultural preservation and environmental protection of the Garifuna people.



“Banco de herramientas” Tool and seed bank group in Honduras. GROOTS

Comité projects to recover from the hurricane are holistic and integrated, like this project reforesting the beach with wild fruit trees. The young people were eager to participate, as they understand it will help against erosion in future storms and blowing invasive sand dunes, as well as providing fruit for a better diet and income generation.



Reforestation helps to limit future risk, planting fruit trees provides livelihoods. GROOTS

Democratically elected, majority women groups, tool banks, and organic agriculture like seed banks, have been the vehicles for sustainable development recovery from the devastation of Hurricane Mitch and subsequent storms.

For further information www.groots.org/members/honduras.htm

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