



The **Gender and Disaster Network** is an educational project initiated by women and men interested in gender relations in disaster contexts. It emerged from an early morning meeting during the July 1997 Natural Hazards Research and Applications Center workshop in Denver, Colorado and now connects over 300 academics and practitioners from around the world.

The goals of the Gender and Disaster Network are to:

- Document and analyze women's and men's experiences before, during, and after disaster, situating gender relations in broad political, economic, historical, and cultural context
- Work across disciplinary and organizational boundaries in support of collaborative research and applied projects
- Foster information sharing and resource building among network members
- Build and sustain an active international community of scholars and activists

Our on-line resources include member profiles and contact information, organizational links for more information, papers and reports, announcements of current activities and coming events, an information exchange, and a Gender and Disaster Bibliography.

The GDN Network can be accessed at:

http://online.northumbria.ac.uk/geography_research/gdn/.

There is also a discussion list managed by Texas A&M University, which can be subscribed to by registering at

http://online.northumbria.ac.uk/geography_research/gdn/register.html.



Women work with hand tools to clear the rubble in Gujarat, India after the Bhuj, Gujarat earthquake (which occurred at 8.46am on 26th January 2001).



Working with Women at Risk: El Salvador



Meeting in Grand Bayou, Louisiana, December 2003



Ankara Working Group: Exploring gender issues in environmental management and disaster risk reduction for the UN Division for the Advancement of Women



Working with Women at Risk: St. Lucia

The Mary Fran Myers Award

Each spring, the GDN and the Natural Hazards Center invite nominations of individuals working in the hazards field who are helping to advance women's careers in emergency management and the academy and for promoting gendered disaster research. Established in 2002, the Mary Fran Myers Award recognizes that vulnerability to disasters and mass emergencies is influenced by social, cultural, and economic structures that marginalize women and girls. The award was so named to honor Mary Fran's sustained efforts to launch a worldwide network among disaster professionals advancing women's careers and promoting research on gender issues, disasters, emergency management, and higher education.

This award recognizes people whose activities, advocacy efforts, or research has had a lasting, positive impact in reducing hazards vulnerability for women and girls. People whose work add to the body of knowledge on gender and disasters; is significant for the theory and/or practice of gender and disasters; or who have furthered opportunities for women to succeed in the hazards fields are eligible to receive the award. Previous winners include Mary Fran Myers, Natural Hazards Center (2002) and Betty Hearn Morrow, Florida International University (2003).



*Betty Hearn Morrow, 2003
Winner of the Mary Fran
Myers Award*



