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New resources for GDN members (06 August – 09 September)

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

A warm welcome to our new members from Eritrea, Papua New Guinea, Somalia, Pakistan, India, and Indonesia.

1) The Eight Point Agenda: Practical, positive outcomes for girls and women in crisis. Includes the promotion of gender equality in disaster risk reduction by supporting women and men to build back better. Full text available from the UNDP website: http://www.undp.org/cpr/we_do/8_pa.shtml

2) Breaking News: An Emergency Responder's Guide to the Media. EIIP Virtual Forum Presentation, 27 August 2008. Russel J. Decker, Director of the County (Ohio) Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, shares his experiences as an emergency manager and provides helpful hints in effectively communicating with the media. Transcript of the virtual is available from the EMFORUM website: <http://www.emforum.org/vforum/lc080827.htm>

3) Women as Equal partners. This document showcases good practices in gender mainstreaming in Disaster Risk reduction highlighting the experiences of several states in India- Assam, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi and Maharashtra. It presents gender equity initiatives in disaster risk management to promote women's involvement in community disaster preparedness. This document may be used as an advocacy tool, knowledge tool or a training resource.

<http://data.undp.org.in/dmweb/pub/womenasEqualPartners.pdf>

4) Aravanis: The Voiceless Victims of Tsunami. The article specifically highlights the plight of Aravanis with a hope to get the attention of the government and humanitarian agencies to pay specific attention to this most marginalized and discriminated population, in their attempts to build back better. Chaman Pincha and N Harikrishna. Full text available from the GDN website or www.thinkbeyondboundaries.org

5) Aftermath of Liberian Civil War: Male combatants who have experienced sexual violence have worse mental health outcomes. In one of the largest population-based surveys of Liberians following nearly 15 years of civil war, a study partly funded by International Medical Corps (IMC) found that one-third of the population were combatants - many abducted into fighting. The study also found that large numbers of combatants, including a significant percentage of men, experienced sexual violence. Reuters Alertnet, 15 August 2008. <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/fromthefield/218615/12188265635.htm>

"Association of Combatant Status and Sexual Violence With Health and Mental Health Outcomes in Postconflict Liberia" Abstract available from: <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/300/6/676>

6) "Justice for women: seeking accountability for sexual crimes in post-conflict situations". Daunting challenges are faced by women survivors of sexual violence - social rejection, impunity of the perpetrators, difficulties in access to justice, severe health problems, children born of rape and economic precariousness. Justice, in the widest sense, is a priority and some progress has been made regarding access to justice for women. Publication by Fundacion para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Dialogo Exterior (FRIDE), 2008. (From Resource Net, AWID) <http://www.awid.org/eng/Women-in-Action/New-Resources/A-New-Publication-FRIDE-Justice-for-women-seeking-accountability-for-sexual-crimes-in-post-conflict-situations>

7) "Longing and gratitude – the refugee experience" It is pitch black; the sun has not yet risen, but Achta Abakar Ibrahim is kneeling outside her straw home in Djabal refugee camp in southeastern Chad, praying to God. She thanks Him that she escaped war in Sudan and that she and her family are now safe in Chad. She thanks Him that the Chadian people have welcomed her so openly and that humanitarian workers have helped her build a temporary life. <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=79918>

8) Africa: The Climate Change Threat, Women's Livelihoods At Stake. Africa is said to be one of the regions most vulnerable to the effects of climate change although it contributes minimally to the problem. The difficult social and economic situation of most Africans, especially women and children, worsens the situation. <http://allafrica.com/stories/200809011431.html>

9) SADC: Adopt Gender and Development Protocol. The draft protocol contains concrete, time-bound commitments aimed at protecting women's rights and ensuring equality between women and men. It requires member states to: enshrine gender equality and equity in their constitutions; review, amend and repeal laws that discriminate on the ground of sex or gender; reduce maternal mortality by 75 percent; develop gender-sensitive strategies to prevent new HIV infections and ensure universal access to HIV and AIDS treatment; ensure gender parity in political representation; adopt policies and enact laws that would ensure equal access to economic resources by women and men; enact and enforce legislation prohibiting all forms of gender-based violence; and review and reform criminal laws applicable to cases of sexual offences and gender-based violence by 2015. From Human Rights Watch: <http://hrw.org/english/docs/2008/08/14/safric19619.htm>

10) Video: Impact of climate change and natural disasters on women's lives, featuring Frank Maxx Dilley, Leader of the Disaster Team, UNDP. http://undp.edgeboss.net/wmedia/undp/bcpr/final_max_on_gender.wmv

11) Vulnerability Exposed: Social Dimensions of Climate Change. Micro-documentary film contest. World Bank's Social Development Department announced the launch of a worldwide documentary competition that will highlight the social aspects of climate change as experienced and/or observed by the film-maker(s). The contest is open to anyone who wishes to have their voice heard. The submitted films should innovatively illustrate the consequences of climate change through one of the following theme categories: conflict, migration, the urban space, rural institutions, dry lands, social policy, indigenous peoples, gender, governance, forests, and/or human rights. Submission period ends on Friday, October 24, 2008. For further details visit: <http://go.worldbank.org/MESUTV3XP0> or www.worldbank.org/sdccfilmcontest

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