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Huairou Commission
Joint Centre for Disaster Research, GNS Science/Massey University
Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado at Boulder
School of the Built and Natural Environment, Northumbria University
Pacific Disaster Center (PDC) • Plan International
Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI) • Save the Earth Cambodia
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Trinidad and Tobago Network of Rural Women Producers
UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN ISDR)
UN Women Pakistan • United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
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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.

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

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

Australia – “Fiery Women” workshops

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

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.x.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 mobilize for reconstruction and address long-term livelihoods, food security, cultural preservation and environmental protection of the Garifuna people.

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.

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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