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**En-Gendering HFA:
Grassroots Women's
Strategies for Imple-
menting the HFA**

GROOTS International and Huairou Commission have advanced the local implementation of the HFA.

Although our work on disaster resilience covers a diverse range of experiences and practices spread across two regions (Latin America & the Caribbean and Asia), we have one central idea that is common to all our work: Organized groups of grassroots women must play public decision making roles in shaping DRR initiatives. Without their participation at the local, provincial, national and global level, it is not possible to implement gender as a cross cutting element across the Five Priorities for Action in the HFA and promote meaningful citizen engagement with at-risk communities.

GROOTS International & Huairou Commission,
June 2009



<http://www.disasterwatch.net/resources/En-Gendering-HFA.pdf>

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Women's Views from the Frontline



The Huairou Commission initiated the action-research 'Women's Views from the Frontline' to compliment 'Views from the Frontlines' to ensure that the voices of grassroots women are included in the civil society assessment of the local implementation of the Hyogo Framework of Action and to draw attention to grassroots women as key stakeholders in the effective implementation of the HFA.

<http://www.disasterwatch.net/resources/WomensViewsFromtheFrontline.pdf>

**Grassroots Women Share Views
From the Frontline**

**Evaluating Local Implementation of the
Hyogo Framework for Action in India**

From December 2008 to January 2009, grassroots women from six districts in Tamil Nadu assessed the state of DRR in their communities and governments and shared insights on how the implementation of DRR strategies has or has not been a priority at the local level. Grassroots women led the completion of a survey, created by the Global Network for Disaster Reduction to assess the local implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action, signed by India and 167 other countries after the Indian Ocean Tsunami to achieve a "Substantial reduction of disaster losses, in lives and in the social, economic and environmental assets of communities and countries" by the year 2015.

http://www.disasterwatch.net/resources/HFA_survey-Tnadu.pdf

Grassroots Initiatives in CDRF Pilot

A Dialogue Workshop & Learning Exchange, Bhubaneswar, India, June 3-5, 2009.

Indian Grassroots Women Build Disaster Resilience through Community Led Planning, Mapping, Institution Building and Risk Reduction Initiatives.

Piloted at the end of 2008, the Community Disaster Resilience Fund (CDRF) is a national initiative which is demonstrating the effectiveness of channeling funds directly to communities to address their own resilience building priorities through community and primarily women-led initiatives.

Eight committed organizations operating in 88 villages of 11 multihazard prone districts of eight Indian states are facilitating the local implementation of the fund by partnering with and transferring funds to community based groups which have mapped the vulnerabilities and capacities of their communities, created local institutions to manage community funds and link with government, and are currently planning and implementing resilience building initiatives.

<http://www.nadrrindia.org/resources/OrissaWksReport.pdf>

DRR Initiatives in Nepal

Partnering with Communities on the National Implementation Strategy on Implementation of HFA in Nepal In late 2008 Huairou Commission decided to partner with the Global Civil Society Network on Disaster Reduction on action-research initiative assessing the implementation of the Hyogo Framework of Action. From HC's point of view there were two major reasons for this collaboration.

<http://www.disasterwatch.net/resources/DRR-Nepal.pdf>

OUR PRACTICE

Latin American Women Promote Resilience through Grassroots Organising & Development

Experience sharing workshop by launching a regional networking platform to publicize women's good practices and ensure public representation in disaster related policy and local decision making. Collectively representing more than 30,000 citizens living in disaster prone communities, the women's groups from 10 Latin American and Caribbean countries issued recommendations after harvesting their five to twenty-five years of experience working in disaster-prone communities in the workshop.

http://www.huairou.org/assets/download/guatemala_press_release.pdf

GROOTS-India Learning Exchange

February 15th to 20th 2009

Mumbai & Osmanabad, Maharashtra, India On the 14th of February 2009, nine grassroots women from four African nations arrived in Mumbai to begin a five day learning exchange in Maharashtra state, India. This exchange was facilitated and supported by Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) and GROOTS International in order to encourage knowledge sharing and transfer of effective practices in health, community led HIV/AIDS initiatives, savings and credit groups, and livelihoods.

<http://www.disasterwatch.net/resources/Groots-Kenya-IndiaExchange09.pdf>

Tsunami Legacy: Innovations, breakthroughs and change

Tsunami Global Legacy Learning Project. 2009

The nations most affected by the tsunami – India, Indonesia, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand – each adopted their own approaches to managing the specific circumstances that confronted them. Innovative solutions were identified to unique (but often common) challenges; solutions that deserve to be highlighted and known. The same is true for the mistakes: the complexity and scale of the task necessarily meant that not all efforts worked as planned.

<http://www.undp.org/asia/the-tsunami-legacy.pdf>

Global Platform for Disaster Reduction Risk reduction

The Global Platform ended on 19th June 2009 with participants from more than 300 regional/national organizations and governments urging political leaders to implement measures to halve the number of deaths from natural hazards by 2015.

The Gender and Disaster Network and the Natural Hazards Center invite nominations of those who should be recognized for their efforts to advance gender-sensitive policy, practice, or research in the areas of disaster risk reduction.

The intent of this award is to recognize women and men whose advocacy, research, or management efforts have had a lasting, positive impact on reducing disaster vulnerability. All those whose work has added to the body of knowledge on gender and disasters, is significant for gender-theory or practice, or has furthered opportunities for women to succeed in the field are eligible. <http://www.unisdr.org/>

World disaster report: focus on early warning, early action

IFRC, 2009

World Disasters Report 2009 focuses on two key aspects of disaster risk reduction: early warning and early action. The decline in injuries, loss of livelihoods and deaths from disasters over the past 30 years is, in part, due to the establishment and improvement of early warning systems.

<http://www.ifrc.org/Docs/pubs/disasters/wdr2009/WDR2009-full.pdf>

ProVention Forum 2009. 13-15, May, Istanbul, Turkey

Organized in partnership with ISDR and the World Bank, the 2009 Forum fostered cross-disciplinary and cross-regional linkages and learning by bringing ProVention partners and relevant stakeholders together from around the globe.

<http://www.proventionconsortium.org/?pageid=86>

Views from the Frontline

A local perspective of progress towards implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 'Views from the Frontline' (VFL) is the first independent assessment of progress ever undertaken towards implementation of the HFA at the local level. The review serves to connect policy formulation at international and national level with the realities of policy execution at local level. VFL is the pilot of a series of planned biennial reviews designed to complement national-level HFA monitoring coordinated by UNISDR. Results from the two initiatives should help establish a clear picture of progress and guide policy discussions to identify critical gaps and actions that will accelerate progress at the national and local levels.

<http://www.globalnetwork-dr.org/VFLreports.htm>

DKKV launches study on DRR and climate change adaptation

Against the background of increasing extreme weather events a study just released by the German Committee for Disaster Risk Reduction (DKKV) 'Addressing the Challenge: Recommendations and Quality Criteria for Linking Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation to Climate Change', emphasizes the importance of climate change adaptation. It states that adaptation to climate change must be integrated into all different sectors: from urban planning to humanitarian aid. At the same time disaster prevention must become an integral component of adaptation strategies and both fields need to be strongly linked.

<http://213.23.39.218/download/Addressing%20the%20Challenge.pdf>

Adaptation to climate change: linking disaster risk reduction and insurance

This paper is an initial attempt to consider the role in adaptation of insurance and related risk sharing and risk transfer methods, in the context of a comprehensive approach to risk reduction and risk management. It is the result of informal conversations at Poznan between members of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat (UNISDR) and the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII).

It offers a preliminary analysis, produced in the short time required to provide a timely input to the June 2009 negotiations in Bonn. It is neither conclusive nor comprehensive, but aims to provide a useful contribution to the ongoing conversation on the role of insurance in adaptation and reducing disaster risk.

http://www.preventionweb.net/files/9654_linkingdrrinsurance.pdf

2nd India Disaster Management Congress

Encouraged by the resounding success of the First India Disaster Management Congress NIDM has decided to organize the Second India Disaster Management Congress in New Delhi on 4-6, November 2009 on an even larger scale. While the Inaugural and Valedictory Sessions shall be held in Plenary in Hotel Ashok and Vigyan Bhavan respectively, as many as 75 Technical Sessions are proposed to be organized around Thematic Clusters in different campuses – Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Indian Institute of Technology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences etc.

The Second India Disaster Management Congress is expected to bring together 1500 scientists, scholars and practitioners working on different aspects of disaster risk reduction and management across the world.

For more information:
<http://nidm.gov.in/idmc2/home.asp>

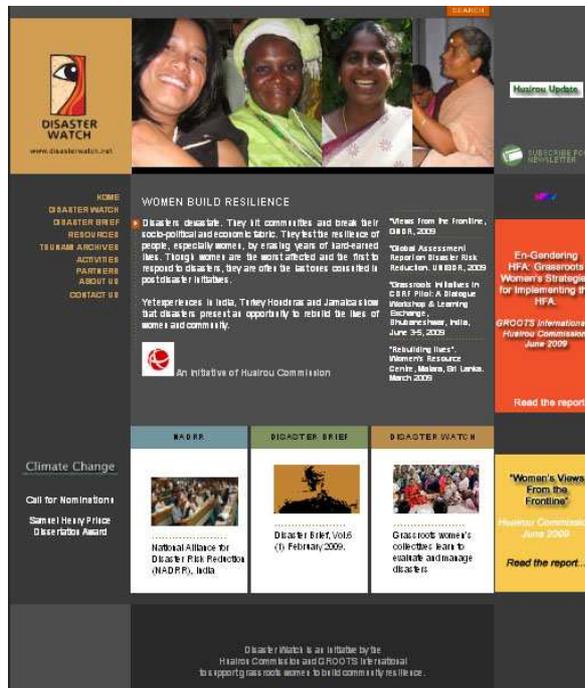
Annual Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference

From Warnings to Effective Response and Recovery, August 5-7, 2009. Melbourne, Australia

The Workshops will provide a forum to discuss the integration of hazard information into effective risk management, including: Applying hazard information to best practice planning; Exploring new technologies and advances in science applications Natural hazard mitigation for industry; Creating resilient communities through integrating science into practice.
<http://www.hazards-education.org/ahmc/2009>

COP 15 - Copenhagen. UN Climate Change Conference

The COP15 conference is the fifteenth Conference of the Parties under the United Nations' Climate Change Convention. The conference will take place from 7 december to 18 December 2009.



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