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Inclusive and rights-based approaches in **Emergency preparedness and response**

Different segments of the population are affected differently by disasters. Therefore, it is crucial that emergency preparedness and response cater to the specific needs of diverse groups, exclude non-discriminatory practices, and ensure meaningful participation of all; thus, minimizing the impacts of disaster on humans, while providing the opportunity to recover.

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and partners are supporting stakeholders to better mainstream gender-equal and rights-based approaches into their preparedness interventions for inclusive response services.

We are analyzing local emergency preparedness and response mechanisms from gender-equal and rights-based perspectives within the context of global agenda on aid localization and in collaboration with the Asian Preparedness Partnership (APP) mechanism.

Applying gender and rights-based approaches will strengthen local capacity on inclusive disaster preparedness and protection for vulnerable populations in emergency contexts.

Key activities



Consolidating practical and locally-owned options to increase protection and inclusion in emergency preparedness and response



Strengthening emergency preparedness and response practices with integrated gender and rights-based considerations



Building momentum and a way towards equitable and inclusive emergency response services that consider gender and the rights of the most vulnerable

'Inclusive and rights-based emergency preparedness and response' is one of the key areas of the program 'Building Resilience through Inclusive and Climate-Adaptive Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia-Pacific (BRDR 2018-2022)'. BRDR puts gender-equal, rights-based, and inclusive approaches at the heart of building resilience and strengthening regional cooperation on disaster risk reduction.

Progress updates

Research continues to review and analyze emergency preparedness and response provisions, priorities, and challenges from a gender-equal and rights-based lens. The sharing of preliminary findings took place at the Global Platform in May 2019.

To enhance synergy and program impacts, we have been working collaboratively with the APP on the integration of gender equality and rights-based approaches in localization action plans in six countries.

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