

## **Same Disaster – different Effects – different Strategies**

### **Gender Issues and the Position of Women in Climate and Disaster Resilience**

#### **Learning Event**

**hosted by the SDC Networks and Swiss NGO DRR Platform**

**24 & 25 November 2021**

**Restaurant Dählhölzli, Bern, Switzerland**

Hazardous events affect women and girls, boys and men differently. Research shows that overall, women and girls are not only disproportionately affected by disasters linked to natural hazards, but they also face strong gender-specific barriers in disaster recovery; their specific needs, leadership potential and contributions are frequently ignored and unleveraged in resilience building, Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

The two-day Learning Event aims at understanding the Gender Dimension in ‘Natural’ Disasters, working with Gender and DRR approaches and tools. This provides the necessary foundations for effective DRR work and vice-versa, can add value to Gender programming with integrating the DRR perspective. Gender is intersecting with several other factors of discrimination and exclusion. In view of Switzerland’s Commitment to Leaving no one behind (LNOB), the training will also look at the intersections between Gender and LNOB in Disaster Risk Management (DRM).

During the workshop we would like to jointly address the following questions:

- Why and how are genders affected differently by disasters linked to natural hazards?
- How can the different impacts be overcome through the implementation of gender-responsive DRM? How can a disaster event offer a window of opportunity to overcome gender inequalities?
- How do we integrate gender and DRM into project planning, implementation and monitoring?

Experts on Gender, LNOB, DRR and Climate Change experts working on different levels and for different organizations (SDC, NGOs, UN, etc.) will be present, and the event will be illustrated by various case studies from around the world.

**Venue** [Tierpark-Restaurant Dählhölzli](#), Tierparkweg 2, 3005 Bern

[Map](#)

Directions: From Bern Railway Station take Bus No. 19 (Kante M, Direction Elfenau) to the bus stop Ka-We-De. From there it is a five-minute walk down to the Aare River, where the Tierpark Restaurant Dählhölzli is located.

Please note that the venue is rather coolish – please prepare accordingly

**Covid 19** 3G rules apply to the event – please bring a valid Covid certificate and identification, the certificate will be checked on both days.

**Programme (Status, 19.11.2021)**

Time		Speakers
<b>Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>		
9.00	Registration, coffee and COVID certificates	
9.30	Official Opening	Barbara Dätwyler, Head of Multilateral Affairs Division, SDC  Nicole Stolz, Head of DevCo Swissaid and founding member of the Swiss NGO DRR Platform
9.45	Getting to know each other	Christine Lottje, FAKT
<b>UNDERSTANDING - Understanding gender dimensions of disaster risk (management)</b>		
10.00	Setting the scene on gender and DRM	Irene Dankelman, Irdana
10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00	Concepts for DRR analysis and planning and what are the effects of a changing climate	Judith Macchi, HEKS Jacqueline Schmid, SDC Patrick Sieber, SDC
11.30	Concepts for gender analysis and mainstreaming	Corine Huser, SDC Barbara Weyermann, SDC Stephanie Guha, SDC
12.00	Interface of gender and DRR – Overview of gender dimensions of disaster risk	Rahel Steinbach, UN Women
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30	Strengthening gender-responsive disaster and climate resilience in the Caribbean	Rahel Steinbach, Tonni Ann Brodber ( <i>remote</i> ) UN Women
14.15	Group work on gender responsive risk analysis	
	- Case study: Women in DRR in Haiti in Prevention and Preparedness	Jana Junghardt, Helvetas
	- Case study: Gender-sensitive cyclone protection in Bangladesh	Jacqueline Schmid, SDC

	- Case study: Gender inclusive resilience building in a pastoralist society in Borana, Ethiopia	Judith Macchi, HEKS
15.40	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00	Reporting back from group work	
16.40	After the 2015 Earthquake: Building Back Better in Nepal	Nadine Plachta, University of Toronto ( <i>remote</i> )
17.15	Closing	
<b>Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>		
<b>TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION – Enabling and planning gender-responsive and transformative Disaster Risk Management (DRM)</b>		
9.00	Starting off day 2	Christine Lottje, FAKT
9.10	Gender data gap in Switzerland	Andrea Hofer, University of Zürich
9.25	DRR and enabling environment in Switzerland	Carolin Schärpf, Federal Office of the Environment
9.35	Understanding and enhancing an enabling environment	Irene Dankelman, Irdana
10.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.45	Gender transformative DRR: An intersectional approach to understanding and addressing gender inequality	Sarah Brown, Practical Action ( <i>remote</i> )
11.15	Group Discussions on the Transformative Potential of DRM	
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30	Reporting back from group work and discussion	
<b>ASSESSING THE PROCESS - Integrating the gender lens in DRM learning and monitoring</b>		
14.15	Learning from the (planning and implementation) process of gender responsive and transformative DRM	Irene Dankelman, Irdana
15.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.30	Most relevant take away's from the learning event	Christine Lottje, FAKT
16.00	Follow up and Evaluation	
16.30	Closing	Jutta Engelhardt, Head of Head of Policy & Advisory Unit, Swiss Red Cross  Jacqueline Schmid, Policy Advisor Disaster Risk Reduction, SDC

We are looking forward to a successful two days of learning with and from each other!

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