



# Gender and Disaster Network

## What is GDN?

The Gender and Disaster Network is an online community of practice with a global membership committed to gendering disaster risk reduction. GDN works with women and men, girls and boys, regardless of sexual orientation, age, class or caste, race or ethnicity, physical or mental ability. Our focus is on all forms of risk.

## What does GDN do?

GDN draws attention to the gender-differentiated impacts of disasters on social groups whose vulnerabilities result from unequal socio-economic, cultural and political processes. GDN underlines the capacities and achievements of marginalised social groups, especially women, to act as agents of change; we advocate for further opportunities to increase their involvement in actively formulating and implementing risk reduction policies and strategies at local, national and international levels in an effort to better protect households and communities.

GDN fosters information sharing and resource building to advocate for a gendered perspective in disaster management policy and practice and in the broader development agenda. GDN provides a platform for networking and collaboration among different actors and stakeholders across disciplinary, geographic, organisational, cultural and policy boundaries.



For more information, please visit:

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# The Gender and Disaster Network Regional Hubs

GDN aims to open up spaces where actors and stakeholders at the regional and grassroots levels can interact with each other and connect globally. The Regional Hubs will give GDN a local face and local relevance.

Through the Hubs GDN plans to: develop regionally relevant materials; establish an accessible and reliable resource centre for gendering disaster management and disaster risk reduction; create and strengthen networks and communities of policy and practice; catalyse dialogue and advocacy at a range of scales to ensure the voices of marginalised groups are heard and acted upon.

While we expect the regional structure to change over time, currently the regions are:

1. Asia
2. Europe
3. Latin America and the Caribbean
4. Middle East and North Africa
5. North America
6. Pacific-Oceania
7. Sub-Saharan Africa

The Regional Hubs require Host Organisations, funding and proactive members in order to take off, if you would like to support this initiative in any way, please contact us: [gdn@gdnonline.org](mailto:gdn@gdnonline.org)



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