



What is GDN?

The Gender and Disaster Network (GDN) is an online community of practice with a global membership committed to gendering disaster risk reduction.



What does GDN do?

GDN underlines the capacities and achievements of marginalised social groups, especially women, to act as agents of change.



GDN highlights gender-differentiated impacts of disasters on social groups whose vulnerabilities result from unequal socio-economic, cultural and political processes.



GDN advocates to increase the equal and active involvement of women and men in formulating and implementing risk reduction policies and strategies at local, national and international levels to better protect households and communities.



GDN fosters information sharing, resource building and networking.



GDN's focus is on all forms of risk.



Join Us

Register to join the GDN email Discussion list www.gdnonline.org/profile/register.php

Support Us

Join GDN's supporters in helping us continue our work through funding, in-kind resources, and volunteering. Contact us at gdn@gdnonline.org

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Connecting and Linking

GDN aims to open up spaces where actors and stakeholders at the regional and grassroots levels can interact with each other and connect globally.



We recognize that communications technology is not fully or easily accessible and that we must continue reaching out to work in many forms, languages and contexts.

Where in the world is GDN?

While GDN is a global network, we recognize that sometimes people want to network in smaller groups, sometimes defined by language; sometimes by identity; sometimes specific regional contexts.



GDN is developing Regional Hubs

The Regional Hubs will give **GDN** a local face and local relevance.

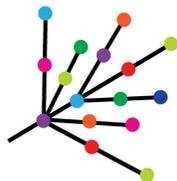
Through our Regional Hubs, GDN plans to:

- **Develop** regionally relevant materials;
- **Establish** accessible and reliable resource centres 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.

Regions and Countries

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

- Africa
- Asia (to be developed)
- Europe (to be developed)
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- North America
 - *Canada*
 - *USA*
- Pacific-Oceania



GDN Africa

The Africa Hub is hosted by the African Centre for Disaster Studies in Potchefstroom South Africa <http://acds.co.za/> (based at North-West University).

The contact person is Kylah Forbes-Biggs. More information can be found at www.gdnonline.org/regionalhub_africa.php and the ACDS site. If you want to help in any way the development of the GDN Africa Regional Hub then please get in touch with either Kylah Forbes-Biggs or gdn@gdnonline.org.

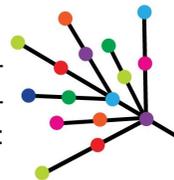
GDN Latin America & Caribbean

Our regional contacts are: Lourdes Meyreles; Rosa Sanchez Valle; and Diana L. Aristizabal. The GDN-LAC Group has its own web page at: <http://redgeneroydesastres.org>. You can email the group at redgeneroydesastres@gmail.com. The GDN-LAC group have also created a google group redgeneroydesastres@googlegroups.com to which you are invited to join as a temporary and easy way to communicate in Spanish.

GDN Pacific-Oceania

The Hub is hosted by Massey University Joint Centre for Disaster Research and has its own website at: <http://www.massey.ac.nz/?ge5ca5410s>

The contact persons for this Regional Hub are Lesley Patterson and Heather Gunn. More details are at:



GDN North America



The North American Hub has not yet been formally convened but we have two Country Hubs up and running.

GDN Canada

Contact points are: Shelley Pacholok and Marcilyn Cianfarani gdn@gdnonline.org

GDN USA

Represented by the **US Gender and Disaster Resilience Alliance** <http://usgdra.org/>



Get Involved!

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