



Gender issues to be included in the Humanitarian Information Centres (HICs)

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Although the Humanitarian Information Centres (HICs) reflect the sectors set by the HC, there are steps that could be taken.

Data Collection

- Request organisations to provide data disaggregated on by sex and age.

Data Sources/Information Links

- Ensure links to key documents and studies, including gender profiles (often available from World Bank or other donors).
- Ensure links to current web resources (country specific) including UNIFEM's portal: <http://www.womenwarpeace.org/> and Peacewomen's NGO portal: <http://www.peacewomen.org>
- List national and regional women's organisations in the Contacts Database
- If appropriate, list potential experts on specific issues of interest (women's political participation, socio-cultural dynamics, health of women and girls, gender and economics, etc.)
- Link to international data sources that include sex-disaggregated data (i.e. UNDP's Human Development Report, World Bank data, etc.). It may not be totally up-to-date but is a basic source.
- Encourage humanitarian partners to submit data disaggregated by sex.
- Encourage humanitarian partners to submit specific studies and reports that focus on gender issues.
- Encourage the submission of sector-specific studies/information that includes analysis of gender differences and inequalities and how the humanitarian community has responded to meet these varying vulnerabilities and capacities.

Potential Issues to Follow/Track (priority will depend on the specific situation)

- Legal status of women and girls (regarding rights, property ownership, etc.).
- Socio-cultural norms regarding mobility.
- Access to education/enrolment broken down by sex.
- Availability of reproductive health services.
- Incidence of sexual and gender-based violence.
- Rate of women's involvement in decision-making (in political structures and in civil society organisations).
- Child mortality, nutrition data, etc. disaggregated by sex.
- Percentage of households headed by women, by girls, by boys. Data on household composition.
- Numbers on unaccompanied minors, disaggregated by sex.
- Data on HIV status disaggregated on the basis of sex and age.
- Availability of individual documentation (rather than family documentation).



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