

Gender Implications of Climate Change in Humanitarian Action

Review of 2008 Flash Appeals for Inclusion of Gender Issues

Appeal	Context	SADD available	Identified vulnerabilities	Actions/beneficiaries	Gender mainstreaming
Bolivia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The climatic phenomenon La Niña has caused flooding, land- and mudslides, nine departments are affected By mid-February, 52 people had died and 300,000 were affected The most vulnerable communities have lost livelihood and income for the third consecutive year The situation is believed to further deteriorate <p>Appeal total: USD 18,215,196</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>The food security cluster will monitor assistance for age and gender.</p>	None	<p>Some projects are targeting pregnant and nursing women</p> <p>The health cluster will strengthen "local networks in prevention and care of sexual violence" (p. 19). This is not reflected in the project plans.</p>	<p>The WatSan projects operate with beneficiaries disaggregated by sex.</p>
Haiti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During a bit longer than a week, two hurricanes and one tropical storm swept across Haiti. The needs assessment is far from completed, but an estimated 800,000 people are in need of humanitarian and rehabilitation assistance The total number of directly and indirectly affected people is much higher A large majority of the population was already facing extreme hardship <p>Appeal total: USD 107,714,621</p>	<p>Of the 800,000 people directly affected, 52% are women and 36% children. This information is mentioned on page 15, in the health sector.</p>	<p>151,072 people were estimated to reside in temporary housing, of them a "significant proportion of female-headed households", particularly vulnerable to increased insecurity and poverty (p. 3). In Gonaives, over 35,000 women and girls is living in shelters, and one identified risk is sexual violence. Women may also experience pressure since food and NFI generally pass through them</p>	<p>Actions directed at protecting women from sexual violence are planned, including a rapid assessment. One stated objective is to prevent sexual violence, and planned projects support this (protection cluster).</p> <p>One project will construct separate sanitation facilities for women (shelter).</p>	<p>The need for a gender-sensitive approach, particularly related to women's rights, is highlighted throughout the Appeal. It is particularly obvious in sector where agencies with a specific mandate on women or gender are operating, such as early recovery (UNIFEM) and protection (UNFPA).</p> <p>A great number of the victims are women (52%), and this important data should be emphasised early in the text. Now, it is only mentioned under the health sector (p. 15)</p>

			A risk was the deterioration of human development indicators: maternal and infant mortality, literacy rate, emigration, crime, environmental deterioration. "It is also well known that in humanitarian crises, women are among the most vulnerable.	Women's multiple roles as caregivers and economic actors were recognised in the early recovery section. Actions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One project aimed at recapitalising women's economic activities (early recovery) • Close coordination with women's NGOs and the Ministry of Women (early recovery) • Develop and use gender-sensitive indicators (early recovery) 	In most of the projects to be carried out by the health sector, beneficiaries are disaggregated by sex and age. P. 27: "Efforts will be made to support the participation of key stakeholders and facilitate the mainstreaming of critical issues such as gender."
Honduras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy rainfall in mid-October has caused flooding in 18 of 19 departments • 271,179 people affected, 57,681 seriously (complete loss of shelter and livelihood) • 72,085 hectares of crops lost <p>Appeal total: USD 17,086,986</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>The food security cluster will monitor assistance for age and gender.</p>		<p>Narrative says that measures will be taken to prevent GBV, but this is not reflected in project proposals</p> <p>Pregnant and nursing women will be given special attention (food distribution, health)</p> <p>Women's entrepreneurship promoted (early recovery)</p>	P. 26: "Efforts will be made to support the participation of key stakeholders and facilitate the mainstreaming of critical issues such as gender."
Madagascar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two cyclone hit the island late January 2008 • The two intersected, at different times, the central plains • Heavy rainfall has left more than 239,000 people affected • Result: Food insecurity, increase of maternal and child mortality due to lack of quality service and water- vector-borne disease • Cyclones two consecutive years, this one coinciding with lean harvest season <p>Appeal total: USD 36,476,586</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>None planned.</p>	Women in temporary shelter are identified as a target for sexual abuse and violence (protection)	No actions are planned to address the issue. The project to be carried out by the protection cluster, is aimed at protecting children	Expected output: "Coordination, information management and facilitation of early recovery programmes implementation improved and gender sensitive" (p. 7) (early recovery)

<p>Myanmar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyclone struck Myanmar early May 2008 • Difficult to tell how many is affected: Data varies from 10,000 to 23,000 dead and 3,000 to 40,000 missing • 95% of houses destroyed in the delta region • State media: over 92,000 people • Total population in affected areas: 13 million • HCT working to assist minimum 1,5 million • Access is a major concern <p>Appeal total: USD 187,298,154</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>Protection cluster plans a needs assessment in five instutions on children's needs, but women are also mentioned as beneficiaries.</p>		<p>"Particular attention will be given to mitigating gender based violence, including sexual violence and exploitation" (p. 27) (protection)</p> <p>Projects will address this, and one includes mainstreaming GBV and gender in other clusters (protection).</p> <p>Women, girls, boys and men are included as beneficiaries of dignity kits (protection)</p> <p>Special attention given to menstruating women (WatSan)</p> <p>One shelter project targets women and children</p> <p>Pregnant and lactating women will be given special attention by food and nutrition projects</p> <p>Agriculture project particularly benefitting female-headed household (agriculture)</p>	<p>Gender-sensitive programming and promotion of gender equality are mentioned in annex 2: Generic ToRs for cluster leads.</p> <p>WatSan, health, shelter, food, nutrition, agriculture, protection clusters use sex and age disaggregated data for beneficiares</p> <p>Information Management and Coordination cluster makes no mention of gender. Neiter does the early recovery cluster.</p>
<p>Tajikistan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abnormally cold weather conditions in winter have resulted in damaged water and electrical supply and isolated villages • Sharp increases in fuel prices • Low water levels in main reservoir further puts power supplies in danger • Increasing food prices • Heavy snowfall will most likely produce flooding in spring <p>Appeal total: USD 25,192,839</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>None planned.</p>	<p>Women's increased workload within the household economy is recognised</p>	<p>Women of reproductive health beneficiaries in health project</p>	<p>Some projects of NFI and shelter, food security clusters disaggregate beneficiaries by sex</p>