Introduction to gender and diversity for community resilience

Introduction to Resilience Training
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Session learning objectives

• To understand the concepts of gender, diversity & sexual and gender-based violence

- To be aware of IFRC’s strategic framework on gender and diversity and the minimum standard commitment of gender and diversity in emergency programming.
That’s just so typical!

In groups, discuss ways of behaving, an attitude or a characteristic that would be considered typical for a) your sex/gender b) people with disabilities c) the elderly.
Group exercise

Speed debating
Gender is just another word for women

Gender เป็นอีกคำที่ใช้พูดถึงผู้หญิง
In disaster response, the tyranny of the urgent trumps everything. Addressing gender and diversity must wait.
In a disaster response, trying to meet the distinct needs of people with a disability represents an unacceptable burden on limited resources.
In disasters the elderly are dependent and always need help.
Group exercise

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(Men and women can never be equal because they are biologically different)
Gender vs Sex

**Sex:** refers to the **biological differences** between men and women

**Gender (as a concept):** refers to the **social differences** between men and women and relate to the attitudes, behaviors, roles and expectations put on men and women as a result of being male or female

When we speak of ‘Gender’ we do not just mean women

Gender – provides us an analytical tool
What characteristics do you think most describe men and women?
Examples of gender stereotypes

- Breadwinner
- Strong
- Emotional
- Well-organised
- Good leaders
- Aggressive
- Emotional
- Well-organised
- Good leaders
- Nurturing
- Weak
- Multi-tasking
- Risk-takers
How is gender influenced?

- Gender is socially constructed, learned and has the ability to change over time and between situations

- It is influenced by …

  - Tradition
  - Values and beliefs
  - Attitudes
  - Culture
  - Social influences
  - Behavior
Definition: Vulnerability

Vulnerability:

the conditions determined by physical, social, economic, environmental and political factors or processes, which increase risk and susceptibility of people to the impact of hazards.
**Definition: Marginalized Groups**

**Marginalized** populations:

those groups or individuals who are discriminated against or who have less power to provide and protect for themselves and their families due to aspects of their diversity.
Gender equality

- Gender Equality exists when males and females are able to equally share the distribution of power and have equal opportunities both in the home and in the community.

- Gender Equality does not mean that males and females are the same – it means that their rights, responsibilities and opportunities do not depend on their sex.
Equality vs Equity
Sexual and Gender-based Violence (S/GBV)

An umbrella term for any harmful act that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to a person on the basis of their gender.

A result of gender inequality and abuse of power.

Includes but not limited to sexual violence, domestic violence, trafficking, forced/early marriage, forced prostitution, sexual exploitation and abuse and denial of resources, opportunities and services.

- Another confusing and contested term
- Sexual violence, sexual and gender-based violence, violence against women and girls
Diversity refers to the acceptance and respect for the differences between people.
Interactions between gender and diversity

Diversity refers to the acceptance and respect for the differences between people.

- Ethnic Origin
- Sexual Orientation
- Religious affiliation
- Socio-economic status
- Nationality
- HIV Status

Disability

Age
Capacity of individuals and communities

We must not forget that while we must understand and address needs and vulnerabilities…

….we must also look to women, girls and marginalized groups to identify and build on their capacities.

Can be extremely resilient during disasters and they can be powerful agents of change.
Quiz time!
Gender and Diversity Quiz

Sex

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Is it 60%, 70%, 80% or 85%?
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### Gender and Diversity Quiz - AGE

| % of world’s population aged between 0 and 14 years |
| % of world’s population aged between 15 and 24 years |
| % of world’s population aged between 25 and 54 years |
| % of world’s population aged between 55 and 64 years |
| % of world’s population aged over 65 years |
| % of the 232 million international migrants that are under 20 years of age |
## Gender and Diversity Quiz - AGE

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Gender and diversity quiz

Pregnancy

___% of women of reproductive age (15 – 45 years), including refugees and IDPs, are pregnant at any given time.

Is it 7%, 10%, 20% or 25%?
Gender and Diversity Quiz

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Is it 7\%, 10\%, 20\% or 25\%?
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IFRC’s approach

- The IFRC’s gender and diversity work is not a separate or new component

- It is rooted in its humanitarian mandate to prevent and alleviate human suffering without discrimination and to protect human dignity.

- The RCRC recognizes that women and men have different capacities, strengths, needs and vulnerabilities which can impact their resilience to disasters
IFRC Strategic Framework on Gender and Diversity issues

1. Systematic incorporation of gender and diversity in all programs, services and tools (planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting).

2. Improved gender and diversity composition at all levels (governance, management, staff and volunteers).

3. Reduced gender- and diversity-based inequality, discrimination and violence through the active promotion of fundamental principles and humanitarian values.
Fundamental Principles

Fundamental principle of impartiality: The RCRC Movement makes no discrimination as to:

- Nationality
- Race
- Religious beliefs
- Class
- Political opinions

...Whilst giving priority to the most urgent cases of distress
Minimum Standard Commitments….

DAPS Framework:

- Dignity
- Access
- Participation
- Safety

Sectoral standards

- Emergency Health
- Food Security
- WASH
- Emergency Shelter
- Livelihoods
- Non-food Items
- Disaster Risk Reduction
Gender and Diversity

Thank you

Any questions?

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