Dear CG Members,

Happy International Women’s Day! In this issue, we feature some of the cutting-edge work at the intersection of gender and disaster risk management – and celebrate the women on the frontlines of these efforts. We also highlight our introductory e-learning course on gender and DRM.

Best,
Julie

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**Knowledge**

**E-Learning: Introduction to Gender and Disaster Risk Management**
Evidence shows that when disaster risk management efforts take into account the differences in sociocultural roles, norms, and values of men and women, that goes a long way toward strengthening the resilience of the whole community. This e-learning course serves as an introductory primer for how to plan, design and implement gender-sensitive disaster risk management projects. The course features in-depth case studies from around the world that show how gender-sensitive DRM projects look like in practice.

**Results in Resilience: Building Community Resilience in the Solomon Islands**
In the Solomon Islands, a community resilience project is demonstrating how a participatory planning process can help ensure that resilience efforts tackle the particular needs and capacities of women. Tellingly, women are estimated to comprise nearly half of the direct beneficiaries of the project.

[Watch the related video.](#)

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**Blogs**

**Enhancing gender-sensitive disaster risk management in Africa: Why a change of mindset is the first step**
All too often, disaster risk management efforts fail to consider the needs and capacities of women. Emphasizing the need for a change of mindset, a new multi-disciplinary initiative is working with African regional economic communities such as the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) to ensure that their member states’ disaster risk management efforts apply a gender lens.

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**Videos**

**How women at the grassroots are driving resilience: insights from Nicaragua**
Haydée Rodríguez from the Union of Cooperatives of Women Producers, Las Brumas, a women’s cooperative focused on strengthening food security, livelihoods, and land tenure in Nicaragua, explains how women’s grassroots organizations like hers are responding to the intensifying disaster risks, with an emphasis on building the resilience of women and girls. A video interview on the sidelines of Understanding Risk (UR) Central America.
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**Women scientists on the frontlines of resilience building: a perspective from NASA**

Drawing on her experiences as a woman scientist, Sandra Cauffman, Acting Director for the Earth Science Division at NASA, talks about the importance of putting women front and center in resilience building efforts in Central America and beyond. A video interview on the sidelines of Understanding Risk (UR) Central America.

**Engaging women and girls in disaster risk management in the Solomon Islands**

Dolores Devesi, Country Director for Oxfam in the Solomon Islands, shares a few insights about how the Womenitarian project is engaging women and girls in disaster risk management in the Pacific Island country. A video interview on the sidelines of the Fourth Meeting of the Small Island States Resilience Initiative (SISRI) Practitioners’ Network.