Stakeholder Engagement in the MTR

Reviews
Perspectives
Suggestions

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The MTR process

Elements of Review:

• Retrospective

• Prospective

• System Wide Coherence

All of Society Approach:

• In keeping with an ‘all of society approach’ emphasised in the Sendai Framework, the MTR exercise will engage a range of stakeholders, including, inter alia, the UN system, governments- local and national, multilateral and intergovernmental organisations, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, academic and research institutions, grassroots groups, local communities, including women & youth and key population/social groups at all levels.
Example of Inputs that can be provided by SHG - Gender Stakeholder Group of the Asia Pacific

Pre-SFDRR Background

• The Gender Stakeholder Group of the Asia Pacific Partnership for DRR first came together in 2012 and soon after undertook the review of the implementation towards the formulation of the Sendai Framework developing the report “WOMEN AS A FORCE IN RESILIENCE BUILDING, GENDER EQUALITY IN DRR” which was one of the key areas of Asia Pacific input to the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA2’)

Purpose

• Highlighting GESI issues in all dialogue related to DRR through the APP-DRR platform
• Mobilising partnerships supporting the gender and social inclusion in DRR
• Providing research and technical inputs on the subject

Periodic Reviews towards inclusive SFDRR ARP & Asia Pacific plans of action

In 2016 - The ‘Guidance Note: Gender Inclusion & Women’s Empowerment at the Centre of Resilience Building’ aimed at the gender responsive ‘Operationalising the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR’

In 2018 - The Gender Stakeholder Group (GSHG) conducted a progress review of gender commitments made, finding a wide consensus and increased political will on the importance of addressing gender equality and social inclusion in DRR, but limited translation of stated commitments into actions.

In 2020/21 – Gender Responsive Disaster Risk Management Status Review and Recommendations for implementing the Sendai Framework for DRR in the Asia Pacific
Recent Review by the GSHG supporting Sendai Framework Implementation

Conducted a progress review of gender commitments made and why there was limited translation of stated commitments into actions, consulting with government officials both from NDMOs and gender and women focal ministries.
Key outcomes of this review

**Mainstream Development**
- Education
- Skills development
- Health
- Participation & Access
- Social Security

**Empower Women**
- Socially: status, acceptance, security
- Economically: livelihoods, resources, resilience
- Politically: participation, representation, rights

**Gender Responsive DRM**
- DRM within an overall resilience building framework
- To address specific gender issues in disasters engage women in:
  - Preparedness, response, recovery
  - Planning & access to EW
  - Prevention & response to GBV
  - Provide access to SRH
  - Ensure rights in recovery
  - Mobilise capacities & leadership of women in all activities

Figure 1: Interlinkages between Mainstream Development and Gender Responsive DRM
Key Observations

- Gender equality and social inclusion in DRM is an extension of the overall status of gender equality and women’s empowerment in a society.

- Commitments are made in the national DRM strategies and action plans for GESI following the Sendai Framework Priorities for Action. However, if the sole responsibility for implementation is expected and assumed of the DRM focal institutions, this might be unrealistic, since this is not their sole responsibility. This is evident through the gaps experienced at the functional and implementational levels.

- Greater clarity on roles and responsibilities, the core mandate and expectations of DRM focal institutions, as well as the responsibilities of national and provincial Development Planning Institutions, and Women’s Ministries is needed to enable the effective realisation of the Sendai Framework outcomes on gender equality and women’s empowerment and leadership.

Based on these observations, we have offered way forward and recommendations – which can feed into the MTR prospective and system wide coherence aspects.
Other reviews

- **Most SHGs in the region** (i.e. CSOs/NGOs; science, technology and academia; private sector; local authorities; persons with disabilities; the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Children and Youth; Media; Older persons and Indigenous peoples, Gender) carried out consultation among their members on priorities for the Asia Pacific Plan of Action 2021-24
  - Many of the SHGs highlighted that these reports of the consultations offer rich insights and suggestions – could be used esp. for the prospective aspect of the MTR.

- **Other consultation reports**, e.g. Principles for Locally Led Adaptation – A Call to Action (CPP); Virtual Listening Session with WFO’s held in November (UNW/GSG)

- **Planned ones** – e.g. community consultations to understand status in the ‘new normal’ post-Covid and increasing climate induced events (ADRNN); GNDR carrying out a review across the regions – planning one for AP.

**SUGGESTION:**

- Governments include key stakeholders in the country level MTR consultations in keeping with an ‘all of society approach’

- **MTR Process:**
  1. Some of the SHG that the Asia Pacific has are not reflected in the themes/groups to consult - would be good to include these.
  2. Use recent/upcoming reviews as part of the official review process.
  3. Measure progress of gender mainstreaming at national level against explicit indicators so that all stakeholders are accountable to the outcomes of the Sendai Framework on gender equality, women’s empowerment and leadership as well as commitments to other international human rights treaties
Opportunities MTR offers for Stakeholders to engage in:

One of the questions being asked is:

- What should governments and policymakers do, from the perspective of Stakeholder Groups, to step up their commitments and address limitations?

SHGs take the opportunities offered by the MTR consultation to bring the most critical issues that MTR should consider in the prospective view.

In the various aspects of the Approach being adopted:

1) **e-consultations and surveys (online and offline)** - *Participate in these as relevant*

2) **in person and virtual focus group discussions on various thematic topics and regional contexts,** - *participate in the regional consultation, and perhaps ensure that there is AP participation in all thematic consultations*

3) **a desk/literature review of relevant documents and reports.** – *send in any material we may have – through UNDRR BKK or directly copying UNDRR BKK*

4) **expert group meetings,** - *participate as appropriate*

5) **one on one interviews with key population/social groups** - *offer to carry these out in the Asia Pacific region*

• SHGs carry out a collective plan for inputs into the MTR process
THANK YOU

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