

Gender dimensions in disaster management, A Guide for South Asia

The book aims to address the dearth of specific information on the subject of gender issues in disaster particularly in South Asian countries. The primary objective of compiling this Guide is to introduce the subject, and to raise awareness in policy/decision makers and the many the many thousand of development practitioners across



South Asia .

The book places the issue of gender in the context of development, and extends the discussion to show how the gender and development concerns are reflected in the context of disaster.

The discussion of the book is based on the fundamental arguments that:

- The risk posed by the natural hazards is a variable, and has direct implications on development in general and livelihoods in particular.
- Disaster risk management is part of managing the livelihoods for many millions of people in the Subcontinent and elsewhere in the world.
- The gender concerns expressed and experienced in the development context are applicable in the context of disaster.
- The specific vulnerabilities and capacities of men and women, as well as the gender/social dynamics of disaster situations are exposed.