A Sea of Change: Community Resilience to Climate Change and Disaster Risk

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- Resilience vs. Vulnerability – strong islands and islanders
- Integrating CCA and DRM – challenges
- Gender and CCA/DRM
- Healthy Islands Vision – 2 decades of experience
Rejecting the Negative Discourse Narrative
Islands of Diversity
## Population and Land Area

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<td>Pacific Islands</td>
<td>11,300,523</td>
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<td>Melanesia</td>
<td>90.4%</td>
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- PNG: 84% land area
- 72% PI Population
Climate Vulnerability, Climate Change and Health in Small Island States
Integrating CCA & DRM

East Rift Zone, Big Island, HI May 14

Cyclone Pam, Vanuatu, 2015
Women as Agents of Change
Publications on Gender & DRR and CCA

Eye of the Storm:
www.newsecuritybeat.org.2016/07/eye--storm-women-climate-change/ Wilson Center
Alliances

Global Gender and Climate Alliance - Mozilla Firefox

Welcome to the GenderCC Platform for information, knowledge, and networking on gender and climate change.

GenderCC Updates

- Press Release: A Game of Two? UN Women, Global Women's Rights Organizations Call for Action to Advance Women's Rights and Gender Equality in Climate Change negotiations and beyond. More

- Briefing Paper: GenderCC and UNFCCC: How do they work together? More

- Assessment of the COP24 outcomes: A joint assessment of the outcomes of COP24 and the commitment to further strengthen the link between gender and climate change. More

gender-climate.org
gendercc.net
Gender and Disaster Network

GDN seeks to open up spaces for marginalized groups in disasters where they can participate and influence risk reduction and development policies that impact their lives.

www.gdnonline.net
Gender and Climate Change

Gender and Climate Change: A Closer Look at Existing Evidence

Global Gender and Climate Alliance
NOVEMBER 2016
Women Do Have Vulnerabilities
Perceptions

Are Women the Key to Sustainable Development?
Avoid the victim lens

• Women are vulnerable - and gender interacts with race, ethnicity, nationality, social class
• Lack of access to capital, land ownership, loans, ICT
• Dependent on natural and agricultural resources impacted by disaster
• Increased sexual and domestic violence in aftermath of disaster, displacement – avoid shelters
• Lack of community participation in recovery and rebuilding – but not only women
• Marginalized in planning, adaptation and response – “missing voices”
• Seeing women only as victims disempowers them
Why Women in CCA and DRR

• Beyond equity – need all our human resources to address challenges of the 21st century
• Women and children bear a disproportionate burden of disasters
• Women and girls are resilient and can be important agents of change
• Women understand social networks and community resources and they can have an important role in fostering a culture of resilience
• Women and men perceive risk differently – better risk decisions when both women and men are involved
• Include grassroots strategies and female professionals in CCA and DRR
• Programs & tools of rights based CCA and DRR can empower women
• Equal and active participation of women and men in CCA and DRR contributes to equitable sustainable development
Looking to the Future

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality
6. Clean Water and Sanitation
7. Affordable and Clean Energy
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action
14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land
16. Peace and Justice Strong Institutions
17. Partnerships for the Goals
Infectious and VB Disease
Water and Sanitation

Pacific Framework for Action on Drinking Water Quality and Health

Nadi, 13th February, 2005
Epidemic of NCDs
Rates of Premature Death from NCD – Related Deaths

WHO 2015 *The first 20 Years of the journey towards the vision of Healthy Islands in the Pacific*
Violence Against Women