

How gender statistics could be effective for disaster risk reduction?

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Abstract:

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction encouraged member countries to collect loss and damage data by gender.

Each member country is working to meet this expectation.

However, only collecting data is not enough to reduce disaster risk.

Cabinet Office of Japan coordinated an expert study group to discuss it in 2017 and summarized a report in March 2018.

The report suggested three proposals how data collection could contribute to the objective of Sendai Framework.

1. Need to understand the background of data. Figure itself does not enough explain everything.
2. Data collected at the national level does not always identify the real issues, because gender issue is very locally unique. There are very diverse issues for gender in disaster risk reduction, depending on communities. Each community must consider what indicators could properly identify their problems.
3. Need a platform a community level how to put into actions based on the data assessed. In Japan, Community Disaster Management Plan could be one of the good solutions to provide a necessary platform of dialogue in communities.