



Gender differences linked to culture and disaster responses

Differences in gender roles may further affect how citizens respond in a disaster situation, as some cultures may restrict interaction between women and men, and this can create difficulties in providing effective responses to disasters: “The women’s role in emergencies. Some groups don’t accept women doctors, or doctors cannot touch women. The gender barrier is very strong in some communities” (G3; R8 - see source document for full reference).

Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Gender roles](#)

Disaster Phases: [Response](#), [Recovery](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [National civil protection body](#), [Local authorities](#), [Red Cross](#), [NGOs](#), [Military](#), [Law enforcement agencies](#), [Healthcare and emergency services](#)

Hazards: [Natural hazards](#), [Man-made non-intentional hazards or emergency situations](#), [Man-made intentional hazards](#)

Recommendations:

- [Develop guidelines for disaster practitioners that take into consideration the different needs of and approaches to different ethnical groups](#)
- [Develop risk assessments methodologies, which consider cultural factors, the manner in which people cognitively process information and which employ a gender perspective](#)

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