

Gender-Responsive Disaster Governance Guidelines

Upper & Lower Chitral Districts

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Inclusive, Resilient, and Localized Disaster Preparedness

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Summary

These guidelines give practical direction to government departments working on disaster management in Upper and Lower Chitral, including the District Disaster Management Units, PDMA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Rescue 1122, and the Revenue and Health departments. Their aim is gender-transformative disaster risk reduction: interventions that address the inequalities which cause women and marginalised groups to be affected differently by disasters.

Five operating principles guide the document: do no harm and protection, meaningful participation, intersectionality, localisation and cultural sensitivity, and accountability. These are applied across prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. Key measures include sex-, age- and disability-disaggregated data and Lady Health Worker records for vulnerability assessment; at least 40% women in community disaster committees; multi-channel early warnings in Khowar and Kalasha; survival-skills training for women; dignified, gender-segregated shelters and separate distribution arrangements; acceptance of alternative documents so that women can receive compensation directly; and a protocol for protecting women's dignity and traditional private spaces during evacuation.

A roles and responsibilities matrix sets out the functions of each department.

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