



GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE BVI

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**Panel 3: Gender in Disaster Risk Reduction
and Recovery Planning**

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Overview

Integration of gender issues into DRR policies and programmes is guided through the Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Strategy and Programming Framework

- These 5 year frameworks have been in place since 2009
- 2009-2013 iteration did not fully mainstream gender considerations
- Shortcomings were addressed in the 2014-2018 and 2019-2024 iterations

The CDM Strategic Framework is linked to the Virgin Islands National Policy for Gender Equity and Equality



Mainstreaming through the DM cycle



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Gender mainstreaming in DRM in BVI: A snapshot



Engaging women in disaster and climate risk management prevention, planning, **decision-making** and implementation efforts through the female chairmanship of 4 of the 7 National Disaster Management Committees

Collecting and analyzing **gender-differentiated data for assessing acceptable levels of risk on women and girls**

Actively engaging women and men from the communities in **local risk identification activities** and the development of Community Disaster Profiles and Hazard Maps

Ensuring women and men have equal access to **early warning systems** by using a diversity of warning mechanism to provide notifications including those that are accessed more by women i.e social media and cell phones

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In collaboration with NGOs, involving women in mangrove restoration and management while helping them to recognise that the mangrove serve as natural buffers for coastal inundation

Conducting **disaster risk reduction public awareness session** targeted to women and vulnerable groups

Increasing awareness of the public and media on the gender sensitive vulnerabilities and capacities in disasters and gender specific needs and concerns in disaster risk reduction and management

Prioritising **female headed single-families for disaster relief payouts** after impact of a hazard

Collecting and maintaining gender-disaggregated data to inform assessments, strategies, policies, programs and monitoring and evaluation



Gender Integration into the BVI Resilience Model





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Questions

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