

BEST PRACTICES FOR BUILDING RESILIENCE AND ADDRESSING INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE DURING AND AFTER DISASTERS

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Best Practices for Addressing Interpersonal
and Self-Directed Violence During and After Disasters




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Unseen, unheard: Gender-based violence in disasters

Global study

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OBJECTIVES

- Understand why the risks of interpersonal violence increase during and after disasters.
- Recognize how interpersonal violence manifests itself and how to prevent, mitigate and respond to it.
- Understand the importance of addressing gender and diversity into emergency programming.
- Define actions that YOU can take to build resilience and protection in your own field.



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Typhoon Haiyan: children at risk of abuse and trafficking

With aid running short and near anarchy in the hardest-hit areas, the estimated two million children affected by the monster storm are its most vulnerable victims, Save the Children warns

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Filipino children, who escaped after their village was allegedly attacked by armed social workers in a safe area of the super typhoon-devastated town of Tacloban. SABANGAN/EPA

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL



WHO WE ARE

WHAT WE DO



NEWS

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REFUGEES

Female refugees face physical assault, exploitation and sexual harassment on their journey through Europe



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The Atlantic

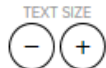
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A house and RV submerged in water in Butte Larose, Louisiana in 2011.

The Link Between Natural Disasters and Domestic Abuse

Flooding in Louisiana has left victims of abuse even more vulnerable.



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Domestic abuse concerns in aftermath of Fort McMurray fire

Natural disasters can lead to long-term increases in domestic abuse, research suggests

By Radio Active, CBC News Posted: Jun 10, 2016 12:37 PM MT | Last Updated: Jun 10, 2016 12:37 PM MT



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There are concerns that long after the last flames are extinguished, the Fort McMurray wildfire may ignite a different kind of danger for women struggling to escape abusive relationships.

Weather

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Monday

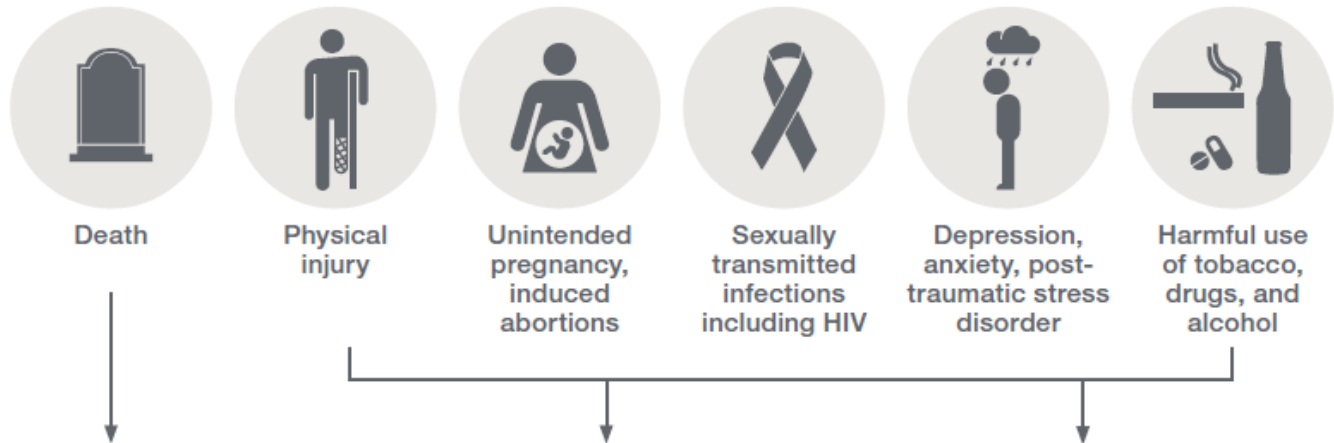
The risk of violence in emergencies increases due to a combination of shocks at the individual, family, community and societal levels. The main drivers include:³⁻⁴



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IMPACT OF VIOLENCE

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES



DEATHS

PEOPLE PER YEAR

1.3 MILLION

PEOPLE PER DAY

4,200

HOSPITALIZATIONS

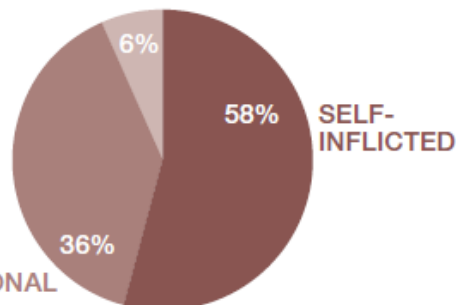
16 MILLION

INJURIES

(UNKNOWN)

report predicts increases in injuries and violence by 2030

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ECONOMIC IMPACT

Costs of intimate partner and sexual violence for countries are very high. They include the provision of health, social, and legal services and costs of lost earnings.

The impact of violence can effect 1-4% of a country's GDP



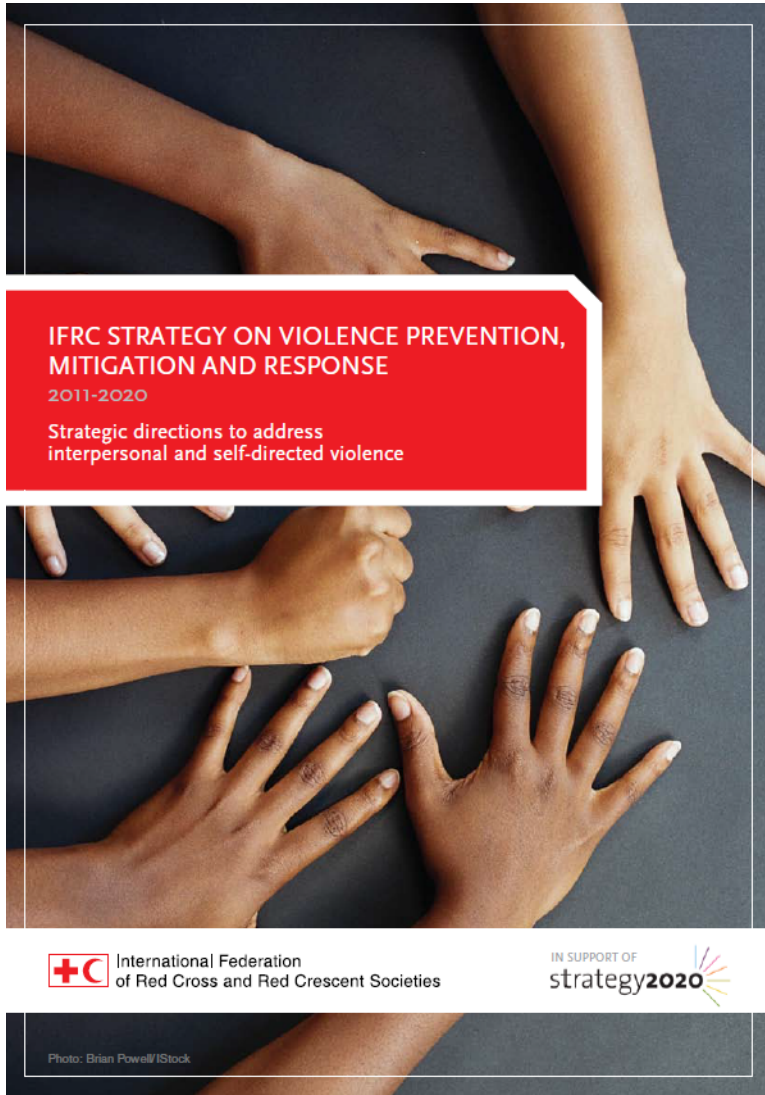
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**PEOPLE OF ALL GENDERS HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS,
CAPACITIES, VULNERABILITIES, COPING STRATEGIES
AND INTERESTS**

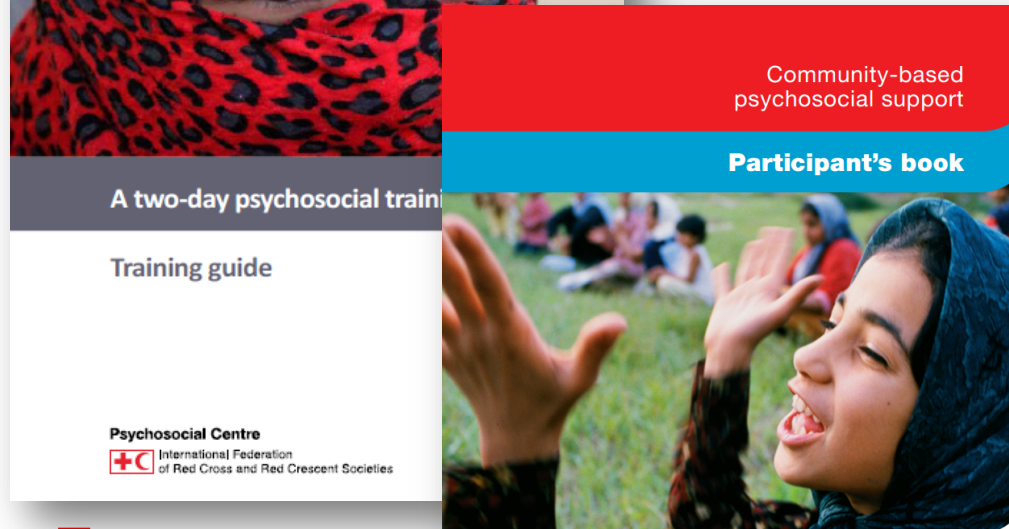
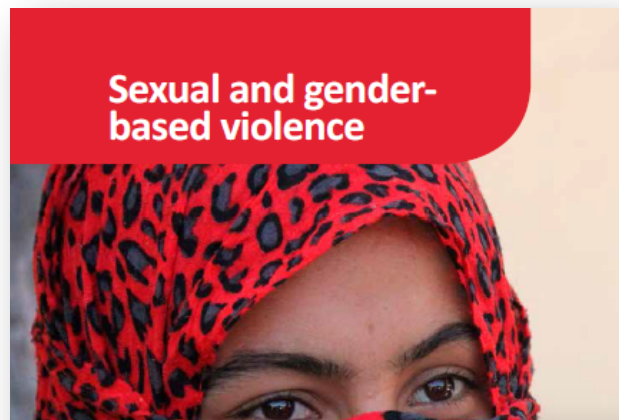


THEREFORE, THEIR EXPERIENCES WILL BE DIFFERENT

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EMERGENCIES



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Reference Centre for
Psychosocial Support

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OTHER MINIMUM STANDARDS

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CHILD PROTECTION IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION



Core Humanitarian STANDARD

Core Humanitarian
Standard on Quality
and Accountability

Guidelines for Integrating Gender-based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action:

*Reducing Risk, Promoting Resilience,
and Aiding Recovery*

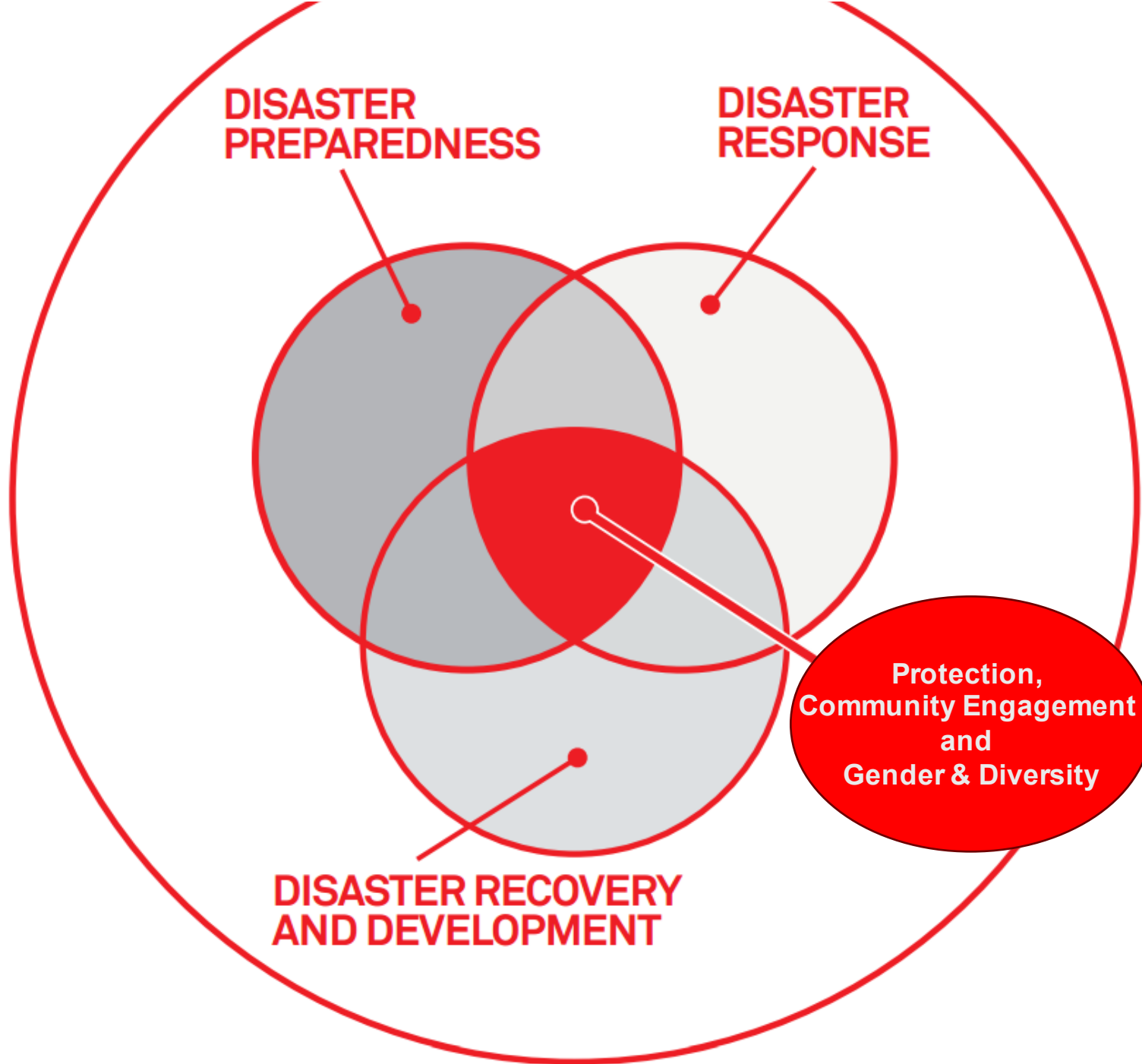


IASC
Inter-Agency Standing Committee

IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings



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BEST PRACTICES IN PREPAREDNESS

- **Put our humanitarian house in order**
- **Integrate protection, community engagement, gender and diversity into the assessment tools**
- **Ensure gender-based violence and safety of women and children are considered in all disaster preparedness and planning**
- **Raise awareness and educate**
- **Partner with other agencies**

BEST PRACTICES IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EARLY RECOVERY

- **Prioritize protection, gender and diversity as well as community engagement**
- **Respond rapidly**
- **Share critical information widely**
- **Collect data and monitor**
- **Support community-based support and self help**
- **Speak up – raise our collective voice**
- **Advocate to government and humanitarian agency partners**



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BEST PRACTICES IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT

- **Take a long-term view and apply comprehensive approach**
- **Focus on priority actions for protection, gender and diversity as well as community engagement**

BEST PRACTICES FOR CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS ACROSS THE DISASTER RESPONSE CYCLE

- **Ensure opportunities for community engagement and accountability**
- **Leaders must lead**
- **Incorporate gender and diversity**
- **Include children and youth**
- **Integrate into existing tools and approaches**
- **Monitor, evaluate and define lessons learned**
- **Budget**



Group work

Despite the fact that violence has always been present, the world does not have to accept it as an inevitable part of the human condition...

Violence can be prevented. This is not an article of faith, but a statement based on evidence.

Nelson Mandela

Thank you!

