

Presentation & Discussion

GENDER AND DISABILITY INCLUSION IN POST-DISASTER RE-BUILDING PROGRAMMES IN SRI LANKA

In the last decade, many developing countries in South Asia have suffered natural disasters or civil conflicts. Severe disaster destruction result in an overwhelming need to rebuild housing and infrastructure within a brief time. United Nations Development Programme has sought to make this reconstruction programme a "Build Back Better" opportunity; however, gender inequality and marginalisation of people with disabilities remain a problem in many countries. Although the international community has sought to promote inclusion and resilience, the Post-Disaster Rebuilding (PDR) process still overlooks these sectors of society and their needs. This research aims to enhance the inclusion of women and people with disabilities in PDR-BBB programmes in Sri Lanka and achieved the following objectives.

- Identify the challenges faced by women and people with disabilities
- Develop a stakeholder mapping to understand governance and decision making
- Determine the gap between policy and practice in terms of inclusion of gender and disability.
- Influence policy and practice in improving the inclusivity of women and people with disabilities in post-disaster development



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3.45pm Refreshments

4pm Presentation

5pm Questions

Discussion

5.30pm Collaboration &

Future Work

6pm Close