Women in emergencies

**Women & children**

- x14 more likely than men to die in a disaster (IUCN)
- +100m women & girls are affected by disasters each year
- 85% displaced by 2010 Pakistan floods were women & children (ActionAid Pakistan)
- 75% refugees from Syria are women & children (OCHA)

**Deaths in 2004 Asia tsunami**

- 80% deaths were women & girls

**Why?**

Common factors that increase women’s vulnerability in disasters:
- X poor economic & social status
- X restricted mobility
- X limited access to resources & services
- X less educational opportunity
- X less voice in decision-making
- X patriarchy

**ActionAid recognises that women play a critical role**

in building community resilience & responding to disasters

that’s why we:

- MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A SAY in the decisions that affect them
- support them to TAKE LEADERSHIP in the preparedness, response & recovery process

**The unique role of women**

“In emergencies the role of women shifts continuously – she becomes a provider, protector, thinker, peace maker, community worker & often in conflict/post-conflict situations, an entity through which opposing sides can settle scores on the battlefield.”

Carol Angir, ActionAid