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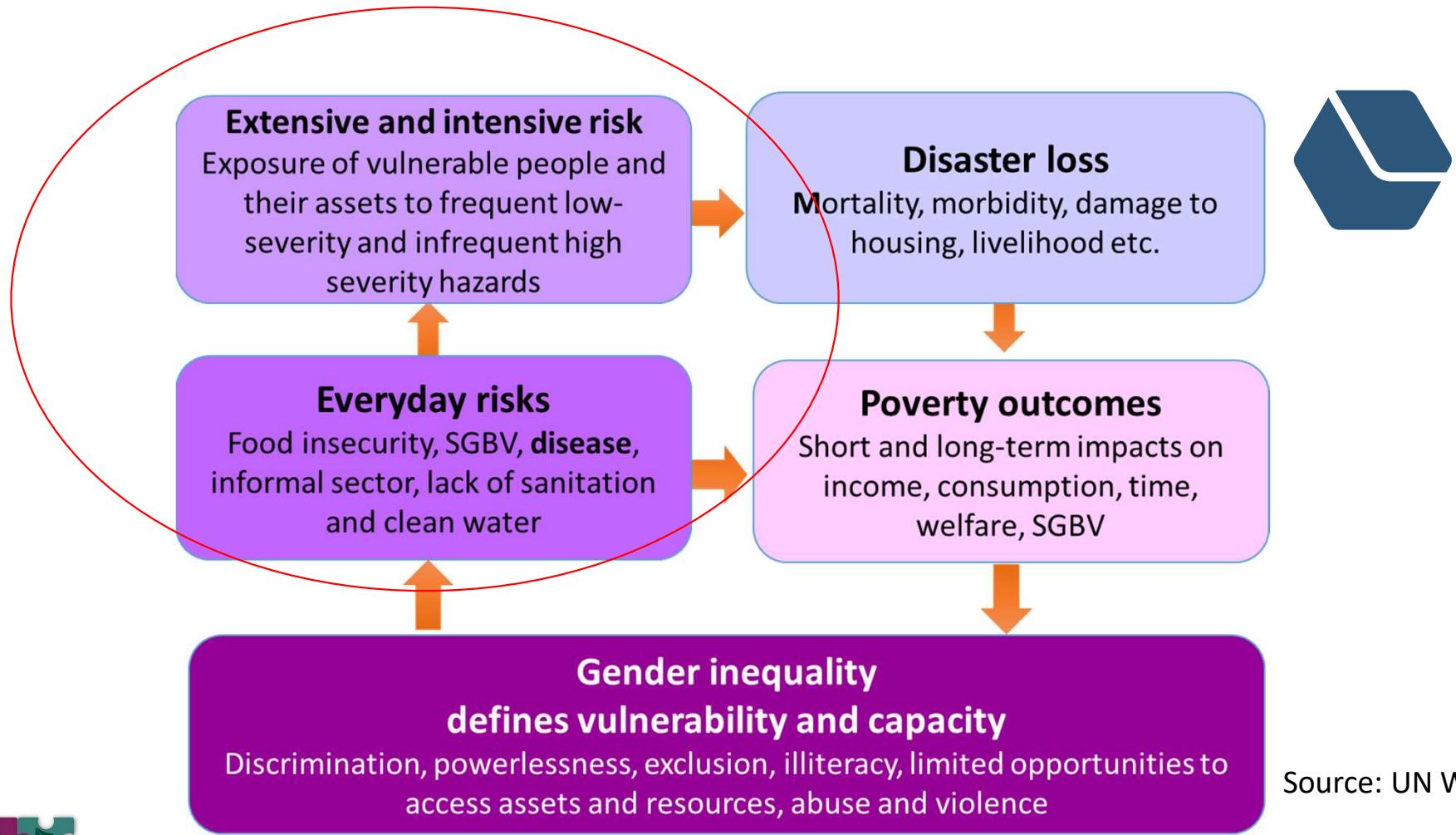
ENGENDERING LOCAL RESILIENCE

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***REGIONAL FORUM: CATALYSING INNOVATION &
PARTNERSHIPS TO BUILD LOCAL DISASTER RESILIENCE IN
CARIBBEAN COMMUNITIES***

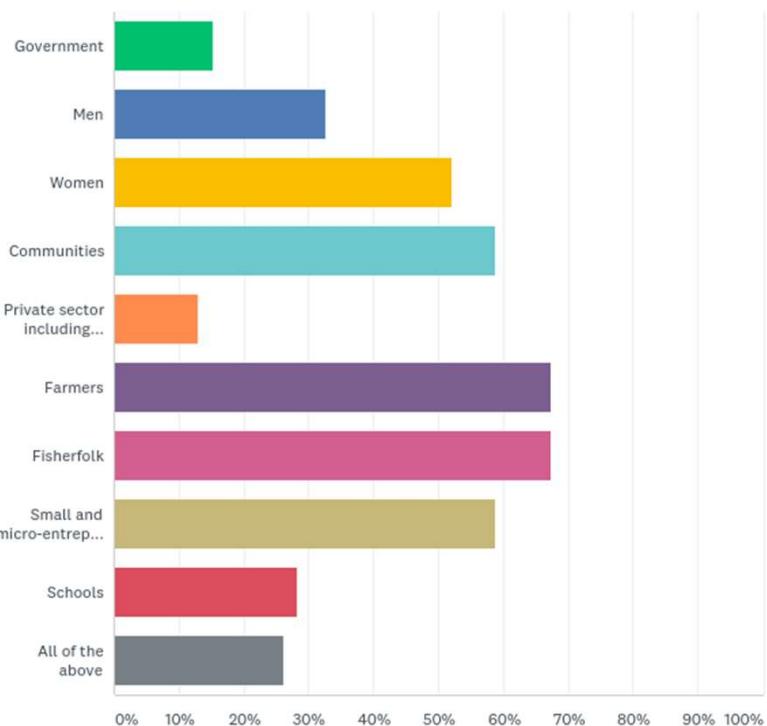
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THERE IS A GENDER INEQUALITY OF RISK

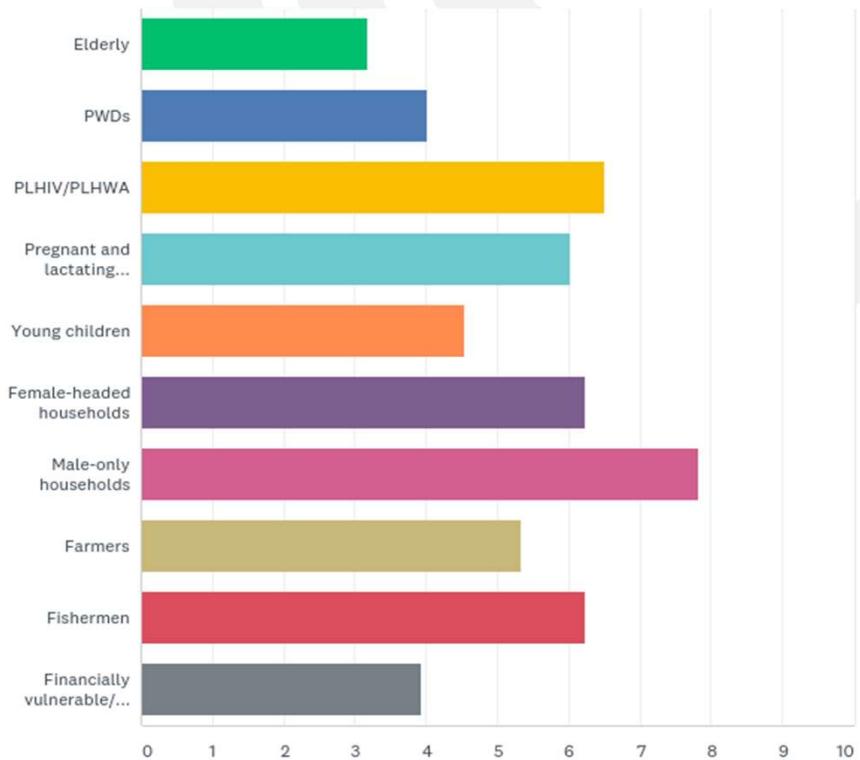


Source: UN Women

Q8: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING LACK THE KNOWLEDGE, CAPACITY AND OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE SHORT-TERM MEASURES TO LIMIT CLIMATE AND DISASTER IMPACTS? SELECT AS MANY AS RELEVANT FROM LIST BELOW.



Q10: PLEASE RANK FROM 1 TO 10 WHO IS LEAST ABLE TO COPE WITH DISASTER AND CLIMATE IMPACTS AND/OR ADAPT TO OR AVOID THEM WITH 10 = HIGHEST RISK (LEAST ABLE TO COPE) AND 1 = LOWEST RISK (BEST ABLE TO COPE).



EnGenDER Survey, 2018



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DIRECT ACTION
*(Example from
shock-responsive
mechanisms by
WFP and UNICEF)*

Emergency CASH Transfer
FOR DOMINICANS MOST AFFECTED BY HURRICANE MARIA



BENEFICIARY SELECTION CRITERIA

Category 1 The eligible households will need to meet the following criteria simultaneously

Category 2 The eligible households will need to meet the following criteria simultaneously

OR

AND

The households falling under both categories need to meet **ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA** in order to be eligible:

	It is a single-headed household with 2 or more children		There are more than 2 dependents in the household
	The house consists of ELDERLY PEOPLE ONLY or ELDERLY PEOPLE caring for CHILDREN		There are pregnant/lactating women or children under 2 years in the household
	There are chronically ill or physically/mentally ill challenged in the household		The household is caring for a foster child
		The house was destroyed or severely damaged	

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THE PROCESS IS ONGOING. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN REACHED, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL.

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MOVING BEYOND THE HOUSEHOLD AND THE INDIVIDUAL



FRAGILITY

- ❖ PROFESSIONS/LIVELIHOODS STREAMS ARE HIGHLY GENDERED
- ❖ GENDER SEGMENTED ROLES WITH VARYING VALUES AND PAY
- ❖ HIGH RESOURCE-DEPENDENCY
- ❖ INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES LIMIT OPTIONS AND ADAPTATION



PRECARITY

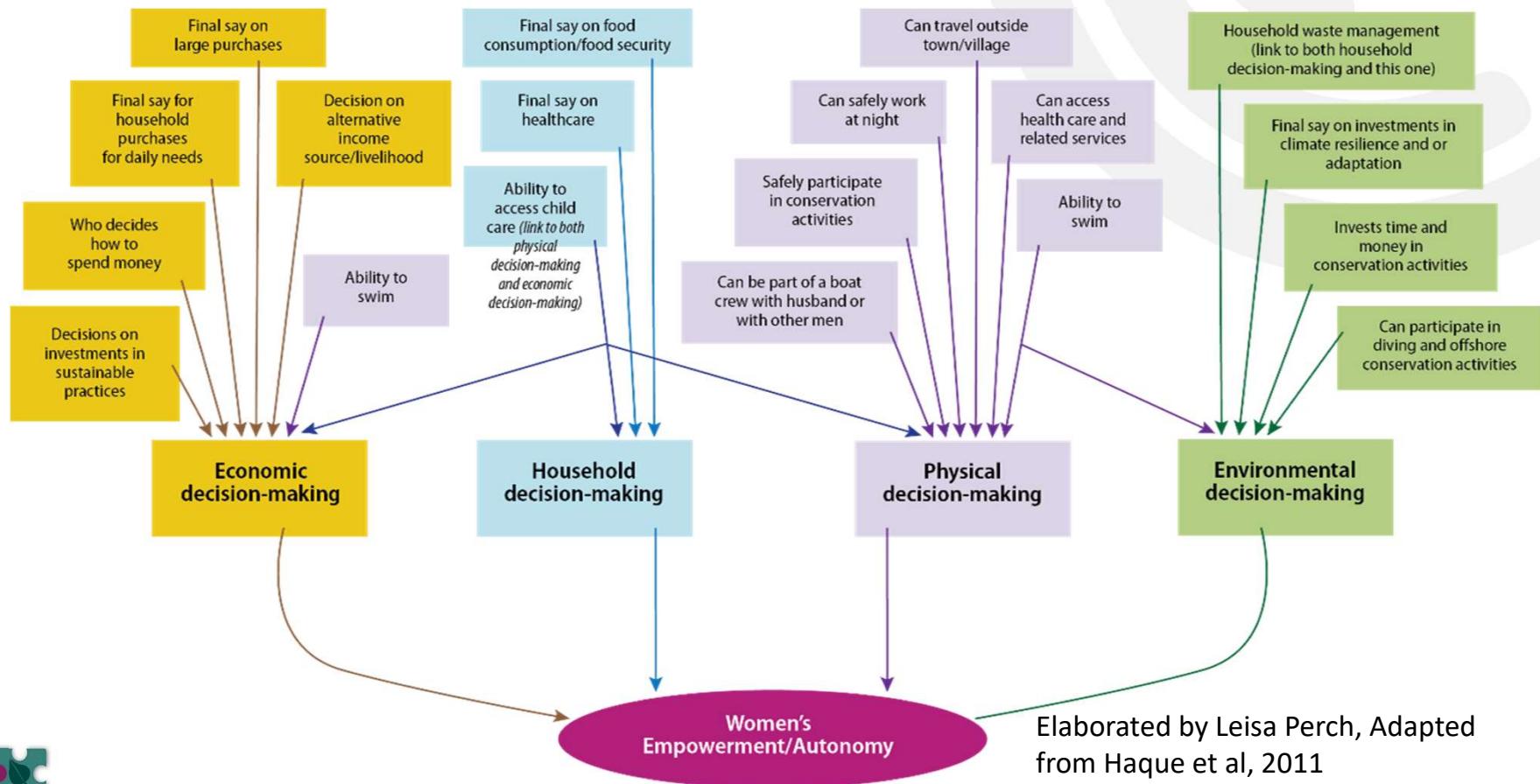
- ❖ SOME JOBS ARE HIGHLY INFLUENCED BY HEALTH, WEATHER AND PERSONAL WHIMS (TOURISM)
- ❖ SEASONALITY LINKED TO INCOME DIPS/GAPS
- ❖ JOBS WHICH ARE INFORMAL: LOW VALUE, LIMITED ACCESS TO FINANCE AND EMERGENCY SUPPORT



Source:

https://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/cermes/projects/gift/docs/wif_forum_2019_summary_report_27_may_2019.aspx

DOING GENDER BETTER: EXPANDING CONCEPT OF DECISION-MAKING



Elaborated by Leisa Perch, Adapted from Haque et al, 2011



ENTRY POINTS FOR ENGENDERING RESILIENCE

Gender Inequality of Risk to Disasters, CC & Environmental change	Effective communications and behaviour change	Gender-Responsive Frameworks and Solutions in policy and planning
Livelihoods and Access to Employment	Perception and Understanding of Risk	Health and Food Security
Shelters and Gendered Risk to GBV	Psycho-social Support and Mechanisms	Capacity of gender- machineries and gender-focused NGOs and groups
Social Protection and Social Capital	Tools and Capacity to Act (Self- Reliance)	Finance for Gender- responsive Actions

Source: Presentation of initial fieldwork findings from the ENGENDER Project
(UNDP/GAC/DFID), July 2018



THERE IS INNOVATION.....

- **Concessional loans to households and small businesses for adaptation (Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada and Saint Lucia)**
- **Linking conservation activities and women's economic empowerment (Kido Foundation, Carriacou/Grenada)**
- **Restoration of Mangroves and Community co-management (RECOMM) (Grenada)**
- **Gender-sensitive NAP (Grenada)**
- **Women Making an Eco-system-based home garden (SVG)**
- **Department focused on the Culture of Risk (Martinique)**
- **The role of women in the rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Maria (Kalinago Territory, Dominica)**
- **Generic DRM Capacity Assessment Tool by CADRI (focused on National and Local Needs and linked to expertise and surge support)**



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BUT CHALLENGES PERSIST IN MAINSTREAMING GENDER

LACK OF ATTENTION AND UNDERSTANDING



- General lack of attention to gender issues**
- Poor gender analysis**
- Diverse understanding of the context of gender equality, and its relevance** (by academic, farmer, government employee or public decisionmaker etc.)
- Conflating Gender, Diversity and Social inclusion**

GESI-related policy and governance challenges

Ineffective or insufficient learning approaches (lessons from Ivan for Maria/Irma)
Struggle to address safety and security issues such as GBV

GETTING GENDER RIGHT IS NOT EASY



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TRANSFORMING HOW AND WHAT WE DO

Example of a stop light exercise for a project review process in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

On Leadership	On Control over Resources	On Livelihoods	On Ecosystems Change	On Gender-based Rights and Participation	On Governance	On Gender-based Education & Assets
Women's participation & role in decision-making, women's leadership and leadership on gender issues. Consideration is made of the role of institutions in leading on gender mainstreaming effectively and ensuring that GESI mainstreaming happens.	Decision-making on power of the resource to be used as sees fit.	Consider which livelihoods are dependent or influenced by climate change (An example of this is a farmer whose crop is influenced by reduced rainfall or land which has become more saline as a consequence of sea level rise etc)	In the context of gender, it refers to gendered patterns of use, interaction and dependency on ecosystems and ecosystem functions/ services. It reflects that women and men both use natural resources, are both affected by poor resource quality & quantity in different ways.	The level of participation anticipated within activities identified as a project beneficiary and as a user. It also reflects efforts required to ensure effective representation across gender, race, class, disability and ethnicity.	How systems are governed; the role that gender plays in such systems. This is linked to gender-based rights and participation elements, but goes deeper into the access to decision-making structures: how issues of representation are addressed along with issues of power?	Focus is on the role that education levels, education approaches & access to information can play in driving interest, participation. The extent to which intended targets have that improve their resilience.



Gender Needs Framework designed by Leisa Perch, elaborated here as a Stoplight Exercise

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“the capacity to tolerate, absorb, cope with, and adjust to changing social or environmental conditions while retaining key elements of structure, function, and identity. The social dimensions of resilience are vital to understanding the impacts of environmental changes, such as climate change, on social-ecological systems”

Cinner and Barnes 2019



Source: Cinner and Barnes, 2019 [https://www.cell.com/one-earth/fulltext/S2590-3322\(19\)30007-7](https://www.cell.com/one-earth/fulltext/S2590-3322(19)30007-7).



KEY MESSAGES



- Building resilience and empowering communities means understanding and working with people.
- Gender Matters: Gender often shapes and informs vulnerability. It is also a window to other social drivers.
- Covid-19 has shown the need to expand our understanding of vulnerability to include fragility and precarity.
- In our frames of analysis, we must look beyond individuals and households, to understand the industries that also shape resource use and consume ecosystem services.
- Though gender mainstreaming in environment is inconsistent, there are interesting things happening in the region that we can build on.
- By revisioning notions of partnership, we can also transform what we do, for and with whom and create lasting change.



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“the social and the environmental must now come together, indeed, they should have never been apart”
(KIDO Foundation)

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