10 Facts Showing Why Women And Girls Are Most Affected When Disasters Strike

- Women and girls are more likely to die in a natural disaster than men.
- 60% of preventable maternal deaths happen during conflicts and natural disasters.
- Rape, trafficking, early marriage and other forms of violence against women increase during conflicts and natural disasters.
- Women and girls often cannot swim or are confined to their homes – and can therefore not easily evacuate in times of crisis.
- 1 in 5 refugees or displaced women is estimated to have experienced sexual violence.
- Girls are more likely to be pulled out of school in crises and less likely to return, than boys.
- In South Sudan’s food crisis, women face higher levels of domestic violence when men became under stress to provide for their families.
- Globally, due to discriminating social norms and considerable differences in employment opportunities and pay, more women than men live in poverty.

In many countries, women do not possess national identity cards as they have not been permitted to register, leaving them without proof of identity to receive emergency aid.

In South Sudan’s conflict and during Mozambique’s El Niño drought, child marriages increased as families receive a bride price in exchange for their daughter.

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