



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **All Regional Executive Directors**
All Regional Directors (EMB and MGB)
CAR, NCR, Regions 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

All Bureau Directors
EMB, MGB, FMB, LMB, BMB, ERDB

All Heads of Attached Agencies
NAMRIA, PCSD, LLDA, NRDC, NWRB, PMDC

ATTENTION : **The GAD Focal Persons**

FROM : **The Director**
Gender and Development Office, and Climate Change Service

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR THE PHOTO EXHIBIT ON GENDER-RESPONSIVE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION**

DATE : February 12, 2024

In line with the Proclamation No. 227 s. 1988: Providing for the Observance of the month of March as "Women's Role in History Month", with this year's theme "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society", the DENR enjoins the nation in celebrating and highlighting the roles of women in pursuing gender equality.

"WE for Gender Equality, Inclusive and Resilient Society" is DENR's pronouncement to celebrate and conduct activities that will highlight the participation of women in building an environment that provides equal opportunities, equipping them with skills to participate fully in an innovative and competitive economy. This activity is also in support to this year's DENR's lead hosting for the Philippines of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

The DENR Gender and Development Focal Point System (NGADFPS) is gathering narratives/stories of Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Regional Offices' GAD activities in FY 2020-2023 that enhance the resiliency of women against climate change and disasters. This aims to promote awareness and highlight the significant efforts of Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Regional Offices that excel in implementation of gender-responsive disaster risk reduction and management,

environment and natural resources management, climate change adaptation and mitigation. This also takes off from the workshops conducted in 2023 where the GAD focal persons from different DENR offices presented several commendable GAD activities.

Below is a guide for your submission:

1. Annex A provides a list of possible past activities of the Gender and Development Focal Point System that may be featured for the exhibit entry.
2. Photos for the exhibit entry may be such of the GAD activity/ies on gender-responsive disaster risk reduction and management, climate change adaptation and management, and environment and natural resources management that include women and/or youth in a community.
3. Write-up of the activity for exhibit entry should not exceed three (3) paragraphs and should include the following:
 - a. Introduce the GAD activity/program/project with stakeholders involved (e.g women organization/community women/youth/children);
 - b. Cite commendable activity/ies, initiative/s, from FY 2020-2023, spearheaded by the respective Bureau, Attached Agency, and Regional Office GAD Focal Point System that focus on gender-responsive disaster risk reduction and management initiatives with a community, including women and/or youth, or such which cuts across environment and natural resources management, climate change adaptation and mitigation. Highlight the interventions, strategies or approaches led by GAD Focal Point System (e.g nature-based solution, green-gray infrastructure, or partnerships).

Each Bureau/Attached Agency/ Regional Office is enjoined to submit one (1) editable narrative/story which shall be endorsed by the Head of Office. The featured activity must fit the prescribed size (with the prescribed format at <https://bit.ly/DENRNWMC2024exhibit>) which will be included in the photo exhibit at the DENR Central Office during the observance of the National Women's Month Celebration in March.

Additional documentation for the activities featured in the exhibit entry may be submitted in write up with photos (not more than 6 pages of text [Arial, 12 points], single-spaced, on A4 paper), and/or video (not more than 3 minutes), with e-copies to be emailed to the DENR GAD Office at denr.gad@denr.gov.ph until February 19, 2024, 12 midnight.

The NGADFPS hereby requests the Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Regional Offices to **submit entries per prescribed format not later than February 19, 2024, 12 midnight, via email** at denr.gad@denr.gov.ph to give ample time for harmonization of the entries, printing of boards and set-up at the DENR lobby.

The respective DENR office write up with photos, that will be selected as the better entries (by way of gender-responsiveness, geographical reach of the initiative, visual appeal of photos and quality of write up) by the Board of Judges will be publicly recognized, with award and prize, during an occasion within the National Women's Month Celebration. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and unappealable.

You may contact the DENR GAD Office via email and telephone number (02) 8928-1194 for your queries.

For your information and consideration.



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Annex 1
**LIST OF PAST ACTIVITIES (2020-2023) OF THE GENDER
AND DEVELOPMENT FOCAL POINT SYSTEM THAT CAN BE
FEATURED ON THE DENR CENTRAL OFFICE EXHIBIT**

Activities undertaken that feature the various elements of disaster risk reduction and management such as:

1. Disaster Prevention and Mitigation
Examples are nature-based solutions (forest protection, tree planting, mangrove planting; conservation of wetlands and coral reefs; expansion of coastal forest national park); awareness and education programs; public outreach projects; dams or embankments that limit flood risks; planning and zoning; floodplain protection; land use regulations that do not permit settlements in high-risk zones
2. Disaster Preparedness
Examples are development of local warning (and disaster warning systems) and evacuation plans thru community education; local response structures such as community-based disaster teams; administrative preparedness by way of stockpiling of supplies; purchase of radio communication equipment; conduct of emergency response training
3. Disaster Response
Examples are warning; evacuation; search and rescue; providing immediate assistance; assessing damages; continuing assistance; and immediate restoration of damaged infrastructure
4. Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery
Examples are data backup; rebuilding of essential infrastructures, institutions and services; restoration of means of production destroyed or made non-operational by a disaster

Activities undertaken on the following:

A. Improving resiliency of women in natural resource-based communities

1. Community Orientation on climate change and other hazards, on climate change adaptation and mitigation practices, on disaster response and readiness
2. Community assemblies/seminars/workshops/sessions on
*Understanding Gender Needs in Disaster Risk Management

*Gender-sensitive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

*Gender-sensitive Community Risk Assessment

*Gender-sensitive Disaster Preparedness (Training on Search and Rescue; Establishing Early Warning Systems; Developing Contingency Plans; etc.)

*Gender-sensitive Emergency Response and Recovery

*Gender-sensitive Disaster Risk Management Planning: Vision of Safe, Gender-fair, and Disaster-resilient Communities

*Gender-sensitive Community-based Disaster Risk Reduction

*Child-friendly spaces

B. Improving access of women to natural resources and their benefits

1. Land patents distribution; Awareness activities to encourage women to apply for land patents
2. Biodiversity friendly enterprise capacity building and assistance to be provided to community women
3. Expanded maintenance of gender-sensitive facilities and signages in Protected Area parks
4. Conduct of Community Hands-on technical skills building on sustainable resource management: coastal resources, forest management, water and watershed management, protected area management, wildlife management, solid waste management
5. Employment to be provided to women in maintenance work in ecotourism facilities, or as river rangers, wildlife enforcement Officers, forest protection officers, and bantay-gubat
6. Other activities that increase women's income or ability to earn incomes from natural resources in their community

C. Practical Solutions to enhance disaster risk reduction financing.

1. Community assembly to discuss social protection
2. Capacity building on Basic Social Enterprise Management, particularly on (I) Pricing and Budgeting and (II) Financial Management

3. Community forum on gender-responsive coordination mechanisms and partnerships to secure more inclusive decision-making
4. Community forum for increasing women's resilience to multiple hazards focusing on their access to gender responsive early warning systems; resources, assets, services and infrastructure that build resilience; and securing women's resilient livelihoods and businesses.
5. Partnering with the public agencies to establish a centralized system for purchasing and managing insurance for health and education.