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Women and the Environment

Numbers Speak

-  The Climate Change Act of 2009 mandates that at least one of the three Commissioners of the Climate Change Commission (CCC) shall be female
-  The current chair of the CCC is a woman
-  Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) affected approximately 16 million individuals, half of whom are women and girls

Key Policies and Programs Adopted

- The Magna Carta of Women of 2009 mandates that "women have the right to protection and security in times of disasters, calamities, and other crisis situations especially in all phases of relief, recovery, rehabilitation and construction efforts
- The Climate Act of 2009 provided for the creation of a National Strategic Framework on Climate Change and the National Climate Change Action Plan which took seven (7) strategic priorities namely: food security, water sufficiency, ecological and environmental stability, human security, climate-friendly industries and services, sustainable energy and capacity development. Gender mainstreaming is one of the cross-cutting strategies
- People's Survival Fund mandated that responsiveness to gender-differentiated vulnerabilities be part of the criteria in selecting adaptation projects for funding
- The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 states that "the government must ensure that disaster risk reduction and climate change measures are gender responsive and requires the Head of the Local Gender and Development Offices to be a member of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Councils

- Disaster response efforts were improved:



Hygiene kits for women are now part of the relief packs distributed in evacuation sites

Post-disaster gender-responsive initiatives include the creation of women- and child-friendly spaces, deployment of police women in evacuation centers and the establishment of referral system to protect survivors from discrimination, abuses and gender-based violence

- Transitional houses are built in consideration of gender and needs of vulnerable sectors

BPfA strategic objectives

K.1. Involve women actively in environmental decision-making at all levels

K.2. Integrate gender concerns and perspectives in policies and programs for sustainable development

K.3. Strengthen or establish mechanisms at the national, regional, and international levels to assess the impact of development and environmental policies on women