

Women in emergencies

women & children are

x14

more likely than men to die in a disaster

IUCN

80%

deaths in
2004 Asia tsunami were
women & girls

+100m

women & girls are affected
by disasters each year

85%

displaced by 2010 Pakistan
floods were
women & children

AA Pakistan

75%

refugees from Syria are
women & children

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**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

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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

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