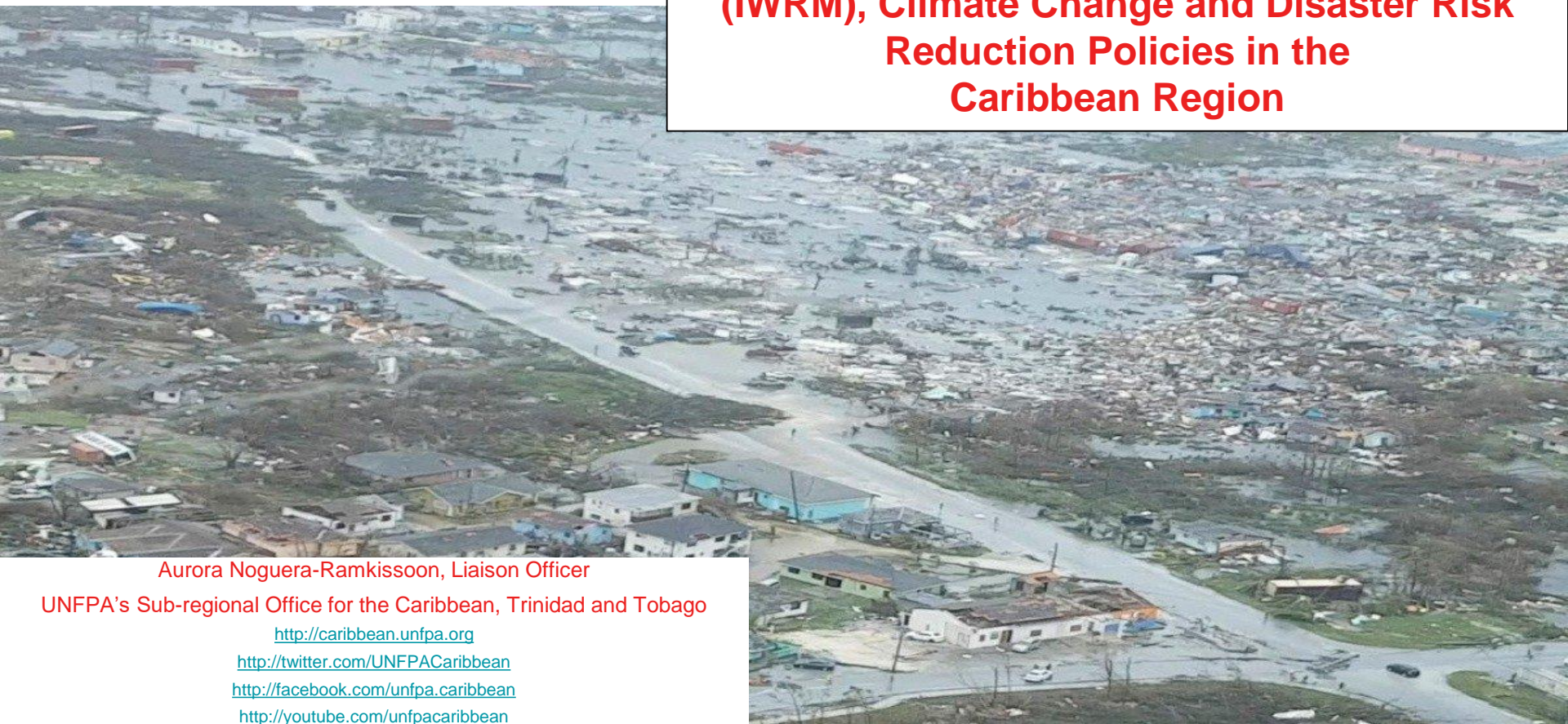




Mainstreaming Gender in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Policies in the Caribbean Region



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Why is Mainstreaming Gender Important

- Humanitarian crises are ***not*** gender-neutral
- 60% of maternal deaths occur in humanitarian emergencies;
- All forms of violence against women and girls peak during disasters or conflicts;
- High proportion of households in the region are female headed (28.3 - 43.5%)
- LAC – a highly vulnerable region (Between 2003 – 2017, 300,000 persons lost their lives and 70 million were affected due to natural disasters).



International Frameworks

- CEDAW, 1979; Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action, 1995;
- 1994 ICPD PoA affirms the right to SRH and GBV **prevention and mitigation services**;
- Samoa Pathway, 2014, The Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030); the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, 2015 and the SDGs





Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP)

- **Prevent and manage the consequences of sexual violence by:**
 - Putting in place measures to protect affected populations, particularly women and girls, from sexual violence;
 - Making clinical care available for survivors of rape **and treatment of STIs**; and
 - Ensuring the community is aware of the available clinical services (**IEC materials and outreach**).
 - Ensuring WASH facilities are adequate and meet the needs of men, women, girls and boys
- **Reduce HIV transmission by:**
 - Ensuring safe blood transfusion practice;
 - Facilitating and enforcing respect for standard precautions; and
 - Making free condoms available.





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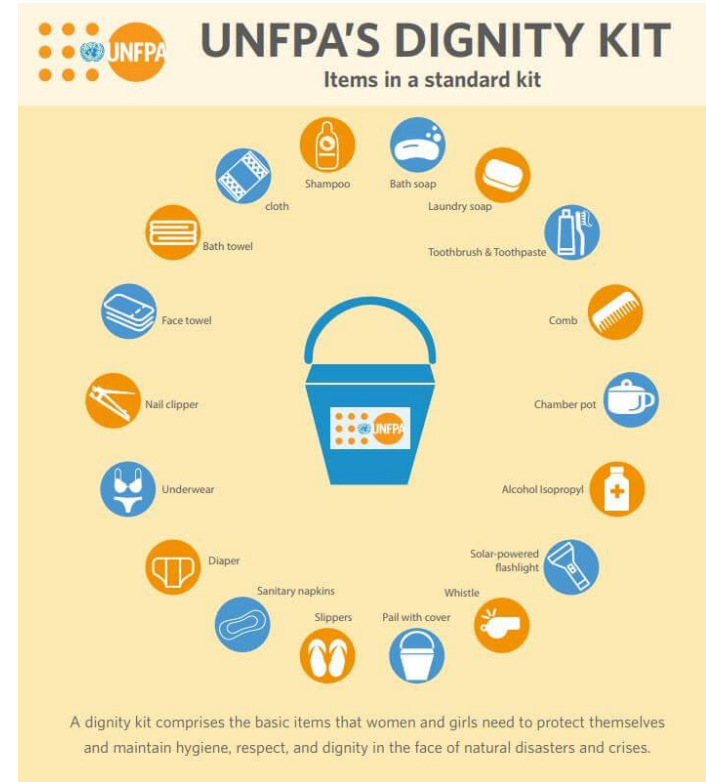
- **Prevent excess maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality by:**
 - Ensuring availability of emergency obstetric care (EmOC) and newborn care services, including:
 - At health facilities: Ensure there are skilled birth attendants and supplies for normal births and management of obstetric and newborn complications;
 - At referral hospitals: Ensure there are skilled medical staff and supplies for management of obstetric and newborn emergencies;
 - Establishing a referral system to facilitate transport and communication from the community to the health center and between health center and hospital; and
 - Providing clean delivery kits to visibly pregnant women and birth attendants to promote clean home deliveries when access to a health facility is not possible.





Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP)

- Plan for comprehensive RH services, integrated into primary health care (PHC) as the situation permits. Support the health sector/cluster partners to:
 - Coordinate ordering **and distribution of** RH equipment and supplies, **including dignity kits to affected populations**, based on estimated and observed consumption;
 - Collect existing background data;
 - Identify suitable sites for future service delivery of comprehensive RH services; and
 - Assess staff capacity to provide comprehensive RH services and plan for training/retraining of staff



Recommendations

- A multi-sectoral, well coordinated response is required when pulling in all key partners to ensure timely support (**Government, Civil Society, UN, CEDEMA, IDPs**);
- Ensure that SRH is integrated in natural disaster plans, focal points established to support clusters;
- Invest in **GBV and** SRH services and supplies, as part of an essential health package in emergencies;
- Allocate resources for emergency preparedness and response;



Recommendations

- Scale-up in emergency settings the implementation of the 2030 Agenda targets;
- Ensure First Responders have training, particularly in the MISP
- Ensure that financing for humanitarian action, including access to SRH Geographic mapping of **vulnerable** populations **and/or populations with special needs**;
- Ensure that you have disaggregated data before the emergency;





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