



World Humanitarian day

An unequalled number of people around the world live through humanitarian crises today. Armed conflict, natural disasters, diseases and violent persecution have forced more than 70 million people out of their homes. Out of this number women and girls suffer the impact the most. During times of such crises women and girls particularly in low-income countries are more likely to be taken out of school, or are the first to reduce the quantity and quality of food they eat. They may also forgo essential medicines and are more likely to sell sex in order to survive. This goes to undoing the gradual progress being made in achieving the SDGs.

1 out of 5 women in humanitarian settings are estimated to experience sexual violence. Girls are 2.5 times likely to drop out of school in conflict affected areas while 60 percent of preventable maternal deaths take place in conflict areas. As much as women may be disadvantaged during such crises, there are other women who have set the pace in making a change with resilience by being in the front-line in humanitarian services.

In 2019, the UN recorded that out of more than half a million people engaged in providing humanitarian assistance in areas of war, 40 percent of them was made up of women working in the most dangerous corners in the world. Women are often the first to respond to a call and the last to leave the scene. These efforts help in saving the lives of families and communities. There is the focus by civil society organisations to have a gender balance and equity through investment on humanitarian actions. There is the need to push for innovations and technology for women in the humanitarian sector to help them achieve their aim of providing the best for people around the world.

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