Women’s Participation in Coordination
Research Findings and Recommendations

Key Findings
WOMEN’S CONTRIBUTION TO COORDINATION, AND BARRIERS TO THEIR PARTICIPATION
Women have a better understanding of domestic household needs than men.

Women are more likely to suggest practical solutions to problems.
Women are more aware of and responsive to issues of women and girls’ safety and protection.

Culture causes women’s exclusion from public life, so women are less likely to participate in coordination for humanitarian response.
Camp Management agencies can help to address the structural exclusion of women, as well as building their capacities and confidence to participate in coordination.

Key Recommendations for Camp Management agencies

ENHANCING WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION IN AND IMPACT THROUGH COORDINATION
Ensure and promote women’s formal inclusion in governance and coordination mechanisms, equal to men’s inclusion.

Manage coordination meetings to enable women’s participation.
Facilitate access to a women’s only physical space for coordination

Provide simple tools and templates to facilitate women’s coordination
Develop women's social and professional networks

Provide capacity building in essential topics, and literacy & language training (if needed) + ongoing coaching support
Provide material resources that support participation in coordination

Ensure adequate female representation within field teams
Key Recommendations for Camp Management agencies

**ENHANCING WOMEN’S SAFETY BY ENHANCING THEIR ROLE IN COORDINATION**

Ensure links between women leaders and community-based protection mechanisms (e.g. protection or health focal points)
Arrange for women from governance structures to meet with agencies who implement services that impact on women’s safety.

Train and support women to map safety risks, and assign resources for responding to issues raised.
Liaise with protection agencies to train women leaders on protection: GBV response and prevention, referral principles and pathways (minimum)

Feedback? We want to hear it!

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