The Role of Women in Coordination

Findings and Recommendations
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KEY FINDINGS
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.
Enhancing women’s participation in and impact through coordination

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Ensure that women are included in governance and coordination mechanisms
Manage 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
Capacity building in essential topics, literacy & language training (if needed) + ongoing coaching support by qualified (female) staff

Provide material resources to support participation in coordination
What have we done with the research?

**IDEAS TO ACTION**

The researcher presented the recommendations to country teams and to a global audience through a webinar.
A new IOM-NRC project in 2020 where the recommendations will be put into practice

Feedback?
We want to hear it!