

Concept Note
Gender and Disaster Risk Management in Mozambique
Policy Dialogue
MAPUTO, 13 OCTOBER 2025

1. Background

The occurrence of disasters, especially those that are climate-induced, is increasing worldwide, making it more challenging to achieve the sustainable development agenda. Due to the frequency and severity of these disasters, there is an increase in resource scarcity, undermining livelihoods and increasing food insecurity, pressures for migration, forced displacement, and the cost of building resilience at the country level. The occurrence of disasters points to potential future deterioration, which is likely to induce adverse effects on agricultural production, access to energy, clean air, water and sanitation.

Climate change, economic uncertainties, new pandemics and food shortages are coming together in a way that evokes considerable concern. The African Risk Capacity (ARC) is supporting the Government of Mozambique to institutionalize and strengthen early, effective and efficient response systems to especially drought disasters at national and sub-national levels in order to strengthen social protection systems during times of drought disasters.

There are gender-based vulnerabilities to disasters which do not emanate from a single factor but reflect historical and culturally specific patterns of social institutions, culture and personal lives. Gender equity plays a pivotal role in building resilience and adaptation pathways in disaster risk management. In this perspective, with the support of the BADEA funding, a Gender Analysis has been conducted which provides an overview of the gender situation in DRM in Mozambique.

This analysis informed the development of a Gender Action Plan (GAP) with a clear set of measurable gender indicators and actions. The GAP is premised on available data and studies from the Government of Mozambique, development partners, civil society organisations and field visits to selected communities/district and selected national institutions and partners. A Gender Training Manual in DRM was also developed.

Meanwhile, the findings of the Gender analysis have been summarised into a policy brief for the purpose of influencing gender transformative policy decisions and actions in DRM. It is in this context that ARC, together with its partners, are organising the present policy dialogue on Gender and Disaster Risk Management. The policy dialogue will provide a forum for policymakers to discuss the findings of the Gender and DRM analysis and explore pathways for coherent policy and programmatic actions to ensure maximum protection of vulnerable population and communities in times of natural disasters.

To ensure that the outcome of the policy dialogue is actionable, a donors round table will be held, in the context of the ARC Gender Transformative Fund mechanism, to solicit for resources for the implementation of critical actions/activities identified in the Gender Plan of Action. Such actions/activities are carefully selected to ensure that unequal power relations and systemic discrimination, harmful norms and practices are addressed in a transformative manner.

This policy dialogue is scheduled on the margins of the planned pay-out ceremony of the ARC Group, which underscores the importance the ARC Group attaches to upholding its gender equality principle in all its operations and programmes.

2. Objectives

The planned policy dialogue is a one-day event with a two-pronged objective:

1. To share the findings of the gender analysis through the presentation of a policy brief.
2. To solicit for resources for the implementation of critical activities geared towards gender equality and women empowerment in DRM actions.

Meanwhile, the policy dialogue will attempt to clarify the following concerns on Gender and DRMF:

- How do we ensure policy coherence in Disaster Risk Management for effective integration of gender equality concerns in DRM?
- What is the importance of gender-disaggregated data in DRM? How do we collect, analyse, and disseminate gender-disaggregated data and ensure its effective utilisation?
- How can we leverage partnerships to accelerate gender-transformative DRM policies and actions?

3. Expected Outcomes

Key outcomes of the policy dialogue include:

- Commitment for policy coherence for gender and disaster risk reduction/management renewed.
- Pathways for collection and use of gender-disaggregated data identified.
- Avenues for resources for the implementation of critical actions/activities explored.

4. Participants

The policy dialogue will bring together the following categories of participants:

- Governmental officials.
- Civil society organisations.
- Traditional entities.
- Private Sector.
- Media.
- Academia.
- Development partners.

5. Date and Venue

Date: The event will take place on **13 October 2025**.

Venue: Avenida Hotel

Time: 09:00 – 13:00

6. Agenda

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
9:00-9:25	Registration	All
9:25-9:30	Welcome	INGD
9:30-10:00	High-Level Opening Session	

	Keynote address	Eva Kavuma, ARC Group COO
	Goodwill Message	Global Affairs Canada
	Welcome remarks	Government of Mozambique (INGD President/ Minister of Finance)
10:00-10:20	Coffee break & Group Photo	All
10:20- 10:40	Setting the Scene: ARC Gender Strategy	ARC Head of Gender
10:40-11:10	Gender Platform Video Gender Impact Video Presentation of the key findings and recommendations of Gender Analysis and Policy Brief	ARC Gender Expert
11:10- 11:30	Q&A	All
11:30-12:30	Panel Discussion: Gender Mainstreaming in DRM in Mozambique	Ministry of Gender, INGD, Civil Society, MEF, Ministry of Agriculture, WFP
	1. How do we ensure policy coherence in Disaster Risk Management for effective integration of gender equality concerns during climate and health-related disasters?	INGD President
	2. What is the importance of gender-disaggregated data in DRM? How do we collect, analyse, and disseminate gender-disaggregated data and ensure its effective utilisation?	Civil Society (TBC)
	3. How do we leverage partnerships to promote gender integration in DRM in Mozambique? What are the opportunities?	WFP Country Director
	4. What is the place of Women in DRM Leadership and Decision Making: Gaps and Opportunities?	Ministry of Gender
	5. How do we ensure that Disaster Financing responds to gender equality issues?	Ministry of Finance
12:30-12:45	- Key Takeaways - Gender Transformative Fund Endorsement - Next steps	ARC Head of Gender
12:45-12:55	Closing Remarks	Adelto Chambela- Director of the Social and Environmental Safeguards Division at INGD
13:00	Lunch	

