



# Plataforma Regional para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres de las Américas

## *Invertir en RRD para proteger los avances del desarrollo*

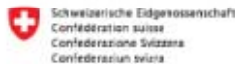
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## Gender in the Context of Disaster

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# Outline

USAID Involvement in Gender and Disaster work in the LAC Region

Why Gender is so Important in Disaster Work

Continued Gaps/Challenges/Priorities



# USAID/OFDA Gender-Related Activities LAC

International Conferences

Gender Seminars

Assessment Visits

Gender-Based Community DRR

Virtual Training/Webinar



# The Importance of Gender

- Why Gender
- Why Women
- Protection and Empowerment



# Continued Gaps/Challenges/Priorities

- Grassroots Women's Initiatives
- National Dialogues
- Networks and Communities of Practice
- University Involvement
- Local Trainers and Training Materials



# Thanks/Gracias



## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

### **Katherine Reid, Regional Program Officer, USAID/OFDA/LAC**

Katherine Reid joined the USAID/OFDA/LAC team as a program officer in August 2011, following more than 10 years of experience in international development and relief work. She is also the USAID/OFDA regional focal point for the incorporation of gender into overall programming.

She began her overseas work in 1995 in the Balkans, monitoring food aid distributions for the U.N. World Food Program in Serbia and managing a conflict-resolution program for the U.N. Development Program in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 1999, Katherine joined a USAID-funded civil society development program with Counterpart International in Belarus. She later returned to the United States to work with a partner organization coordinating early intervention services for special needs children. In 2003, Katherine returned to overseas work with a Mercy Corps program that provided health and water/sanitation services to Afghan refugees in Balochistan Province, Pakistan. In 2005, she moved to Sudan to design, launch, and manage the International Rescue Committee's child protection program in South, West, and eventually North Darfur, and then went on to manage the organization's refugee resettlement program in Phoenix, Arizona.

Katherine has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Emmanuel College in Boston, Massachusetts, and a Master's degree in Philosophy (Peace Studies) from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.