

Protection & Empowerment Experience from an operational agency & policy implications

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Two tales of Empowerment & Protection



Nepal

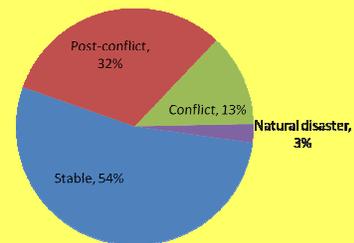
Afghanistan



CARE's GBV Programming

- 77 projects in 30 countries
 - 39% focus on men and boys
 - Nearly half work with women's groups
 - A third focus on youth
- Stable, post-conflict, and emergency settings
- Multi-sectoral integration
- Combination of strategies to prevent and respond to GBV

Settings of CARE's GBV Projects



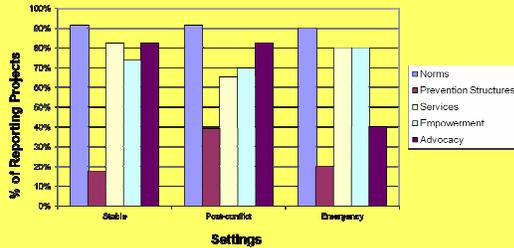
CARE's Strategies to Address GBV

- Challenging community norms
- Building community structures for prevention
- Improving service delivery to GBV survivors
- Empowering women and girls
- Advocating for change in public policies

Strategy Combinations

- 80% of CARE's GBV projects use at least 3 strategies
- 73% of GBV projects include direct activities to empower women and girls:
 - Self-help savings and loans groups
 - Women's solidarity support groups (for widows, GBV survivors, etc.)
 - Life skills training – e.g., literacy, leadership, etc.
 - Girls' education

Strategies x Setting



CARE Framework for understanding Women's Empowerment

- **Agency:** Her own aspirations & capabilities
- **Structure:** the environment that surrounds and conditions her choices
- **Relations:** the power relations through which she negotiates her path

Policy Implications

- Donor funding:
 - bridging the relief>development gap
 - Integrated, multi-sectoral & long-term approaches
 - Gender mainstreaming: beyond the 'tick-box'
 - Recognising & addressing obstacles: engaging men & traditional power structures
 - Link practitioners, policy-makers & donor managers
- Tackling impunity: Basic services as entry-point and necessary condition for access to justice
- Linking peace-making & peacebuilding: sustainable empowerment & positive peace
- Coordination: Humanitarian & Developmental approaches

EU contribution to the 10th anniversary of 1325

- Practice what you preach: EU Member States' & EU Capacities, Action Plans & Accountability Processes
- EU foreign policy: Crisis Management vs Transformative/Peacebuilding Approaches?
- Political & assistance strategies: Comprehensive approaches & complementarities
- Piloting the global indicators: Identify EU political & developmental contributions