



GENDER- TRANSFORMATIVE DISASTER RESILIENCE

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Climate Change and Disasters in the Caribbean

- Among the most exposed to natural hazards in the world including hurricanes, flooding, sea level rise, drought, earthquakes, pandemics, etc.
- The total damages and losses of USD 2.7 billion in Dominica, British Virgin Islands, and Antigua and Barbuda (2017 Hurricanes Irma and Maria).



DRM IN THE COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT

- Social Vulnerability – Public education on Hygiene, SGBV
- Economic Vulnerability – livelihoods and economies
- Capacity – test kits available, quarantine, border closures, medical personnel and equipment, economic flexibility, catastrophe funds, etc.



COVID-19
Coronavirus

CARICOM: COVID-19 Dashboard



AT A GLANCE



10160

Confirmed Cases



240

Deaths



5873

Recoveries

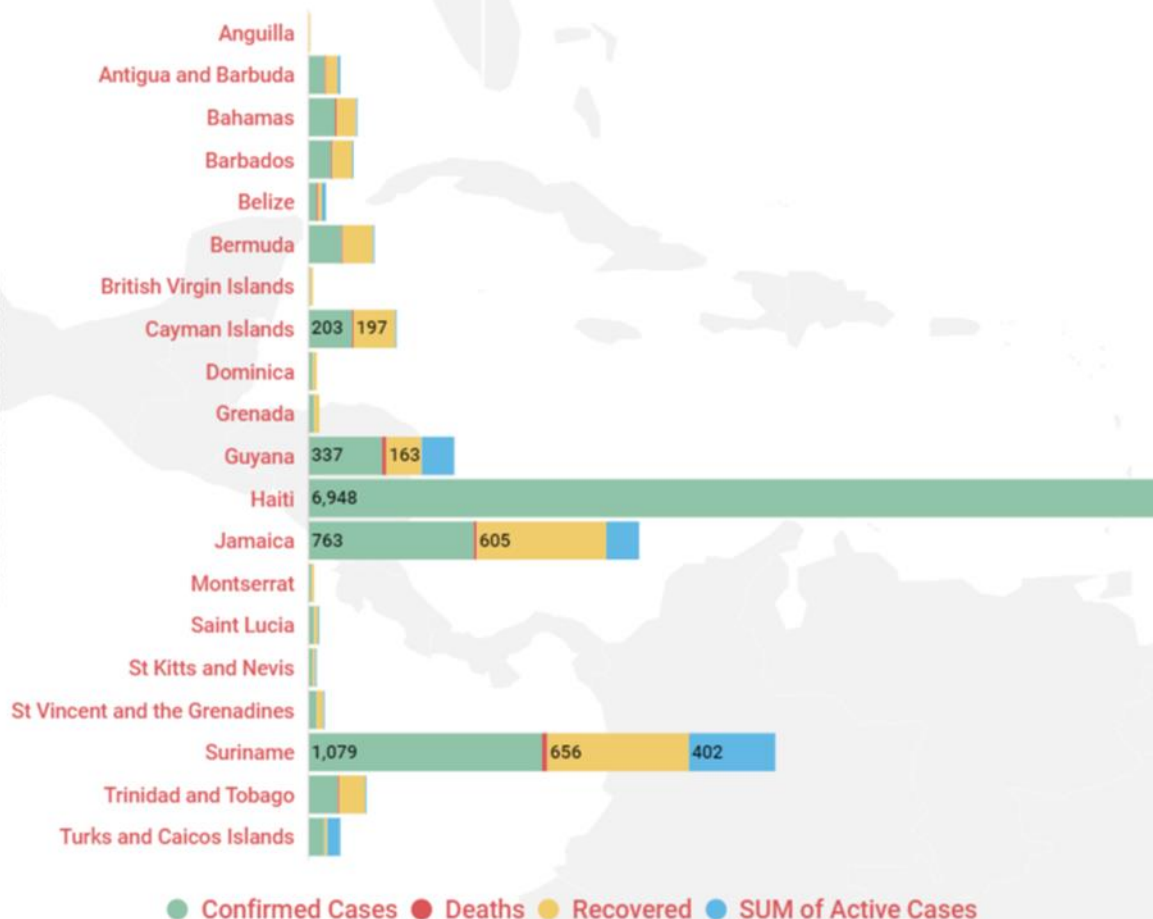


4036

Active Cases

[See Active Cases here >>](#)

Member States/ Associate States

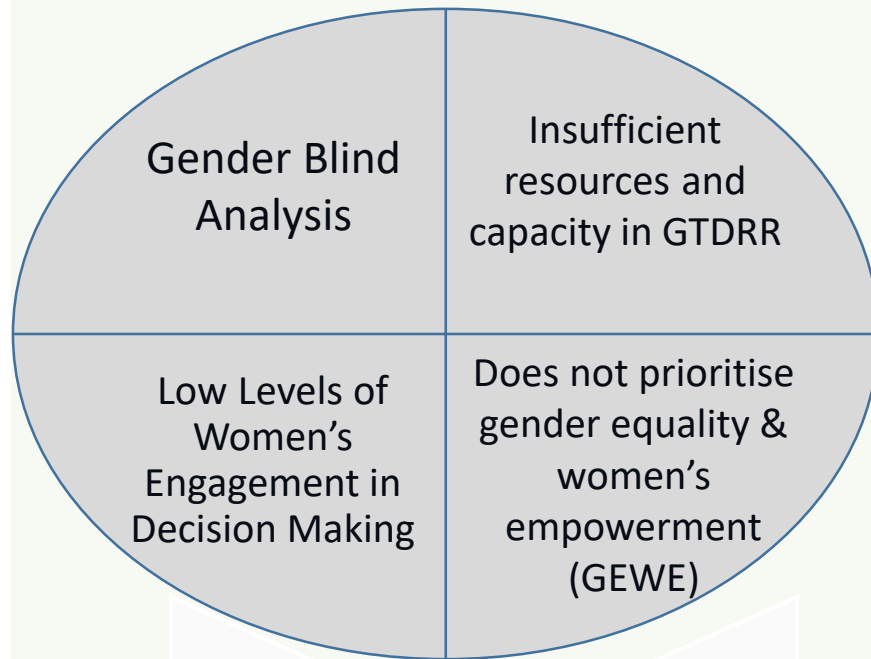


Confirmed Cases Deaths Recovered SUM of Active Cases

Data provided from CARICOM Member States' Ministries of Health

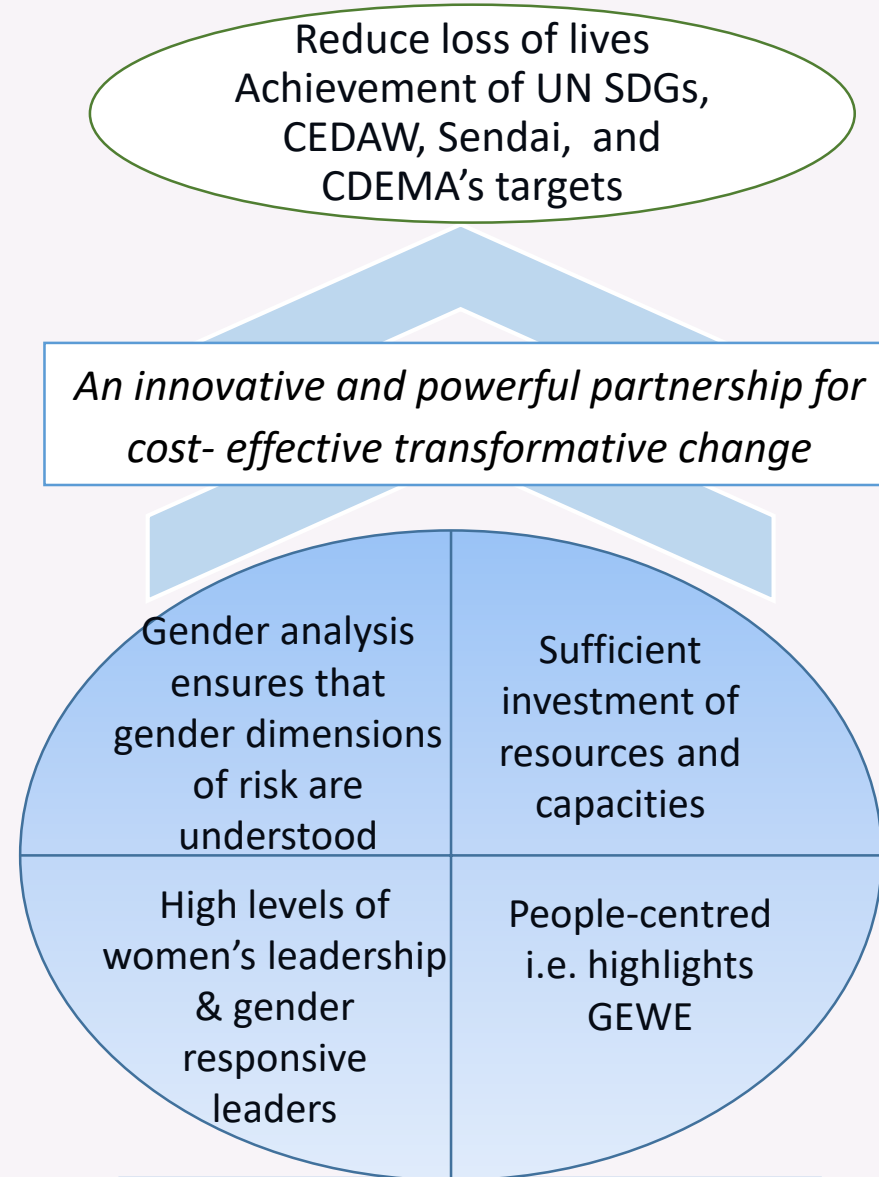


DRR as Usual vs Gender-Transformative DRR



Less effective in saving lives and reducing loss and damage; does not leverage women's leadership and strengths

Does not fulfill the promise of Sustainable Development

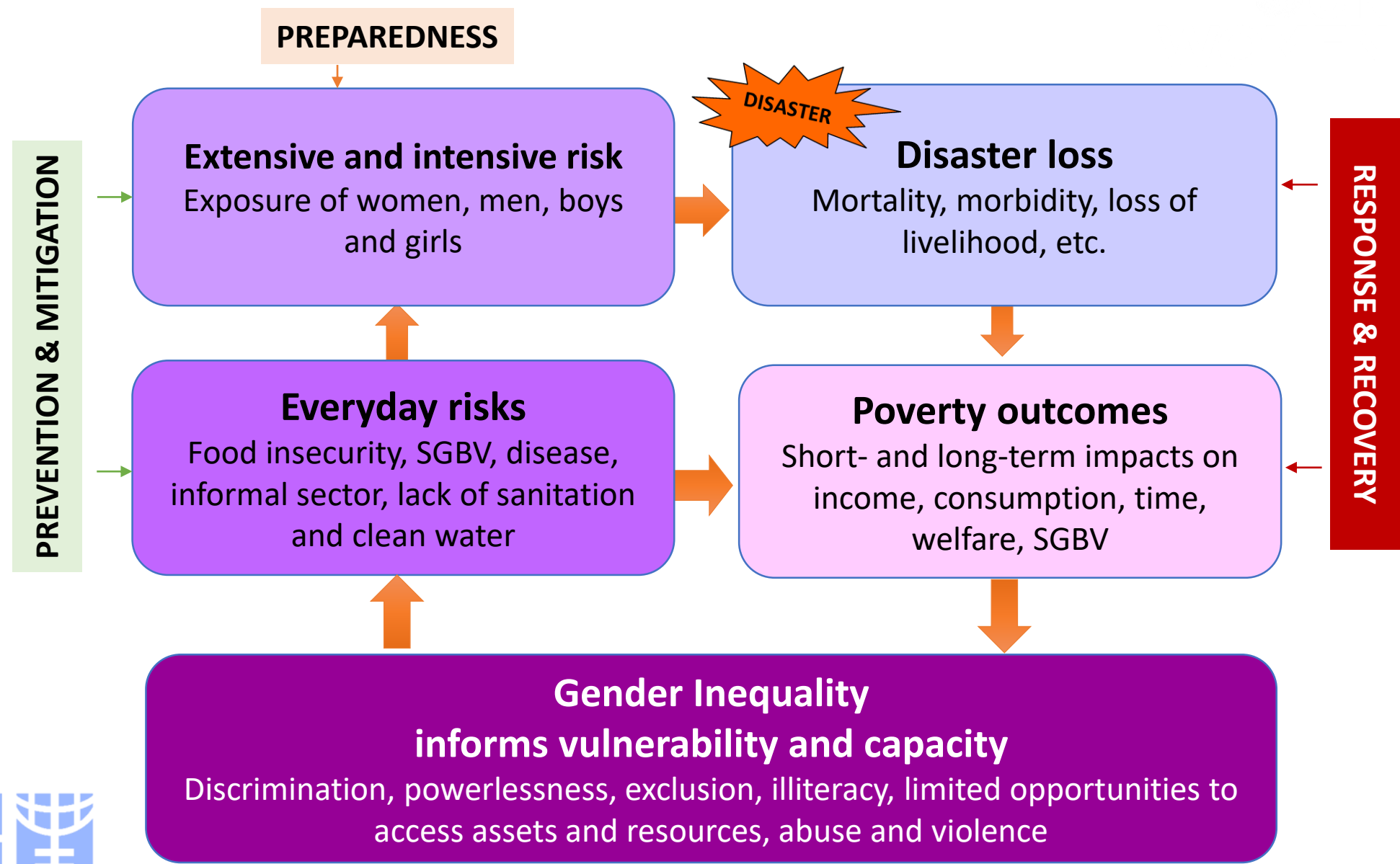


Reduce loss of lives
Achievement of UN SDGs,
CEDAW, Sendai, and
CDEMA's targets

An innovative and powerful partnership for cost-effective transformative change

GT DRR Initiative

Gender-Transformative DRR





Gender Inequalities in Disasters

1. Biological and physiological perceptions

Women are weak and need assistance to respond and recover

Women are caregivers and may have challenges returning to work

3. Structural Inequalities

Less women are in leadership positions, and/or trained as first responders



Men are physically strong and require less assistance

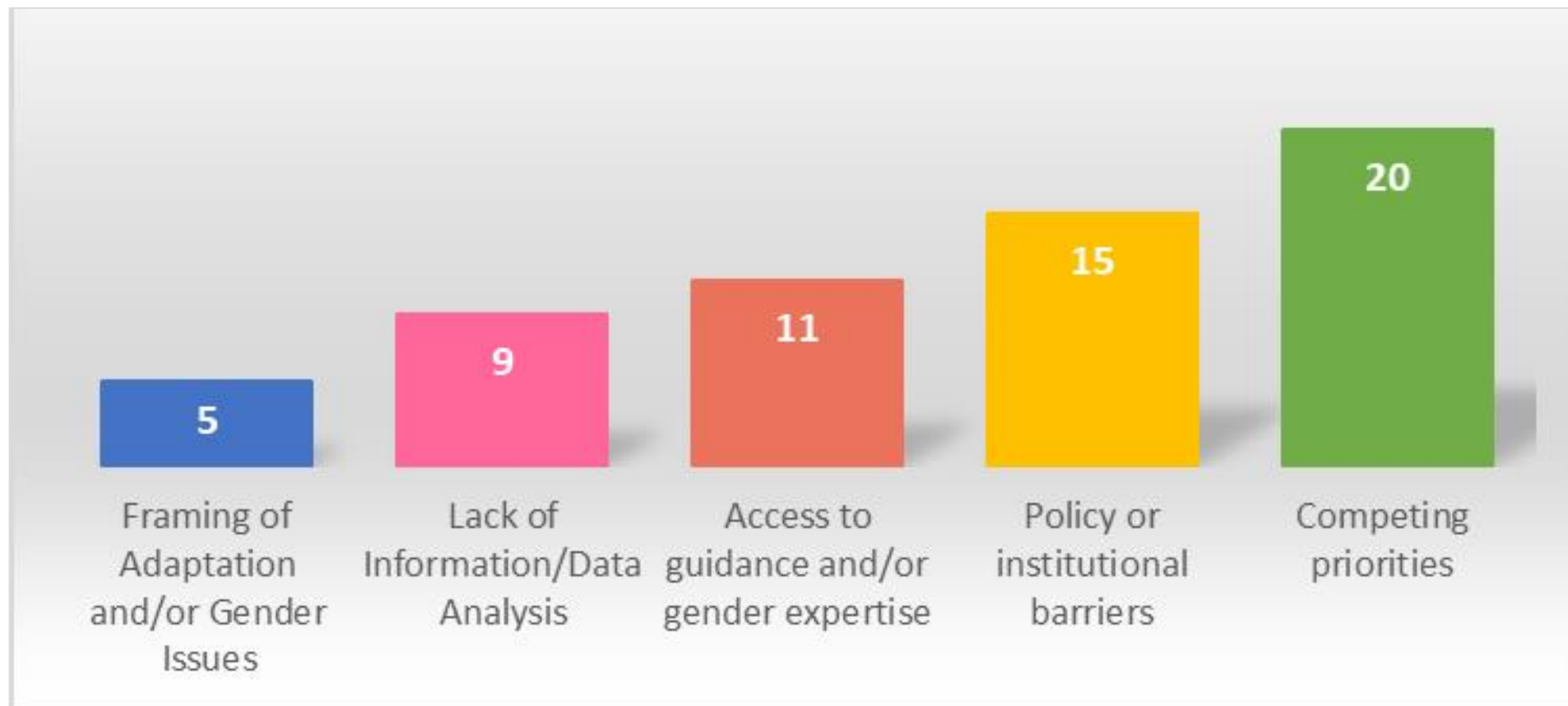
2. Social and cultural norms

Men head households and can return to work easier

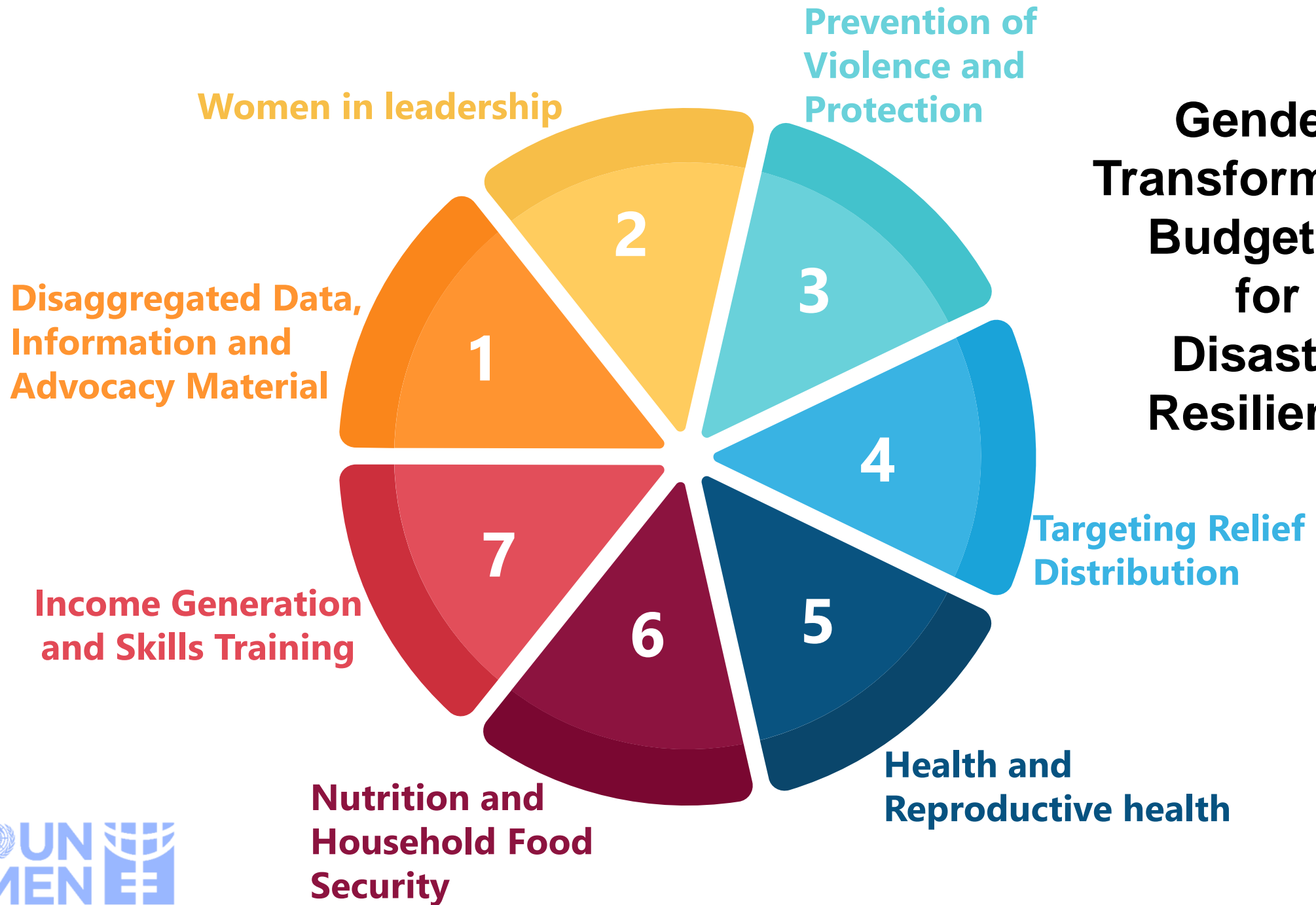
More men are in leadership and first responder positions

UN Women in Dominica during the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in 2017

What is the biggest challenge you face in adopting a gender-responsive approach?





Gender-Transformative Budgeting for Disaster Resilience



Confirmed COVID-19 cases by sex in selected countries as at 17 July 2020

Source: CARICOM Regional Statistic Programme

Country			Not Stated
Haiti	4120	2828	
Jamaica	337	431	
Guyana	166 ^e	154 ^e	
Cayman Islands	106	97	
Bermuda	65	87	
Trinidad and Tobago	46	63	27
Barbados	46	58	
Belize	19	21	



Woman farmer in Dominica

Gender-Transformative DRR Hurricane Preparedness during COVID-19

- **Resilience in the Home**
 - Family Disaster Plans
 - Care Economy Considerations
 - Psychosocial support
- **Resilience in Communities**
 - Protection spaces (childcare and SGBV)
 - Re-skilling programmes
- **Resilience as a Nation**
 - Women in leadership and Gender Responsive leaders
 - Sex disaggregated data
 - Gender Responsive Budgeting
 - Gender Responsive Social Protection policies
- **Resilience as a Region**
 - South-South engagement
 - Sharing of lessons learnt



UN Women MCO Caribbean COVID-19 Response

- USD249,000 repurposed under the EnGenDER Project
- USD25,000 on engaging women and men who needed livelihood support to produce 6500 cloth masks in 13 countries
- 20 NGO's will be given Small Grants under the EU funded Spotlight Initiative
- 4 women farmer Associations in Dominica increased access to markets through UNW support and Agrivertise platform.
- UN Regional Sub-Team COVID-19 Multi-sectoral Response Plan and Funding Appeal
- Comprehensive Technical Support Policy Briefs – Economic Empowerment, DV Shelter Guidelines, Care Economy, etc.

Thank you

