



Global Network of
Civil Society Organisations
for Disaster Reduction

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

The United Nations General Assembly designated **October 13** as the **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR)**, with one purpose to promote a culture of disaster risk reduction worldwide. The inequalities that exacerbate crises are the focus for 2023.

Inequality increases the vulnerability of those most at risk, we know all too well that disasters disproportionately affect the poorest people, the people most at risk from disasters, further exacerbating inequality. Vulnerability to disasters cannot be reduced without clearly and decisively addressing inequality.

Climate projections warn that by 2030 in 7 more years the world will face some 560 disasters a year, 37.6 million people will live in extreme poverty - due to the effects of climate change and disasters. Moreover, in a worst-case scenario, climate change and disasters will push another 100.7 million people into poverty by 2030. These shocking and powerful figures are brought time and again to international spaces, in search of solutions, agreements and global commitments in which civil society plays a fundamental role.

We must continue working to ensure that organized civil society is involved in the implementation of effective disaster risk reduction policies and strategies at the community level in international forums and decision-making spaces. These spaces must be legitimate spaces for civil society.



This date is also an opportunity for the **Civil Society Organisations** that are together in **GNDR** for reflection and evaluation of our own path towards community action in reducing risks that impact as a disaster.

Community action is a key objective in addressing the multiple challenges to which we, the world's citizens, are exposed.

GNDR members we celebrate today with humility the progress achieved through the efforts of all - and at the same time recognize the imperative need to strengthen our own commitment as a network to a world in which loss of life, loss of livelihoods, impoverishment of economies and destruction of infrastructure add to global losses on a daily basis.

Our work as a **NETWORK** must strive for dignified living conditions that promote the real meaning of disaster risk reduction at the global level.

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