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## INSURESILIENCE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON GENDER-SMART SOLUTIONS

PROMOTING GENDER-SMART APPROACHES IN RISK FINANCE FOR CLIMATE DISASTERS

### CONTEXT AND INITIATIVE

At a time when climate-related disasters are predicted to **push an additional 100 million people into extreme poverty by 2030**, there is an increasing need for strengthened adaptation and resilience-building mechanisms.

Since its establishment in 2017, the **Insu-Resilience Global Partnership** (IGP) has mobilised a grand coalition of multi-stakeholder actors to promote the scale-up of pre-arranged, predictable financing for early action, relief and recovery. Over 100 members endorse the common vision to put forward an actionable and transformative agenda to strengthen the resilience of poor and vulnerable people from the impacts of disasters and protect their lives and livelihoods.



Yet, disasters impact different social groups and genders in different ways. There is overwhelming evidence that climate change impacts for women and men often differ, with the prevailing view that this stems from pervasive historical and existing inequalities and multidimensional social factors rather than biological sex. Consequently, women and girls are disproportionately affected by disasters.

### GENDER – A QUALITY FEATURE OF OUR WORK

Therefore, IGP, through its highest governing body and strategic driver, the High-level Consultative Group (HLCG), saw a clear imperative to consider the gender-dimensions of Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance (CDRFI). In September Gender, marking an important milestone and offering a firm signal of the commitment to consolidate

and strengthen efforts of members of the IGP, to drive comprehensive gender-responsive approaches in CDRFI interventions.

Research commissioned by IGP has found that when gender dimensions are incorporated in the CDRFI sector, they often remain vague, uncoordinated, not prioritised, and lack the capacity, resources and monitoring mechanisms to ensure successful implementation. To overcome these challenges, the HLCG mandated the establishment of the InsuResilience Centre of Excellence on Gender-smart Solutions, which was fully launched in November 2021, in Glasgow at COP26.

### GENDER IMPACT

This Centre of Excellence aims to play a key role in identifying gender-equitable disaster risk management strategies, and guiding practitioners on innovative solutions to transform the CDRFI sector towards being more gender informed and leading the way on greater gender equality. To date, no other platform exists that collects, packages, generates and coordinates information and knowledge on gender-related aspects of CDRFI. By integrating gender-sensitive, -responsive and -transformative approaches within the CDRFI framework, the InsuResilience Centre of Excellence on Gender-smart Solutions provides an online information repository and a unique knowledge-exchange platform.

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