



Acting on Gendered Needs in Evacuation and Relief Centres Checklist

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6 Facility Design (continued – expanded checklist)				
Consideration	Yes	No	Action to be completed by [agencies/organisations]	Comments
6.3 Do you have a question on your intake form that asks everyone if they have an intervention order for them and/or their children?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	
6.4 If women and children (and others) have intervention orders, do you have a clear process to follow and ways to contact police and/or Family Violence support?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	Have you included local Family Violence experts and FV Police Liaisons in your Emergency Management Planning Committees?
6.5 Have you considered designating specific rooms or spaces as ‘safe areas’ for those with intervention orders and providing toys for children in these areas?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	Note that women and others may not feel safe in shared spaces.
6.6 Have you allocated safe, private, and separate spaces for women, men and people of diverse gender and sexual identities, to contact services such as family violence services, etc.? (1800 RESPECT, Men’s referral line, Qlife)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	Please note that women and people of diverse gender and sexual identities may be reluctant to engage with faith-based support, police, and emergency services due to history or perception of discrimination.
6.7 Have you allocated safe and separate places and toilets for women and people of diverse gender and sexual identities?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	Good practice ensures lockable toilets for women, men, and people of diverse gender and sexual identities at a minimum. ¹
6.8 Have you ensured several toilets have ‘All genders’ signs (in addition to Female and Male toilets)?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	*Signs and further information available here
6.9 Have you considered placement of baby change tables/rooms and nappy waste bins, to allow family, friends, or caregivers of all genders to change babies’ nappies in a safe environment?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	
6.10 Are there other ways to increase safety for women, men and people of diverse gender and sexual identities in the evacuation and relief centre?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	<p>As experts in your community, you are best placed to design appropriate and effective local approaches.</p> <p>Other guidelines may be relevant for people of all ages, abilities,</p>

¹ This checklist should be read in conjunction with the accompanying relevant sections of the broader GEM Guidelines and Literature Review

² This checklist is developed with the understanding that public spaces will comply with legislative requirement for accessibility.

				and backgrounds. Refer to footnote 2.
7 Medication and Materials				
Consideration	Yes	No	Action to be completed by [agencies/organisations]	Comments
7.1 Is there a way to provide access for sexual and reproductive health prescriptions/ medications if people have left them at home (contraceptives, PrEP, HIV, hormones, etc.)?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	For example, through telehealth, an identified local GP and pharmacist, etc.
7.2 On your intake form do you enquire if individuals need to store medication? And can you safely refrigerate them?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	For example, refrigeration of hormones, locked cabinets, etc.
7.3 Are sanitary items (pads, tampons) included as normal items in the First Aid kit and available at the evacuation/relief centre?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	
7.4 Are processes in place to appropriately dispose of sanitary items? Consider the placement of disposal facilities in all toilets.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	
8 Inclusive Services				
Consideration	Yes	No	Action to be completed by [agencies/organisations]	Comments
8.1 Have you included information or website links about family violence services, referral services, etc. to everyone accessing the evacuation or relief centre?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	Best practice suggests a universal approach where such information and posters are readily seen by everyone, e.g., on walls, on intake table, etc.
8.2 Have you included the Rainbow Flag, Rainbow lanyards, posters, brochure with same-sex couples etc. to indicate inclusion and welcome for people of diverse gender and sexual identities?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	
8.3 Are processes in place to respond to gender-based complaints of harassment by staff, volunteers, or other attendees/ evacuees? Is this process advised during intake procedure?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Response 	<p>You can see an example here.</p> <p>Best practice is that confidentiality is prioritised, although this may be difficult in evacuation conditions.</p>
For consideration about Program Design /Resourcing, please click here				
9 Emergency Births				
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9.1	Have arrangements been made for emergency births in your evacuation/relief centre? Have you considered what suitable room, resources and support will be available? *			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Response 	Earthquakes [and other disasters] have been associated with increased risk of pre-term birth and other adverse pregnancy outcomes. ³
*For considerations about Pregnant and Breastfeeding Mothers please click here – in draft					
For more considerations about People of diverse gender and sexual identities please click here					

³Hawkins, G., Gullam, J., & Belluscio, L. (2018). The effect of a major earthquake experienced during the first trimester of pregnancy on the risk of preterm birth. Australian And New Zealand Journal Of Obstetrics And Gynaecology, 59(1), 82-88. doi: 10.1111/ajo.12797