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WHAT IS GENDER? WHAT IS VULNERABILITY?

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WHAT WE WILL DO

CONTENT

- WHAT IS GENDER?
- WHY IS GENDER IMPORTANT?
- WHAT IS VULNERABILITY?
- WHY IS VULNERABILITY IMPORTANT?
- GENDER, VULNERABILITY AND DISASTER

OBJECTIVES

- THIS PROGRAM IS ABOUT GENDER AND VULNERABILITY IN DISASTER SUPPORT
- TODAY WE WILL THINK ABOUT THE MEANING OF GENDER AND OF VULNERABILITY

BEFORE WE START.... HAVE YOU NOTICED ANYTHING ABOUT GENDER AND/OR VULNERABILITY IN THE LAST WEEK?

- WHAT I NOTICED

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WHAT IS GENDER?



FIRST, TRY THIS....

- MAKE A LIST:

FEMININE TRAITS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

MASCULINE TRAITS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

ETC.



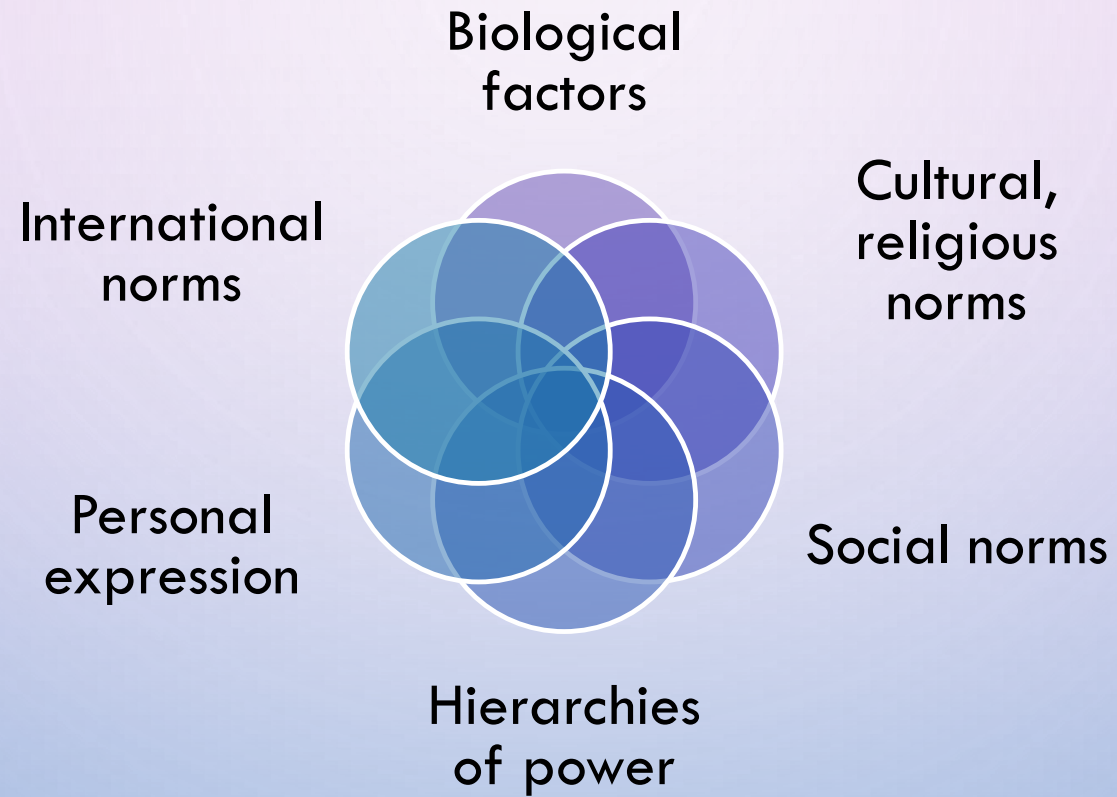
NOW DISCUSS YOUR LIST WITH YOUR FRIENDS

- WHAT IS THE SAME?
- WHAT IS DIFFERENT?
- ANY DISCOVERIES?

- TO THINK ABOUT...
 - WHAT APPLIES TO YOU?
 - WHAT DO YOU IGNORE?
 - WHAT DO YOU ALWAYS COMPLY WITH?
 - WHY?



WHAT IS GENDER?





Biology

- Visible: bodies, sex organs, ways we move, etc.
- Invisible: genes, hormones, etc.



Culture, religion, society, world

- Norms
- Expectations



Individual

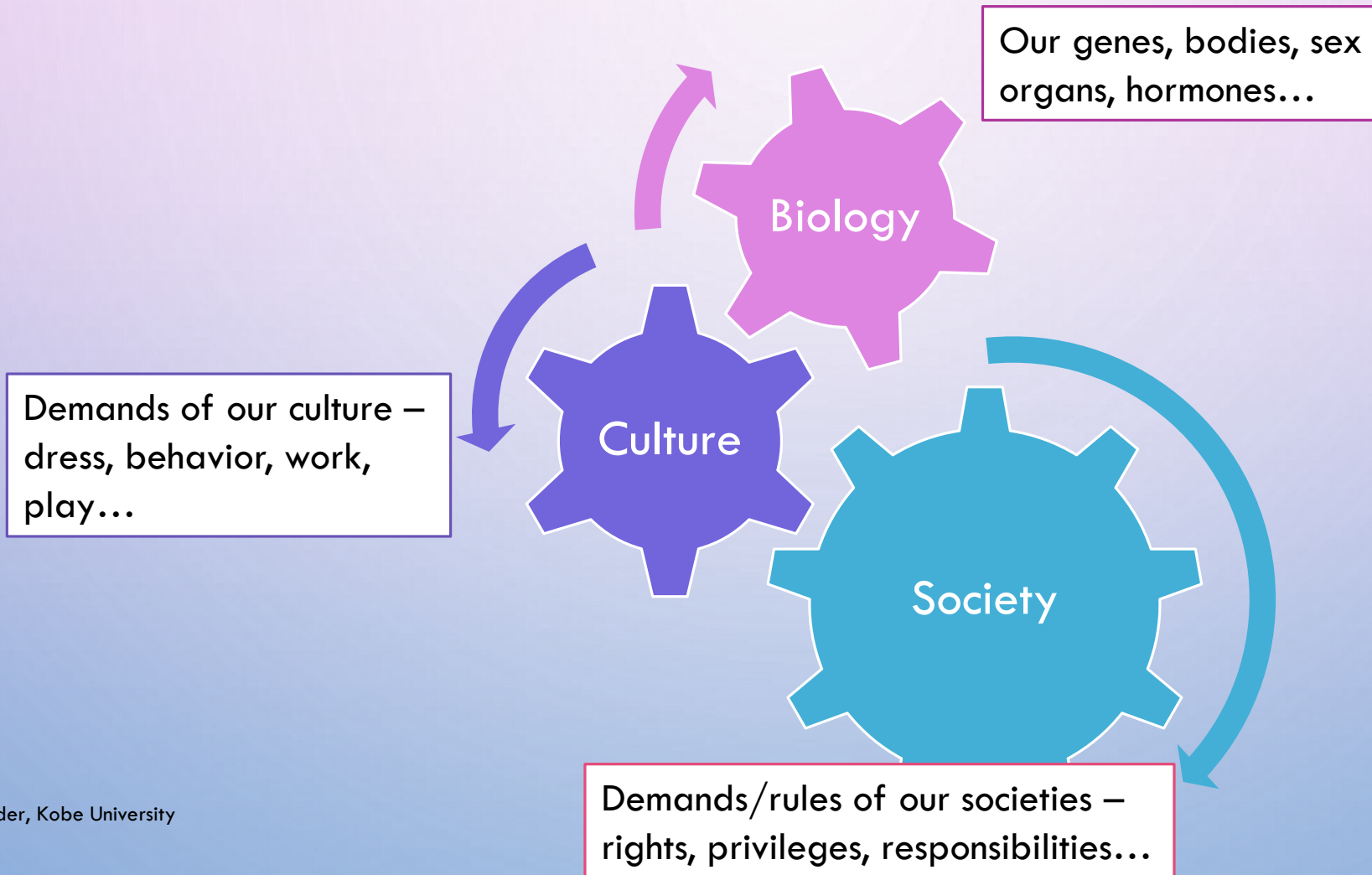
- Expression
- Identity



Hierarchies of power

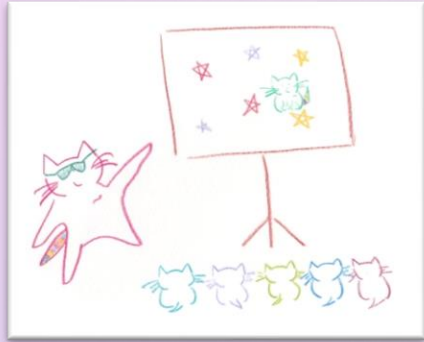
- Access to resources
- Privilege

GENDER IS SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED



SOME DEFINITIONS OF GENDER

1. “GENDER REFERS TO THE **SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN AND MEN** – SUCH AS NORMS, ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS OF AND BETWEEN GROUPS OF WOMEN AND MEN.” (WHO)
2. “GENDER REFERS TO **THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEN AND WOMEN** THAT ARE CREATED IN OUR FAMILIES, OUR SOCIETIES AND OUR CULTURES” (UNESCO).
3. “A **CONSTITUTIVE ELEMENT OF SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON PERCEIVED DIFFERENCES**....A WAY OF SIGNIFYING RELATIONSHIPS OF POWER” J. SCOTT (1988:7).



GENDER IS*

- NOT JUST MALE/FEMALE OR MASCULINE/FEMININE
- DIFFERENT IN DIFFERENT SOCIETIES
- NOT ALWAYS RELATED TO OR AFFILIATED WITH BODIES
- USUALLY RESTRICTS AND DISCOURAGES ACCESS TO SOCIAL RESOURCES FOR SOME AND ALLOWS AND ENCOURAGES ACCESS FOR OTHERS
- HIERARCHIES OF POWER EMBEDDED IN OUR SOCIAL RELATIONS – LAWS, INSTITUTIONS, UNDERSTANDINGS OF ‘NORMAL’ AND ‘NATURAL’

WHAT IS GENDER DIVERSITY? LGBT/LGBTQIAX+/SOGI?

- EVERYONE HAS A **SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY (SOGI)**
- LESBIAN
 - WOMEN WHO LOVE WOMEN
- GAY
 - MEN WHO LOVE MEN
- BI-SEXUAL
 - PEOPLE LOVING BOTH
- TRANSGENDER
 - BODY DOESN'T MATCH GENDER
- QUEER
 - NO CATEGORIES, FLEXIBLE
- Q – SOMETIMES REFERS TO “QUESTIONING”
- INTERSEX
 - PHYSICALLY BOTH/NEITHER
- ASEXUAL (ACE) – DOES NOT EXPERIENCE SEXUAL DESIRE; NO (FUNCTIONING) SEX ORGANS
- X GENDER – NOT MALE OR FEMALE
- OTHER CULTURAL GROUPS – HIJRA, KATHOEY, TWO-SPIRITED, ETC.

WHY IS GENDER IMPORTANT?

- IT CUTS ACROSS ALL SOCIAL CATEGORIES
 - RACE, CLASS, DISABILITY, ETC.
- IT AFFECTS HOW RESOURCES ARE DISTRIBUTED AND WHO DISTRIBUTES THEM
 - GENERALLY MEN MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS AND HAVE MORE CHOICES
- IT AFFECTS WHO IS ABLE TO ACCESS RESOURCES
 - GENERALLY MEN ARE ABLE TO ACCESS MORE THAN WOMEN

- IT AFFECTS HOW PEOPLE ARE TREATED
 - MEN AND WOMEN ARE OFTEN TREATED DIFFERENTLY
 - SEXUAL MINORITIES ARE OFTEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST
- IT IS HIERARCHAL
 - MASCULINITY IS PRIORITIZED
- GENDER INEQUALITY AFFECTS ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE
 - GENDER EQUITY AND GENDER EQUALITY ARE PREREQUISITES FOR PEACE

UNDERSTANDING GENDER HELPS US TO AVOID THESE COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- WOMEN ARE PASSIVE VICTIMS
- ALL WOMEN ARE MOTHERS OR LIVE WITH MEN
- WOMEN-LED HOUSEHOLDS ARE THE POOREST OR MOST VULNERABLE
- GENDER NORMS PUT WOMEN AND GIRLS AT RISK, NOT MEN/BOYS
- PERSPECTIVES OF MARGINALIZED WOMEN (E.G. UNDOCUMENTED, HIV/AIDS, LOW CASTE, INDIGENOUS, SEX WORKERS) ARE NOT USEFUL
- ONE SIZE FITS ALL: THE NEEDS OF ALL WOMEN ARE THE SAME
- THE NEEDS OF MARGINALIZED SEXUALITIES, GENDERS ARE NOT IMPORTANT

GENDER AND DISASTER???

- GENDER INEQUALITY AFFECTS EVERYDAY LIFE UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES
- GENDER INEQUALITY INTERSECTS WITH CLASS, RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, ETC. TO MAKE SOME PEOPLE MORE UNEQUAL THAN OTHERS
- THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF GENDER INEQUALITY ARE GENERALLY MADE WORSE AT TIMES OF CRISIS
- GENDER NEEDS MIGHT BE DIFFERENT AT DIFFERENT PHASES: THE DISASTER, RELIEF PERIOD AND RECOVERY
- **DISASTER IS BAD FOR EVERYONE, BUT IF YOU ARE A WOMAN, PROBABLY YOU ARE LESS LIKELY TO SURVIVE A DISASTER, AND WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY AFTERWARDS**

WHAT IS VULNERABILITY?



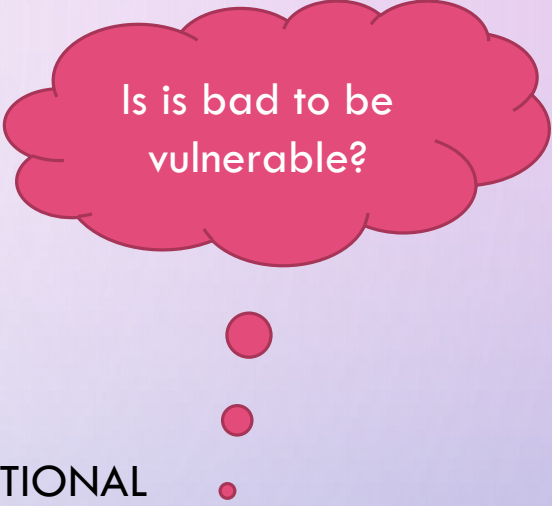
VULNERABILITY IS: (RED CROSS/RED CRESCENT)

- “...THE **DIMINISHED CAPACITY** OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP TO ANTICIPATE, COPE WITH, RESIST AND RECOVER FROM THE IMPACT OF A NATURAL OR MAN-MADE HAZARD.”
- “VULNERABILITY IS MOST OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH **POVERTY**, BUT IT CAN ALSO ARISE WHEN PEOPLE ARE **ISOLATED, INSECURE AND DEFENCELESS** IN THE FACE OF RISK, SHOCK OR STRESS.”

* [HTTP://WWW.IFRC.ORG/EN/WHAT-WE-DO/DISASTER-MANAGEMENT/ABOUT-DISASTERS/WHAT-IS-A-DISASTER/WHAT-IS-VULNERABILITY/](http://www.ifrc.org/en/what-we-do/disaster-management/about-disasters/what-is-a-disaster/what-is-vulnerability/)

WHO IS VULNERABLE?

- WE NEED TO BEING WITH 2 QUESTIONS
 - WHAT IS THE THREAT OR HAZARD?
 - WHAT MAKES THEM VULNERABLE TO THAT THREAT OR HAZARD?
- MULTIPLE VULNERABILITIES
 - ECONOMIC, PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, ATTITUDINAL (RESISTANCE TO CHANGE), EMOTIONAL
- MULTIPLE LEVELS
 - INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, MUNICIPALITY, REGION, ETC.
- INTERSECTIONAL
 - RACE/ETHNICITY + AGE + GENDER



Is it bad to be vulnerable?



WHO MIGHT BE VULNERABLE? (1)

FOR EXAMPLE,

- PREGNANT WOMEN, EMBRYOS AND FETUSES
- CHILDREN
- DISABLED PEOPLE
- POOR PEOPLE (ESPECIALLY POOR WOMEN?)
- TERMINALLY & SERIOUSLY ILL PERSONS
- ILLITERATE PERSONS
- ELDERLY PERSONS
- MINORITY GROUPS
- ISOLATED POPULATIONS
- MIGRANTS & IMMIGRANTS

- VULNERABILITY IS DYNAMIC
 - DEGREE OF VULNERABILITY CHANGES
- VULNERABILITY IS MOSTLY DETERMINED AT AN INDIVIDUAL LEVEL (AS PART OF THE GROUP OR COMMUNITY)
 - OLDER PEOPLE, DISABLED PEOPLE, ETC.
 - SOME INDIVIDUALS IN THOSE GROUPS ARE LESS VULNERABLE THAN OTHERS
- **IDENTIFICATION AS VULNERABLE CAN INCREASE VULNERABILITY**
 - STIGMA: SEXUAL MINORITIES, ETHNIC MINORITIES
 - POLITICAL MINORITIES, RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

WHO MIGHT BE VULNERABLE? (2)

- MORE CATEGORIES
 - SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITIES?
 - MIXED RACE?
 - LANGUAGE MINORITIES?
 - SOCIALLY EXCLUDED (HOMELESS, FORMER PRISONERS, ETC.)?
- **THOSE ON CATEGORY BORDERLINES**
 - **POVERTY, AGE, RACE, MENTAL/PHYSICAL ILLNESS, MENTAL/PHYSICAL DISABILITY, ETC.**
- NONCONFORMING TO STEREOTYPES? (EX: JAPANESE MUSLIMS, ETC.)



I don't fit into any of those groups!

Categories can lead to exclusion, too

IS POPOKI VULNERABLE?

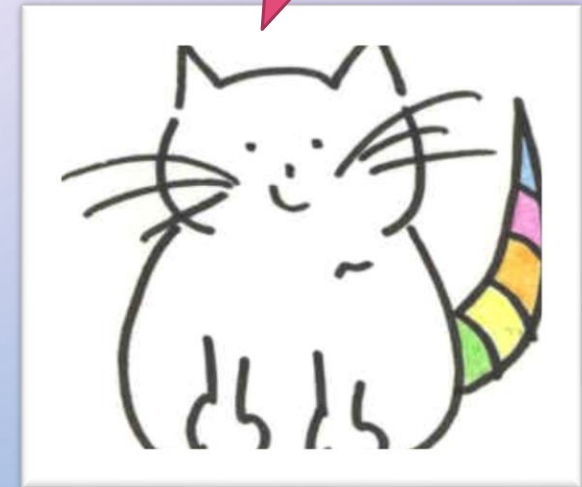
- THERE IS A TYPHOON (STRONG WIND, RAIN, LANDSLIDES)
- POPOKI IS IN AN UNDERGROUND METRO STATION IN TAIPEI
 - POPOKI HAS A SMART PHONE WITH STORM ALERTS
 - POPOKI IS IN TAIPEI FOR THE FIRST TIME AND HAS JUST ARRIVED
 - POPOKI IS ALONE
 - POPOKI IS SCARED
- IS POPOKI VULNERABLE? HOW DO YOU KNOW? WHAT QUESTIONS SHOULD YOU ASK? WHAT SHOULD YOU DO? IS POPOKI A PRIORITY?



COUNTERACTING VULNERABILITY

- REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THE HAZARD ITSELF
 - MITIGATION, PREDICTION AND WARNING, PREPAREDNESS
- BUILD CAPACITY TO WITHSTAND AND COPE WITH HAZARDS
 - STRONG BUILDINGS, DRR AWARENESS, PLANS, ETC.
- TACKLE ROOT CAUSES
 - POVERTY, POOR GOVERNANCE, DISCRIMINATION, INEQUALITY
 - INADEQUATE ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND LIVELIHOODS
- LEARN TO SEE 'INVISIBLE' VULNERABILITIES
 - BE SENSITIVE TO GENDER
 - UNDERSTAND DIVERSITY AND BE INCLUSIVE

Have you seen examples of any of these measures in Indonesia? Which ones?



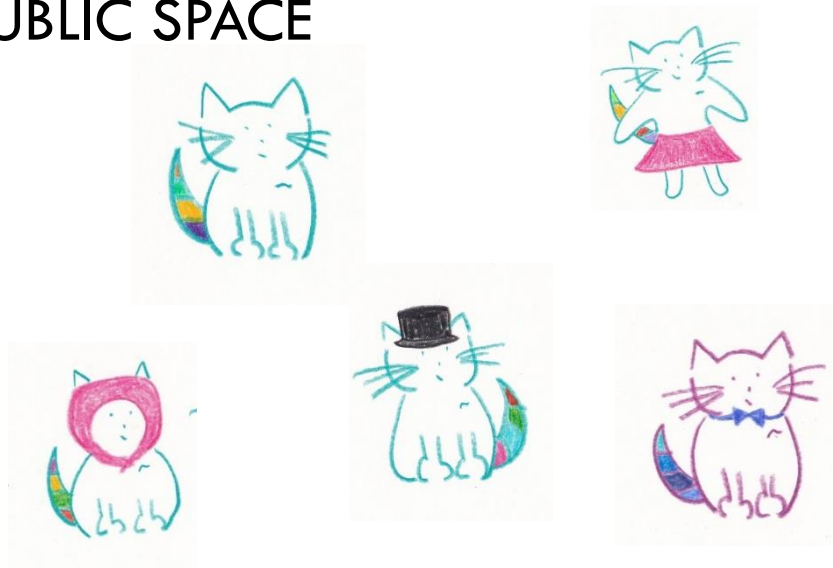
RECOGNIZING DIVERSITY; PRACTICING INCLUSION



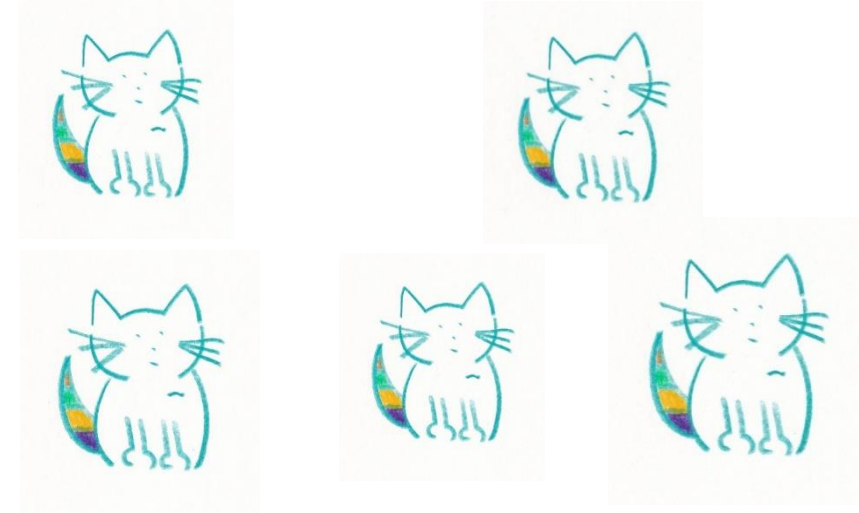
- DIVERSITY IS WHAT YOU ARE OR HAVE
 - IDENTITY, AFFILIATION, ETC.
 - IDENTITY IS NOT NECESSARILY VISIBLE
- DIVERSITY FOCUSES ON DIFFERENCE
 - COUNTS GROUPS: HOW MANY WOMEN, ETC.
 - EMPHASIZES EQUAL REPRESENTATION
- INCLUSION IS DELIBERATE ACT OF WELCOMING DIFFERENCE AND MAKING DIVERSITY WORK
 - MAKE EVERYONE FEEL SAFE
 - MAKE EVERYONE FEEL ACCEPTED
 - MAKE EVERYONE FEEL EQUAL

DOES EVERYONE NEED TO BE THE SAME TO HAVE INCLUSION?

- FREE EXPRESSION OF IDENTITY IN PUBLIC SPACE



- NO OR LIMITED EXPRESSION OF IDENTITY IN PUBLIC SPACE





GENDER, VULNERABILITY, DISASTER AND PEACE



“BUILD BACK BETTER” DISASTER CAN BE AN OPPORTUNITY!

- SOMETIMES, THE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY IS OPEN FOR WOMEN, MINORITIES...
 - NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERSHIP
 - FORM WOMEN’S NETWORKS
 - PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SOCIETY
 - NEW JOBS, NEW SKILLS, NEW ACTIVITIES
 - NEW VISIBILITY



SACHIKO MOTOMOCHI STARTED A NON-PROFIT TO RE-CREATE HER HOME TOWN



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体も心も
元気に動かしましょう 

簡単なヨガ
おしゃべりしながら
布に絵や言葉を描きます

10月7日(金)
エールサポートセンター
8日(土)
子ども夢ハウス

 Popoki's Friendship Story

前回の2月には、
シーサイドタウンマストで開催しました。



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SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T RECOGNIZE THE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY, OR CLOSE IT

- SO MANY NEW TASKS – DON'T NEED/WANT ANY MORE!
- 'CARING' ROLES INCREASE → DON'T WANT MEN'S WORK TOO
- WANT TO GO BACK, DON'T WANT TO BE PRESSED TO GO FORWARD
- NO PLACE TO EXPRESS GRIEF → STRESS, TRAUMA
- NEW SOCIAL DIVISIONS, DESTROYED COMMUNITIES → CAN'T FIND THEIR OWN PLACE
- BURN OUT; JUST TOO MUCH!



MORE WOMEN? MORE EVERYONE?

Include some women?



Include everyone but think about diversity and inclusion??

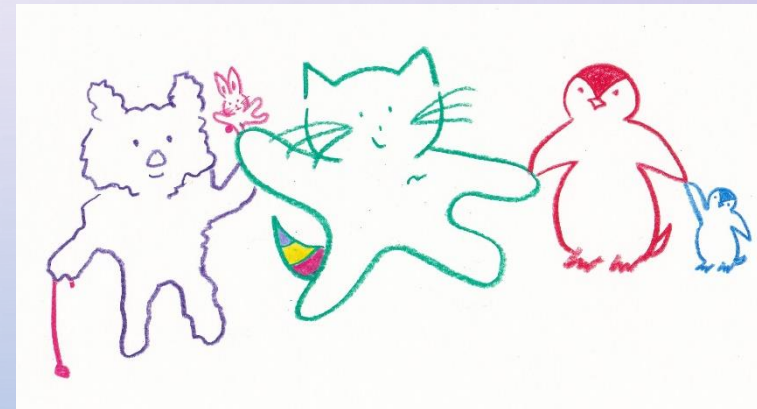


Include some men?



OUR CHALLENGE

- RESPECT DIVERSITY AND PROMOTE INCLUSION
 - RECOGNIZE HOW GENDER AFFECTS VULNERABILITY
 - LEARN HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND REDUCE VULNERABILITY
 - UNDERSTAND THAT VULNERABILITY IS DYNAMIC AND CHANGES
 - WORK FOR EQUALITY AND EQUITY FOR EVERYONE
- CREATE, OPEN AND MAINTAIN NEW WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY!





Thank you!