

# FACTSHEET

## ABOUT US

GNDR is the largest international network of civil society organisations working to strengthen resilience and reduce risk in communities.

We connect frontline civil society organisations with national and international policymaking institutions and governments. We influence policies and practices by amplifying the voices of people most at risk. We strengthen our capacities by creating knowledge and through collaborative learning and action.

## Connect

GNDR members connect online through our Community Platform, and via online and face-to-face meetings whenever possible. You can also keep informed about our work and engage with us online.

- Community Platform: <https://community.gndr.org>
- Website: [www.gndr.org](http://www.gndr.org)
- Twitter: @globalnetworkdr
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GNDR.org>

## Our Vision

A world in which everyone works together to strengthen the resilience of people most at risk and prevent hazards from becoming disasters.

## Strategy 2020-25: *Local Leadership for Global Impact*

Our member-led global strategy, *Local Leadership for Global Impact*, was developed with the active involvement of members and approved by the Global Board in February'20. The strategy will guide our work for the next five years.

## Our Goals

GNDR aims to achieve three interlinked goals:

**1. *Strengthen the collaboration, solidarity and mobilisation of civil society organisations***

This will be achieved if:

- CSOs recognise the benefit of collaboration over competition
- CSOs are able to collaborate

- Mechanisms and policies are in place to enable collaboration
- CSOs are held to account to collaborate

## 2. *Champion a localisation movement*

This will be achieved if:

- Governments and INGOs believe CSOs should lead
- Local CSOs have capacity to lead and be accountable to communities most at risk
- The enabling environment for local CSOs to lead exists
- Global and national actors are held accountable for localisation

## 3. *Strive for risk-informed development*

This will be achieved if:

- Different sectors believe they must build resilience whilst advancing development
- Evidence-based knowledge exists and is applied on how to do effective risk-informed development in six critical contexts
- Different sectors at different levels have the opportunity to collaborate
- All actors, not just DRR practitioners, have clear roles for taking risk into account

*Find out more about our strategy at: <https://strategy.gndr.org>*

## Our Values

- Commitment to work together in a collaborative, inclusive, and participatory manner
- Transparency and accountability
- Equity and respect for diverse identities, needs and perspectives
- Trust and openness to listen, share and learns from one another

## Our History

The idea of GNDR was born at the UN World Conference for Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Japan in January 2005, during the adoption of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). Many of those who would become GNDR's founding members were present at the conference as representatives of civil society organisations. Their role was to observe and influence the policy negotiations to ensure the HFA adequately reflected the day-to-day realities experienced by people most at-risk of disasters around the world.

The underlying concern of these civil society representatives was whether these high-level frameworks and policies were relevant and actionable at the community level – where people vulnerable to disasters live and work. It was recognised during the conference that civil society would be more effective in giving a voice to at-risk communities, and contributing towards the creation and implementation of policies, if civil society organisations collaborate more.

As a result, over the following two years, discussions and meetings led to an agreement to form the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR). The network was formally launched at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva in May 2007.

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

### Membership

More than 1,300 organisations are members of GNDR - many of them grassroots and local community groups as well as national, regional and international organisations and networks. Together our network is making an impact in over 120 countries.

Member organisations are represented by individuals affiliated to community-based organisations, faith-based groups, and local, national, regional and international non-governmental organisations, including civil society networks and associations working on disaster risk reduction, sustainable development, climate change and other development-related issues.

### Global Board

The GNDR Global Board has 20 members. We have 13 Regional Representatives that are elected by members through a democratic process based on their geographical region; two Independent Representatives; and five Trustees.

The purpose of the Global Board is to determine the strategic development and overall direction and management of GNDR in accordance with the needs and priorities of its membership (as detailed in the current strategic plan), whilst serving the network in accordance with GNDR's charitable mandate, core values and operating principles.

The Global Board functions as GNDR's strategic decision-making body within the scope of the authority delegated to it by the Board of Trustees.

The Chair of GNDR's Global Board is Farah Kabir (South Asia Regional Representative). The Vice-Chair is Graciela Mercedes Salaberri Vacani (South America Regional Representative).

## Trustees

The Board of Trustees is legally responsible for GNDR as a Company and a registered UK charity, and Trustees are the sole legal Members of the Charity.

Trustees will hold the Charity's Annual General Meeting each year and are responsible for final approval of GNDR's strategic objectives, financial commitments and work plans, appoint auditors in accordance with GNDR's charity mandate and in close consultation with the Global Board.

Trustees serve on the Global Board in an ex-officio capacity. However, Trustees together will have three votes in the Global Board, though they will have the same duties as all other Global Board Members while in the Global Board. The chair of the trustees is Rumana Kabir.

## Secretariat

Led by Executive Director, Bijay Kumar ([bijay.kumar@gndr.org](mailto:bijay.kumar@gndr.org)), the Secretariat is made up of 23 staff. The Secretariat supports the development, coordination and implementation of GNDR strategic plan as defined by the Global Board and the broader membership.

The Secretariat of GNDR provides support through hubs in Bangkok, Thailand; Dakar, Senegal; Delhi, India; London, UK; Nairobi, Kenya; Santiago, Chile; and The Hague, the Netherlands.

The GNDR Secretariat is registered with the Charity Commission of England & Wales (Reg. No. 1141471).

## Supporters

Support for GNDR comes from a range of strategic partners and donor governments, not only as financial support but also in-kind contributions of time, energy and expertise provided voluntarily by members and collaborators.

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