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About the Book

This book explores an interdisciplinary field at the intersection of gender and development studies, disaster and land tenure policy. It is well-known that women have weaker claims to land. But how does that translate to increased vulnerability during disaster? Using case studies from Asia, this book argues that land tenure is a key factor in mitigating the impact of disasters on women. The scale and frequency of disasters have been increasing in recent decades due to human impact on the landscape and climate. Unsustainable farming and land management systems have increased environmental risks and social vulnerabilities. However, the costs of disasters are disproportionately borne by women around the world. Women are more vulnerable to disaster due to reduced mobility and lack of control over assets. Post-disaster, women's vulnerabilities increase due to gendered rescue and rehabilitation practices. A gendered approach to land rights is critical to disaster preparedness and rehabilitation.

- This is a unique book focusing on gender, disaster and land tenure, especially in Asia.
- The case studies from the field stress the importance of land tenure systems during a disaster.
- This new field of interdisciplinary study introduces new areas of research and policy.
- Research focuses on India, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka.

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