

# DAC Network on Gender equality 10 -12 June 2009



**Impact of the financial and food crises on women –  
DFID's response**

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# DFID'S response to the downturn

- Reaffirmed existing commitments
- Additional £50M in 2009 for Social protection programmes in country
- G20 - £200M to Rapid Social Response Programme
- £1M to help establish UN Global Vulnerability Alert
- Research and knowledge generation



# Research

- Case Studies – real time information from country offices
- IDS- Accounts of the Crises Jan-Mar 09
- Updated – Gender and Growth analysis
- ODI research- relationship between economic and social risks, gender inequalities and social protection



# Initial conclusions

- Export-oriented manufacturing badly hit
- Impact of downturn on gender varies greatly across countries depending on structure of the economy
- Important to also look at where male employment has been disproportionately affected
- Key messages on growth and gender remain: increase access to education, increase female participation in labour markets and reform formal and informal institutions re women's asset ownership and use



# Areas for further research

1. Gender-disaggregated analysis of trade
2. Migration, remittances and gender
3. Inter-generational impacts of the downturn
4. Need more 'real time' country evidence

