

CALL FOR PAPERS

Gender & Development: The Economic Crisis

In July 2010, the international journal **Gender & Development**, (published for Oxfam GB by Routledge/Taylor and Francis) will publish a Special Issue on Gender and the Economic Crisis. It will be co-edited by Caroline Sweetman of Oxfam GB, and Professor Ruth Pearson of the Centre for Development Studies, University of Leeds.

We hope the Special Issue on the Economic Crisis will result in:

- Mapping, learning and networking of what we know to date about the impact of the economic crisis on women and gender relations, and future implications for national growth, poverty alleviation and feminist empowerment
- Clearer knowledge of good research, activism and support at grassroots level, and who is doing each of these
- Increased knowledge on the part of development researchers, policymakers and activists about how to support women's rights, and gender equality, as we weather this crisis.

Contributions are invited from development researchers and workers who have experience to share with their peers, and with policymakers and decision-makers in development agencies and governments.

We'd anticipate the issue including articles focusing on:

- Gendered case studies of the gendered impact of the crisis on women workers, men workers, and their labour rights: including loss of work, deteriorating conditions and bargaining power, and increasing abuse in the workplace.
- Analyses of the economic coping strategies adopted by poor households on the loss of employment - what kinds of alternatives are being found, and what is the impact on livelihoods, wellbeing and rights?
- Articles focusing on institutions and their actions and responses to the crisis: how is the crisis playing out in the private sector; the public sector; the household and the community?
- Gender analysis of the ways in which these responses are affecting the lives of poor women and men. Struggles to survive are shaped not only by changes to the market, but by changes to the relationship of the state to households, communities and individuals - in particular, state spending cuts may profoundly alter the ability of poor women and men and their children to access health, education, social support and other critical inputs.
- Feminist economic analyses of the particular ways in which the crisis is playing out in different contexts, together with proposals, drawing on real experience in particular contexts, suggesting how development workers can support poor women, men and their families to weather the crisis, in ways which support gender equality and women's rights.
- Articles which set out suggestions for sentinel research to be carried out by women's groups to map the effects of the economic crisis in different contexts.

This Special Issue forms a part of a wider project run by Oxfam GB aiming to support learning on Gender and the Economic Crisis. For more information about this, and the journal more generally, including full guidelines for contributors, please visit www.genderanddevelopment.org

If you would like to write on any of the above, **or have other ideas about articles we should commission**, please send a paragraph outlining your proposed idea to gadeditor@oxfam.org.uk, **as soon as possible, and before 31 July 2009**. Commissioned articles will have a deadline of 30 November 2009.