



## Voices from the Frontline Webinar - Part 2

### Stories of Resilience and Vulnerability: Women, Youth, and Migrants

*This is the second installment in a series of webinars intended to understand, capture, and profile the critical role that grassroots organisations are playing in building community resilience in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. This webinar will focus on the **crucial role of women and youth, the security of migrants and caring for the most vulnerable.***

#### About Voices from the Frontline

The COVID-19 pandemic is more than a human health crisis for vulnerable communities living in least developed and emerging economies. This is a systemic crisis that threatens to erode many of the development gains that have been achieved over the past decades.

ICCCAD and CDKN, in partnership with GRP have initiated the [Voices from the Frontline](#) project, under which a coalition of grassroots organisations and knowledge partners have come forward to document the challenges and solutions emerging from community-led responses to the COVID-19 crisis. Albeit the process has only begun, some key advocacy messages are coming to light from our discussions, which will continue to be enriched through further dialogue.

These initial advocacy messages include:

1. Grassroots organisations can play a proactive role in **closing development deficits that compound vulnerability** during times of crisis.
2. **Caring for the most vulnerable is a right** and not a charitable activity. Governments should partner with empowered local grassroots structures to ensure this right.
3. **Grassroots organisations are trusted “knowledge brokers”** and provide important channels of trusted information at times of high misinformation.
4. **Security of migrants** deserve special attention in times of crisis. They are especially vulnerable but are also essential for resilient local economies.
5. Grassroots organisations can play a key role in maintaining resilient **rural-urban food supply chains** are critical to food security during disruptions.
6. **Women and youth** are especially vulnerable, but also provide essential leadership, during crises.

#### Webinar Objective

This webinar will focus on stories of resilience and vulnerability of women, youth and migrants in face of the Covid19 pandemic. Women and youth leaders will share their inspirational stories and interact with other development partners and the audience in an interactive session. Q&A session.

**When:** 06 October, 14:00 - 15:00 CEST

**Background blog:** <https://www.iied.org/new-narratives-for-new-normal>

**Suggested Format/ Speakers:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
0:00- 0:05	Introduction to Webinar - VFL, Advocacy messages, & objective of webinar	Maheen Khan (ICCCAD) (moderator)
0:05-0:10	Opening remarks	Suranjana Gupta (Huairou Commission)
0:10 - 0:35	Panel discussion with Maheen moderating	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Suranjana Gupta (Huairou Commission)</li> <li>2. Nadia Sitas (CST)</li> <li>3. Krishna Khadka (Youth Representative, Nepal)</li> <li>4. Lydia Siapardani (Irida Women's Centre)</li> </ol>
0:35 - 0:50	Interactive session, q+a, discussion - take questions from the audience	Maheen Khan
0:50- 1:00	Wrap-up and closing remarks	Megan Rowling (Thomas Reuters)