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These guidelines have been formulated to assist governments, the non-State sector and civil society in dealing with women who have been affected by natural disasters. They are meant to be practical, easyto-follow steps that need to be taken in responding to women 's concerns in post-disaster situations. They have been categorized into immediate, mid-term and long-term responses. However, there could be overlaps in the responses, and this factor needs to be taken into consideration in implementing the guidelines.

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