

Example on gender-sensitive approaches and tools, including good practices for the application of these approaches and tools for understanding and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change¹

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Title of practice/tool

Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis (CVCA)

Description of approach/practice/tool

CARE's CVCA methodology provides a framework for analyzing vulnerability and the capacity to adapt to climate change at the community level. The methodology has a number of characteristics for assessing vulnerability to climate change of communities. These include:

- a focus on climate change
- analysis of existing conditions, hazards and trends
- emphasis on multi-stakeholder analysis, collaboration and dialogue
- a focus on communities and the most vulnerable, with an emphasis on enabling environments as well.

The CVCA methodology recognizes that gender plays a critical role in how different groups of people experience climate change impacts. Women and men have differing abilities to respond to the threat that climate change . The ability to act on adaptation is shaped by access to information, such as early warning systems and seasonal forecasts. It may be determined by control over resources such as agricultural land or household assets, or by the power to influence decisions in the household or community. In each of these cases, it is often women who are at a disadvantage when it comes to adaptation.

Effective and equitable adaptation thus requires an understanding of the dynamics of vulnerability and how gender influences these dynamics. The CVCA methodology takes gender differences into account when assessing vulnerability of communities to climate change, leading to planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of adaptation that reflects the differing roles, responsibilities and power that men and women have, and that seeks to overcome gender inequality.

Region

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The CVCA tool has been applied in a number of different countries globally including in the following regions:

- Africa and the Arab States
- Asia-Pacific
- Caribbean and Central America
- South America
- Not region-specific

Country

The CVCA method has been applied to a large number of CARE projects around the world. CVCA methods have been conducted in Bangladesh, Nepal, Ghana, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand and Peru, among many other countries.

Sector

The CVCA method is not tailored to any particular sector but helps to identify key underlying vulnerabilities and adaptation interventions to build capacity to respond to climate change at the community level in all relevant sectors.

Name of implementing institution/s

CARE International and its numerous partners around the world.

Further information

Further information about the CVCA methodology and its gender sensitive application can be found in the publications below:

1. CVCA Handbook. http://www.careclimatechange.org/cvca/CARE_CVCAHandbook.pdf
2. Understanding Vulnerability to Climate change: Insights from the application of CARE's CVCA methodology. http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/adaptation/CARE_Understanding_Vulnerability.pdf
3. Application of Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (CVCA) Methodology in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda: Global Water Initiative (GWI) East Africa http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/adaptation/GWI_CVCA_CS_Sept11.pdf
4. Application of Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (CVCA) Methodology in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia: Regional Project for Adaptation to the Impact of Rapid Glacier Retreat in the Tropical Andes –

PRAA http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/adaptation/PRAA_CVCA_CS_0611.pdf

5. Climate vulnerability and capacity of ethnic minorities in the northern mountainous region of Vietnam

http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/CARE_ClimChg_Vietnam_0413_web1.pdf

6. Climate Vulnerability Capacity Analysis - A report from four districts in South Sulawesi, Indonesia

<http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/Indonesia20CVCA20Report20final20engl.pdf>

7. Climate Vulnerability Capacity Analysis - A report from the South of Thailand.

<http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/ThailandCVCA.pdf>

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