

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

Gender, Climate Change and Community-Based Adaptation: A guidebook for designing and implementing gender-sensitive community-based adaptation programmes and projects.

Description of practice/tool

Like the theme of gender, the issue of climate change is also a cross-cutting issue that has to be mainstreamed into all programme activities. UNDP strives to harmonize human development and the management of climate change by promoting mitigation and adaptation measures to hasten socio-economic progress. One of the many UNDP initiatives is the CBA Programme. All CBA projects use the participatory and inclusivity approaches, as well as gender mainstreaming, which ensure that all community members are involved in decision-making and other project activities regardless of gender, age and physical/mental abilities. All CBA projects build on local knowledge, and this information is used to complement the national adaptation strategies in the design/concept formulation stage. For example, traditional roles of men and women are captured and gender-mainstreaming project activities are organized in a culturally-sensitive manner. Traditionally, in most countries, women are household caretakers and need to be close to home to tend to their children. In this manner, project initiatives include environmental solutions and measures that women can do while fulfilling their household duties, such as applying drip irrigation in their backyards.

Another example of gender-mainstreaming in CBA is the creation of Women Resource Centers (WRC) for marginalized women in Bangladesh. Due to social norms in the country, women and children are culturally excluded from government services: agriculture, livestock, and health, including maternal and child health (MCH). Despite government interventions to remove such barriers, the rural areas of Bangladesh, especially in remote areas, are still affected. The centralization of power that governs relationships within small communities also works against the discriminated community members groups such as women. WRCs were established at the village level, led by an elected female leader and made up of 20 marginalized women. They are unique platforms for marginalized women to have access to, and control over, resources such as agriculture products, bargaining skills and negotiation power. Additionally, they serve as a bridging mechanism to different service-providing organizations and CBOs that support women in other areas including livelihoods, health & sanitation, agriculture. The services that WRCs provide in CBA project areas applied the participatory approach and ensured that proper consultations with the targeted

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beneficiaries took place.

Region

Please select a region/regions where the practice/tool took place/developed or applied from the ones below, as applicable:

- Africa and the Arab States
- Asia-Pacific
- Caribbean and Central
- South America
- Global

Country

If applicable, please specify a country/countries where the good practice took place and/or tool for gender consideration have been developed/applied.

Bangladesh, Bolivia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Samoa and Viet Nam

Sector

Please select sector/sectors (from the ones below, as applicable), where the good practice and/or tool for gender consideration have been developed/applied.

- Food security, agriculture and fisheries
- Forestry
- Marine and coastal ecosystems
- Mountains
- Other terrestrial ecosystems
- Water resources

Name of implementing institution/s

Please specify the implementing institution/institutions.

UNDP, GEF Small Grants Programme with UN Volunteers as partners in 7 out of the 10 countries; NGOs and CBOs

Further information

Please provide relevant web links, paper and other specific publications.

<http://www.undp-alm.org/projects/spa-community-based-adaptation-project>

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