

Session 4 – Good practices and tools

Applying gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation

What good practice or tool would you most like to draw attention to and why?

We would like to highlight and present about two tools based on our own experiences. The first tool is CREATE (Climate Resilience Evaluation for Adaptation Through Empowerment). CREATE provides a way to identify and analyze all of the factors which contribute to making a community vulnerable to climate change and future change, both natural factors and human-induced factors. Its holistic and integrated approach makes it very suitable in identifying the different factors which are making women more vulnerable than men, or vulnerable in different ways. The second tool we would like to highlight is AIC (Appreciate-Influence-Control), which empowers people to imagine a future which is different from the circumstances faced at present (appreciate), decide the priority issues on which they want to work to create change (influence), and then plan the concrete steps that need to take place to bring that change about (control). AIC can help women to re-imagine their futures, taking themselves away from their present circumstances and constraints and towards a new and more favorable context. Both CREATE and AIC are tools which were not designed to work on gender issues directly, which we have adopted and adapted both tools in working with local stakeholders to assess their vulnerability to climate change and plan for a more secure future in a gender-sensitive way. This involves highlighting how the vulnerabilities of men and women are different, ensuring adaptation strategies address the needs of men and women equally, and ensure the voices of men and women carry equal weight when working on climate change adaptation.

This good practice or tool helps to:

Ensure the appropriate identification, validation and application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for all stages of the adaptation process, Facilitate the consideration and integration of gender-sensitive approaches and tools in adaptation process, including the understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change