



## Informing decisions through gender statistics: integrating gender in national data on climate change

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# EmPower – a project to strengthen gender equality in climate change and disaster risk actions

2018-2022 | Implemented across Asia-Pacific region | National footprints in Bangladesh, Cambodia and Viet Nam



## GOALS

EmPower works on 5 key pillars:



### VOICE AND LEADERSHIP

Encourage women and marginalized groups to participate in climate decisions



### DATA FOR DECISION-MAKING

Generate, analyse and use sex, age and diversity disaggregated data to inform climate and DRR policy



### GENDER RESPONSIVE CLIMATE POLICIES

Transform climate, disaster risk reduction and energy policies and financing to be more gender and human rights responsive



### RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

Enable women to access and use renewable energy and, through it, economic resources for resilient livelihoods



### REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Improve regional processes, platforms and build regional knowledge on climate change and disaster risk reduction to include gender and human rights

**“...development efforts have been hampered by a lack of the most basic data about the social and economic circumstances in which people live...”**

**“Stronger monitoring and evaluation at all levels...will help guide decision making...”**



**“Sex-disaggregated data does not exist...”**

**“Information about women’s role and access in environment-related sectors is not comprehensively collected and reported.”**

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- Highlights gender concerns
- Practical but not ruling out aspirational

## Exposure

- Total population, disaggregated by sex, age, location, disability status, wealth, and ethnicity
- Total square kilometres of agricultural land in disaster-prone areas, by sex of land user

## Vulnerability

- Proportion of time spend on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex
- Type of employment, identifying people involved in agriculture and fishing, by sex

## Coping capacity

- Proportion seats held by women in local government
- Proportion of managerial positions in environment-related ministries held by women

## Impacts

- Total number of users of health and education facilities damaged by disasters, by sex
- Number of people whose livelihoods were disrupted or destroyed, attributed to disasters

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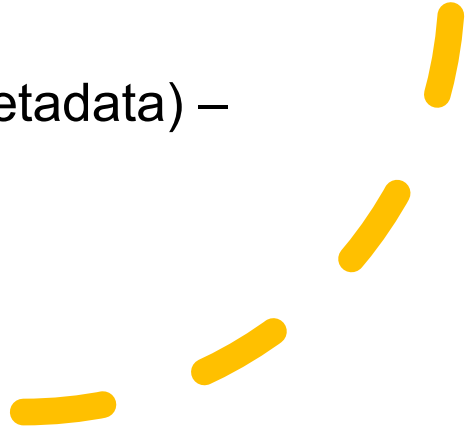
## Means of implementation

- Percentage of national delegations at UNFCCC sessions who are women
- Inclusion of sex-disaggregated data and gender analysis in national reports on climate change
- Total ODA allocated to climate change mitigation related activities where gender equality was a primary objective (according to gender marker)
- Whether a gender mechanism has been established at national and local levels for the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into climate finance, access and delivery

# Findings from national experiences

- Strong interest in integrating gender
- Significant challenges in doing so
- Set of indicators provides a good starting point
- Now to data production and use
  - Collating data and gap analyses
  - Adapting existing forms and data collection processes
  - Developing new methods
- Bangladesh: piloting new survey questionnaire
- Viet Nam and Cambodia: national profiles on gender, climate change and disaster-related statistics (2020/2021)

# Recommendations for the future

- 1. Show the benefits of a gender-sensitive and inclusive approach**
    - Good quality data and information
    - Fundamental to planning and response
  - 2. Show gaps and concerns and enable comparison**
    - Data on both men and women, girls and boys
    - People with a disability compared to people without
  - 3. Systematically publish data and statistics**
    - Make them available online
    - Include information about the data (metadata) – source, definitions used, etc.
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Thank you!

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