# 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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"summary measure related to a key issue or phenomenon"

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- 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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