



Interactive dialogue on progress in the delivery of gender-responsive climate finance

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Agenda

Time	Description
15:00-15:05	Welcome remarks
15:10-15:30	The state of gender-responsive climate finance
15:30-16:30	Taking Stock of Progress and Gaps Panel conversation on impact and progress
16:30-17:40	Accountability and Practice Moderated dialogue on the consideration of gender in climate finance
17:40-18:00	Participatory Closing



The state of gender-responsive climate finance



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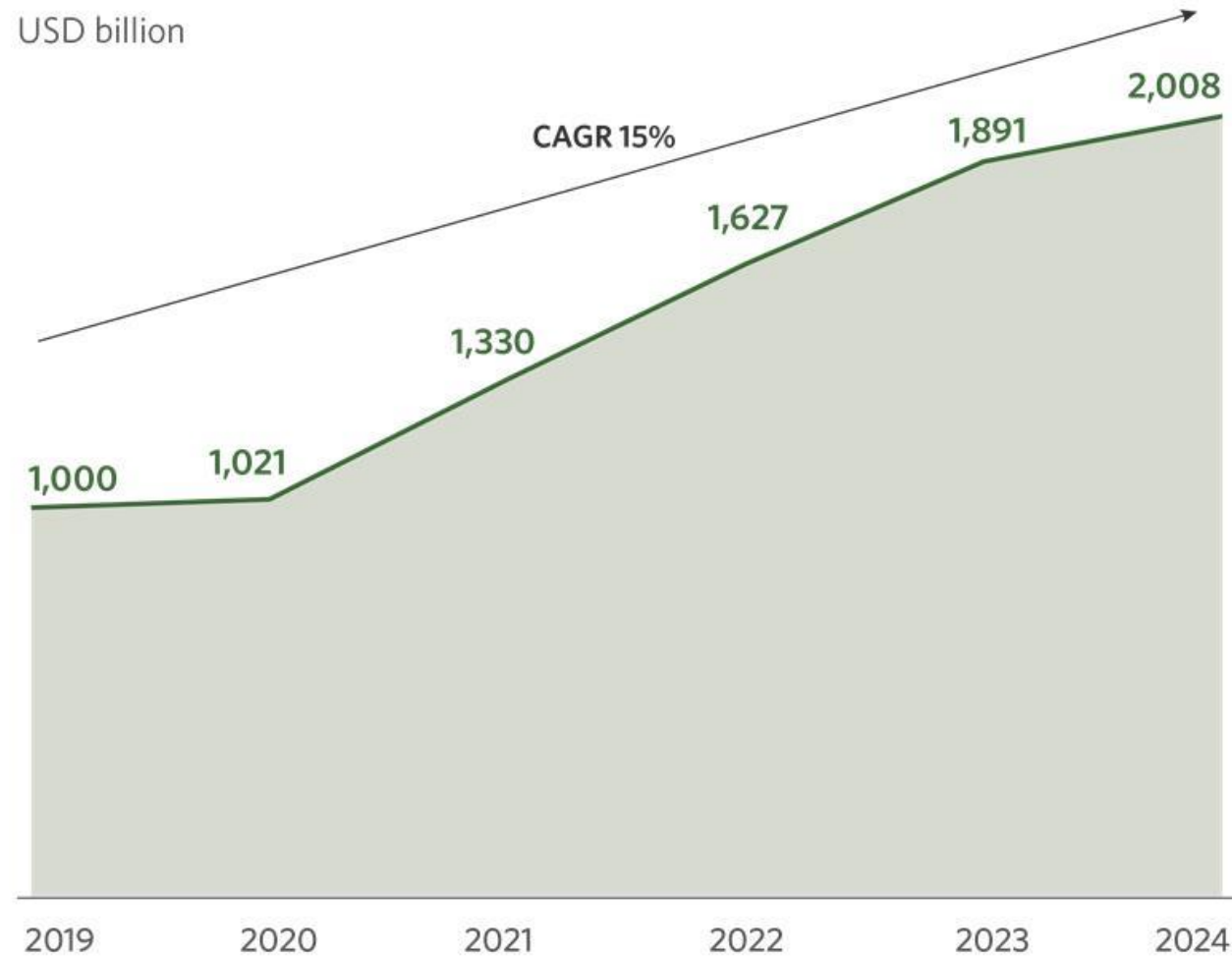
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\$2 Trillion in Global Climate Finance but How Much Reaches Women?

Global Climate Finance 2019-2024 (USD bn, nominal)

USD billion

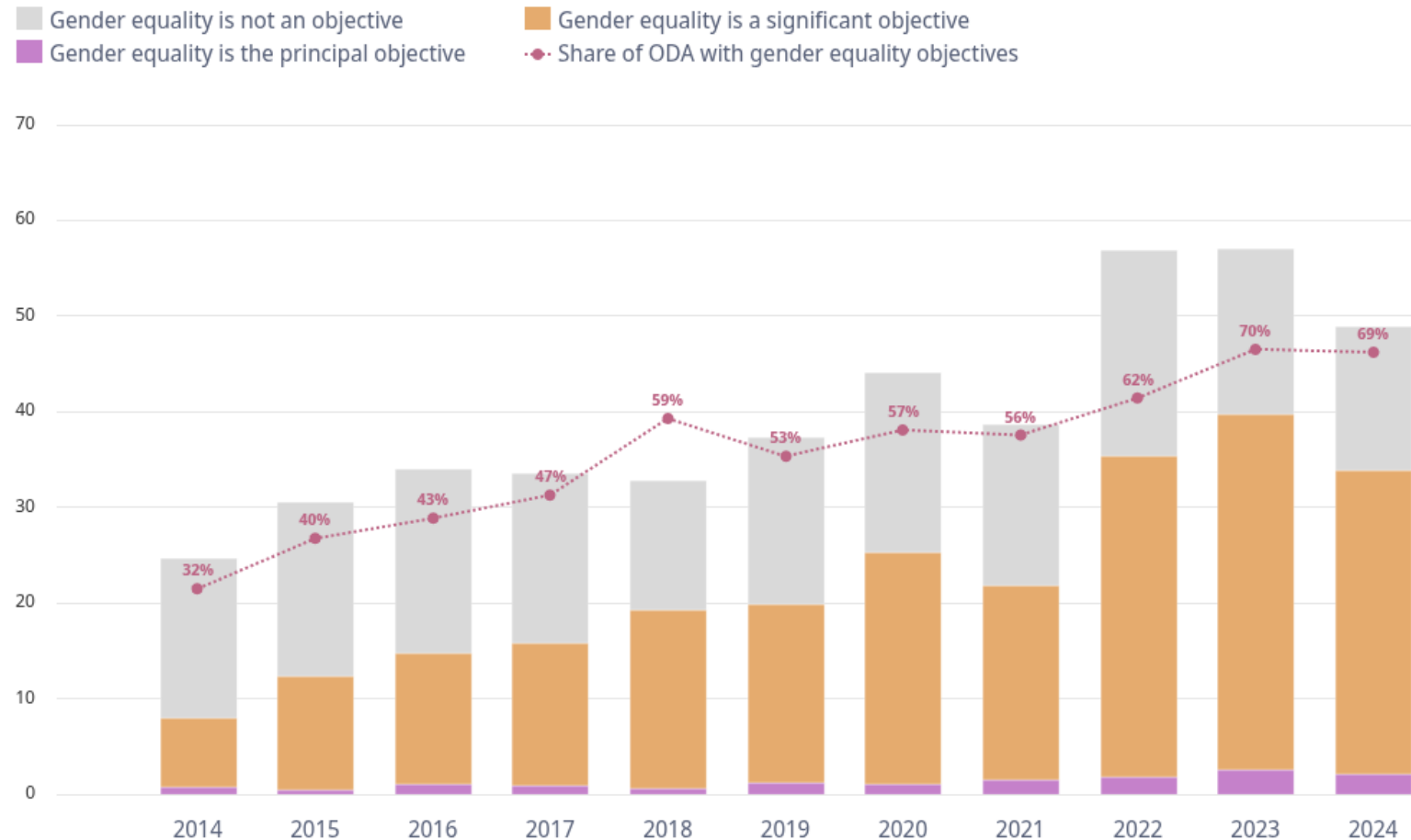


Source: Climate Policy Initiative

Gender in Climate ODA: Tagged Often, Prioritized Rarely

Volumes and shares of ODA with gender equality objectives by Rio marker

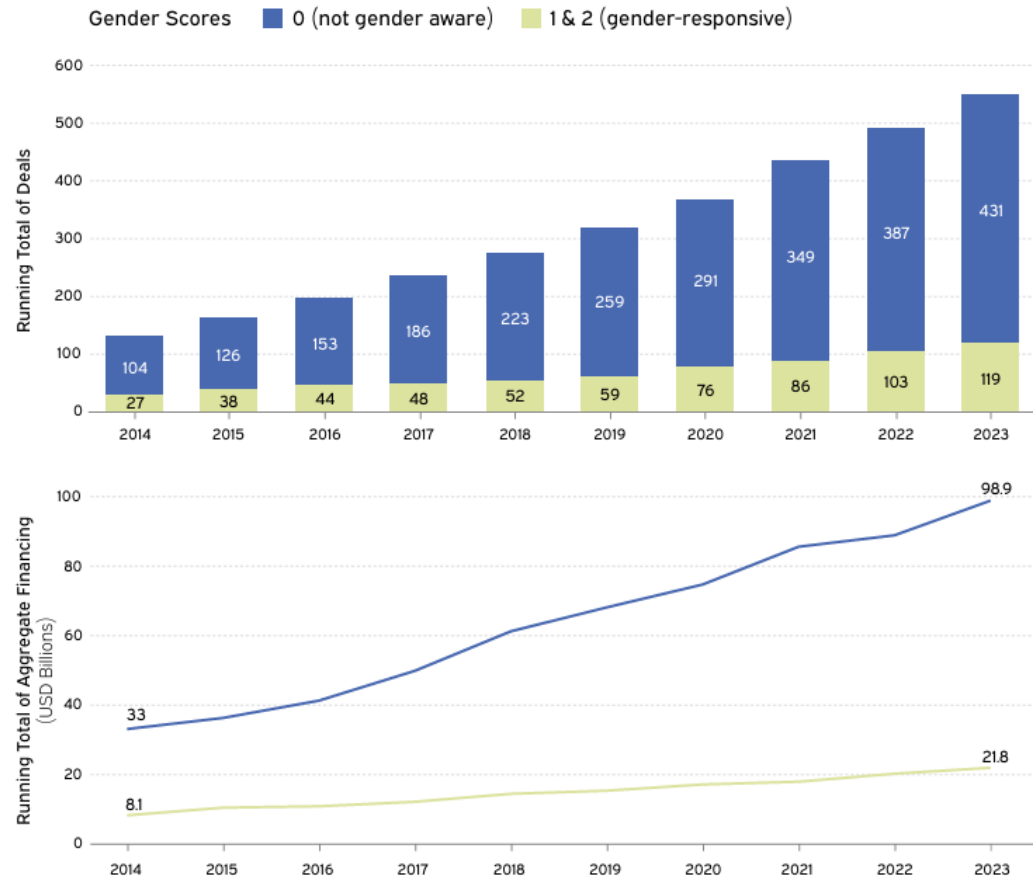
USD billion, 2024 constant prices, DAC members, bilateral allocable ODA commitments, Climate change mitigation + adaptation



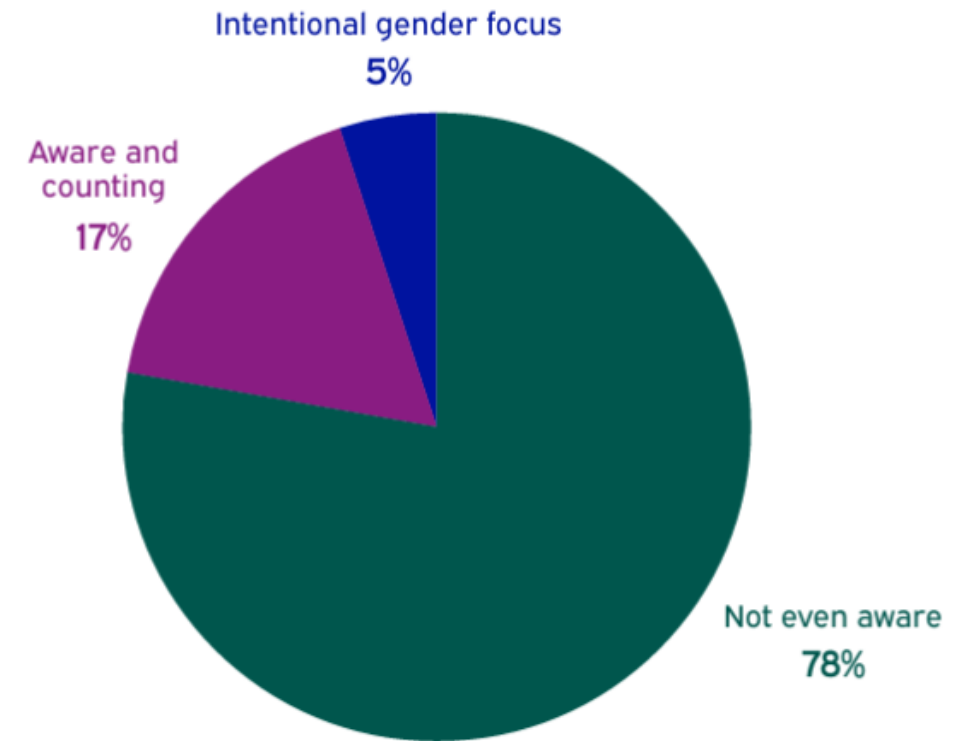
Source: [OECD Data Explorer, Creditor Reporting System](#)

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The Private Finance Blind Spot

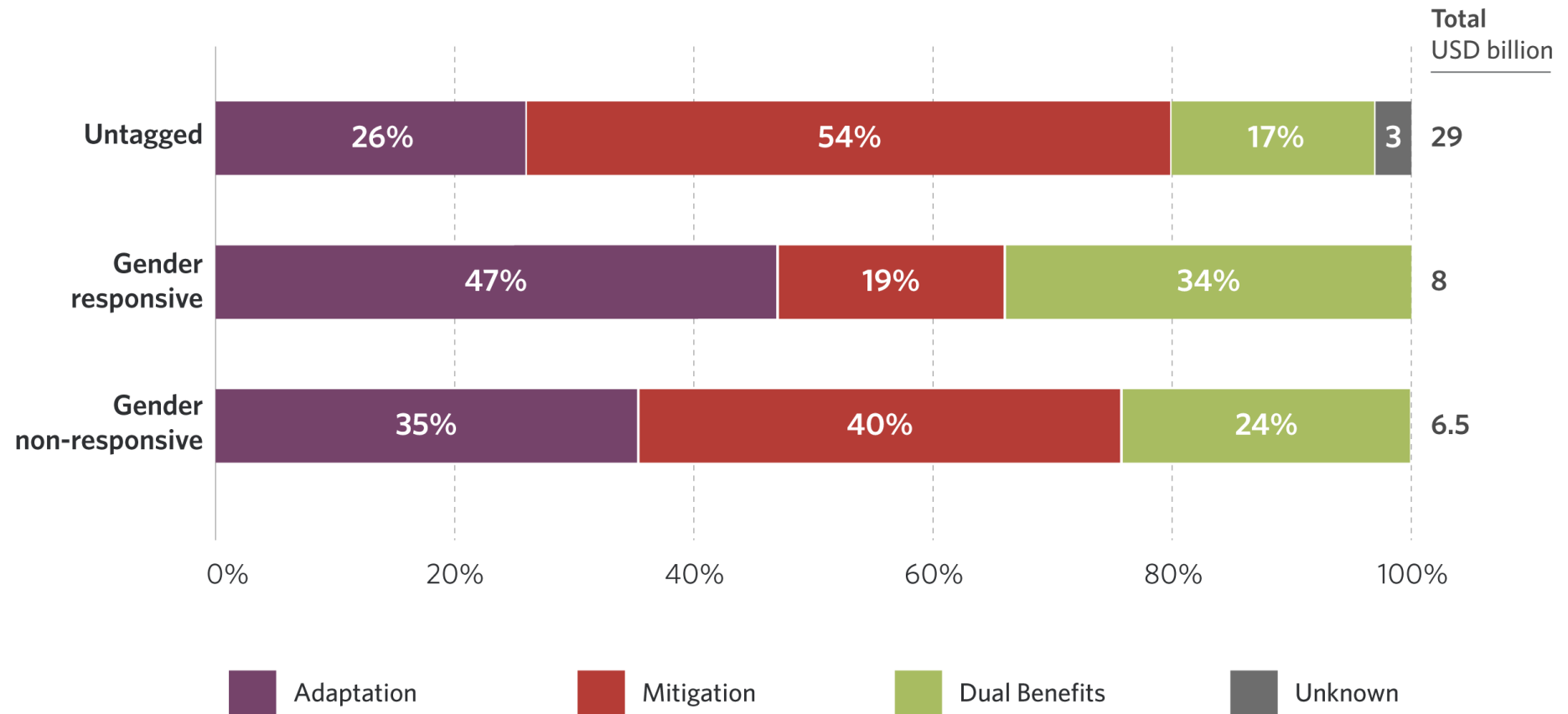


Gender Focus in Climate Transactions



551 climate blended finance deal analysed

Gender Tagging Varies - By Sector and By What We Can Even Measure: Africa example



Source: Climate Policy Initiative

Agriculture Leads on Deals - Energy on Deal Size for blended finance

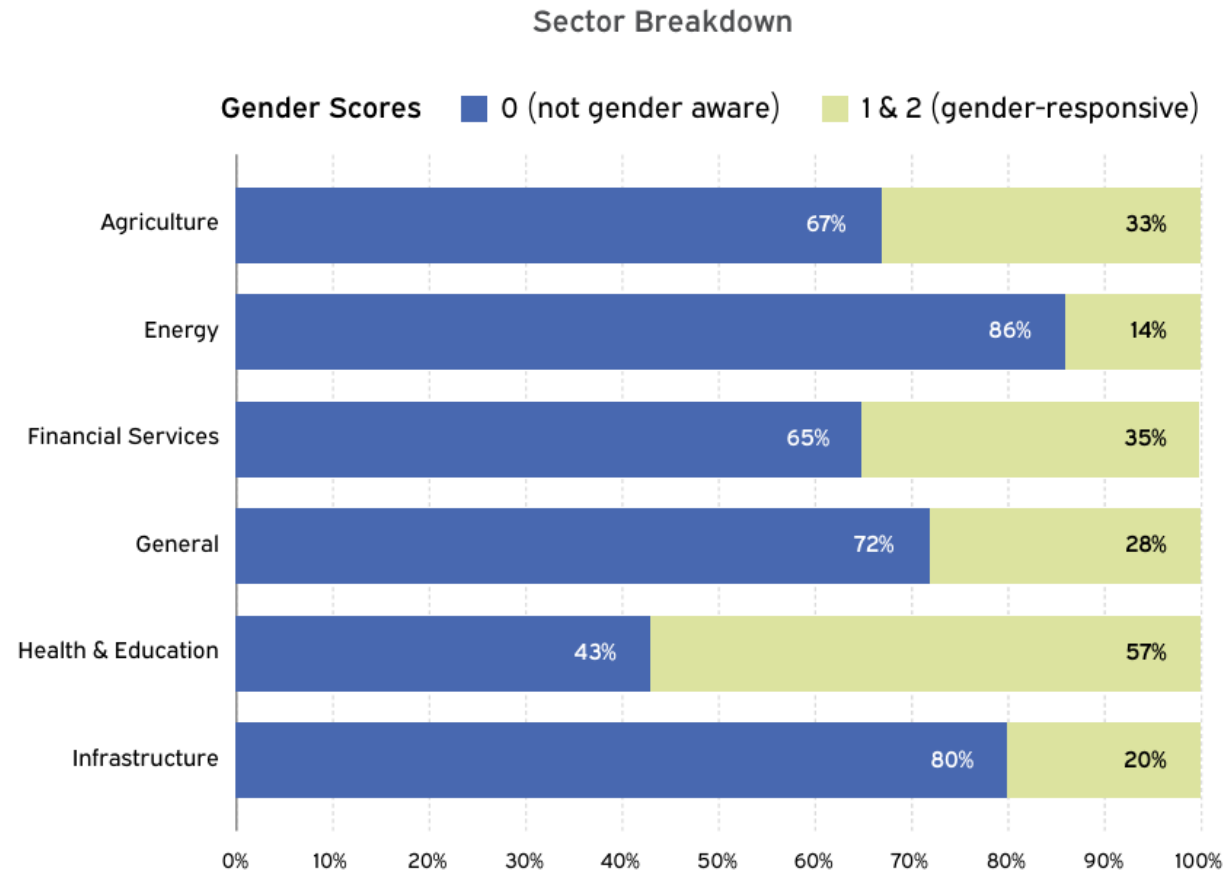


Figure 4: Gender-responsive climate transactions vs. all climate transactions, by sector
(Source: Convergence's Historical Deals Database)

Priorities

1. **Standardise metrics, share frameworks** build on what already exists (OECD marker, 2X, fund gender tools & frameworks)
2. **Invest in capacity** – help project teams and local partners apply these frameworks in real deals
3. **Fund for long-term outcomes**, not just short-term outputs - track immediate outputs (jobs, beneficiaries) alongside longer-term changes in women's incomes, assets and decision-making power.
4. **Bridge the “two silos”** – intentionally bring climate investors and gender-lens investors together in blended structures and TA programmes
5. **Design transactions to remove barriers** – structure deals so women can access finance, skills and leadership roles from the outset, especially in energy and infrastructure.

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FINDINGS AND EMERGING CONCLUSIONS

Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Gender Approach

Presented by Genta Konci

The evaluation

Scope

- Two lenses:
 - organizational and institutional assessment
 - project-level and results assessment

Methods

- Desk review
- Portfolio review
- KII
- Online survey

Methods & Sampling Approach

Evaluation design overview

METHODS

Desk review: AI-assisted portfolio analysis; quantitative analytics of FPs, APRs & evaluations

Virtual KIIs: 40 stakeholders consulted (global & regional level)

Desk Review: Targeted project evidence synthesis

Virtual KIIs: 27 stakeholders consulted (AEs, NDAs/focal points & gender experts linked with sampled projects)

In-country field visits (with the exception of virtually in Mexico) + country triangulation

KIIs: 177 stakeholders consulted (AEs, NDAs, government, CSOs, private sector & beneficiaries)

SAMPLING APPROACH

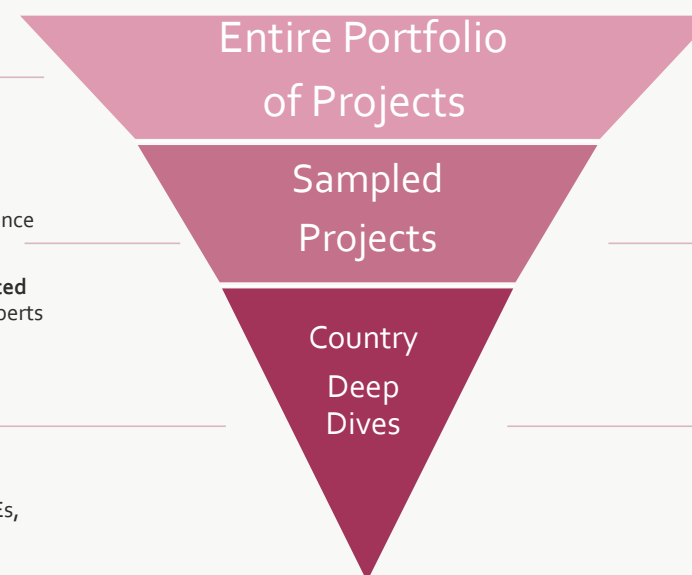
FP / PPF / Readiness portfolio

352 FPs (\$20.1B) across 134 countries; 800+ Readiness projects

20 projects purposively sampled

PPF portfolio included in sampling frame

6 country deep dives, 2 each in of the following regions – LAC (Brazil & Mexico), Africa (Benin & Liberia) and APAC (Lao PDR & Nepal)



Findings

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Policy and Practice

Policy's foundation is strong, but strategically unanchored and operationally disconnected, with gaps between the Policy and its application in practice.

Institutionalisation

Institutional fragmentation has created accountability gaps.

Ambiguity in roles and responsibilities undermines institutional ownership and coherent implementation of the Policy.

Gender Capacities

Gender-related capacities are siloed and concentrated in designated teams.

Project level: capacity for gender mainstreaming is uneven across many IAEs, DAEs and NDAs. These pose challenges to the effective implementation of the Policy.

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Partnership

Gender-focused stakeholders remain structurally marginalized in decision-making roles. This constrains ownership, depth of gender integration and sustainability at the country level.

Monitoring and KM

Fragmented and functioning sub-optimally, not currently well-suited to monitoring, reporting on, and learning from gender results.

The project-level GA and Gender Action Plan system functions as an approval mechanism, not an implementation monitoring tool.

Knowledge about what works related to gender in diverse contexts exists, to a certain extent, but it is certainly not systematically reaching the people and institutions that need it to adapt.

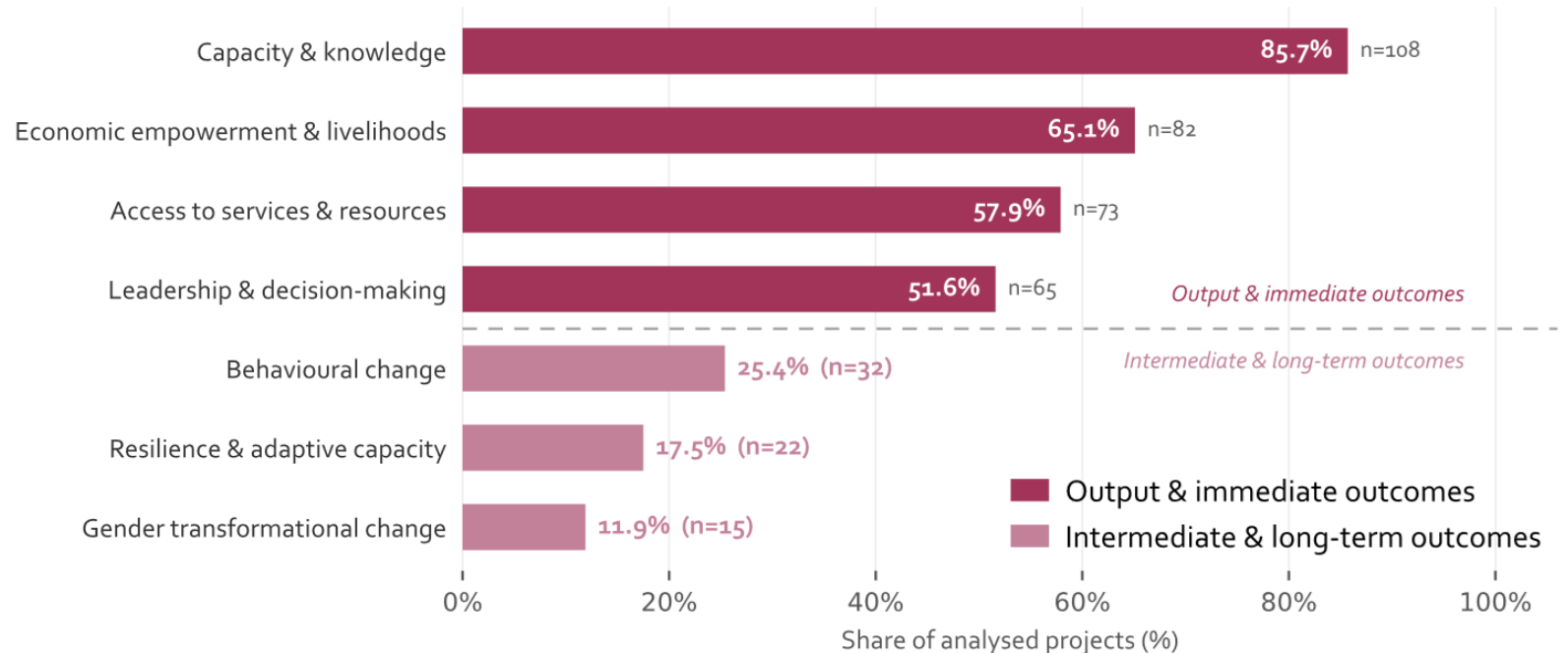
Gender results

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- Projects designed for, and producing gender-responsive results
- Concentrated at the output level; achievements relate to participation, capacity-building, and knowledge generation
- Results are underdeveloped and reflecting early-stage outcomes
 - Lack of results aggregation
 - Gender-responsive results under-reported

Distribution of Gender Outcome Categories Across Analysed Projects

Share of GCF projects contributing to each gender outcome category (n = 126 eligible projects with ≥ 3 years of implementation reporting)



Source: Authors' analysis based on AI-assisted coding of GCF APRs (337) and evaluation reports (72), IEU, 2026. Notes: A project may contribute to more than one outcome category. Cutoff date: April 2026.

Areas of recommendations

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1. Strengthen Institutional Coherence and Accountability
2. Board Accountability for Effective Implementation of the Institutional GAP
3. Capacity Building for a Shared Gender Responsibility
4. Effective Compliance: From Compliance Tools to Implementation and Learning
5. Structural Pathways for Meaningful Access and Implementation
6. Strengthen Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning for Gender-responsive Results

Taking Stock of Progress and Gaps

Panel conversation on impact and progress



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Key Progress and Common Challenges in Women's Empowerment

WHAT'S IMPROVED FROM THE PAST

✓ Enhanced Design Elements & Gender Partnerships

- ✓ Gender Assessment
- ✓ Gender Action Plan
- ✓ Gender-Sensitive Indicators
- ✓ GEF Gender Partnership

CHALLENGES TO BE ADDRESSED

! Implementation Quality

- ! Design-Implementation Gap
- ! Resource Constraints
- ! Difficult Operational Contexts (e.g., FCV)

Question: What factors drive meaningful and lasting women's empowerment?

Enablers for Lasting Women's Empowerment



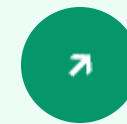
Gender Expertise

Leading to dedicated efforts on women's empowerment



Financial Sustainability

Long-term funding beyond project cycles



Outcome Monitoring

Tracking empowerment gains



CASE STUDY - KENYA

Self-sustaining Water Fund for Women's Environmental Engagement

173%

increase in endowment fund
(2021–2025)

Examples of Outcome Measures

- ▶ Time savings
- ▶ Economic gains
- ▶ Health improvements

Expertise + Sustained Finance + Better Monitoring = Environmental and Women's Empowerment Gains

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Civil Society Perspective on Gender- Responsive Climate Finance

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PROGRESS

- Normative shift to valuing gender-responsiveness as an expected component of climate finance
- Iterations and progression on climate funds' gender plans, policies, indicators
- Discourse on direct access and simplified access as significant
- Moving from capacity-strengthening to dialogue



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CONCERN: OUTCOMES FOR GENDER ACTIVITIES IN PROJECTS

- Compliance-based approaches for process steps do not guarantee or capture outcomes
- Measures of participation, often treating women as a monolithic group, are over-relied upon
- Women's leadership is conflated with gender equality
- Many activities, but activities may not be the right activities when gender assessment is inadequate - tendency to report volume of effort and output indicators rather than measures of resilience, empowerment



CONCERN: GENDER OUTCOMES FOR PROJECTS

- Frequent failure to connect gender to the substance of the project
- Overlooking the institutional partners for advancing gender equality – women's rights organizations, national gender machineries, in design, implementation, and monitoring
- At a portfolio level, numbers of beneficiaries is an initial indicator, but quality and depth of benefits, and by whom they are experienced, are critical missing data



BEYOND PROJECT OUTCOMES TO OUTCOMES OF FUND DECISIONS

- Unwillingness to engage in understanding the gendered impacts of financial instruments, from grants to loans to guarantees and equity
- Not considering issues of accessibility, transparency, and accountability to be gender issues
- Preference to separate small-scale direct access from larger-scale projects as well as project prioritization and pipeline development
- Inadequate integration of gender into country planning and platforms



Feminist Climate Finance

Exploring feminist demands

Understanding challenges and opportunities

GENDER IS INTEGRAL

WOMEN & GENDER
CONSTITUENCY



Climate outcomes are strengthened by gender outcomes, and this fact is not shaping Fund policy and operations.





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Gender Priority Areas

Governance

- 1 Clearer roles, accountability, oversight, and reporting

Competencies & capacity development

- 2 Stronger gender capacity across GCF, NDAs, AEs and partners

Resource allocation, accessibility & budgeting

- 3 Improved tracking and transparency of gender-related resources

Operational procedures

- 4 Deeper integration of gender across the project lifecycle
- Quality assurance & adaptive management

Knowledge generation & communication

- 5 Stronger data, learning, peer exchange
- Dissemination of good practices

Strategic shift

From procedural compliance to **measurable gender outcomes**



Strengthens institutional accountability, resource tracking, capacity development, and portfolio-level learning



Positions gender equality and **women's empowerment** as central to more effective, inclusive, and **transformative climate finance**



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Closing



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