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Women, Gender and Climate Change

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Why Gender Equality and Climate Change

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- Gender inequality is linked to vulnerability and risk
- Existing inequalities will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change
- Gender inequality limits the effectiveness of mitigation and adaptation strategies if gender relations aren't considered

Impacts of Climate Change on Women

Why does climate change hit women harder?

- Women make up a majority of the poor
- Women work in sectors most affected
- Women are primary caregivers for children and extended family
- Women have less access to and control over resources, services and decision making
- Existing gender inequalities

In Cambodia Women...

- Play a major, labor intensive role in agriculture
- Play a lead role in ensuring food security
- Are responsible for household water
- Are the primary caregivers

In Cambodia...

Climate Change will mean that women face:

- Increased pressure to find alternative ways to feed their families
- Increased competition for water and other natural resources (more time)
- Negative health effects and increased responsibilities as caregivers

Greater stress on off-farm income earners
when households experience shocks

Gender and Climate Change – Cambodia's NAPA

NAPA Examples

NAPA Project	Gender Issues	Suggestions
Rehabilitation of a Multiple-Use Reservoir in Takeo Province	<p>Women's water requirements for productive and domestic uses may receive low priority compared to other uses</p> <p>Can divert water and make it more difficult or burdensome for women to access</p> <p>Creates job opportunities primarily for men with limited opportunities for women</p>	<p>Ensure access to water resources needed by women</p> <p>Use a gendered approach when analyzing and planning water requirements</p> <p>Promote training and hiring of both men and women</p>

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Community Mangrove Restoration and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources	<p>May ignore the impacts on both men and women's productive activities and fail to address the consequences</p> <p>May prohibit activities women use to cope with shocks</p> <p>Men and women may partake in voluntary work in rehabilitation and conservation activities differently. There is potential to increase the unpaid work of women</p>	<p>Analyze gender relations associate with the use of, access to, management and control of resources</p> <p>Facilitate women's participation and decision-making</p> <p>Take advantage of women's and men's knowledge</p> <p>Encourage paying women for their work on environmental restoration</p>

Engendering the NAPA

- Vulnerability and Risk Assessments and Analysis need to account for differences amongst men and women
- Criteria for prioritization and project selection should include gender equality
- Facilitate the participation and representation of both men and women in the processes
- Refine projects before implementation

Overall Recommendations for Gender Responsive Climate Change Responses

Gender Responsive Climate Change Responses Must:

- Understand existing inequalities between women and men and ways in which these can be exacerbated by climate change
- Identify different impacts of climate change on women, men, boys and girls
- Ensure meaningful participation of both men and women
- Recognize the knowledge of both men and women at community –level and build on this
- Monitor the impacts of adaptation measures on both men and women

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