



Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Draft Action Plan on FCPF Evaluation: Gender

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Gender

R5. (RF&CF): Formulate and implement a Gender Mainstreaming Strategy, including a work plan and related budget to allow for its effective implementation.

Update on Gender Integration in REDD+ Program in FCPF

- PC22 approved a budget of US\$ 411,000 to kick start the gender relevant activities in the context of REDD+ countries and FCPF.
- All the allocated funds are committed. This work is being implemented at the country level using different approaches and partners:
 - a. Ghana: Implemented by IUCN – \$100k
 - b. Mexico: World Bank task team and consultants – \$100k
 - c. Vietnam: Center for Upland Development (CERDA) and Tebtebba – \$70K
 - d. Nepal: Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN) – \$100k
 - e. FCPF level work – \$41K

Activities undertaken

FCPF level:

- A Gap Analysis conducted at the FCPF level
- FCPF is aligning its Gender work with the WB Group Gender Strategy. The FMT efforts have been recognized by the Gender Cross-Cutting Solutions Area (CCSA) and ongoing work formed part of the update to the WB Board of Directors on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan.
- The FMT is collaborating with PROFOR, Climate Investment Funds (CIF), and other partners.

Activities undertaken

Country level:

- Conducting gender analysis to identify challenges, opportunities and concrete benefits through REDD+.
- Expected Outputs/Outcomes: Action Plan and Roadmap for addressing gender gaps and maximizing benefits and women's empowerment in the forest and landscapes sector.
- The objective is to ensure gender analysis of Emission Reductions Program design, implementation, evaluation and benefit-sharing using culturally-sensitive and gender responsive approaches.
- Design equitable, gender-sensitive benefit-sharing mechanisms with due respect and consideration to existing institutions.

Example of country level activities: Mexico

- The overall objective is to ensure Gender Mainstreaming in the design and implementation of REDD+ mechanisms in Mexico, with the ultimate goal to grant equal benefit to women and men under the FCPF Emission Reductions Programs
- Expected Outputs: Through a Gender Analysis Report and a Gender Action Plan the analytical work will provide information on two types of potential gender barriers that women face in REDD+: 1) traditional barriers: institutional, economic, political and legal barriers; and 2) behavioral barriers: psychological, cultural, social, procedural and material constraints. This work will also identify opportunities to bridge gender gaps and generate real benefits to women and men through REDD+ interventions.

Example of country level activities: Nepal

- WOCAN organized an Inception workshop with the national REDD+ Implementation Center, RIC (in charge of FCPF readiness and ER program design) and other stakeholders with the aim of discussing the ToRs and to get their buy in and support in moving the work forward
- Joint agreement between WOCAN and RIC on the selected districts in the ER program area to conduct the analysis and consultations
- Consultations and assessments has started in seven ERPD selected districts –Nawalparasi, Bara, Dang, Bardiya, Kailali, Kapilvastu, and Dolakhi

Lessons so far

- Time and poverty is the biggest constraint to women's lives
- The 'successful' forest management initiatives so widely acclaimed are heavily reliant on the labor of women that is uncompensated, while men have more time and opportunities to seek income
- Energy access is a key challenge in REDD+ program areas, especially for poor rural women
- Women are largely excluded from participating meaningfully at meetings to design, plan and discuss benefit sharing, and from governance positions in forest user groups
- Women can demonstrate leadership inside women's groups, but this is less possible in mixed groups

Next steps to address the recommendations

FCPF level

- FMT proposes to revise M&E indicators and reporting criteria to include measureable gender indicators and monitor results in consultations with local partners.
- FMT proposes that knowledge forums and south–south exchanges include gender learning. Strategic communication of success stories from pilot testing to be posted on the FCPF dedicated webpage on gender.
- FMT proposes to facilitate collaboration of REDD+ countries with strategic gender partners, e.g., NGOs and women’s organizations.

Next steps to address the recommendations

Country level support

- FMT proposes to continue support to countries to carry out gender analysis and develop action plans, awareness raising and capacity building for women and the use of pilot projects to demonstrate the value addition of increased attention to gender, and strengthening of women's forums.
- FMT proposes that countries undertake gender-differentiated cost-benefit analyses of impacts through SESA studies.

Women's Observer to the PC

- The FMT proposes to maintain the status quo, but invite a gender observer to the PC meetings on a rotational basis, based on the meeting agenda.
- The FMT would agree on criteria to select the observer in each region.
- The FMT would also work with the Women's Observer to develop an outreach strategy.

Summary

- FCPF work on gender has begun on a high note and has received support and attention within the Bank
- Working with partners is a great opportunity to develop sector-wide gender pathways and indicators
- Gender consideration by countries, especially in the ER-Programs development is encouraging

Decision required by PC

FMT is requesting the PC to approve a budget of \$300k in FY18 & FY19 to continue support of additional gender activities at the country, regional and global level.

This budget for gender activities forms part of the overall Readiness Fund budget approval.

An aerial photograph of a vast, dense forest. The trees are mostly green, with some brownish patches indicating dead or dormant trees. In the upper right corner, a body of water is visible, possibly a lake or a wide river. The overall scene is a lush, natural landscape.

Thank you

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