



Climate Finance and Climate Justice For Women

Mongolian Women's Fund

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About MONES



MONES grantee groups raised the issue

In 2013 and 2014, MONES received several proposals on environmental problems from rural women's groups:

- Poor quality of drinking water
- Women's rights violations in a mining area
- Degradation of green areas in a village

MONES gave the grants, but did not see these areas as central to own work.

MONES involvement in climate change and environmental justice work

- In 2015, MONES started paying attention to environmental issues, but still considered it as remote from women's rights
- In 2015, MONES attended an international forum that brought together environmental groups and Women's Funds
- In 2016, MONES applied and received two grants on women's rights and environmental justice

MONES work on GFC funding

1. Developing an overview on GCF history, structure, framework and funding operations
2. Building MONES knowledge on national framework on climate change
3. Building relationship with Ministry of Environment and Environmental Protection Fund

Developing an overview on GCF funding structure

- Built understanding of Green Climate Fund (GCF): structure, organization, agenda, strategic directions, funding structure, criteria for funding, procedure for approval of funding. And, its **Gender Action Plan**
- Built understanding of National Designated Authority: the key channel for national-level funding.
 - **Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET)** is the National Designated Authority in charge of communication with Green Climate Fund.
 - **Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)** is the national coordinator that receives proposals from organizations and sends to Green Climate Fund.
 - **Accredited organizations** can send their proposals for application to Green Climate Fund through this national Environmental Protection Fund only.

Building MONES knowledge on national framework on climate change

- Desk-review of the national legal and policy framework of Mongolia on climate change responses
 - a report was produced that clearly outlines the overall direction and strategies of Mongolia on climate change responses, as well as key stakeholders.
- Developing an overview of the national gender-responsive strategies integrated in the national climate change related policies and action plans
 - key documents that reflect the gender equality goals and objectives of Mongolia were studied in correlation to policies of the key stakeholders.

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Key findings

Based on the studies, the following were outlined:

- Women's groups **do not have direct access to GCF** funding coming to Mongolia.
- Women's groups have **limited access to funding** that international organizations received from GCF. These organizations sign cooperation agreements with the Government of Mongolia. Therefore, women's groups can apply when these international organizations announce calls for proposals for civil society groups.
- Women's groups **can influence** gender policy related aspects of GFC funding in Mongolia through

Women's rights groups intervention

- Prior to submission of proposals: Once accredited organizations submit their proposals to Environmental Protection Fund of Mongolia, for further submission to GCF, women's groups can provide the following services per agreement with and/or request from Environmental Protection Fund:
 - a) Conduct gender analysis of submitted proposals and develop recommendations for improvement
 - b) Conduct capacity building and awareness raising trainings for these organizations.
- After proposals are approved: Once accredited organizations received funding from GCF, women's groups can conduct monitoring of implementation of the GCF gender policy and, if not implemented, demand its implementation.

MONES WORK ON GFC FUNDING

- a pool of national gender experts/trainers on GCF Gender Policy implementation in Mongolia
- a set of methodologies for incorporation and implementation of GCF Gender Action Plan in development of proposals and implementation of projects
- Collaboration with the NDA and other relevant key stakeholders
- Capacity building of women's groups

MONES' FIRST ACTION

- Last week, MONES organized a workshop with women-activists and reviewed a proposal submitted to GFC (but not reviewed yet)
- Gender Action Plan of the proposal was studied and comments developed
- Critical input made to CSO groups at GCF Board meeting, regarding Mongolian project up for GCF Board approval, “Ulaanbaatar Green Affordable Housing and Resilient Urban Renewal Project (AHURP)” by Asian Development Bank

The project proposal can be found here:

https://www.greenclimate.fund/documents/20182/953917/GCF_B.19_22_Ad d.19 - Funding proposal package for FP077.pdf/74f420a0-d8b1-4812-894c-65a1c80a713a