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Guide to strengthening gender integration in climate finance projects

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Opening remarks



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Recommendations

- Lead with local gender expertise
- Leverage local women's groups and national gender institutions
- Collect the right data from the start
- Integrate gender specialists within the team
- Ensure continuity between design and implementation
- Pursue team-wide capacitybuilding opportunities

Framework for strengthening gender integration



Enabling factors

- ••••••• Advocates for gender equality
 - Existing gender experience and expertise
 - National-level planning and policies
 - Fund-level requirements
- Work directly with gender experts
- Cultivate integrated platforms for sharing experiences

Lead with local gender expertise

Prioritise working with gender experts who originate from and have in-depth experience within the project's geographical area. **Complement their** expertise and analysis with feedback from gender specialists from the entities and climate funds, where appropriate.



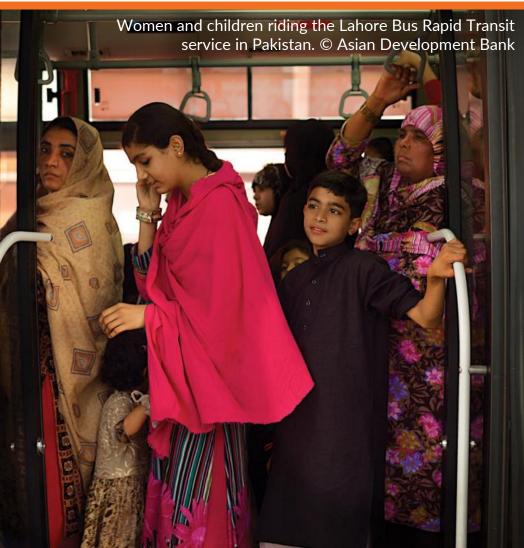
Leverage local women's groups and national gender institutions

Insist that in-country gender expertise and processes inform analyses and understandings of gendered dynamics. Include direct, meaningful engagement with local organisations focused on women's rights and gender equality, as well as gender-related institutions (e.g., the national government bodies working on gender equality and women's issues, such as the ministry or department of gender equality, women's or social affairs).



Collect the right gender data from the start

Ensure that baseline data on genderdifferentiated roles, relationships and impacts is gathered to inform project design. These data should move beyond simple measures of participation rates and beneficiary statistics to understanding nuanced and dynamic issues, such as access to resources, allocation of time and labour, and status and adherence to laws and policies that create or impede greater equality. Continued analysis and data collection can facilitate adaptive management by informing subsequent implementation.



Integrate gender specialists within the team

Formulate project team roles for gender specialists and provide them with the resources, access and authority to contribute to overarching project design so that gender is neither siloed nor secondary.

Embedding these roles in project teams, especially in decision-making positions, leads to informed input, increases team capacity on gender integration, and advances equality in outcomes.



Ensure continuity between design and implementation

Create intentional processes for sharing data between the project design team and the implementation team. Include explicit explanations of how the project team made complex decisions and highlight underlying assumptions, so that the multifaceted elements of the design process are efficiently translated into implementation.



Pursue team-wide capacity-building opportunities

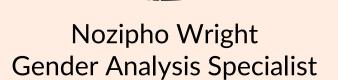
Identify and require capacitybuilding exercises that demonstrate links between gender and climate across teams so that advancing gender equality throughout the project is appreciated and fostered. Developing broad appreciation for gender strengthens the capacity and resources for, and likelihood of, integrating gender expertise throughout the project.



Discussion Panel



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Open Discussion and Closing Poll

Two Poll Questions

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