Mainstreaming gender at the GCF to achieve gender equality and women’s empowerment

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Outline

• Clarify GCF’s Gender policy
• Gender Policy Objectives
• Addressing Gender at the GCF
• Gender related Requirements at the GCF
• Status to date
• Challenges and way forward
GCF Gender Policy

- Gender equality - GCF’s governing instrument
- Gender Policy updated at B.24 with gender action plan 2020-2023
- Guided by all main conventions
- Guided by the principles and provisions of UNFCCC
- Linked to SDGs
Updated policy which is approved at B.24 has the following rational:

- Women, as well as men significantly contribute to combating climate change.
- Climate change impacts women and men differently, to the detriment of women.
- Gender inequality, exacerbated by climate change, is linked, as are other development areas, to vulnerability and risks.
GCF Policy objectives

- Achieve greater, more effective, sustainable, and equitable climate change results.
- Build equally women and men’s resilience to & ability to address climate change.
- Address and mitigate against potential project/program risks for women and men in the activities financed by the Fund.
- Help reduce the gender gap of climate change-exacerbated social, economic and environmental vulnerabilities.
Addressing gender at the GCF

Major processes where gender issues are reviewed for addressing gender

1. **Accreditation** – for competency, capacity and existence of gender policy
2. **Project preparation facility (PPF)** – review for integration of gender issues in proposals
3. **Funding proposal appraisal** - Internal practices
4. **Implementation**: Annual Performance Reports
5. **Readiness activities**: ensure readiness support to address gender related capacity gaps or issues
6. **NAP**: mainstreaming gender in processes and contents of NAPs
Gender Requirements in GCF projects

There are two requirements (gender assessment and gender action plan)

1. Gender Assessment
2. Gender Action plan
Gender analyses by AEs

96% Gender assessments

92% Gender action plans

93% Sex disaggregated Data
Challenges

Gender assessments have challenges on providing required information on

– context
– sector relevance
– project specificity
– Stakeholder inputs
– Lack of gender expertise
Challenges

Gender action plans
• Alignment to gender assessment
• Chain of result
  • outcome, output, targets, indicators, budget, responsibilities
Based on the updated gender policy and action plan

• Develop operational guidelines development
• Review and update Results Management Framework review/Performance Management Framework
• Develop capacities of AE to address gender issues adequately