Adaptation Fund’s Progress in Implementation of the AF Gender Policy and Action Plan

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Introduction: Mainstreaming gender in AF operation

- Since Nov. 2013: ‘Gender Equity and Women’s Empowerment’ as standalone Principle 5 of AF Environmental and Social Policy (ESP)
- March 2018: AF Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and its implementation plan (2018-2022)
  - ‘Advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls’ as cross-cutting themes of MTS
- May 2019: Launch of the process for update of GP & GAP
Incorporation of gender consideration into AF work

- Since 2013 when AF Environmental and Social Policy was adopted, gender consideration has been incorporated into the AF major work programme:
  - Accreditation
  - Project and programme
  - Knowledge management and communication
  - Readiness programme
  - Innovation
AF Gender Work updates

- Gender Trainings: for Secretariat, for NIEs
- Updated Project Performance Report (PPR) Template
- AF Gender-theme dedicated KM website
- AF Gender Case Study
- AF Annual Performance Report
- AF Gender Score Card
- E-learning course on (1) Accreditation and (2) Addressing Environmental and Social and Gender Considerations in Project/Programme Design and Implementation
- Launch of the process for update of AF Gender Policy and Action Plan: 1st phase is completed as of October 2019
Results of Survey on Implementation of AF GP and GAP

- Increased recognition of the importance of gender equality and women’s rights as universal human rights and women’s empowerment for successful adaptation action.
Results of Results of Survey on Implementation of AF GP and GAP (cont’d)

- Relevance of the AF gender mainstreaming efforts and related policies and procedures to fulfil its mandate

[Bar chart showing responses to the survey question.]

- Very important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important
- N/A - don’t know

Implementing Entities
Board Members
Designated Authorities
AF NGO Network/CSOs

# of respondents
Results of Results of Survey on Implementation of AF GP and GAP (cont’d)

- **Whether gender considerations are sufficiently taken into account in AF projects, procedures, policies at all levels (Sec, Board, IEs, Designated Authorities, in-country stakeholders etc.)**

![Bar chart showing responses to the question.]

- **Yes**
  - Implementing Entities: 20
  - Board Members: 5
  - Designated Authorities: 25
  - AF NGO Network/CSOs: 10

- **No**
  - Implementing Entities: 5
  - Board Members: 10
  - Designated Authorities: 20
  - AF NGO Network/CSOs: 5

- **N/A or don’t know**
  - Implementing Entities: 5
  - Board Members: 5
  - Designated Authorities: 20
  - AF NGO Network/CSOs: 10

# of respondents
• Relevance of the AF gender mainstreaming efforts and related policies and procedures to fulfil its mandate
Since 2017, gender-dedicated section has been included in the APR.

**APR 2017:**

- 40% of all people trained on in climate-resilient measures under AF projects under implementation were females (more than 41,000);
- 1.2 million women beneficiaries, with economic empowerment through livelihood diversification; and that bringing women into decision-making in natural resource management were considered as the most prominent areas of gender integration efforts in 2017.

**APR 2018:**

- Gender equality and the empowerment of women were reported on as a cross-cutting issue in a dedicated sub-chapter: Our of 73 projects and programmes under implementation at year-end 2018, some 50 activities, or more than two thirds, focused on creating equal access and equal opportunities for men and women to increase their resilience, for example in livelihood diversification, natural resource management and through a targeted focus on increasing women’s participation in decision-making.
• **APR 2019**
  
  – *number of women trained in AF projects and programmes: 97,671 people were trained, and out of this number, 49,279 (50.5% - 40% in APR 2017) females were trained.*
• **APR 2019**: Gender-responsive interventions

- Project in Bangladesh implemented by UNDP:
- **IDDI (NIE) project in Dominican Republics:**
- **EPIU of Armenia (NIE) project:**
- **CAF (RIE) project in Ecuador:**
- **UN-Habitat project in Mongolia:**
- **BOARD (RIE)’s regional project in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger and Togo**
AF Financial Support for gender

- **Technical Assistance (TA) Grants designed to help AF Implementing Entity to build their institutional capacity on gender**
  - **TA-ESGP (US $ 25,000):** for new NIEs for institutional capacity strengthening on ESP and GP
  - **Gender TA grants (TA-GP) (US $10,000):** for NIEs who have already received TA grant on ESP or want to focus just on the GP

- **Project Preparation Support**
  - Two-step project development approach: IE can submit the request of project preparation support when it submits ‘concept note’
  - **Project Formulation Grant (PFG):** up to USD 30,000 for NIEs; up to USD 80,000 for regional projects submitted by RIEs and MIEs,
  - **Project Formulation Assistance Grant (PFAG) (up to USD 20,000):** available only to NIEs
AF Financial Support for gender (cont’d)

- New funding windows under the AF Medium Term Strategy (2018-2022)
  - Project Scale up grant (up to USD 100,000 per project/programme)
  - Learning Grants (up to USD 150,000): to facilitate learning and sharing of info, good practices and lessons learned b/w NIEs or from NIEs to the wider climate adaptation community.
  - Innovation Grants (small & large) through an Innovation Facility (up to USD 250,000): to support the development and diffusion of innovative adaptation practice, tools and technologies
    - NIEs
    - Not-accredited organizations, groups, entities through MIE aggregator delivery mechanism (UNDP and UNEP)
AF Gender Reference List


• AF Gender Knowledge & Learning: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/knowledge-learning/knowledge-themes/gender/

• Updated Project Performance Report Template: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/projects-programmes/project-performance/
• AF Readiness TA Grants for Gender (TA-GP) and TA Grants for ESP and Gender (TA-ESGP): https://www.adaptation-fund.org/readiness/readiness-grants/technical-assistance-grants/

• AF Project formulation Grants & AF Project Formulation Assistance Grants: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/readiness/readiness-grants/project-formulation-assistance-grants/

• AF Learning Grants: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/knowledge-learning/learning-grants/

• AF Innovation Grants: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/innovation-grants/

• AF Project Scale-up Grants: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/readiness/readiness-grants/project-scale-grants/
AF Gender Reference List (Cont’d)

• AF 2018 Webinar to Share Country Experiences in E&S and Gender Approaches to Project: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/adaptation-fund-webinar-share-country-experiences-environmental-social-gender-approaches-projects/

• AF Annual Performance Report (including Gender Analysis across AF portfolio)

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