GEF’s Approach to Gender Equality

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Financial Mechanism of Environmental Multilateral Agreements

A Global Partnership for the Environment

- serving 183 countries
- through 18 Implementing Agencies
- Over $17.9 billion in grants + $93.2 billion in co-financing
- More than 4500 projects in 170 countries

- in collaboration with private sector, academic institutions...
GEF Policy on Gender Mainstreaming 2012

GEF Gender Action Plan 2014

The GEF Gender Partnership

Focus on
- learning
- tools
- capacity development

GEF Policy on Gender Equality 2017

- Project cycle guidelines
- Results focused strategy

Moving from a “do no harm” to a “do good” gender responsive approach

Change in the Making
Responds to the increased attention to gender equality and women’s empowerment by the multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) that the GEF serves.

Recognizes that efforts to combat environmental degradation and those to address gender inequality can be mutually supportive.

Aims to catalyze projects that have the potential to materialize greater environmental impact through gender-responsive approaches and results.

Seeks to ensure equal opportunities for women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from GEF-Financed Activities.

Outlines clear GEF project and program cycle requirements.
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- Learning and knowledge sharing
- Capacity building, tools and resources
- Partnerships and cooperation

- Agency minimum standards
- Portfolio monitoring and reporting
- Project and program requirements
Project and Program Cycle Requirements

- **Indicative information** on gender and any measures to address these
- **Plans to collect sex-disaggregated data** and information on gender
- **Gender Analysis** or equivalent socio-economic assessment
- **Gender-responsive measures** *(gender action plan* or equivalent)
- **Gender-sensitive indicators** and sex disaggregated target
- Information in PIRs, MTRs, TEs on progress, gender-sensitive indicators and results
- Share knowledge on good practices, methodologies and lessons learned

**GEF Gender Tags**
Helping GEF track gender results and improve our ability to learn, capture and report on gender approaches and results

**GEF-7 Core Indicator on beneficiaries**
Helping GEF monitor direct beneficiaries of GEF project and programs disaggregated by sex
Emerging progress and results

Quality of Entry GEF-7

- Percentage of projects considering relevant information on gender: 98%
- Percentage of projects tagged to close gender gaps: 85%
- Percentage of projects expecting to develop gender sensitive indicators: 94%

Expected contribution to gender equality and women's empowerment by category

- 81% of projects expect to improve the participation and decision-making of women in natural resources governance
- 70% of projects expect to target socio-economic benefits and services for women
- 40% of projects expect to contribute to more equal access to and control of natural resources of women and men

Percentage (and number) of anticipated GEF beneficiaries that are female and male

- 49.75% female
- 50.25% male
Resources

Open Online Course on Gender and Environment

It is a “one-stop-shop” for information on gender dimensions linked to biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, international waters, and chemicals and waste.

It will give you facts and figures and the knowledge and tools to mainstream gender, and to be an effective change-maker for sustainable development.

https://www.uncclearn.org/course-gender-and-environment
This free and self-paced online course will help you learn about:

✓ **What** the links are between gender equality and the environment sustainability

✓ **Which** and how global environmental frameworks include gender

✓ **How** gender-responsive policies and projects can contribute to environmental outcomes

✓ **What** you can do to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment in environmental policy and projects

Do you want to find out why promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment can help deliver better environmental outcomes, and to figure out how you can do it?
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