Advancing Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in Climate Finance

Views from a Costa Rican experience

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Vulnerable sectors for adaptation

- Agro Sector
- Coastal communities
- Water resources
- Access to climate financing (incl. microfinancing)
Challenges, approach and lessons learned
Challenges and approach:

• Cultural background ... need to unlearn!
• No visibility to women’s work at the farm level

⇒ ✓ Relevance of awareness activities
   ✓ Build empathy
   ✓ Adjust activities accordingly (flexibility to do so is very important)
   ✓ Facilitate visibility!
Challenges and approach:

- Statistics and indicators: Do they show empowerment?

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- Improve numbers/measures
- Go beyond numbers!
- Understand needs
- Adjust activities accordingly (flexibility to do so is very important)
Lessons learned

- Relevance of awareness building activities
- Inclusive language matters (specially in Spanish)
- Relevance of appropriate guarantee schemes and financial education for facilitating access to credit
Lessons learned

- Numbers matter... improve numbers!

48%
Of Adapta2+ beneficiaries are women

50%
Of Adapta2+ projects are lead by women

Of these,

49%
heads of households
Lessons learned

Need to adapt activity planning:
• Give space to family participation,
• Include different subjects
• Understand particular needs (schedule, place, specific subjects, etc.)
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