

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Across Africa, women are among the more vulnerable groups of those affected by climate change due to gender inequality and related issues. Therefore caring natural resources in Africa whose degradation and exploitation directly and indirectly affect women, involves to set up cross-cut climate and gender incentives at the policy and strategic level of the African Development Bank. The Bank closely fosters multistakeholder work with African national governments, international and local development partners, civil society organizations, academia, and women's groups, cooperatives and associations in the continent to enhance environment restoration and preservation at long-term while complying with the SDGs.

African Development Bank's accountability on gender and climate is reflected in: knowledge products; operations; policy dialogue and advocacy; technical support and capacity building; resource mobilization/financial mechanisms of the Bank; and smart partnership building.

The Bank is responding to gender gaps in climate change areas by:

- understanding and designing for the differential vulnerabilities and risks facing women and men;
- strengthening investments in women's access to financial and productive assets in low carbon growth pathways;
- fostering ownership rights of assets, and improved tenure security through resource access; and
- ensuring attention to women's enhanced role in climate decision-making processes and governance at all levels.

The CIF funded projects offer an important visibility to highlight the gender and climate nexus of the Bank activities among the African continent. Indeed, the revised CIF Gender Action Plan phase 3 (2021-2024) is committed to mainstreaming gender in CIF policy and programming, in support of gender equality in climate-resilient, low-carbon development investment across the CIF portfolio. Further, CIF is focused on facilitating gender-equal access to climate financing and decision making. Through new program designs, CIF is stepping up its commitment to women climate leadership; working to identify and address structural, institutional, and normative barriers to equal participation of women.

GENDER AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DATA FOR EAST AFRICA

The African Development Bank, CIF and ENERGIA organised a global launch of the Gender and Energy Country Briefs for Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda at the end of 2020 and country-level workshop and webinars in all four countries in 2021. These events presented key data on the nexus between gender and energy for these countries and provided recommendations to inform policy to further mainstream gender within energy interventions. This tailored dissemination provided policymakers and practitioners with recommendations to effectively integrate gender in energy planning, implementation and monitoring.

ROLE OF WOMEN IN UGANDA'S PLASTIC RECYCLING ECONOMY

In 2021, the African Development Bank and CIF published the Gender Technical Assessment of Opportunities to improve Implementation of Plastics and Waste Management in a Ugandan Municipality study, which examines gender challenges in waste management and plastic recycling. The study was launched during a webinar on the women-led plastic recycling market in Africa hosted by the African Development Bank on 29 June. During the event, experts underscored the role of women in waste management and as important agents of change. The session also highlighted best practices for the involvement of women in plastic waste management in Africa.

GENDER INTEGRATION IN FIP CAMEROON

Gender is considered as a crosscutting sector in the FIP Cameroon's FIP Investment Plan, with focus on ensuring that the needs and priorities of men and women of different demographic groups are identified and addressed in all FIP sectors. However, beyond Gender mainstreaming within the FIP document, it is important to ensure that FIP - support programs at national level are gender sensitive and include concrete/specific actions for women and men. The objective of the proposed activity was to assess gender mainstreaming in Cameroon's FIP, in order to support development and implementation of Gender – specific actions within selected FIP Programs. An evaluation of the integration of gender in the investment plan was carried out during 2021. Restitution of the study and follow up discussions with the government will be organized in 2022.

GRANULAR, GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY HOTSPOT MAPPING FOR DECISION SUPPORT IN RWANDA

In 2020, the African Development Bank conducted a gender and climate change hotspot analysis at the continental level in Africa. The results were however too coarse to provide country-specific recommendations for action. Thus, it has been decided to cascade it down to the country level to unearth geographical variances, social differences, different political systems and sectoral variations that would facilitate tailored gendered climate resilient responses.

The Bank recruited the African Centre for Technology Studies to continue this preliminary study by deepening the analysis at the local level to develop a mapping tool that is scalable to other countries. The results of this analysis will help with decision-making in the roll-out of NDCs, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), Long-term low carbon and climate resilient strategies (LTS') among other key climate and development related actions. The proposed country of intervention is Rwanda as its PPCR SPCR priorities neatly fit with the objectives of the proposed concept and hotspot mapping tool. The Granular gender and climate change vulnerability hotspot mapping for decision support in Rwanda project aims to deepen the work previously done by the African Development Bank on conducting a gender and climate hotspot analysis at continental level.



WOMEN IN AfDB-CIF PORTFOLIO



54%

of people benefiting from improved livelihoods are **women**



563,507
women

supported to cope with the effects of climate change and climate variability in **4 projects**



1,834
Green Jobs

created for women in **7 projects**



20,607
women trained

on climate change or climate-responsive issues in **5 projects**