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Empowering women to actively participate in reducing emissions and strengthening community resilience makes climate change projects more successful, more sustainable, and more equitable. This publication outlines key concepts and approaches to gender-responsive mitigation measures, strategies, and policies. It includes step-by-step guidelines for policy and decision makers to mainstream gender into climate policies and projects, with practical tools and exercises to support training on gender and climate change.
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Bhutan: Gender Equality Diagnostic of Selected Sectors

Bhutan has experienced extraordinary change since the 1960s when it opened itself to the world and started the process of planned development. Yet progress comes with new challenges. These include differences in living conditions and opportunities between rural and urban areas that fuel rural–urban migration, labor shortages in agriculture, and unemployment. There are gender dimensions to each of these challenges, prompting the Government of Bhutan and its development partners to mainstream gender in its policies, programs, and projects. This publication provides insights into gender issues in Bhutan in the areas of agriculture and rural livelihoods; education; energy; environment; private sector development; transport; urban development; and work and unemployment.

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Gender Equality and Women’s Rights in Myanmar

A Situation Analysis

Myanmar is making historical progressive reforms. Rapid political, economic, and social transition is taking the country and its 51.4 million citizens in new directions. If the reforms are to equally benefit women and men and girls and boys, fundamental changes are needed in how women and their needs are included in Myanmar’s new governance and in policy, planning, and decision-making processes. This publication analyzes the progress and challenges in Myanmar toward realizing gender equality and women’s rights.

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Maldives: Gender Equality Diagnostic of Selected Sectors

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Sri Lanka Gender Equality Diagnostic of Selected Sectors

Sri Lanka has made admirable progress on several key gender equality indicators but there has also been complacency in the effort to address continuing gender inequalities. This publication examines gender issues in Sri Lanka from the perspective of education; energy; transport; and water and sanitation. It also provides insights into sector planning, government policies; legal frameworks and commitments; and institutional structures for promoting gender equality actions. The publication explores opportunities to consider in designing interventions for possible use by government, civil society, and development partners.

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Tajikistan Country Gender Assessment

The resurgence of conservative patriarchal values in Tajikistan have led to the rise of early marriages and polygamy, compromising women’s and girls’ opportunities to realize their full potential to live quality lives, and have deterred women from fully participating in and benefitting from development. This publication examines the gender equality situation in the country, identifies critical gender issues such as gender-based barriers to economic opportunities, social services, and to leadership and decision-making posts. It also provides sector-specific gender analysis and identifies entry points for mainstreaming gender in agriculture and natural resources; education; energy; entrepreneurship and small business development; and transport.

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Timor-Leste Country Gender Assessment

Over the last decade, Timor-Leste has made substantial progress in state building and strengthening the economy, governance, and infrastructure. Gender equality has been a fundamental principle in these efforts and remains key to achieving sustainable development into the future. This publication examines gender issues across the different socioeconomic sectors of Timor-Leste, such as health, education, work, and political participation. It brings together existing research and data for a comprehensive overview of gender disparities in Timor-Leste and presents a valuable benchmark of progress toward gender equality goals.

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Uzbekistan Country Gender Assessment 2014

In Uzbekistan, the status of women is very much shaped by the fact that the country has undergone significant and rapid change in recent years. Although reform processes have included initiatives to improve women’s economic opportunities, efforts to promote gender equality mostly remain separate from the nation’s development programs. Gender equality initiatives generally are not characterized as such but instead are framed as programs to improve women’s access to key resources such as decision-making positions or to address issues that seem more relevant for women, such as maternal health and family violence. This publication explains in detail several characteristics of Uzbekistan’s transformation and the impact they have had on gender equality.

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Gender and Economics

Bangladesh: Looking Beyond Garments Employment Diagnostic Study

Economic growth in Bangladesh, above 6% in most years since the 2000s, has been on the fast track since the 1990s. Not many developing countries, especially the least developed, have been able to achieve this consistently for such a long period. Yet despite the jobs generated in the export-oriented ready-made garment industry, the fruits of growth have not been widely shared. This publication examines the role played by a growing female workforce in the positive economic turnaround in Bangladesh and argues that it is essential to shift these workers to more highly productive sectors through structural transformations.

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Gender Equality and the Labor Market Cambodia, Kazakhstan, and the Philippines

Increasing job opportunities and decent work for women are essential for inclusive growth, and they are vital for advancing economic and social development in a country. However, attitudes toward providing decent work to men and women alike, irrespective of their ethnic origin and class, continue to be ambiguous, complex, and controversial, because the issue touches on deeply felt societal values in interpersonal relations, culture, religion, economics, and politics. This publication attempts to document the nature and extent of gender inequalities in the labor market, as well as to capture and share initiatives to address the issue, by studying Cambodia, Kazakhstan, and the Philippines.

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Information and Communication Technologies for Women Entrepreneurs Prospects and Potential in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Uzbekistan

In a fast-paced world where information, resources, and markets are within reach with a swipe of a finger, access to information and communication technologies is essential to business development and growth. This publication assesses the need for and use of information and communication technologies by women entrepreneurs in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Uzbekistan. It exposes gaps between access to information and communication technologies and the development of women entrepreneurship within a variety of contexts.

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Women’s economic empowerment is essential for more inclusive economic growth in Cambodia. This publication takes stock of major gender issues in the Cambodian economy. This is seen through the lens of women’s participation, benefit, and agency—the three prerequisites for a fairer distribution of growth benefits. It examines labor market trends and obstacles to women's economic empowerment—particularly in agriculture, business development, and wage employment. Labor migration and vulnerability to shocks are highlighted as special themes.

Gender and Economics

Women in the Workforce An Unmet Potential in Asia and the Pacific

Despite economic growth, decreasing fertility rates, and rising education levels, women in Asia are on average 70% less likely than men to be in the labor force. Closing the gender gap could generate a 30% increase in a nation’s per capita income, according to this publication. It discusses the reasons behind the continuing gap in the labor force participation rate between women and men in Asia and the Pacific, the impact of this gap on economic growth, and policy lessons drawn from specific country experiences in the region and elsewhere. The publication argues that gender inequality issues are so complex that policies must go beyond economics to effectively address them. Such a multidimensional approach to reducing gender inequality could unleash a nation’s full potential for inclusive growth and development.

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Balancing the Burden? Desk Review of Women’s Time Poverty and Infrastructure in Asia and the Pacific

This desk review explores the links between infrastructure development and women’s time poverty in Asia and the Pacific by drawing on time-use data and reviewing existing research and evidence from impact evaluations. Three questions are asked: (i) What contribution does infrastructure make in reducing women’s time poverty, and how is this being recorded? (ii) Are women’s time savings resulting from increased access to infrastructure used for productive work that also reduces consumption poverty? (iii) Can infrastructure projects more effectively reduce both time and consumption poverty for women?

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How Inclusive is Inclusive Business for Women? Examples from Asia and Latin America

Inclusive business companies often involve women in their value chain and provide specific services that help low-income women. This report assesses the extent to which inclusive business models promote women’s economic empowerment. Examples come from the inclusive business portfolios of the Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and International Finance Corporation. The report finds that inclusive businesses are indeed bringing positive change to women’s lives and that addressing gender-based constraints also yields business benefits. However, a company’s financial return and its social impact can be maximized only if companies understand and address systemic issues of gender inequality.

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Gender Tool Kit: Energy Going Beyond the Meter
This publication is a tool kit to conceptualize and design
gender-responsive projects in the energy sector. It guides
users in key questions to be asked and data to be collected
during project preparation. It also offers a menu of entry
define key gender issues identified during the gender analysis. The tool kit is
broken down into key subsectors—transmission and
distribution; rural electrification; energy efficiency; and
renewable energy. Case studies from energy projects
have been included to illustrate good practices in
mainstreaming gender in energy sector.

Gender Diagnostics and Case Studies

Navigating Gender-Inclusive Resettlement:
The Experience of the Song Bung 4 Hydropower
Project in Viet Nam
This publication describes the comprehensive approach to
gender inclusiveness taken during the resettlement of
people affected by the Song
Bung 4 Hydropower Project in a remote mountainous
region of Quang Nam Province, Viet Nam. Based
on discussions with people in affected villages, the
publication illustrates how the project is promoting
women’s empowerment through participatory
approaches and is bringing emerging gender benefits
to ethnic minority communities that were previously
isolated from economic and social development. It
offers good practice and lessons learned for other
large infrastructure projects in Viet Nam and the wider
region where resettlement is unavoidable.

Gender Tool Kit: Energy

Gender Policy and Tool Kits

Gender Equality and
Women’s Empowerment
Operational Plan,
2013–2020
Moving the Agenda
Forward in Asia
and the Pacific
This publication outlines the
operational plan for the Asian
Development Bank (ADB) to advance the gender
equality agenda and deliver better gender equality
outcomes in Asia and the Pacific by 2020. Under
the plan, ADB will intensify its efforts to ensure that
gender equality remains at the front and center of its
development agenda. It will also accelerate progress in
closing remaining gender gaps.

Gender Tool Kit: Micro,
Small, and Medium-Sized
Enterprise Finance and
Development
This publication is a tool kit for conceptualizing and
designing gender-responsive public policy and projects in
support of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprise
development. It guides users on key questions to
be asked and data to be collected during project
preparation, and provides a menu of entry points for
designing gender-inclusive projects. It also includes
a set of data and case studies to illustrate concrete
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This publication is a tool kit for conceptualizing and designing gender-responsive public policy and projects in support of public sector management. It guides users on key questions to be asked and data to be collected during project preparation, and provides a menu of entry points for designing gender-inclusive projects. It also includes a set of data and case studies to illustrate concrete examples of mainstreaming gender in public sector management projects.

Gender Tool Kit: Public Sector Management

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This publication is a tool kit to conceptualize and design gender-responsive projects in the transport sector. It guides users in key questions to be asked and data to be collected during project preparation. It also offers a menu of entry points in designing project outputs, activities, inputs, indicators, and targets that integrate key gender issues identified during the gender analysis. Case studies from transport projects have been included to illustrate good practices in mainstreaming gender in transport sector.

Gender Tool Kit: Transport

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Mainstreaming Gender into Climate Mitigation Activities

Engaging women as “agents of change” in climate solutions helps stabilize the climate and yields multiple other benefits, including gender equality and women’s empowerment. This publication provides guidance on the steps policy makers and other relevant gender stakeholders should follow to develop gender-responsive climate policies and funding proposals. It provides pragmatic advice on how to mainstream gender into climate change mitigation actions and funding proposals.

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