

LESSONS LEARNED ON INTEGRATING GENDER INTO NDC AND NAP PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN UGANDA

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OUTLINE

- Policy Context:
 - Steps the government of Uganda has taken to address gender in its climate change planning
 - How the government promotes gender equality in the implementation of NAP and NDC priorities
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POLICY CONTEXT

► UGANDA VISION 2040

Over the vision 2040 period, the Government of Uganda shall develop appropriate adaptation and mitigation strategies on Climate Change to ensure that Uganda is sufficiently cushioned from any adverse impact brought by Climate Change.

► THE THIRD NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Uganda planned to follow a climate-resilient and low-carbon development path linked to green growth and sustainable development goals. The Government has also taken steps to integrate Climate Change into the National Development Plan, as well as in sectoral policies, plans and programmes and has produced Climate Change mainstreaming guidelines

► THE CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY AND ITS COSTED IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The goal of the Climate Change policy is to ensure a harmonised and co-ordinated approach towards a climate-resilient and low-carbon development path for sustainable development in Uganda'

POLICY CONTEXT

► THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT

Uganda in 2021 developed and enacted the National Climate Change Act 2021 whose purpose is to give effect of the law in Uganda to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement; to provide for Climate Change response; to provide for participation in Climate Change mechanism and to provide an institutional, coordination and implementing mechanism for Climate Change actions and to foster Climate Change financing.

The country has instituted the Climate Change Department, under the Ministry of Water and Environment; the National Environment Management Authority and the Parliamentary Committee on Climate Change as institutions mandated to monitor and enforce Climate Action in Uganda.

POLICY CONTEXT

➤ THE REVISED NDC

The revised NDC articulates the mitigation and adaptation measures of Uganda towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement. It emphasizes that Adaptation and Mitigation actions should mainstream Gender and ensure Gender responsive NDC implementation

➤ The NAP

The readiness and preparatory support proposal entitled “Strengthening Adaptation Planning (SAP)” in Uganda has commenced and it should develop a gender action plan for the NAP process with indicators for tracking implementation of Gender responsive actions.

➤ THE REVISED GENDER POLICY

Climate change is one of the priority areas

➤ NATIONAL POLICY FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND MANAGEMENT IN 2010

➤ THE NATIONAL GREEN GROWTH STRATEGY



STEPS THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING

- Appointment of the National Gender and Climate Change Focal Point in line with the Lima Work Programme.
- Some efforts have also been made in research, systematic observation, education, training, public awareness and institutional strengthening. Specific activities have been developed on the ground to increase resilience, regarding among others, agriculture, water and urban planning. The Ministry of Agriculture has developed a 10-year Climate Smart Agriculture Program (2015-2025).



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There are several projects that have been developed to respond to climate change and these include;-

- “To build resilient communities, wetland ecosystems and Associated Catchments in Uganda”
- Integrating Agriculture in National Adaptation Plans (NAP-Ag) process



STEPS THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING

- The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) has a gender unit specialized in gender budgeting and is guided by an Equal Opportunities Commission to assess gender mainstreaming by different sector plans and budgets.
- Mandatory Gender and Equity certificate for all sectors before the budget is considered is one of the most important policy instruments pushing Ministries and Local Government Agencies to mainstream Gender and Climate Change into work-plans and activities. This also contributes to the implementation of Uganda's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and the Paris Agreement (Government of Uganda, 2015).



HOW GOVERNMENT HAS PROMOTED GENDER EQUALITY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NAP AND NDC

- Gender and Climate Change issues are generally treated as cross-cutting issues. It is clear that Climate Change related policies in Uganda have with the years become more comprehensive and gender sensitive.
- As part of the NDC implementation planning process, an in-depth Gender analysis was conducted to better understand the Gender differentiated impacts of Climate Change in Uganda and also explored Gender Equality gaps and opportunities in six key NDC sectors; Agriculture, Energy, Waste, Transport, Forestry and Water and proposed measures to integrate Gender responsive actions . These shall be captured in the implementation plan of the revised NDC



HOW GOVERNMENT HAS PROMOTED GENDER EQUALITY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NAP AND NDC

- Uganda has held a Climate Change symposium for Uganda 2019 and had a theme on Gender and Climate Change. The participants were drawn from line Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Private sector, Civil Society Organizations and UN Agencies.
- Uganda carried out Gender analysis of the Integrated Land scape Management and improved livelihoods and eco systems resilience project in Mt Elgon region (ILM) and developed a Gender Action Plan for the project.
- The project technical team for GCF project on Wetland restoration were trained on Gender mainstreaming and Gender Based Violence to ensure Gender responsive project implementation.



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- ▶ Uganda has made some progress in the implementation of Gender responsive Climate Change programming and established Climate Change challenge grants for companies that are working in the priority areas of Uganda's NDCs. The grants are between the range of \$ 5,000- 10,000 to support their actions.
- ▶ The Integrated Land scape Management (ILM) project increased access to socio-economic benefits and services for both men and women through the small grants program. A total of 900 members of which 406 are women, have directly benefitted from the small grant's intervention



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- The Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Threatened Savanna Woodland in the Kidepo Critical Landscape in North Eastern Uganda promotes climate resilience and gender considerations
- Capacity building on mainstreaming of Gender in the GHG inventory systems and strengthening the Gender Focal Points in the five sectors (Agriculture, Forestry, Energy, Transport and Waste).
- Build Gender response capacity in Climate Change monitoring and evaluation systems through integration in Local Government performance assessment and National monitoring frameworks;



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- The Climate Resilient Livelihood Opportunities for Women Economic Empowerment (CRWEE) being implemented in Karamoja and West Nile districts of Uganda, This project aims to strengthen the Gender-responsive and climate-smart resilience of rural women who depend on agricultural production systems in the Karamoja and West Nile Regions.
- Capacity needs assessment from parish to district level in the cattle corridor districts has been carried out to check for equity, capability to mainstream gender district development plans with special focus on Climate Change.
- Gender decision making and adaptation to Climate Change in Mt. Elgon Region, Eastern Uganda has taken place.



CONCLUSION

- Uganda has enhanced Gender and Climate goals through policy and community action but more is needed.
- Gender as a cross cutting issue has been addressed in various activities that fall under the NDCs and NAPs



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 **Thanks**

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