



GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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WHY GENDER AND CLIMATE?

- To have an adequate response to climate changes we need to understand and engage a cross-section of stakeholders, including men and women from different sectors, interest groups and socio-economic levels.
- Women/man/people of different social groups/occupations/ethnicity/rural and urban areas.



WHY ARE WE DISCUSSING FROM PERSPECTIVE OF DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS?

- Women and man are included in managing their environment and natural resources.
- They have a different starting points, knowledge but also different positions (decision making – home state, municipality, society).
- Also have different needs and demands.
- Women of different enticities are impacted differently by climate changes and human impacts on enviroment.
- Roma women



WHY IS IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS?

- More accurate and inclusive capacity assessment;
- Development of gender indicators;
- Higher level of sustainability;
- Increased ownership and commitment by man and women;
- Improved and more accurate information from stakeholders;
- Planned target budgets – to corresponds needs of both women and man.

- Expected from stakeholders to “just become a part of the process”. But?



EXERCISE

- Plastic bags and plastic bottles cause irreversible damage on the environment. During the 1990s, the use of plastic bags and plastic bottles in XY country has caused significant environmental problems due to their widespread use and the fact that bags were distributed free of charge with each purchased product in supermarkets.



EXERCISE

- As there was no relevant legislation, 1.2 billion of nylon bags were distributed to consumers in retail outlets on an annual basis across the XY country, which is equivalent to 328 bags per capita annually. Plastic bags are used for only a few minutes, and it takes hundreds of years for them to decompose in the nature. The same goes for plastic bottles whose sales levels went up significantly after citizens intensified the consumption of bottled drinking water.



EXCERCISE

- Because of the large volume of used bags and bottles, apart from making very visible garbage, they have become permanent pollutants in urban, rural and coastal areas. In addition, this trend began to undermine the image of the XY country as a pure, green-green country, which is relied on by the tourism industry as a significant sector of the economy.



MEASURES

The country introduced the following measures:

- a) ban on production of plastic bags, and
- b) it started promoting the use of eco-packs (for both bags and bottles).



TASK FOR PARTICIPANTS:

- Please divide into 4 groups;
- Each participant will receive contributing role.

Think about the impact of plastic garbage
from the perspective of your role

Think about the impact of these measures
from the perspective of your role.



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- What could be a possible impact of proposed measures, on general population?
- What are expected benefits on general population?
- What are the benefits for each individual group?
- What economic impact do you expect of proposed measures?
- Which group could potentially lose an income?
- Who is going to benefit on longer term?
- How these measures financially affect some of these groups.
- Will quality of life be changed for some of these groups? Positive? Negative?



STAKEHOLDERS

1. A government official from the Ministry of Environment – prepares international reports on environmental conditions;
2. An employee of the Gender Equality Agency;
3. A Roma woman living in the countryside – a single mother;
4. An NGO representative working on the promotion of rural tourism – the Association which gathers unemployed women;
5. A fisherman who has a boat on the largest river in the country – he supports his family, and he is disabled;
6. Representative of a rural agricultural cooperative – they grow berries and irrigate their crops using water from nearby river;
7. A woman working in a factory which produces plastic bags – she is a domestic violence victim and she was retrained for the job.
8. A marketplace seller – she works directly with users for 8 hours



STAKEHOLDERS AND GENDER

