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# GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN THE “BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN THE PYANJ RIVER BASIN” PROJECT

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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- Country background & climate change impact
- PPCR in Tajikistan
- Gender picture
- “Building Climate Resilience in the Pyanj River Basin” project
- Gender mainstreaming approach
- Key intermediate outcomes and lessons learned

# COUNTRY BACKGROUND & CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

- Tajikistan is a landlocked country in Central Asia with a population of 8.4 million (2014);
- around 75% of the population live in rural areas;
- 93% of the territory is occupied by mountains;
- it is a lower middle income country with the per capita income of USD 1100 (2014);

- Tajikistan is highly vulnerable to adverse effects of climate change;
- Tajikistan is also exposed to a range of climate-related hazards;



# PPCR IN TAJIKISTAN



- Tajikistan was included as a pilot country in 2009;
- The most vulnerable sectors: agriculture, water resources, energy, environment, and disaster risk management;
- A unique opportunity to understand the economic and social impacts of climate change in more empirical terms, and initiate transformational change in the key sectors;
- A multi-stakeholder and community-driven approach (community members, women's groups and local farmers are taking the lead in decision-making on climate resilience);
- All projects seek to address gender and social inclusion issues. Committee on Women and Family Affairs (CWFA) is a key partner;



# GENDER PICTURE

- The gender picture is substantially affected by the country's remittance-heavy economy;
- Migrants leave behind large numbers of households managed by women;
- These households are especially vulnerable to climate-induced shocks and poverty;
- Almost half of the severely food insecure households are headed by a woman;
- The promotion of gender equality is an important priority for the Government;



# BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN THE PYANJ RIVER BASIN' PROJECT



**Background:** The Pyanj River Basin is the largest of the five principal basins of Tajikistan with a population of 1.3 million;

- Communities are already experiencing extreme climatic events;
- Vulnerability assessments highlighted the special risks that climate change poses to women;

**Objective:** The project aims to increase resilience to climate vulnerability of local communities

## Components:

- climate-resilient flood protection systems and capacity building on disaster management;
- climate-resilient irrigation systems and capacity building of water user associations;
- climate-resilient drinking water supply systems and capacity development of water consumer groups;
- a microfinance component for vulnerable groups, especially women, to promote climate resilience.



# GENDER MAINSTREAMING APPROACH

- Initial climate vulnerability assessments and stakeholder consultations focused on gender issues;
- The projects adopted an integrated socially-inclusive, and gender-responsive approach across key sectors;
- An Effective Gender Mainstreaming (EGM) category was assigned to the project;
- Regular consultations with the Committee on Women and Family Affairs (CWFA) regarding gender issues;





# GENDER MAINSTREAMING APPROACH (2)

- A Gender Action Plan (GAP) was developed with gender-inclusive design features included in the majority of project outputs and components.
- The GAP aims at:
  - + supporting local women's groups to mobilize and act collectively;
  - + supporting their active participation in irrigation "water users associations", disaster risk management committees and "drinking water consumer" groups;
  - + assisting women in accessing the micro-credit they need in order to undertake adaptive measures and build resilience;

GAP indicators include:

- at least 20% of employment opportunities in the areas of the agreed upon roles are filled by women;
- at least 30% of women are trained on operations and maintenance of project-related infrastructure;
- at least 50% of participants in all trainings are representatives of women's organizations;
- at least 30% of all subloans are to women or enterprises with 50% minimum female ownership.





# KEY OUTCOMES AND LESSONS LEARNED

## Women are benefiting from the project through:

- improved access to water resources for irrigation and drinking water supply;
- enhanced knowledge of climate-resilient agriculture; and
- increased access to microdeposits and credit lines for climate-resilient economic activities;

## Feedback from community




- Strong support for PPCR and a desire to ensure further scale up of successful interventions;
- Local population of both pilot and non-pilot districts consider the PPCR important to their own families;

## A number of lessons can be drawn:

- The use of an integrated approach to gender equality across various sectors;
- Assessment of broader social and economic issues relating to gender;
- Women's full participation and contribution to decision-making and leadership on planning for climate resilience;
- Collection of gender disaggregated data when conducting research;


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