



Strengthening womens participation in the forest sector



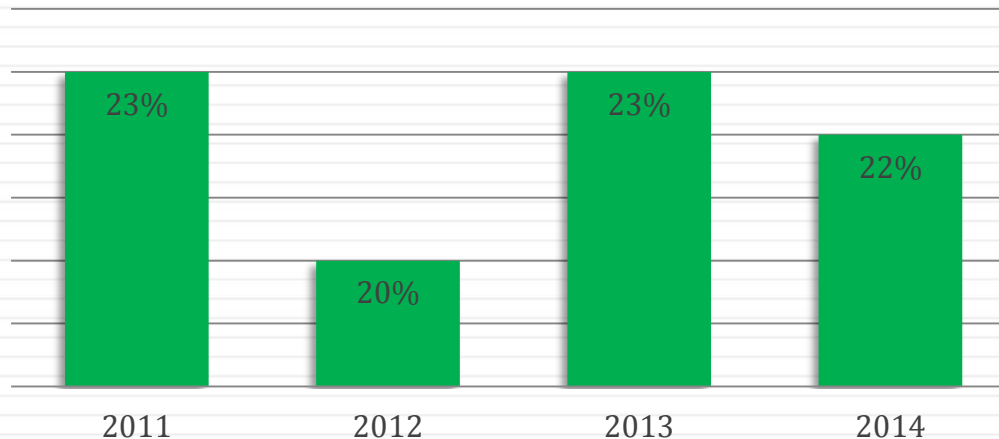
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Background on gender inclusion

Women who live in forests, face **gender barriers** that limit their participation in the management and conservation of forest resources, thus limiting their development and well-being.

CONAFOR support targeted to women



Gender Barriers



- Forest policies highly oriented to timber production, focalized on male land owners and tenants.
- Few women own forest resources.
- Low female participation on decision making bodies (**assemblies**, committees, councils).
- Most of women take participation in non timber activities.

National Legal Framework

National Development Plan -2013-2018



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Gender Perspective- National Development Plan 2013-2018

- Guarantee equality of opportunities among men and women
- Recognize that more than half of the population faces a gender bridge in the majority of issues.
- This is the first National Development Plan to incorporate gender perspective as an essential principle.
- States the need to carry out **special activities** oriented guarantee women's rights, and avoid gender differences, exclusion and discrimination.

National Legal Framework



- National Development Plan -2013-2018
- Environment Sector Program -2013-2018
- National Forest Program -2013-2018
- **Specific institutional intervention program for indigenous people and gender transversality -2014-2018**
- CONAFOR-INMUJERES Agreement

Gender Transversality

To increase participation of women on forest resource management and conservation, through actions that take on institutional and social barriers.

Incorporate gender perspective throughout CONAFOR's institutional process, taking on structural issues that delay gender equality and fixing aspects that affect more disadvantaged groups.



Gender Transversality

Requirements:

- Political will at the decision taking level
- Availability of financial resources
- Capacity building for institutions and civil society, who will design and implement policies and programs
- Availability of data and statistic information with gender disaggregation
- Gender analysis to all available information, to priority establishment and proposals elaboration.
- Joint construction of gender indicators, prioritizing those able to produce results.

Key activities

- Frame document for gender transversality and indigenous people inclusion in forest public policy.
- Incorporate gender perspective on normative documents (Operative Guidelines, Annual Workplans).
- Generate spaces for women to participate
- Conference: The importance of gender transversality on the forest sector
- Proposal for an specific program to strenghten the participation of women on the forest sector



Gender activities under the forests and climate change project

Training on differentiated service and gender. High-level conference

Offer an overview of the importance of mainstreaming gender in forestry sector activities and its challenges.

Regional workshops on differentiated service and gender equality approach for technical and operational staff

Generate awareness on public representatives to boost institutional initiatives related to climate change and gender.

National Forum with Women of Forestry.

Meeting of female foresters and forest producers to share and disseminate experiences. In addition to reflect on their participation in projects and generate proposals that include their interests, the goal is to recognize their contributions and promote their participation in decision-making.

Regional forums:

Women on forest ecosystems and climate change

Main proposals

- Technical support for women on operative guidelines and programs
- Knowledge exchange of leader women among communities
- Research on women activities on forest ecosystems
- Capacity building on environmental education
- Gender oriented programs, with budget tagged for groups of women.



FIP Joint Mission 2015

Field Visit- Ejido Barranca del Calabozo



Main Challenges

- Joint actions with *Procuraduría Agraria* and *INMUJERES*, to attend the issue of land ownership of rural women.
- Forest law with gender approach.
- Move forward on an integral forest policy that favors non timber activities.
- Promote women participation on representative and decision making spaces.
- Strengthen an institutional structure with capacities to apply gender perspective.
- Promote gender approach on projects and programs related to climate change.
- Actions for the empowerment of women in the forestry sector.

Thank You

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