

# Women Leadership & The Environment:



***“Leading for Gender Equal Access & Control Over Resources“***

## ***Climate Change and Disaster Risk***

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Overview
- Understanding of Gender
- Access & Control (brief definition)
- Defining Resources
- Tips about sustainability of access



# OVERVIEW

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- Climate change **disproportionately impacts** the **poorest and most vulnerable** of our population
- Globally, 1.2 billion people are estimated to **live extreme poverty**
- 900 million of whom live in rural areas, and 750 million work in **agriculture, usually as smallholder family farmers**
- We have seen **Disaster risks have risen** over recent decades, and **more extreme weather conditions** in future are likely to increase the number and scale of disasters.

# OVERVIEW (Cont'd)

2021

- Existing methods and tools of **disaster risk reduction**, and **climate risk management** has provided capacities for substantially reducing risks and adapting to climate change.
- There is concern that the **demands and costs for response actions** are increasing beyond their capacities to effectively assist by humanitarian actors
- Natural hazards and climate-related disasters **disregard political borders**, where additional barriers can complicate **mitigation, response and recovery** efforts



# GENDER

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- Refers to the **Economic, social** and **cultural** attributes and opportunities with being a Male or Female
- These are **socially constructed differences** between men and women in types of activities carried out and in roles and responsibilities
- Differences in themselves should not be problematic between Women and Men, with women at disadvantage
- Differences have translated into **unequal access to and control over resources** and **decision-making power**



# ACCESS AND CONTROL

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# ACCESS AND CONTROL

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- **Access to** refer as right & opportunity..... Is the ability to use a resource but not necessarily to have control over it
- **Control over** refers to right and power over the productive resources: Is the ability to make ultimate decisions about the use of resources. Making independent decisions over it and even sell/dispose of it where applicable.



# ACCESS AND CONTROL (Cont'd)

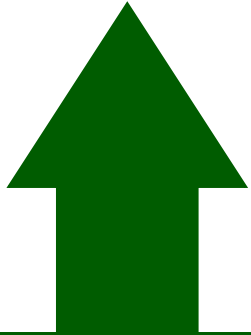
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- **E.g., Access to social protection:** Women and men experience and cope with risk, insecurity and crisis differently.
- ...unequal property rights, interruptions to their working lives and unequal sharing of **unpaid care responsibilities.....**

# DEFINING RESOURCES

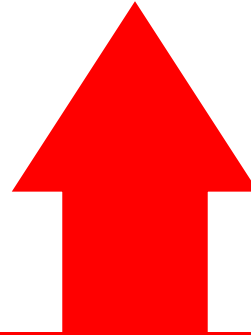
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## Productive and Economic



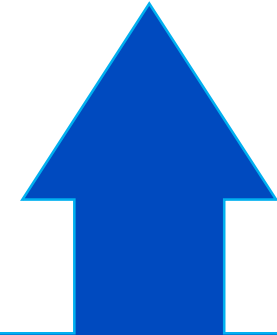
economic (Land, Equipment , Tools , Cash , Employment.....)

## Political



Representative organizations, Leadership , Education and information, Experiences in the public sphere, Self confidence and credibility

## Time



Scarce but very critical for women  
E.g. in Food crisis & VAW time is of core , Decision Making, Response, Addressing immediate needs



# GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISMS

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- **Land and natural resources related disputes** which may manifest themselves not only in relation to land use for crop farming but also for forestry, fisheries as well as cattle grazing/tracks
- Grievance redress mechanisms (GRMs) should be **accessible, affordable, independence, impartial, and transparent**
- Complaint processes should be **clear, simple and flexible** and the mechanism/s should be physically and economically accessible





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# GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISMS (Cont'd)

- Mass awareness-raising and sensitization across the most popular media platforms in widely used local languages on dispute/conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms
- Development of a National Policy on Land ...**as a guiding instrument for all stakeholders involved in land administration**
- Legal assistance should be available to the parties and its availability should be widely publicized
- Community-based paralegals can play an important role in sensitization as well as the provision of legal aid.



# SUSTAINABILITY OF ACCESS & BETTER COINTROL MECHANISMS

2021





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- To ensure women's **economic empowerment** and access to and control over resources requires an integrated approach to growth and development
- Focused on **gender-responsive** Public services
- Full coverage of **social protection measures**
- Deep rooted **Grievance Redress Mechanisms (GRM)**
- Access to resources to **promote and protect** disaster and climate Risk.....information, education, technology and services



# SUSTAINABILITY OF ACCESS & BETTER COINTROL MECHANISMS (Cont'd)

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- To promote effective **Land and Natural Resources** (LNR) governance
- Facilitate the implementation of **VGGT**- Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests



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## QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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