



ΣmPower
Women for Climate-Resilient Societies

**Climate Action Needs All of Us.
Climate Action is for All of Us.**



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EMPOWER: THE STATE OF PLAY

Climate change and disasters are one of the defining challenges of our times. In Asia-Pacific, it is profoundly shaping the lives of communities, impacting food security, nutrition, clean water, health and livelihoods of women, men and marginalized groups. In particular, rural women, children, older persons, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities and other disadvantaged groups bear a heavier burden of climate change, due to social inequalities that limit them. Climate change, in turn, widens socio-economic gaps, trapping these communities in a vicious cycle.



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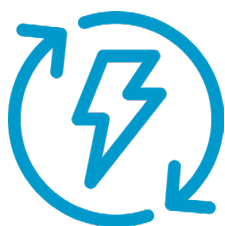
THE NUMBERS GAME



10 out of 15 most at-risk countries due to climate change are located in Asia-Pacific (World Risk Report)



In Cambodia and Bangladesh, less than 25 per cent of parliamentarians are women, in Vietnam women occupy 26.7 per cent of the seats. (Human Development Report)



Currently, women account for only 20%-25% of the workforce in the modern renewable energy sector. (IRENA)



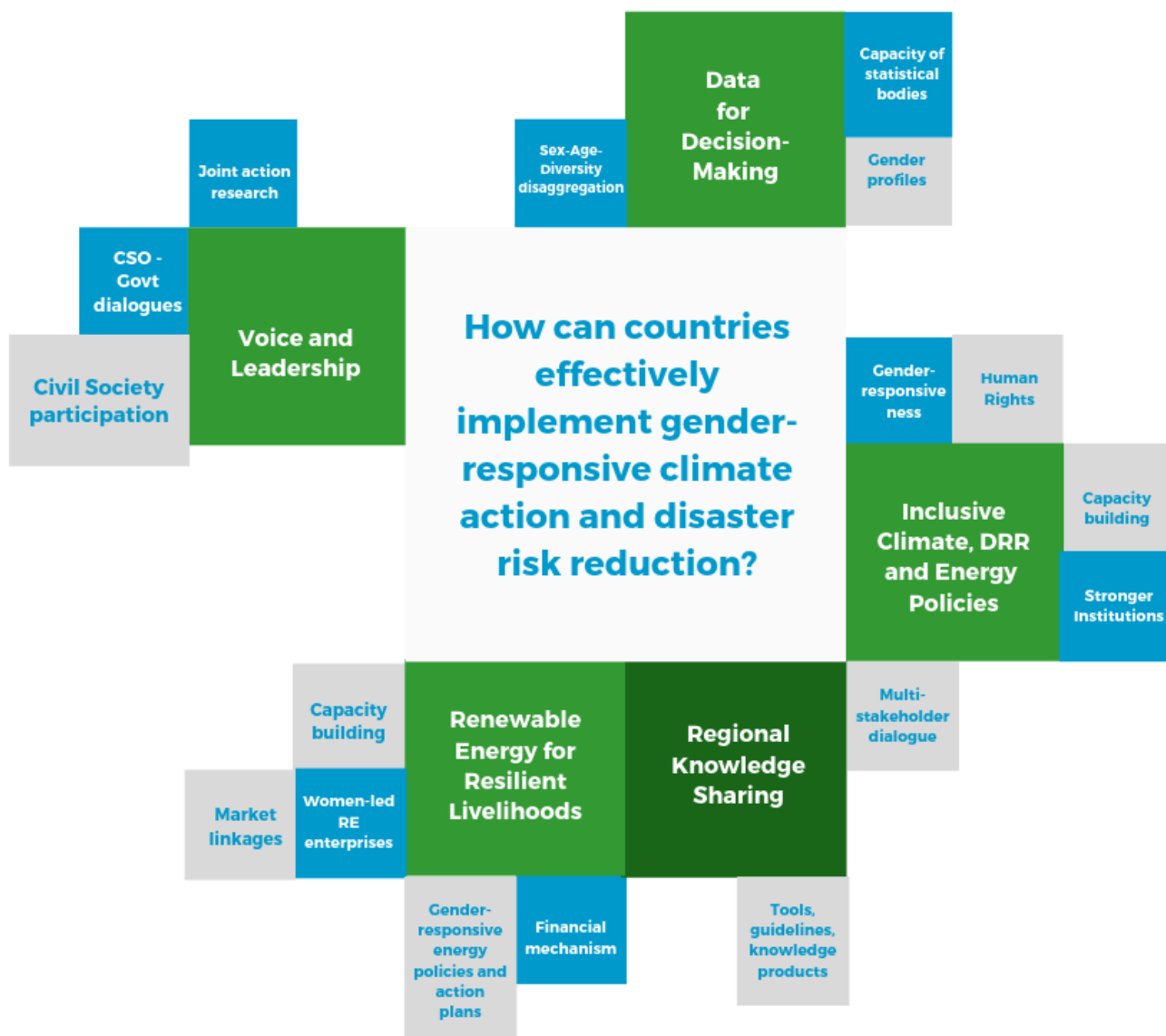
80% of all those in Asia Pacific living under 2 USD are women (Hanoi Declaration, Regional Asia-Pacific Conference on DRR)

THE SOLUTION: LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND GENDER EQUALITY AT THE HEART OF CLIMATE ACTION AND DRR

Women and marginalized groups, by virtue of their position and roles, are a fountain of solutions to tackle climate change. It is critical to leverage their knowledge, capacities and skills towards adapting to and mitigating climate change. Recognizing this pertinent need as the global community makes headways on the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, UN Women, UN Environment and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) are joining hands to implement EmPower: Women for Climate-Resilient Societies.

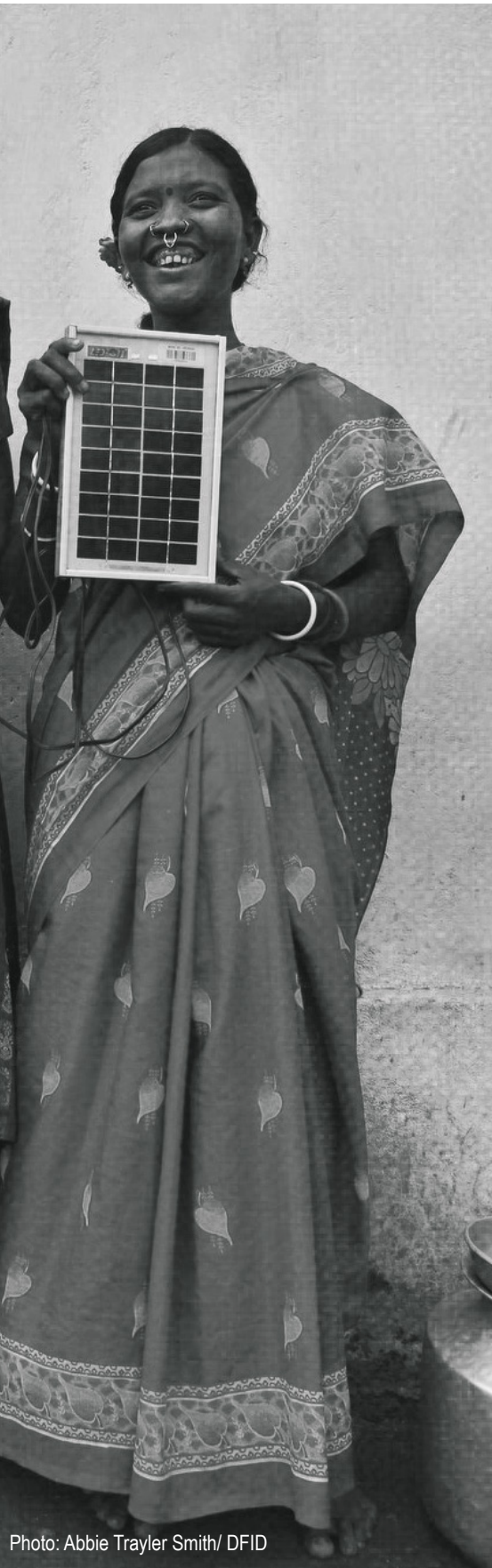
2018-2022 | Implemented across Asia-Pacific region | National footprints in Bangladesh, Cambodia and Viet Nam.

THE EMPOWER MIND MAP



EMPOWER IN ACTION

EmPower's work targets climate decisions and investments in the Asia-Pacific region to be more gender-responsive and human-rights inclusive. The five pillars of EmPower's work are:



VOICE AND LEADERSHIP

Enabling women's civil society organizations to understand, participate and influence climate change and DRR decision-making processes. Promoting women's leadership in governments and civil society for climate action and DRR. Developing training modules, best practices, peer learning, exchange visits for CSOs and joint dialogues among government stakeholders and civil society.



DATA FOR POLICY-MAKING

Engaging statistics offices and regional organizations to generate, collect and use sex-age-diversity disaggregated data to better understand the gendered impacts of climate change and disasters. Understanding data needs and identifying tools for climate policy makers to use disaggregated data for policy decisions. Building capacity, through trainings, regional expert groups on gender statistics and climate change, among national governments.



GENDER-RESPONSIVE CLIMATE POLICIES

Supporting national institutions to integrate gender equality and human rights in climate change, DRR, energy policies and processes. Enhancing coordination between gender and climate change machineries. Designing tools and building institutional capacity among policymakers to ensure gender equality and human rights are well considered in climate and DRR policymaking.



RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

Tapping into women's entrepreneurship so they are able to use renewable energy for climate-resilient livelihoods. Enhancing policies and provincial plans to support women's entrepreneurship in the renewables sector. Providing skills development and institutionalizing financing instruments to support women's access to renewable energy technologies and demonstrating on-the-ground options of alternate climate-resilient livelihoods for women.



REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Ensuring that regional policies and processes on climate change, DRR and energy are inclusive and recognize everyone's needs, perspectives and knowledge. Through knowledge products, South-South exchanges, tools and engaging the ASEAN Secretariat, EmPower will work to influence civil society and intergovernmental processes on climate and DRR at a regional level.

PARTNERS

B A N G L A D E S H

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change; Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, Ministry of Power, Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA), Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, IDCOL

C A M B O D I A

Ministry of Environment, National Council for Sustainable Development, National Committee for Subnational Democratic Development, Ministry of Women's Affairs, National Institute of Statistics, SHE Investments, Nexus for Development

V I E T N A M

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam Women's Union, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, General Statistics Office, GreenID, CHIASE, SNV

R E G I O N A L

ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Centre for Energy, UNDP, UNESCAP, UNISDR, Asia Pacific Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Asia-Pacific Resources and Research Centre (ARROW), Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), Private Finance Advisory Network (PFAN)



EMPOWER FOR THE SDGS



By building the resilience of women and reducing their vulnerability to climate-related extreme events through sound policies and alternative livelihoods



By strengthening gender responsiveness and promoting the collection and use of sex-age-diversity disaggregated data for climate and DRR policies. By building women's leadership in policy-making, access to resources, finance and technology.



By implementing renewable energy business models in rural communities increasing access to clean fuels and technology while improving policy environments and investments for sustainable energy services



By raising capacities and supporting national climate change policy development and implementation to be more effective and gender-responsive.



By enhancing collaboration to share knowledge, expertise and resources among multiple stakeholders in climate change, DRR, gender equality and renewable energy.

VOICES OF EMPOWERMENT

THIDA KHEAV Solar entrepreneur Cambodia

Thida's solar power business in Battambang, Cambodia is powering up rural homes in the province as well as employing women to assemble, maintain and sell solar technologies- batteries, panels, inverters and generators. Women like Thida stand as powerful voices for leading climate action and building resilience for communities.





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