

GENDER APPROACH INCLUSION IN LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLANS

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Context

Gender is a determining factor in the access, control, and management of natural resources. In this sense, the impacts of climate change affect the population in a differentiated manner, deepening the pre-existing gaps suffered by women and sexual diversities in terms of access to goods and services, paid work, and exposure to violence. These inequalities hinder the capacity of women and sexual minorities to adapt to the effects of a disaster, and early recovery in the aftermath.

Climate change is expected to deepen existing inequalities. Thus, women and LGBTQI+ people in vulnerable situations are less able to mitigate climate risks, and their health and access to health care are affected. Faced with food and water scarcity due to climate change, women – who historically have a role as family providers – must redouble their efforts and time to ensure their families and all under their care maintain a healthy and safe diet.

Objectives

This project aimed to incorporate a gender perspective in local climate planning – specifically for actions and public policies related to climate change mitigation and adaptation in the regions of Neuquén and Río Negro, Argentina.

Courses of action

1. **Capacity building and developing competencies** on the relationship between gender and climate change mitigation and adaptation for municipal officials.
2. **Elaboration of a guide** on gender mainstreaming in local climate planning.
3. **Preparation of five Local Climate Change Adaptation Plans with gender mainstreaming.** These plans include a diagnosis; an assessment of climate hazards; an assessment of impacts and vulnerability by sector, including social vulnerability; an assessment of climate risks; adaptation measures to reduce climate risks and social exposure; and a monitoring plan, which establishes implementation actions and their respective indicators of achievement.



Training day and tree planting with the Climate Action Volunteer Program, Villa El Chocón.

Credit: RAMCC

4. **Involvement of citizens through developing a Climate Action Volunteer Program in each of the four municipalities.** After the risks of the four towns were evaluated, each city carried out a day of training workshops and a tree-planting journey.

Approach

The project sought to include a gender perspective in Local Climate Change Adaptation Plans (PLAC). To begin with, gender and public policy specialists developed training on the gender approach and its relation to climate change for all RAMCC municipalities.

As a result of this initiative, other cities became interested in developing their PLAC with a gender perspective. Thus, the Municipality of Ceres joined the effort and voluntarily prepared its PLAC. A second step was the preparation of a guide on gender mainstreaming in the PLACs, which provided the legal framework and practical examples for the incorporation of a gender perspective in the measures and actions for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Based on these inputs, the municipalities prepared their PLACs with a gender perspective in parallel. Finally, participating local governments put into practice a day of training workshops and tree planting as an example of implementing their plan.

Impacts

- Awareness raised among municipal representatives about the relevance of including the gender approach in climate change mitigation and adaptation measures in their plans, policies, and local management for the fight against climate change.
- Developed five Local Climate Change Adaptation Plans (PLACs) with a gender perspective, and supported by international, national, and local regulatory frameworks. A "Guide for gender mainstreaming in local climate planning" was also developed. These constitute a roadmap for measures and actions on climate change mitigation and adaptation in the current management of municipalities.
- Strengthened the resilience of municipalities and cities in the fight against climate change.

Published resources:

- Guide for the gender approach cross-cutting in climate local planning
- Plan de Adaptación Local al Cambio Climático, Villa el Chocón.
- Plan Local de Adaptación al Cambio Climático, Neuquén.
- Plan Local de Adaptación al Cambio Climático, Cipolletti.
- Plan Local de Acción Climática, Ceres
- Plan Local de Adaptación al Cambio Climático, Catriel – Río Negro

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