

## RESOURCE Gender-Responsive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: Key elements for effective WASH programming

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## **Description / Abstract**

Effective gender-responsive programming in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector can contribute to progress towards gender equality and important WASH results. This document outlines essential elements that WASH practitioners should take into account at all points in the programme cycle in order to enhance a gender-responsive approach to their work.

Ensuring that women and girls have an equal role in the design, management and monitoring of the WASH ecosystem can be a strategic gender-mainstreaming practice that empowers women and girls while improving WASH outcomes. Gender diversity in decisionmaking is linked to more effective decisions, which is one of many evidence points highlighted in the growing field of gender lens investing, which offers expanded financing possibilities for WASH programming.

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