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Toolkit for Mainstreaming Gender in Water Operations

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Description / Abstract

Development initiatives are seldom “gender neutral.” It is often argued that because a project is pro-poor, it benefits the interests of male and female stakeholders alike. This widely held assumption limits the potential for optimal development outcomes, however, by generalizing the distinct challenges and priorities of these two groups. We find the same generalized approach in a comprehensive portfolio review of 1,400 projects completed from 2000 to 2014; the vast majority relied on prevailing assumptions or anecdotal evidence to describe project benefits and impacts on female beneficiaries.

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