

Consultation Workshop on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023

Venue: Kehkashan Hall, Ramada Hotel, Islamabad

Background

Water scarcity is a challenge for Pakistan, and it can have disastrous impacts on the economy and society at large. The Government of Pakistan has considered water as a complex and multi-dimensional problem. Water scarcity disproportionately affects women and other vulnerable segments of the society.

To address water-related challenges and strengthen capacities to manage water resources at the federal, provincial, and district level, the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) Pakistan is implementing the UK Aid-funded Water Resource Accountability in Pakistan (WRAP) Programme Component 1: Climate Resilient Solutions for Improving Water Governance (CRS-IWaG).

The long-term goal of the programme is to improve water governance through climate resilient solutions by introducing federal and Punjab-level climate-smart interventions. It will also generate evidence for implementing the national and Punjab-level climate and water policies.

The WRAP Programme Component 1: CRS-IWaG has three main components:

Component 1: Improving water governance in the Indus Basin to support the implementation of national policies (water and climate change).

Component 2: Better 'use' of water within Punjab province and how it is shared around priority 'usage' areas to support the implementation of Punjab Water Act.

Component 3: Dissemination of key findings through multiple forums and capacity development activities of key government institutions and the private sector to advocate for up-scaling technical interventions to support diversity and inclusion through improving water governance.

About the workshop

Women are water users in all sectors of the economy including agriculture, livestock, and industry. Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) recognizes the central role of women in the management of water resources. The participation of women and youth in water management, particularly in rural agricultural communities is limited in Pakistan, whereas the linkages between water, climate, gender disparities, and social exclusion are more pronounced. Despite women's visible role in water security, the water sector remains highly dominated by men. The activities under the WRAP Programme Component 1: CRS-IWaG provide opportunities to bridge these gaps by integrating Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) principles at every level of project design and implementation.

IWMI Pakistan is organising a one-day training and consultation workshop on GESI for improved water management and strengthened capacities among women and youth.

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Timings (PKT): 9:00 - 17:00

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Objectives

- Enhance participants' understanding of GESI principles and their application within the framework of IWRM.
- Build capacity of stakeholders to integrate GESI in policies and programmes.
- Brainstorm solutions to enhance GESI considerations in the water sector.

Target Audience

Federal Departments [Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR), Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Federal Flood Commission (FFC)], academia, civil society, and development partners.

Agenda

Time (PKT)	Activity	Moderator
8:30 - 8:55	Registration	
8:55 - 9:00	Recitation from the Holy Quran	
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome note and introduction to the Water Resource Accountability in Pakistan (WRAP) Programme Component 1: Climate Resilient Solutions for Improving Water Governance (CRS-IWaG)	Dr. Mohsin Hafeez <i>Director – Water, Food and Ecosystems, IWMI, and Team Leader, WRAP Programme Component 1: CRS-IWaG</i>
9:30 - 10:00	Ice breaker and participant introductions	Kanwal Waqar <i>Researcher - Gender and Youth Specialist IWMI Pakistan</i>
10:00 - 10:30	Introduction to the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) approach and the importance of gender and youth inclusion	Dr. Jehanzeb Masud Cheema <i>Researcher – Water Resources Management IWMI Pakistan</i>
10:30 - 11:15	GESI linkages at policy level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of workshop objectives • Pre-training evaluation with participants • Current GESI context in water-related departments • Presentation on Practitioner Cheat Sheet 	Kanwal Waqar
11:15 - 11:30	Tea break	

11:30 - 12:15	Understanding GESI in IWRM approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of GESI concepts • Gender disparities and social exclusion in water resources management (Pakistan context) • Importance of GESI mainstreaming in IWRM 	Kanwal Waqar
12:15 - 13:15	Group exercise and reflection	Sidra Khalid <i>Researcher – Gender and Social Inclusion IWMI Pakistan</i>
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch and prayer break	
14:00 - 14:45	Mainstreaming GESI in IWRM: Approaches and tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender gaps in water policies • Gender analysis in the water sector • Participatory tools for promoting social inclusion • Strategies for integrating GESI in IWRM projects and programmes 	Sidra Khalid
14:45 - 16:00	Action planning Mainstreaming GESI in participants' work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key challenges in the implementation of Pakistan's water-related policies • Impacts on different water users • Opportunities and challenges for integrating GESI in participants' work • Key recommendations to ensure gender-inclusive planning <p>Group presentations</p>	Kanwal Waqar and Sidra Khalid
16:00 - 16:30	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks • Post-evaluation form • Participants' reflections 	Dr. Jehanzeb Masud Cheema
16:30 - 17:00	Tea and networking	

For more information about WRAP Programme Component 1: CRS-IWaG

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