



Resource 18 Gender Context Worksheet

This template Gender Context Worksheet will help your organisation create a succinct summary of the gender roles and relationships within your community. Use it as part of your Gender Analysis.

Keep in mind to:

- Use evidence to support your team's assumptions, referring to information online or in the local media.
- Make sure the group creating your worksheet is made up of both men and women, ideally of varying ages and ethnicities within the community.
- This checklist is meant to provide a more general and transferable summary of your community's gender context, it doesn't have to be directly relevant to your project.

Assessing existing gender roles and responsibilities in your community:

- What are the traditional and current roles, responsibilities and practices that women, men, girls and boys are supposed to adhere to, particularly in the household?
- How have things changed in recent times? Why has this changed?
- Are there issues of access to women or their ability to leave the home within your community, especially for women, girls and vulnerable people?
- How does age affect gender roles and responsibilities?
- What do you know about decision-making and the control of assets and resources at a household level?

List your responses here:



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Identify education and economic empowerment of different gender groups:

- What do you know about women's, men's, girls' and boys' literacy rates and access to primary, secondary and tertiary education? Are there any major differences between genders, for example, are there high illiteracy rates for older women, older men, younger women and younger men?
- How do women and men generally earn an income?
- What are the key issues on division of labour, for example, what types of work do women, men, boys and girls undertake and how does this affect them differently?

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Identify how different gender groups interact in the community and whether there are any legal policies in place to help minimise gender disparities:

- How do women and men participate in national, local and community level decision-making?
- Can women participate equally in local and community-level decision-making? Think about what context this takes place in, the roles they tend to play and the challenges they often face.
- What is the role of women's groups and organisations in this context?
- Are there any government policies that are important to understanding gender equality in your community?
- How are these gender equality laws implemented, or not implemented in practice?

List your responses here:

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