

Guidance Note on Gender Sensitive REDD+



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All countries engaged in REDD+ efforts are encouraged to utilize this note and provide feedback to the UN-REDD Programme. Any comments, inputs or suggestions may be sent to un-redd@un-redd.org.

We look forward to continuing the discussions on how we can best ensure gender sensitive REDD+ processes, for effective, efficient and sustainable REDD+ processes and outcomes.

Best regards,
The UN-REDD Programme

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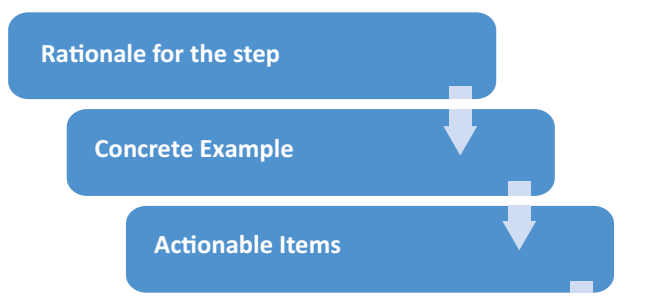
OVERVIEW

This note has been prepared as a guide for those engaged in REDD+ efforts at the local, national, regional or global level. The overall objective is to promote gender sensitive REDD+ processes and support UN-REDD Programme partner countries and stakeholders in the preparation, development and implementation of gender sensitive national REDD+ strategies. By doing this, REDD+ will be more efficient, effective and sustainable.¹

This note contains 5 steps:

- Step 1: Establish a Baseline through a Gender Analysis
- Step 2: Mobilize Gender Expertise and Create Partnerships
- Step 3: Ensure the Effective Participation of Women
- Step 4: Ensure a Gender Sensitive REDD+ Strategy
- Step 5: Monitor and Report on Gender Mainstreaming

Each step contains the following components:



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